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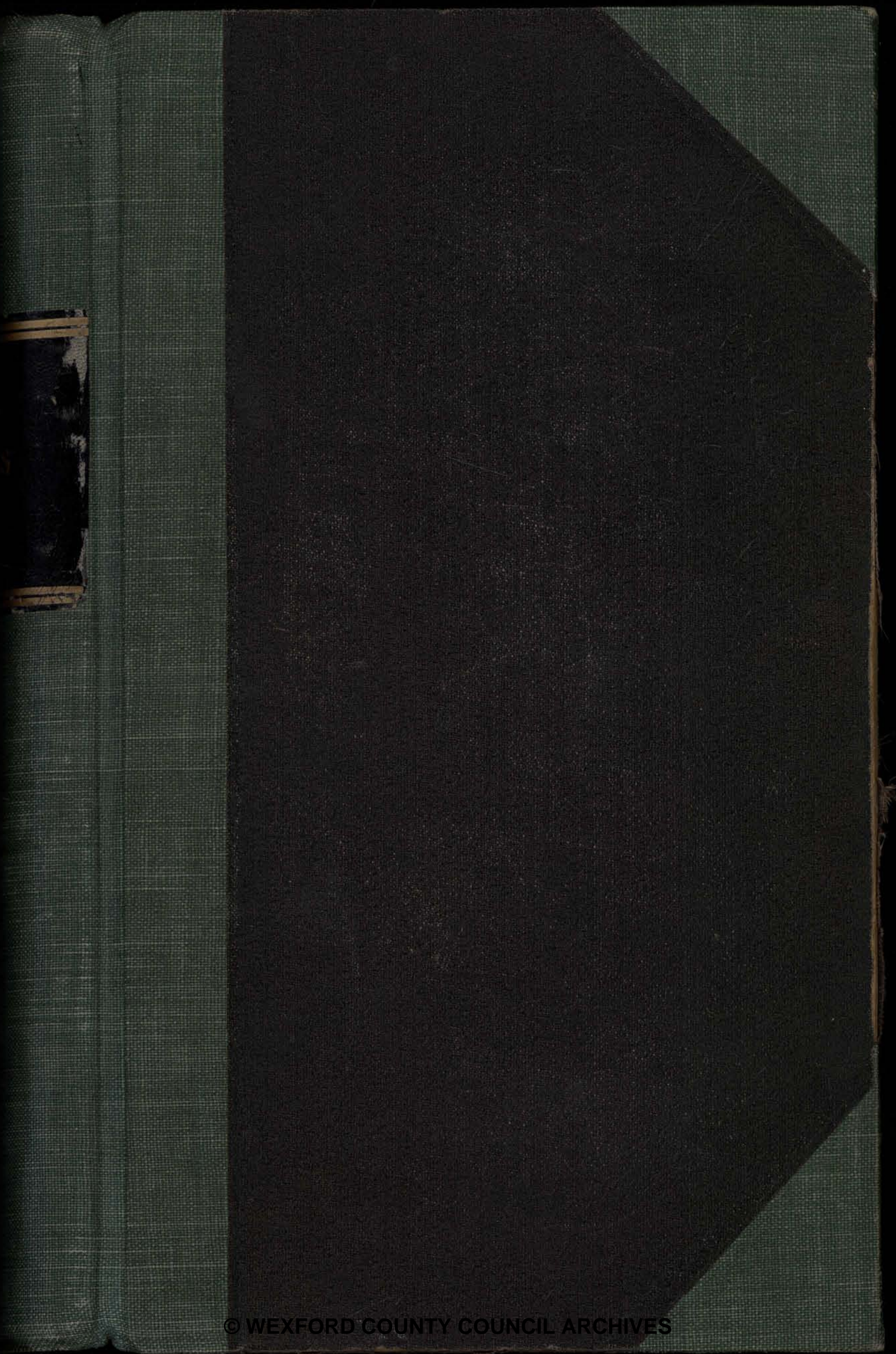


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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 11th JANUARY 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th January 1937.

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, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Assistant Surveyors Cullen, O'Neill and Treanor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £13260. 19. 5d (ordinary payments) and £22085. 5. 0, Transfers to Public Bodies, were examined and signed.

#### REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the following reply from Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, to the vote of condolence with him in the death of his mother, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"I wish to thank you and your staff for their kind message of sympathy on the death of my mother.

Please convey my thanks to the County Council for their vote of condolence."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that the following acknowledgment from Miss Kehoe, Moortown, Ballymitt, in reply to the vote of condolence on the death of her brother, Mr. John Kehoe, late Assistant Surveyor, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-



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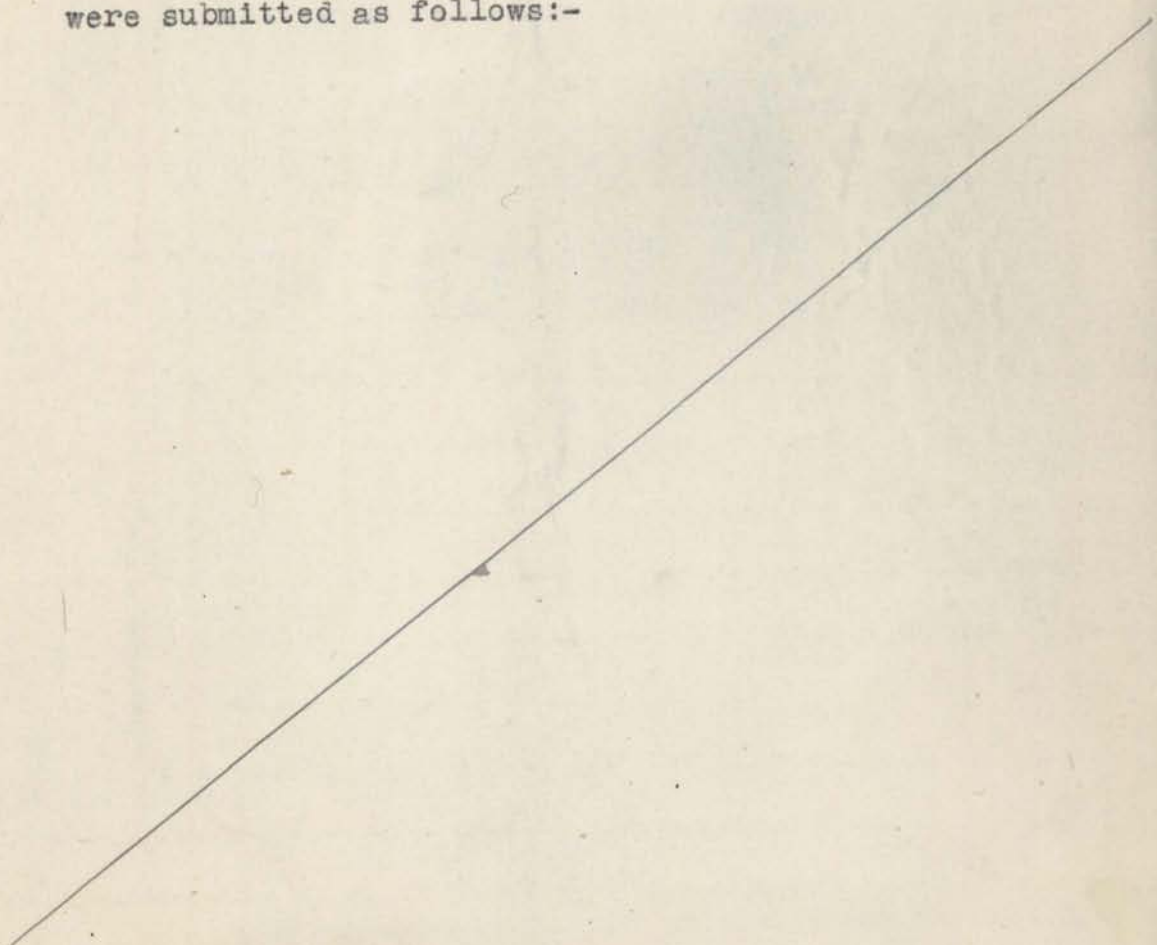
"I am deeply grateful to you and each member of the County Council for your very kind letter of sympathy in my loss caused by my brother's death R.I.P. I always heard my brother speak so well of you personally and all the members of the Council as well, from whom he always received great courtesy. I will be grateful if you will kindly convey to every member of the Council my best thanks and to you personally for your kind expression of sympathy."

THE LATE MR. SAMUEL BOLGER

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Connors a vote of condolence was adopted to the relatives of the late Mr. Samuel Bolger, Coolnaleen, Camolin, who was for many years a member of Gorey Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.

CONFIRMATION MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 18th DECEMBER 1936: The Minutes of this Meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th December 1936.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, then attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,339. 13. 6. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of the collection up to the date of the meeting, the percentages being calculated on the net Warrants excluding arrears:-

S. Gannon	59.1
P. Nolan	57.5
J. Cummins	55.5
A. Dunne	55.2
E. J. Murphy	54.7
J. Curtis	54.5
J. J. O'Reilly	54.2
J. Flood	53.6
D. Kenny	53.2
W. Cummins	52.3
M. Kehoe	52.2
J. Quirke	52.0
M. McCarthy	51.9
W. Doyle	51.8
J. Deegan	51.6
P. Doyle	50.4
J. J. Sinnott	49.6
P. Carty	49.2
M. Murphy	48.2
Average-	53.3

The percentage lodged on the Gross Warrant including arrears was 45.3 representing an improvement of 3.5%



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REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS:- The following report of the Secretary as to interview with six Rate Collectors was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"On 11th December, 1936, I interviewed the following Collectors in respect of the backward state of their collections:- Messrs. James Quirke, William Doyle, Philip Doyle, Matthew Murphy, J. J. Sinnott and Patrick Carty.

I questioned them as to their failure to close the first moiety. The Collectors admitted they did not press for payment of same in a number of cases owing to the fact that certain ratepayers usually make payment of two moieties at the same time.

Collector Quirke explained he had been ill for some time. He expected a substantial improvement in January.

Collector Carty stated that his was a very late threshing district. There was longer delay than usual this year in consequence of there being no storage accommodation for corn at Campile Co-Operative or at Mr. Power's Ballycullane. I believe this Collector's area will show an improvement within a short period.

Collectors did not obtain Court decrees against any ratepayers in respect of first moiety of current rate. I instructed them to ensure that Court proceedings would be taken against defaulters early in January for both moieties.

I laid particular stress on the fact that the usual practice of Collectors in delaying obtaining Court decrees until the months of March and April could not be continued. Collectors promised to take active steps in this matter in the month of January in the present financial year.

Collectors are of opinion that seizures on their own warrants would not result in any improvement in the collection beyond that obtained through the normal effect of



such seizures on other ratepayers.

Collector Quirke stated that, owing to the remuneration required by persons employed to assist at seizures and other consequential expenses, it is practically impossible to recover anything over and above the expenses of the seizures. In the case of Court decrees there is a salaried staff employed for the work and the expense is not nearly so heavy.

The following Collectors have qualified for payment of full poundage fees by lodging a sum equivalent to first moiety of current rate and arrears applicable to 1935/36 assessment:- Patrick Nolan, Sean Gannon, Joseph Cummins, J. J. O'Reilly, Denis Kenny, Art Dunne, Maurice Kehoe, E. J. Murphy, and J. M. Curtis.

The amounts by which the remaining Collectors were short, on 15th December 1936, the date fixed, of the requisite sum to qualify for payment of poundage fees are as follows:- James Quirke - £741. 0. 3.; William Doyle - £431.; Philip Doyle £358. 18. 9.; Michael McCarthy - £160. 4. 5.; John Deegan - £159. 0. 7.; John Flood - £139. 8. 2.; Walter Cummins - £367. 17. 3.; Matthew Murphy - £343. 5. 5.; J. J. Sinnott - £611. 5. 4.; Patrick Carty - £197. 6. 2."

The Chairman said that all the Collectors should take proceedings for both moieties of Rate in January and a report as to the number of ratepayers proceeded against in the month in each collection district should be submitted to the Finance Committee.

This suggestion was approved.

REPORT- RATE INSPECTOR:- The Rate Inspector furnished list of Ratepayers in the collection district of Collector Quirke (No. 1) *whom* he had called upon during the past fortnight.



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EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1936-37

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote - 9th December 1936 (RU/203/201) - that where a Scheme under above Vote was in progress or about to begin on a rotational basis arrangements might be made to give during the Christmas period one full week's work, Monday to Saturday (half day) inclusive, to all workmen employed on the Scheme, if possible, for the week ending 19th December. Where this was not feasible arrangements might be made in week ending 2nd January 1937, to deal with the men not employed for a full week in the week ending 19th December.

Under date 7th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.U. 203/201) wrote that representations had been made to the Minister as to the hardship likely to arise out of fortnightly payments in the case of men employed on the rotation basis under the Employment Schemes. In ordinary course some period elapses from the beginning of the fortnight until payment is made. The Minister recognised this entailed hardship at the outset of rotational Schemes and he undertook to bring the matter to the notice of Local Authorities for consideration.

Referred to County Surveyor. The latter said he would be able to avail of the Small Suspense A/c. he had to meet the cases referred to in the Circular of the Department.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The County Surveyor, in connection with Plans, etc., to be submitted to him with applications under the above Act, asked for a direction as to the distance houses should be built in from the road, and pointed out that under the Summary Jurisdiction<sup>Act</sup> the distance prescribed



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from the centre of the road was 30 feet, and according to Local Government Act of 1925, (if the building obstructed the view) 30 yards.

After a long discussion it was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the matter be left to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

The circumstances of amounts under above Acts, due by Bridget Mangan, Glenbough, Screen and James Sexton, Glynn, were considered and, in view of their promises to pay, it was decided to defer consideration of taking proceedings for the present.

Under date 12th December 1936, William Walsh, Knock-brandon, Craanford, Gorey, wrote applying for loan of £150 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, for the reconstruction of a substantial stone and slated building, alongside the public road, into a dwelling house.

It was decided to inform the applicant that all loans granted by Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were for the erection of new buildings and were not available for conversion purposes. Applicant was advised to apply to the Government for a reconstruction Grant.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Under date 14th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.243812/36. Loch Garman) that so far as the Minister might be concerned he would raise no objection to the allocation of a special grant of £60 (Sixty pounds) to the County Library Committee to cover the cost of extra assistance up to the 31st March next.



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REQUISITION FROM COUNTY REGISTRAR

The following requisition from County Registrar to County Surveyor was laid before the meeting:-

Re: POUNDS. Kindly let me know what steps have been taken to provide the accommodation asked for in connection with the above.

Re: COURT HOUSE. Jurors attending the Court have complained of the hardness of the seats. Juries have been sitting for days. It was suggested that the Jury box is very uncomfortable and that cushions should be supplied for the seats. This does not seem unreasonable in view of the long sittings. As Jurors often have to sit late, a light should be provided for over their box. At a recent Session they found it difficult to read documents sent to them by the Judge.

Re: SOLICITORS BENCHES: These benches are also uncomfortable and should be supplied with cushions. The first two on each side should be marked "Solicitors Only". They should also be affixed to the ground, as it is not unusual, to have them toppling over during Court.

Re: LIGHTING. A light should be affixed outside at the steps leading to the yard from this corridor. It is extremely dangerous for people having to use same in the winter time.

Re: MOTOR SHED. The roof of the above is in a dangerous condition and has been so for some time. It should be attended to at the earliest opportunity and put in a safe condition.

The County Surveyor was instructed to inform the County Registrar as to the steps taken by the County Council in regard to the establishment of the various Live Stock Pounds.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter of cushions on the seats for Jurymen and Solicitors for



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the present.

The County Surveyor said that a light had been provided at the place indicated by County Registrar.

#### PROPOSED TELEPHONE EXTENSION

Under date 5th December 1936, Dr. C. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., wrote that, owing to the distance between his office and No.4 office, in which his clerks worked, it was not possible for them to hear his telephone bell and for that reason he would be grateful if the Council would instal an extension telephone bell from his office to No.4 office.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, to refer the matter to the County Board of Health.

#### MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 11th December 1936, the Local Taxation Officer applied for two temporary Assistants in the month of January 1937, in connection with the issue of licences for the coming year; expenditure not to exceed the amount allocated last year, viz. £20.

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

"That a sum not exceeding £20 be set aside for extra clerical assistance in Motor Taxation Office for issue of Motor Tax Licences. That John J. O'Leary, 3 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, and Patrick Lacey, South Main Street, Wexford, be employed for the work.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications relative to the proposed committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

Bridget Teresa Broaders, 13, and Margaret Mary Broaders, 11, Haughton Place, New Ross.

John and Patrick Cosgrave, sons of Nicholas and



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John Cosgrave, illegitimate son of Anastasia Cosgrave,  
Ballynabola.

FEEES FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE

Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk, forwarded  
8/- amount of fees received for letting of Gorey  
Courthouse for Gaelic League, Feis Committee, Gorey  
Technical School and Gorey Agricultural Society.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

Thos. Breen, Corner House, Rathnure, wrote under  
date 10th December 1936, that a Pay Order of Michael  
Doyle, Tomanine, No. 4819. for £3. 17. 2., dated 17th  
July 1936, issued from the Subsidiary A/c. of the County  
Council, had been sent by him with cheques to a  
firm named Murray in Dublin, but the letter never  
reached the latter, and he asked for issue of a  
Duplicate Order.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne  
seconded by Mr. Colfer that a duplicate Pay Order be  
issued in this instance and that the Bank be directed  
to stop payment on the Original Order.

XMAS HOLIDAYS

It was decided that County Council offices be  
closed for usual Xmas holidays.

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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 18th December 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 23rd DECEMBER 1936: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



A Special meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd December 1936.

Present:- Ald. R. Corish (Vice Chairman) presiding also Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, J. P. Kelly and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,467. 19. 5. was examined and signed.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of special meeting of 23rd December 1936 be received and the same are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 8th JANUARY 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th January 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council), presiding, also present:- 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 also in attendance.

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting of 18th December 1936 and of special meeting of 23rd December 1936 were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4280. 14. 11d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the percentage amount of nett warrant of Rate Collectors collected to date:-

S. Gannon	59.6
P. Nolan	57.8
J. Curtis	56.6
J. J. O'Reilly	56.3
J. Flood	55.9
A. Dunne	55.7
J. Cummins	55.5
E. J. Murphy	54.8
D. Kenny	54.1
M. McCarthy	53.8
J. Quirke	53.4
W. Doyle	53.4
J. Deegan	53.2
P. Carty	53.2
W. Cummins	52.5
M. Kehoe	52.2
J. J. Sinnott	51.4
P. Doyle	51.0
M. Murphy	50.7
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/ Average	54.5

The average for Nett Warrant at corresponding period last year was 51.3.

The percentage lodged to the 7th January 1937 on the Gross Warrant (including arrears) was 46.49. At corresponding period last year the percentage was 44.0.



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The Chairman said that in several instances which had come to his notice he found that when a small portion of grazing had been set by an Auctioneer and a small sum paid on foot of rates the balance of the holding was let privately and business carried on exactly as if the entire amount of the rates had been paid. Drastic steps should be taken in such cases. Lettings for the season would now be taking place and it would be necessary for the Collectors to show a special interest in the cases to which he referred. The practice existing in some counties of obtaining Judgment Mortgages in such instances might be of considerable help to the County Council.

It was pointed out that information as to these mortgages was being sought from the Solicitors to the Dublin and Leitrim County Councils and it was agreed that consideration be adjourned until replies from these officials were at hand.

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 29th December 1936 Mr. M. McCarthy (Rate Collection District No. 4) wrote from St. Brigid's Hospital, Dublin, that he would have to remain there for some time. Collector Nolan would take over his district and carry on the collection until his return.

Under date 29th December 1936 Dr. Levers wrote that Mr McCarthy was undergoing a course of treatment under his care at St. Brigid's Hospital.

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

"That sick leave be granted Collector McCarthy (No. 4) and that we approve of his duties (during his absence) being discharged by Collector Nolan (No. 5) subject to the consent of Sureties in each case."

#### SALE OF LANDS FOR STATE FORESTRY PURPOSES

Under date 17th December 1936 the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) 88 Merrion Square, Dublin, C.17 wrote



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that it was proposed to acquire 26 acres of lands of Coolmeelagh or Prospect, the property of Mr. B. C. Braddell, Coolmeelagh, Bunclody. A difficulty had arisen as regards the completion of the sale as Mr. Braddell was not able to discharge all outgoings due to date on this section of his land as the amount of rates due by him was much in excess of its purchase price. To meet the difficulty it had been suggested that the valuation should be apportioned, but this was not practicable until March next. The General Valuation Office stated that the value of the 26 acres might be taken as approximately £9. 8. 0. To permit of the sale being closed the Department proposed to deduct from the purchase money a sum calculated to represent the proportion of Rates due to 31st March next on the 26 acres they were purchasing, the calculation to be based on a valuation of £9. 8. 0, the balance of the purchase money to be paid on account of the rates due on the remainder of the lands. Before doing so, they would be glad of an assurance that such payment would be accepted as discharging all liability for rates to March next in respect of the 26 acres.

In a further communication under date 1st January 1937 the Department of Lands wrote (7113F) that the purchase money in this case was £117. 10. 0.

The Secretary stated that the amount of Rate and arrears due by Mr. Braddell were £275. 4. 11d (4 years). On the valuation stated in the letter of the Department of Lands, viz £9. 8. 0, the apportionment of rate on the 26 acres about to be taken over would be £11. 3. 7d.

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

"That the Department of Lands (Forestry Section) be informed the Finance Committee will recommend the County Council to guarantee that, provided the full purchase price of the 26 acres about to be acquired by them from Mr. B. C.



*to the County Council by the Department of Lands (Forestry Division)* 17

Braddell, viz., £117. 10. 0 be paid in respect of Poor Rates outstanding on the holding, a sum of £11. 3. 7, included in such payment, will be accepted by the County Council as discharging all liability in respect of poor rates to 31st March 1937 on the 26 acres acquired by the Department from Mr. B.C. Braddell, Coolmeelagh.

The Finance Committee are also of opinion that the Land Commission should have taken over all the lands of Coolmeelagh in the occupation of Mr. B. C. Braddell."

#### MARSHALSTOWN LANE

Rev. A. O'Brien, P. P., Marshalstown, came before the meeting and asked for the construction of a bridge at the entrance to Marshalstown Lane. The latter had been repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. It was difficult to cross the road there.

The Chairman stated that the County Council had only the spending of the money under the Scheme, the work being carried out under the directions of the County Surveyor. The Office of Public Works provided the money and selected the various lanes and other works to be improved.

The County Surveyor said that included in the list for improvement was a job in Monalee but this had been repaired last year and it might be possible to transfer the money from Monalee to Marshalstown as they were in the same area.

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

"That we request the Office of Public Works to agree to transfer of amount allocated for repair of Monalee lane to the work adjoining Marshalstown Catholic Church."

Fr. O'Brien also complained of two roads adjacent to Marshalstown Catholic Church which badly needed drainage. The length was about 410 yards.

The County Surveyor said it <sup>would</sup> cost £250 to carry out the work mentioned by Fr. O'Brien. The surface was bad and a



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new gullet would have to be laid.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should do what was possible to meet the wishes of Fr. O'Brien as regards the erection of Bridge at Marshalstown Lane and the repairs of the roads which he had brought under the notice of the Committee.

#### ROAD AT BOOLAVOGUE

Representations were submitted relative to the state of the road adjoining the Catholic Church at Boolavogue. It had sunk considerably and springs of water were constantly developing at each side of the Church gate making it most unpleasant for the parishioners. It was an extremely bad approach to a Catholic Church.

The County Surveyor said he had inspected the place some years ago with Mr. James Hall, ex-County Councillor, when there was some discussion as to its repair, but no proposal had been made and no allocation adopted.

It was decided that County Surveyor make a further inspection and carry out the necessary repairs if at all possible.

#### SOLSBORO ROAD

Representations were submitted as regards repair of Solsboro Road to Enniscorthy. It was described as being in a shocking state and the springs of motor cars had broken through vibration. It was the principal road from Enniscorthy on to Ballyedmond.

The County Surveyor said he had been over this road recently and though not a good road it was not so bad as represented. It was improving for some years back. He was agreeably surprised at its condition.

It was decided that County Surveyor make a further inspection.



AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION AND LOANS

Under date 23rd December 1936 the following was read from the above Corporation:-

"The Board of the Corporation desire to bring as prominently as possible to the notice of the public the terms on which they are in a position to make loans to the agricultural community for the building of dwellinghouses, haybarns and other permanent buildings of approved design.

These terms are as follows:-

RATE OF INTEREST: FIVE PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

TERM FOR REPAYMENT: THIRTY FIVE YEARS.

AMOUNT OF HALF-YEARLY INSTALMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST: £3. 0. 10 PER £100 ADVANCED.

You will see from the foregoing that for a fraction over six per cent. per annum, a borrower can repay both principal and interest on a loan.

I think you will agree that these terms are exceptionally attractive, and I shall be glad if you will please bring them to the notice of any farmers with whom you may be in communication regarding loan facilities for building houses.

A Handbook containing detailed particulars of the Corporation's loan system is enclosed."

The Chairman said that the terms of the Corporation offered considerable help particularly to farmers who wished to reconstruct their houses as with a grant from the Government the payment of £6. 1. 8d per annum for 35 years to cover Principal and Interest, was a great inducement to the progressive man.

Miss O'Ryan said that loans of a somewhat similar nature had been advanced in the past by the Office of Public Works but this business had been transferred to the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

The Secretary said he would communicate in the matter with the Instructors of the County Committee of Agriculture.

LORRIES OVER WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor said he could not recommend an increase in the weight of lorries crossing over Wexford Bridge.

In reply to query he said he believed a new bridge erected opposite the Old Courthouse premises could be



erected for £90,000 and one-third would be provided by State Grant.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the question of lorries using the bridge until next meeting of the Finance Committee.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEME (No. 8) - SEAMOUNT LANE

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Office of Public Works under date 19th December 1936 stating that at present the amount set aside for repair of above Lane could not be transferred to Kilcorkey Lane as expenditure under Road Fund had been sanctioned which would cater for Unemployment Assistance recipients in the Electoral Division of Ballycanew in which the Townland of Kilcorkey was situate.

The County Surveyor said he expected the allocation for Kilcorkey Lane would probably appear in next Minor Relief list.

OLD ROAD BALLINATRAY TO COURTTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 28th December 1936 Mr. G. L. Taylor, Agent to Lord Courtown, wrote he had been informed that it was proposed to metal the above road. He had already informed the County Surveyor that this road belonged to the County Council and not to Lord Courtown, therefore he was not in a position to give any permission for any works or raise any objection to them.

Mr. Keegan said that this road had been claimed as the private property of Lord Courtown, and in 1905 he (Mr. Keegan) had been prevented using it by a gamekeeper of this estate.

Mr. O'Byrne said that when a man named Scott lived in the locality he secured a permissive presentment at a shilling per annum from the Grand Jury to have the road private and public at the same time.

The County Surveyor stated that at one time this was the only road there and there was no evidence that the Grand



Jury ever closed it by proper legal procedure. It would, therefore, appear to have remained a public road. It was really necessary for the people of the district.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to regard the thoroughfare as a public road, the Finance Committee considering no other course open to them on the evidence.

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS

Letter was read from Mrs. N. Cheevers, Lower Ballyhack, Arthurstown, complaining that in the repairing work at above Harbour her right-of-way to a quarry had been interfered with.

The County Surveyor stated he had written Mrs. Cheevers that she was mistaken in the matter as steps had been taken to safeguard any rights she had there. He had written to her explaining the position.

#### BRIDGE IN BLACKWATER STREET

Mr. H. J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote that Mrs. Stamp, Blackwater, who was owner of a corn mill there, complained that the arch of the bridge built some years ago, prevented a proper supply of water coming through for the working of the mill. She asked to have the necessary alterations made in the arch to allow of her mill being worked to full capacity.

It was decided that the County Surveyor inspect and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - ROAD WORKS RURAL

Under date 23rd December 1936 the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/207/201) that further funds had been placed at the disposal of the Minister for the allocation of Grants towards schemes of road and footpath works subject to a contribution of one fourth of the expenditure under the scheme being made by local authorities. A grant of £2850 had been provisionally



allocated to Wexford County Council and with the required local contribution of £950 a gross expenditure of £3800 was available to be allocated as follows:-

1. - Rural Areas (including small towns and villages with population less than 200) £2400.
2. - Non Urbanised Towns £1400.

Labour was to be recruited through the Local Employment Exchanges and in submitting a scheme regard should be had to the selection of works providing a high content of unskilled labour (exclusive of carters). So far as it was consistent with the principle that the funds are to be allocated in accordance with the incidence of Unemployment Assistance it was desired that the works should be confined to roads of tourist importance. Intimation should be given as to how it was proposed to provide the Council's contribution towards the cost of the works.

The Chairman said that some time early in 1936 a list of 48 villages in which repair and improvement work was possible, had been submitted and seventeen had been selected as most urgently needing attention.

The County Surveyor said the cost of the proposed work for the 48 villages would be £24760 and of the 17 selected £10890. These were:- Coolgreaney; Courtown and River-chapel; Kilmuckridge; Monamolin; Ballycarney; Kiltéaly; The Ballagh; Castlebridge; Crossabeg; Slade and Churchtown; Saltmills; Ballyhack; Clongeen; Tagoat; Taghmon; Churchtown and Duncormack. The selection of villages under the Scheme was made by the Council in May 1936 but the Relief Grant was not notified until November 1936.

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

That, before proceeding to the allocation of the money provided by letter of 23rd December 1936 (RU/203/201) the Finance Committee reconsider the proposals made under the



previous scheme of the County Council for the improvement of villages and endeavour to provide from this new allocation the money required for repairs for villages last year in regard to which no funds were then available."

It was also decided that the County Surveyor submit particulars of amounts of all Relief Schemes for last year and details of allocation.

#### ROTATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF WORKERS

Circular letter (No. RW.203/201) under date 30th December 1936 (Employment Schemes Vote - Roads - Urban - Schemes) and Circular letter (No. RU/203/201) (Employment Schemes Vote Roads - Rural - Schemes) as to the rotational employment of unskilled labour were submitted and referred to the County Surveyor.

#### GOREY POUND

Under date 24th December 1936 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had gone carefully through a number of Old Grand Jury Abstracts and could not find anything dealing with the payment of rent for Gorey Pound or of the payment of wages to a Pound Keeper.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to take over and use Gorey Live Stock Pound and direct the County Surveyor to repair defective wall.

That we further recommend the Council to defend any proceedings which may be taken against them by any person claiming ownership of said Pound."

#### BUNCLODY LIVE STOCK POUND

Under date 22nd December 1936 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he was arranging for an interview between Mr. Hall Dare, the County Surveyor and himself as to the use of Buncloody Live Stock Pound.



### COURTHOUSE CARETAKERS

It was decided that the County Solicitor secure the signatures of the caretakers of District Courthouses to Caretakers' agreements.

### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

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

"That Mr. M. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District be informed that unless he is more prompt in future in furnishing his weekly report to the appropriate Veterinary Inspectors and to the County Council, the Finance Committee will be obliged to recommend the County Council to dispense with his services."

Mr. Elgee submitted statement from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in connection with report of Mr. Hayden Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District, that a number of people in his district had not carried out the provisions of the dipping Order. It was alleged that twelve persons who had possession of sheep during the Autumn dipping period did not send notice to An Garda of their intention to dip.

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

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed to proceed against the twelve persons whose names are set out in statement of Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, as not having sent notice to An Garda of their intention to dip their sheep during the Autumn dipping period 1936."

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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

"That requisition for Food and Drugs equipment for half year ending 30th June 1937 submitted by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be and is hereby agreed to."



PAYMENT TO- INTERNED OFFICIALS

The following under date 17th December 1936 (G.249348/36 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 14th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Section 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933, as amended by Section 2 (1) of the Act of 1936, he has sanctioned the following payments to officers whose absence from duty during the period 1st April 1922 to 30th September, 1924 was due to internment on account of political activities, viz.:-

Mr. Hayes	Clerical Assistant	One hundred and eighty-six pounds.
Mr. Radford	" "	One hundred and sixty pounds.
Mr. T. Cullen	Assistant County Surveyor	Twenty five pounds three shillings."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 6th January 1937 the Rev. Brother Superior, Gorey Christian Brothers, wrote that John Breen, Coolishall Upper, Gorey, holder of County Council Bursary in their Schools had been unsatisfactory since Summer, had played truant more than once and had now definitely left school for good.

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

"That Bursary to John Breen, Coolishall Upper, Gorey, be cancelled in view of report of Head Master of Gorey Christian Brothers Schools, and that the Secretary ascertain from the Gorey Christian Brothers the last date on which Breen attended school with a view to refund of amount for period since he left school."

PREPARATION ABATEMENT FORMS

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Colfer that J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford and Frank McCoy, Oylegate, be employed as temporary Clerical Assistants for the issue to Ratepayers of Abatement Forms



### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

On the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that Thomas Wafer, 7 St. Peter's Square, Wexford be appointed Clerical Assistant in above Office vice J. O'Leary proposed at last ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee.

### CLERICAL WORK AT RATE BOOKS

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

"That temporary Clerical Assistants employed at Rate Book work be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour."

Mr. P. Beary, 3 St. Columbas Villas, Wexford, charge hand in connection with preparation of Rate Books wrote that the Council last year granted him an increase of 2d per hour above the standard rate of 1/- per hour to ordinary rate clerks. This, he considered rather small for the nature of the work carried out. He anticipated a further increase this year in view of the fact that he had carried out his work satisfactorily.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that Mr. Beary be paid at the rate of 1/2d per hour same rate as obtained in 1936.

### ERECTION OF ELECTRICITY POLES

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided on the recommendation of the County Surveyor that no objection be offered to the request of the Electricity Supply Board to erect an extension of overhead line to the residence of Sir Guy Beatty, Chilcomb Park, Rosbercon, New Ross.

### ILLNESS OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST

Medical Certificates were submitted from Dr. P. D. Murphy, Enniscorthy, as to illness from influenza of Miss Tobin, Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices, from



18th December 1936.

The Secretary stated it was expected that Miss Tobin would return to duty on 11th January 1937.

APPLICATION CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for £54 compensation for the alleged burning of 18 tons of hay on the night of 8th or morning of 9th December 1936 was received from Joseph and Kathleen Chapman, Ramstown, Fethard, and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 8th January 1937 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 10th January 1937 the Rev. Superior, Christian Brothers, Gorey, wrote that the father of John Breen had called to the School and had decided on sending the boy again promising that he will be satisfactory during the remainder of the year. The boy was supposed to return on Monday, 11th instant.

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

"That in view of second communication from Rev. Brother Superior, Gorey Christian Brothers Schools, as to bursary held by John Breen, we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee cancelling said Bursary. That the Rev. Brother Superior be requested to inform the County Council if, in the future, John Breen absents himself from school. That should this occur without the gravest reasons the Finance Committee will cancel forthwith the award of Bursary."

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 8th January 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The following resolution was proposed by Col. Gibbon and seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the figures submitted by County Surveyor for Road Expenditure in Provisional Road Works Scheme for finan-



cial year 1937-38 be and the same are hereby approved.

These figures cover the following:-

Main Roads: ' Repair and Maintenance £32615; Contingencies etc. £980 and Relief Vote £392. Total £33987.

County Roads: Repair and Maintenance £19299; Improvement £1000; Contingencies etc. £920; Relief Vote repayment £549. Total £21768. Gross Total £55755.

The County Surveyor said that the estimate, the gross figures of which had been already agreed to, showed an increase of between £4,000 and £5,000 over last year. But, as against this there was a loan charge of £950 on the recently promised first relief grant and the men's holiday fund would run to £600. Up to now Insurance had been merged in the Contingency funds but it had been decided that for the future the contingency funds would be really applied for contingency work and not for incidental expenditure. £250 each had been set aside for the contingency funds of main and County Roads. There was £1000 to go to improvement work on County Roads. Adding these items there would be left very little extra as compared with last year. He had sent his allocations to the Assistant Surveyors and had agreed generally to any adjustments which they proposed. The expenditure in rural areas had been worked out on a rate per mile. He allowed double that rate for the roads in Urban districts. The figures for the Urban Districts worked out as follows:- Enniscorthy £295; New Ross £250; Wexford £277. In addition £50 had been transferred to Wexford Urban from the Barntown road on which they were getting a relief grant. Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor continued, was not satisfied with the amount set aside for Wexford Urban but this area had been treated in an exactly similar manner to the two other urban districts and he could not see his way to give any area preferential treatment.

Miss O'Ryan believed that all the money possible should



After further discussion Col. Gibbon said that the majority of accidents took place not at corners but at cross roads. Personally, he thought the legislation that would have to be adopted was a system of marking such blind crossroads very clearly, showing which was the main road and which was the secondary road, and with such a mark would be thrown the whole onus and responsibility for care on the driver coming in from the byroad. That would cost them less money, because it was obvious that they were not going to be able to pull down houses to remove corners. Whether the marking would have to be enforced by law he presumed it would have to under some road code - or whether it would be done by the Automobile Association, as was done previously, he did not know.

Mr. Culleton referred to the danger to vehicles at Ballycogley and Tenacre crosses.

Mr. Redmond mentioned that Palace Lane had become almost impassable owing to beet traffic. It was so narrow that when lorries were passing horse drawn vehicles had to get into adjoining fields.

The County Surveyor said he admitted it would be very advantageous if Palace lane could be repaired but as the job would take £300 out of the £1000 he could not see his way to recommend it now.

The Chairman suggested that the £1000 for improvement be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to spend on the surfacing of the roads and to a limited extent in the easement of corners. If the County Surveyor considered it was a better proposition to spend the entire amount on road surfacing this year he believed the Council should not object.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the adoption of the Chairman's suggestion and the motion was passed.

Miss O'Ryan said they should aim at having a certain standard for their roads, all of which should be passable -



back roads as well as main roads.

The Chairman thoroughly agreed with Miss O'Ryan. Out of the £55,000 they allocated, he did not think there should be any capital expenditure. It was meant for maintenance, and all portions of a road to which that money was allocated should be maintained in the same condition. In regard to spending the amount for maintenance on certain main roads on rolling a short distance, they saw the result that there was another portion of the road impassable. The whole amount allocated to a road should be spent over the whole road, so as to try to keep the whole lot of it in the same condition. Whether they could at any time in future afford capital expenditure was another matter.

The County Surveyor said that what was meant was that instead of taking the portion of road in poor repair and making a quarter of it perfect, it would be a better proposition to make the whole of it better than it was. Of course there were exceptions to that, undoubtedly, but taking the matter broadly, that was what the Chairman meant.

The Chairman said the County Surveyor would agree that out of the £55,000 there was no reason for capital expenditure. It was required for maintenance. Unless they were able to get loans or grants or something else, they should have none of that spent as actual capital expenditure. The County Surveyor could convey the wishes of the Council in this matter to his Assistants.

#### PURCHASE OF GROUND RENTS OF COUNTY HALL PREMISES

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

"That the County Council borrow from their Treasurer the sum of £4151 to redeem ground rents of County Hall premises on the terms of letter from National Bank under date 5th June 1936, viz., period of repayment of Loan to be 15 years and



Interest to be calculated at one half per cent under Irish Banks Rate varying with a minimum of 4 per cent."

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne dates of Tenders Committees Meetings were arranged as follows:-

Enniscorthy (Courthouse) - Tuesday, 16th February 1937  
at 12 noon.

Gorey (Courthouse) - Saturday, 13th February 1937 at  
10.30 a.m.

New Ross (Courthouse) - Thursday, 18th February 1937 at  
11.30 a.m.

Wexford (County Hall) - Saturday, 20th February 1937 at  
11 o'clock.

#### VACANCIES ON OLD AGE PENSION ACTS SUB-COMMITTEES

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

"That Rev. D. Murphy P.P., Buncloody, be appointed (as recommended by Sub-Committee No. 6) a member of said Sub-Committee, vice Rev. J. Butler, P.P., deceased."

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

"That as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 1, the following be elected members of Sub-Committee, viz., Miss Lambert, Mulrankin Castle; Rev. T. N. Bateman, Rector, Mulrankin; Messrs. John Murphy, Oldhall, Bridgetown and John Sinnott, Bridgetown, replacing the following:- Rev. Mr. Scott (resigned); Mr. Batterton (deceased); Col. Gibbon and Mr. Hayes disqualified through non-attendance.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that he did not seek re-election on this Sub-Committee.



SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK) ACT 1936

Under date 17th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote P. H. Circ.127/36, explanatory of above Act.

This was read for the meeting and it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the request of the Department as to calling the attention of Ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts to the provisions of the new Act, be agreed to and that copies of same be obtained for each Inspector.

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS (MILK SAMPLING) REGULATIONS 1936

Under date 17th December 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote Circ.126/36, explaining the provisions of above regulations.

It was decided that copy of the Department's circular and of the Regulations should be furnished to Ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts, as requested by the Department.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The Secretary stated he had received communications from all Inspectors appointed under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, that they were prepared to carry out the duties under this Order for 1937 season.

Under date 18th December 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.9078/36) as to the appointment of Inspectors under this Order.

The Secretary mentioned as the appointments in question were filled the question of advertising for Inspectors did not arise.

CUTTING OF TACUMSHANE LAKE

The following communication was received in reference to flooding at Tacumshane Lake:-



"We, the undersigned, wish to protest against the payment of rates for that portion of our lands rendered useless to us by the flooding at Tacumshane Lake. We still await the arrival of the Committee which the Chairman assured the deputation would inspect the area. Signed, Sean Murphy, Tilladavins; James Roche, Alice Rowe, John J. W. Roche, Catherine Hore, Philip Hore, Thomas Power, Philip Hore, Junr.; Thomas Sinnott, Harvey Boxwell, Patrick Lambert, William Pierce, William Wright, Nicholas Meyler, John Keating, T.D., Nicholas Moran."

This matter was adjourned from the last meeting pending the result of an interview of the County Surveyor with Mr. McLaughlin of the Office of Public Works.

The County Surveyor said that the Office of Works were not prepared to deal with the matter at present. Col. Gibbon had been speaking to him about the matter and apparently the condition was such now that a very small grant would probably re-open the gap.

Col. Gibbon said the gap opened last year, had never filled up, and the sea was breaking over it at present at high water. He, personally, had not seen it, but it had been reported to him that very little money would open the gap, and the possibility was that if it were opened it would remain open, because there would not be so much sand to wash out to form a bar. He would, however, point out that if anything were to be done it ought to be done before the easterly winds of March began.

The County Surveyor said that he had been already speaking to Mr. McLaughlin about the matter, and Mr. Candy, Engineer-in-chief, was rather sceptical about doing anything. As he, County Surveyor, pointed out, if it were a new work one might be inclined to look at it from that point of view, but they knew that for the past hundred years or so there had been a gap maintained there, and it was only a question of



getting it started, and it would maintain itself. He would see Mr. McLaughlin again during the coming week.

Mr. Culleton said the people of the district considered that if £100 voted for Ballycleary Lane were transferred to the Tacumshane Lake the cutting could be completed.

The County Surveyor said they could not bring forward the work referred to by Mr. Culleton as one of the landholders would not sign the necessary agreement.

Mr. O'Byrne was not in favour of moving in the matter until the threat not to pay rates had been withdrawn.

The Chairman said it was absurd for people to threaten the Council in regard to something for which they had no liability. The Council had done everything possible to see the place kept open, and they had nothing to do with the matter except to get their officers to supervise it. They objected to any suggestion of not paying rates. The Council did not come into the matter at all, except that they supervised the work if the money was given by the Board of Works. The County Surveyor had gone to Dublin on at least half a dozen occasions, and Mr. Corish and himself (Chairman) had gone about the matter. Threats had been made on several occasions that if minor relief works were not carried out people would not pay rates. The Council had no responsibility whatever for minor relief and it was well for the people to know that.

Col. Gibbon said the cutting should be done immediately or held over until next year.

Miss O'Ryan said that people should understand that the County Council had no responsibility for Minor Relief Schemes the money for which came from Government sources. She proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That the Chairman and Mr. Corish interview the offic-



ials of the Office of Public Works and endeavour to have the £100 unused for Ballycleary Lane transferred to the work of cutting gap at Tacumshane Lake.

Mr. Corish considered the people concerned should be written to and asked to withdraw their threat to refuse payment of rates. As far as he could ascertain the position was as explained by Col. Gibbon.

In reply to Col. Gibbon it was stated that if money were forthcoming before the next meeting the County Surveyor would have full authority to proceed with the work.

Col. Gibbon suggested that if the work were to be carried out, two or three leading farmers be requested to form a local committee, and try to have them to take an interest in what was done, and assist the County Surveyor with their advice.

The County Surveyor said that he interviewed a lot of people and could find very few who had any recollection of past jobs.

#### CARNE PIER

Mr. Joseph Rea, Secretary of the Carne branch of the Sea Fisheries' Association, wrote stating that at a largely attended meeting of the branch a resolution was unanimously passed in regard to the necessity for having an extension of about 70 feet to Carne Pier in order to make it safe for the large number of motor boats that are now fishing from pier. He was requested to place the matter before the Council with a view to having something done before the lobster fishing started. Last Summer 12 months some borings and soundings were taken under the superintendence of the County Surveyor and Captain Harvey with a view to the extension of the pier, but nothing had been done since. It was understood that the work had now been turned down.

The County Surveyor said that they approached the Office



of Public Works or some other Government Department for a grant to extend the pier. He took borings at the place, and Captain Harvey kindly assisted him. They got down to the rock, and he prepared a scheme, but the authorities said the fishing there would not warrant the expenditure and they turned it down.

Col. Gibbon thought that the fishing there was increasing every year, and that there would be more boats if there was a small extension, but there was absolutely no protection there at present. Could anything be done by an Unemployment Relief Grant?

The County Surveyor said he did not think so. They would have to get the money from the Fishery Department and they had already turned it down.

The Chairman said they tried to get money for the work and failed.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make further representations to the Fisheries Department as to the necessity which exists to provide State funds to enable an extension to be made to Carne Pier."

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Corish said that the Council on various occasions approached the Office of Public Works with a view to securing a grant for the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour but without success. When he waited on this department recently it was pointed out there were certain difficulties in the way. These had now been removed and a strong branch of the Sea Fisheries Association had been formed and they were prepared to co-operate with the Council in this matter. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-



"That the County Surveyor again communicate with the Office of Public Works and point out that in the event of a State Grant forthcoming for improvement of St. Helen's Harbour the County Council can count upon the help of the local branch of the Sea Fisheries Association. The Council are also strongly of opinion that with improvement the local fishing industry will certainly develop."

#### BALLYHACK DOCKS

Under date 29th December 1936 Mrs. M. Cheevers wrote that the manner in which the improvement work at above was being carried out would interfere with the right of way to the quarry from which she drew a good income. Unless she was compensated for the interference or right of way preserved she would take legal proceedings.

The County Surveyor said he had written to Mrs. Cheevers explaining that the improvement works would not interfere with any rights of hers.

#### BOIRA RIVER

Under date 30th December 1936, Ballycanew Fianna Fail Cumann wrote pointing out that Boira River had been cleaned up as far as Coolook Bridge under two Minor Relief Schemes. When it rained, however, and a rush of water came, the adjoining land was flooded. If this state of things continued land would become useless. It was urged that a Minor Relief Scheme should be secured to have the river cleaned from Coolook Bridge to Courtown Harbour.

The County Surveyor stated he believed a grant could be obtained for this work.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to schedule it for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.



MOOR LANE

Under date 4th January 1937 Mr. T. F. D'Arcy, Annagh, Inch, wrote asking the Council to repair Moor Lane under Minor Relief Schemes. The lane was used by four families and was also a short cut for people attending Kilanerin Mass.

Mr. Keegan proposed and the Chairman seconded a resolution that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes when money becomes available.

LEGNALOUGH LANE

M. Coleman wrote under date 29th December 1936 asking the Council to arrange for the repair of above lane under Minor Relief Scheme.

It was used by the families of five ratepayers.

It was decided to schedule the application for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

GLENOGUE STREAM

An application from Michael Long of Ballyfadd, Inch, under date 17th December 1936, for repair of Glenogue Stream, was considered. Mr. Long pointed out that ten families were depending on this stream for their water supply, including pupils attending the National School.

It was decided to schedule the application for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

BALLINVEGGA LANE

Application was received from ten ratepayers for repair of Ballinvegga (Ballywilliam, New Ross) Lane. The lane was about a half mile in length and leads to the homes of six families. It connects two through roads.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.



NICKAREE LANE

Representations were received from five ratepayers asking for the repair of lane at Nickaree, Duncormick. Two families live on this lane which connects two roads, and it was in such a condition that they could not get to the high road.

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

BALLYSCARTON LANE

Four ratepayers made application for repair of Ballyscarton (Gorey) lane which leads to their homes.

Scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.

ROAD TACUMSHANE TO KILLINICK

The Hon. Secretary Ballymore Fianna Fail Cumann (Killinick) wrote calling attention to what he described as the very bad condition of the road from Tacumshane to Killinick and asked that it should be attended to immediately. He also called attention to the necessity for the erection of danger signals at Montfield Road and at the end of Killinick village.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

PIERCESTOWN ROAD

Mr. Culleton asked the County Surveyor to give some attention to the road leading from the Cross at Killaine to Piercestown and which, after heavy rain, was so badly flooded that people could not occasionally get to Mass and children found great difficulty in attending school. On some days they had to return home.

Referred to County Surveyor.

ROSSLARE ROADS

In connection with representations as to above made by



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Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann considered at meeting of County Council on 14th December 1936, the County Surveyor stated he proposed presenting report to next meeting of the Finance Committee in regard to these roads.

CONNAHILL LANE, ANNAGH, INCH

It was decided that application from Mr. Jeremiah Tobin as to repair of Connahill Lane which leads to six houses, be selected for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.

BANOQUE (GOREY) LANE

Thirteen ratepayers and residents in the townland of Banogue asked the County Council to have above lane converted into a properly constructed road capable of carrying the increased vehicular traffic to which it had been subjected for some considerable time past.

It was decided to refer the application to the County Surveyor for report.

WEXFORD-CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 9th January, 1937, Mrs. O'Connor, Curracloe, called attention to the bad state of the Wexford-Curracloe Road from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown. Curracloe, Mrs. O'Connor wrote, is one of the leading sea-side resorts in the County and people using it were badly treated. Other sea-side resorts such as Courtown, Rosslare, Kilmore and Duncannon had good roads. She hoped the County Council would have the Curracloe Road steamrolled for tourist traffic before next Summer.

The County Surveyor stated that as this road had now entered the Main Road Class he expected that before next Summer substantial improvements in its condition would be effected.



FLOODING OF RIVER AT SIGGINSTOWN-TACUMSHANE

It was decided to refer the applications from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann relative to prevention of flooding of river at Sigginstown, and repairs to storm wall at Nethertown, Carne, to County Surveyor for report.

POACHING TRAWLERS

Col. Gibbon stated he had been asked by several fishermen to request the County Council to pass a strong resolution urging the Government to have something done to prevent foreign trawlers interfering with the local fishing industry. At Kilmore Quay, in the past they were able to deal with this menace but they could do nothing now as the foreigners were provided with fast motor boats. On one occasion when the Muirchu captured a trawler, the fine imposed was only a very small portion of what the trawler could earn. In consequence of the depredations of these trawlers Kilmore fishery grounds were denuded of cod and ling. The fishermen of Rosslare were suffering in a similar manner. If the living of the fishermen was taken away, they, and their families, would become a burden on the rates. Col. Gibbon then proposed:-

"That the Government be requested to provide additional protection for the fishing industry. The encroachment of foreign trawlers is causing great loss and they appear at present to carry on with impunity. One protective Boat is entirely inadequate to meet the situation."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution.

The Chairman, in putting the motion, said it was long beyond the time when something should be done in this matter. The question had been discussed at the last meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and a resolution similar to that now proposed by Col. Gibbon had been adopted.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Signed... *D. Allen*... 8. 2. 34.....



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 8th FEBRUARY, 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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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 8th February 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen(Chairman), presiding; also, Messrs. Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Jas. Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, P. Ronan and Myles Smyth.

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

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote he was laid up with influenza and Col. Quin wrote apologising for his absence from the meeting as he was ill with the flu.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £336. 3. 4d Salaries and £8226. 14. 4d ordinary payments (including payments to Road Contractors) were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. SAMUEL BOLGER

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish it was resolved that the following reply from Mr. Moses Bolger, Coolnaleen, Camolin, in acknowledgment of vote of condolence from the County Council in the death of his brother, Samuel, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to the members of your Council my sincere thanks for their resolution of sympathy tendered me on the death of my brother, and also accept my gratitude for your personal message of sympathy. Such sympathy as yours leaves a person to know that at the time of affliction they are not forgotten by old friends and colleagues."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 22nd JANUARY 1937: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 22nd January 1937.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presided. Also present:- Messrs. W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed. (Mr. Corish presided for their confirmation).

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2746. 13. 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of the Rate Collection to the 22nd January 1937:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u>
	<u>Nett Warrant</u>
	<u>(Excluding Arrears).</u>
W. Doyle	62.5
S. Gannon	61.8
J. Quirke	61.7
E. J. Murphy	59.0
P. Nolan	58.8
J. Cummins	58.8
J. J. O'Reilly	58.3
J. Curtis	58.0
P. Doyle	57.6
A. Dunne	57.2
W. Cummins	56.4
D. Kenny	56.2
J. Flood	56.0
J. Deegan	55.0
M. McCarthy	54.5
J. J. Sinnott	53.6
P. Carty	53.2
M. Kehoe	53.0
M. Murphy	52.0

Average 57.3

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 48.8 as compared with 47.4 at corresponding period last year.



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The Chairman said that at *December* last Wexford was the fourth lowest County in the list for Rate Collection and it certainly could not be regarded as the fourth poorest County in An Saorstát.

The Secretary stated that the lodgments being made by the majority of the Collectors were very small.

The Secretary read circular letter issued to the Collectors on 16th January 1937 pointing out that the Finance Committee had directed Collectors to take legal action for recovery of both moieties of rate by the end of the present month. Such proceedings, for some years past, were not taken until March and April. Lodgments for the past month (December) were less than those for the corresponding period of 1935. Collectors, in order that the position on 31st March last could be regarded as satisfactory were urged to take active steps immediately for the recovery of outstanding items.

It was decided to consider the state of the collection after the end of January when the Collectors should carry out the instructions of the Finance Committee as regards legal proceedings.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES: 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 to Collectors Deegan, Philip Doyle, William Doyle and Quirke, who had lodged sums equivalent to the first moiety of the current year's warrant and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment."

ILLNESS OF RATE INSPECTOR: Under date 15th January 1937, Mr. Masterson, Rate Inspector, submitted certificate from Dr. T. R. McCabe, Selskar, Wexford, that he was suffering from eczema (facial) and would not be fit for duty for ten



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JUDGMENT MORTGAGES AND RATES (Court of Justice Act 1934  
Sec. 59 and 60) and Enforcement of Court Order Act 1936  
Sec. 3 (5)):

The Secretary submitted replies from sixteen County Secretaries relative to obtaining Judgment Mortgages for Rates.

No reply had been received from Counties Dublin and Leitrim in which it had been stated the Councils had utilised this procedure as a general practice.

It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish ascertain from the responsible officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health if it would be to the advantage of the Wexford County Council to secure such mortgages and what would be the legal expenses in the matter.

BY LAWS WEXFORD BRIDGE

It was decided that advertisements drafted by the County Council Solicitor be issued in the three local papers pointing out that the County Council intended to take proceedings against persons infringing their by-law as regards overweight lorries crossing Wexford Bridge.

EXTENSION BELL (TELEPHONE) CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH

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

"That as recommended by County Board of Health and Public Assistance an extension bell be provided for use of clerks in department of County Medical Officer of Health to enable them to take telephone calls in his absence."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 19th January 1937 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.49/37) explaining the provisions of above. Copies of the Order and of a further explanatory circular had been forwarded the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council.



Owing to the changes in procedure the Minister asked Local Authorities to arrange for a display of posters calling attention to these matters.

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

"That advertisements as to changes in procedure created by Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order 1936 be issued for four issues of the three local papers and that posters in accordance with draft furnished by the Department of Agriculture be displayed on notice boards of the various Churches in the County."

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

"That the Department be asked if they could arrange for the colouring of cattle wash to indicate for some short period after washing that cattle had been dressed for warbles."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - SITE VALUE

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow the Wexford County Council to fix at £10 the site value of any site taken under lease and on which a dwelling under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts is to be erected."

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

"That we approve of Insurance Policy with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., in a sum of £20,000, fire risk<sup>for</sup> houses erected or in course of erection under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts premium £12. 10. 0. That we approve of the payment of said premium to this Insurance Company and also of £14. 7. 0 time on risk to the 29th September 1936."



SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 20th January 1937 Very Rev. James Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, wrote:-

"I beg to inform you that the two Scholarship boys, Patrick Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway and Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, left the College this morning for home without any permission from the Superiors of the College.

I made immediate inquiries on their disappearance from the College. I telephoned Fr. Cullen, P.P. of Lady's Island to interview the parents on the matter. He has interviewed both parents and the boys - the latter since their arrival home - and he has informed me that they do not intend to return to the College to pursue their studies.

I need hardly mention that I regard their departure from the College without notice as a very serious breach of discipline. I would have entertained grave doubts of allowing them to return, if they had expressed a wish to do so."

In reply to queries the Secretary stated that both boys were on their third year. In the case of Cousins £22.16.2d had been paid St. Peter's College and for Kavanagh £29.18.8d to the same institution, both payments having been made on 9th October 1936.

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

"That the parents of Patrick Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway, and of Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, holders of Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, who left St. Peter's College, Wexford, without permission on 20th January 1937 be asked for an explanation of their boys' conduct and informed that if they do not complete the period of their scholarship the amounts already paid on their behalf to St. Peter's College must be refunded to the County Council."



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The Secretary submitted application for Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme from Dermot Patrick Clancy, Tara Hill, Inch. The income of applicant's father was given at £324.

It was decided to point out that under the provisions of the Scheme an applicant whose parent or parents had an income of £300 per annum was ineligible to compete for Scholarship.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - 1936/37 - ROAD WORKS (RURAL)

Letter was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 23rd December 1936 (RU/203/201) stating that a grant of £2850 had been provisionally allocated towards schemes of road works conditional on the County Council providing £950 making a total of £3800 which it was suggested should be allocated as follows:-

1. Rural Areas (including small towns and villages with a population of less than 200 -	£ 2400
2. Non Urbanised Roads	<u>1400</u>
Total	£ 3800.

Labour was to be recruited through the Local Employment Exchanges and in submitting a Scheme regard should be had to the selection of works providing a high content of unskilled labour (exclusive of carters). So far as it was consistent with the principle that the funds are to be allocated in accordance with the incidence of Unemployment Assistance it was desired that the works should be confined to roads of tourist importance. Intimation should be given as to how it was proposed to provide the Council's contribution towards the cost of the works.

Some time ago the County Surveyor submitted a scheme for the improvement of the streets of all the villages in the County estimated to cost £24760. The County Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee selected seventeen, the improvement of which would cost £10,890.



These villages were:- Coolgreaney; Courtown and River-chapel; Kilmuckridge; Monamolín; Ballycarney; Kiltéal; The Ballagh; Castlebridge; Crossabeg; Slade and Churchtown; Saltmills; Ballyhack; Clongeen; Tagoat; Taghmon; Churchtown and Duncormack.

To meet partially the expenditure under the Scheme the Department of Local Government and Public Health provided a grant of £3780 and the County Council £2520. Total £6300. This amount was allocated as follows:-

	£.
Kilmuckridge	900
Milehouse (Enniscorthy)	500
Tombrack	400
Churchtown and Slade	1000
Crosshue (Whitty's Cross)	600
Riverchapel	300
Barntown	1000
Clonroche (Chapel)	300
Gorey Town	950
Buncelody Town	350
	<u>£ 6300</u>

The County Surveyor said that there were special circumstances in this County as they could not get material off hand and put on a lot of men. They had to utilise rock drill and blast before material could be provided. He saw Mr. Hurson (Secretary to the Department of Local Government and Public Health) on the 21st and examined the proposals of several other Counties. These had small quarries into which they could put men at once. As for roller work there was a difficulty in hiring. They had in the County six rollers and normally these would be employed in Spring and Summer. Now the work had to be done in Winter and as a whole lot of it had to be done together the existing plant could not reach on it. He could not do any particular work in most of the villages. At the meeting of the County Council mention had been made of Ballygarrett, but as sea-stones would be used there he feared the labour content would not be more than 20% and the balance would go to car- ters. He might be able to arrange to take material from Carriganeagh quarry and have it broken by hand. As regards



the £3800 he suggested it should be divided among the five Assistant Surveyors giving each approximately £760 in the following way:-

Mr. Treanor's district:

Back streets of Gorey or Garden City roads (if taken over).

Ballygarrett village.

Road at Kilanerin leading to the road at Inch.

Mr. Ennis' district:

Ferns to Tinnashrule or alternatively the footpaths at Ferns.

Marshallstown Street and if funds allow road from Boolavogue Church Wall to the Post Office.

Mr. Cullen's district:

Road Castle Ellis to Blackwater and also as far as possible road from Castlebridge to Crossabeg.

Mr. O'Neill's district:

Clongeen and Palace Lane.

Mr. Birthistle's district:

Part of the Road from Rosslare Coastguard Station to Railway Station turn and from Etchingham's to turn at Bearlough.

Duncormack village drainage.

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

"That the £950 contribution of County Council to Employment Schemes Vote (Rural) be raised by way of loan."

Miss O'Ryan gave the necessary notice of motion for the purpose.

CLEARANCE OF ROADS IN STORMS

The Chairman said that on 20th January during a severe storm a large tree was blown down near Ferns and fell across the main road completely blocking it. It was not cut up



and the road cleared until the next evening. This delay should not have occurred and the travelling public had a most legitimate grievance against the County Council for allowing the road to be closed for such a long time.

He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That we request the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siachana, to instruct the Gardai to notify immediately Road Gangers of any obstructions on roads such as trees blown down, broken road bridges or gulleys or any other obstruction calculated to interfere with the use of roads and that the County Surveyor instruct Gangers that within half an hour of receipt of such reports they are to take steps to clear the thoroughfare and in the meantime to safeguard road users.

The County Surveyor stated that on 2nd December last he had notified all the Assistant Surveyors directing that immediate steps should be taken for removal of all obstructions on roads. He would take further steps in the matter in accordance with the resolution of the Committee.

#### APPLICATION RE LANES UNDER MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

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

"That in future, applications for repair of lanes etc. under Minor Relief Schemes be referred in the first instance to the County Surveyor for report and that application and report be then considered at first available meeting of the Finance Committee."

#### ROSSLARE ROADS

Under date 19th January 1937, Rev. Patrick Kavanagh, C.C., Rosslare, wrote:-

"I shall be thankful if you will kindly convey to the County Council the contents of this communication. The desperate condition of the road from Heskin Cottage to the end of Bearlough requires immediate attention. When it rains for a time that part of the road, excepting patches,



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is covered with water and as a consequence pedestrians are soaked; and if it rains for a longer period, the road becomes impassable. For instance, some were prevented from attending Holy Mass on Sunday last, whilst those who ventured were saturated up to the knees owing to the road being flooded. It is an atrocious state of affairs that people have to endure such hardships. The flooding is due to the fact that there is no watercourse or drainage to take off the water. And notwithstanding the intolerable condition of the road, it seems strange that time and outlay have been expended to widen it and provision is being made for a foot-path, whilst what is essential is neglected. It would be far more apropos and in accordance with the needs of the people to put the road in order. Primary things first. Then there is the Woodtown Road which is a veritable lake after rain. But that seems inevitable when one observes that the trenches are higher than the road and there is no outlet whatever to remove the water. It is indeed a pleasant prospect, particularly for parents whose children have to traverse these roads to school and Church!"

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that Fr. Kavanagh's letter was a mild representation of the real state of affairs.

The County Surveyor said the road referred to was in a deplorable state and the people of the locality were inclined to blame the County Council but they were not responsible. The blame was to be laid to the sewerage work. He was authorised to make arrangements with the Contractor of the sewerage works to restore the road surface. He had made two or three appointments at Xmas with the Contractor, but the latter never turned up. The Contractor's Engineer then attended but he kept trying to cut down the price of the work and it was not possible to come to terms with him. It was only when he (County Surveyor) informed him that the Council would have to take proceedings that the matter was arranged and Mr. Birthistle had started the work.

Mr. Birthistle said it could not be denied, but the road was in a deplorable state. He considered the sewerage contractor could have left the road in better condition if he restored it as the sewerage work progressed.

The County Surveyor said that £200 - a low figure - was his estimate for the restoration, but the sewerage contractor thought the work should be done for £120 or £130.



Mr. Birthistle believed the sewerage scheme would not be completed before June or July. If the road surface was put into good order there were only sections on which provision had been made to take off the surface water.

The Chairman said that Mr. McCarthy, the Engineer for the sewerage system held it was wrong to allow road surface water into a sewer. It interfered with the pumping and the settling of sewerage.

Mr. Birthistle said there was no other way of taking off the surface water from this road. There would be flooding in the future, but not so bad as now. Down by the Church there was no provision to take off the surface water. The present very deplorable condition of the road was not due to any action of the County Council. They would have the £1500 loan to deal with the work down at Rosslare. But it was inadvisable to do the work there until all the sewerage connections had been made.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the County Council Survey Staff should keep in close touch with the officials of the Board of Health with the view of getting the road from Etchingham's on to Bearlough into satisfactory condition.

Mr. Birthistle was instructed to interview Fr. Kavanagh and explain to him the situation as regards the state of the road.

#### CUTTING AT TACUMSHANE LAKE

The County Surveyor stated he had interviewed the officials of the Office of Public Works relative to the transfer of the £100 from Ballycleary Lane to the work of cutting Tacumshane Lake. The Minister for Finance was to be approached in the matter and it was probable the transfer would be agreed to. The drawback in this instance was the cost of bringing the necessary plant to the place and taking



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it back and which would run to about £40. There was a possibility of securing a further grant if, when the work was in progress it was considered advisable and required. It was a feasible job at present.

#### BALLYWALTER LANE

Application was made by Charles Sunderland, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge, for repair of above lane under Minor Relief Schemes on behalf of himself, Mr. G. R. McDonald (Manager for Mr. T. F. White) and James Conroy. The lane was in very bad repair and owing to prohibition Orders sea gravel was not available.

The County Surveyor said he believed the lane in question was really a private avenue.

The Committee decided they could not recommend the application.

#### BOOLAVOGUE ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, the following letter in connection with the state of the road at Boolavogue Catholic Church:-

"This is Road No. 310. Generally I think it is kept reasonably so far as the money will allow. Of course, it is not getting enough either of material or work. Formerly it got considerably more of both.

I think Mr. Frizelle must have misunderstood Fr. Allen about the springs of water and the road sinking. I do not think either is the case.

There was not any proposal for the improvement of the road adopted during Mr. Hall's time. Mr. Hall put in a proposal for a short piece of footpath. It was not passed. I do not think a footpath would be much use. What is really wanted is about 5 or 6 hundred yards of steam rolling. Even if the money for this were available it would be better to spend it over the whole road from Ferns to Ballyedmond."



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The Chairman said it was quite true that springs of water were to be found on the road at certain periods of the year. He moved that some portion of the grant for improvement of villages be available for the improvement of Boolavogue from the Church Wall to the Post Office.

This was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and agreed to.

#### BUNCLODY LIVE STOCK POUND

Under date 21st January 1937 Messrs. Stopford & Turner, agents for Mr. R. W. Hall Dare, Bunclody, wrote that the wall of the Live Stock Pound was now in good order and Mr. Hall Dare was prepared to make a letting to the County Council at a rent of £6 per annum. He desired to add that the present Poundkeeper was an excellent person for the job.

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

"That provided Mr. Hall Dare would be prepared to erect a shed and instal water supply in the Pound at Bunclody the Finance Committee would be prepared to recommend the County Council to rent this Pound."

#### OVERDRAFT PERIOD

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation of the County Council with their Treasurer for £35,000 up to end of March 1937."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notifications as to applications to be made at District Courts for the committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:- Michael Devine, Gorey (aged 11); Patrick Swaine, William Street, Gorey (11) and Liam Daly, do. (10); Mary Doyle, Moneylawn, Gorey (10); and John Doyle, Kilcan-



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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 22nd January, 1937, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE: The following extract from Minutes of Meeting of Wexford Board of Health under date 18th January 1937, was read:-

"Mr. J. Whitty, Rent Collector reported:

"The roads in the Gorey Garden City are in a bad state of repair. Large pools of water lie on it after rain and the portion passing the playground is dangerous as there is a hole out in the road, the gravel picked away by the children. In fact, I believe there are people drawing gravel out of it and undermining the road."

The Secretary stated that this road was provided when the Garden City Scheme was being completed by the Board of Health. On the motion of Mr. Denis Allen, seconded by Mr. Patrick Ronan the Board directed that the County Council be asked to take over the Garden City roads and have it put in a passable condition."

As regards the proposal to repair roads at Ferns and Boolavogue, the County Surveyor read letter from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in which he stated he had examined these roads. The best way to divide the money would be for Ferns (part of road No. 290) £570. This was the road up by the Catholic Church out to Tinnashrule and to spend on Boolavogue (Road No. 310) £190. The Ferns road would take a good deal of work for its length and the levels and drainage would be awkward. At Boolavogue road the trouble was also drainage. Mr. Ennis believed there were some sub-soil drains crossing this road from the Churchyard and that the stoppage of these drains caused the road to be damp. As well as this the surface water from the Church grounds had to cross the road. The road would



have to be regraded and opened up and probably the underground drains re-made.

With reference to the proposed improvements at Marshaltown he had already pointed out it would be impossible to get any material there for the next six months. What was required was fairly extensive rolling and regrading.

The County Surveyor said no money for this work was available now.

In the course of the discussion on the recommendations of the County Surveyor in respect of Gorey and approved by the Finance Committee, Mr. Keegan pointed out that in his opinion it would be more advisable to take over Gorey Garden City<sup>road</sup> than to repair the back streets of Gorey at the moment. There were about 60 houses in the Garden City and the road had to be used by families residing there and by their children going to school. About £600 had been spent on this road by the Board of Health and it had been repaired several times.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was in very bad repair at the moment.

The Chairman pointed out that if the Council took over the road they could repair it under Grant, while if it remained with the Board of Health, the money would be found by taxation.

Mr. Keegan pointed out the County Council had the staff and machinery at hand to repair the road.

The County Surveyor stated that the point he wished to raise about taking over this particular road was that it must be regarded as an exception to the usual procedure seeing that it was constructed by a local Body which was financed by the Council. The Council would not take over any private road unless it had been put into proper repair.

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



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"That the County Council take over the road to Gorey Garden City as requested by the County Board of Health and that the usual procedure as to publication of advertisements to this effect be issued by the County Surveyor."

Mr. Smyth asked what was the position regarding Ballygarrett village.

The County Surveyor stated it might be necessary to secure material from Carriganeagh Quarry costing the full amount allocated for this particular work. The actual road work might have to wait until more money would be available, and in that case a thoroughly good job could be carried out.

CLEARANCE OF ROADS IN STORMS: In connection with this, the County Surveyor submitted letter from John Kennedy, Road Ganger, Ballycarney, under date 26th January 1937 that when he was informed at 10 o'clock on the 22nd January that a tree had fallen on the Camolin road between Ferns and Broadford, he went at one o'clock and worked at the tree until dark. They put up lamps and finished removing the tree the following day.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the trouble seemed to be that they were letting the owners of the trees evade their liability.

The Chairman said that the owners were responsible to a certain extent, but they could not have main thoroughfares blocked for twenty-four hours.

Mr. Ennis said he wanted the Council to put them in the position that they could go to an owner and say he must remove a tree. He was primarily endeavouring to make the owner do the work. It was the owner's tree, and he thought they should get the Guards to notify the owner.

Miss O'Ryan - Suppose the owner happened to be a man who had not much help, or who was not in a position to do



Mr. Ennis - We always help him.

The Chairman said that last year he saw that road and other roads in the County closed. Public roads were now as important as the railway, and if a hundred men would be mobilised to clear a railway it should be the responsibility of the County Council to keep the thoroughfares clear. They had two Guards out at the place on a very bad night diverting traffic, and it was not their responsibility either.

Mr. Connors - Who is responsible for the clearing of the road - the County Council or the man who owns the timber?

The Chairman said they understood that under some antiquated law the man who owned the tree was responsible for taking it off the road, but there was a question that a lot of traffic might have to go five or ten miles of a round on a boggy road. They could pass a further resolution to the effect that the owner of every obstruction be notified that if he did not remove it within, say, an hour, it be removed at his expense.

Mr. T. Redmond - Why not notify the owner of any tree that's a danger to the highway to have it removed before it falls at all?

After further discussion the Chairman proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:-

"That the owner of any tree or other obstruction blocking any public road be interviewed by Assistant Surveyor or Road Ganger, and informed that if he did not immediately remove such obstruction the County Council would proceed to do so and hold him responsible for the cost."

Mr. O'Byrne considered that the County Council should be empowered to remove all obstructions on roads as they occurred.

The Chairman said that this proposal might be dealt



with in future legislation.

Mr. Connors said the local people would clear the road with the ganger in very quick time, for the timber, but they would not be allowed to interfere. He proposed that if the owner would not remove a tree the ganger should get local people and his own men to remove it and let the people take it away.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that the Council could not legally do this and they should keep within the law.

The resolution was adopted and it was decided also that the County Secretary interview the County Solicitor in the matter.

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 22nd January 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 5th February 1937: The minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows by the Secretary:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th February, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) 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 and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

Under date 4th February 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he was unable to attend the meeting as he was down with flu.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2899. 6. 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE ESTIMATE FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

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 extend the period for dealing with estimate of Rates for financial year 1937-38 to 8th March 1937."

#### RATE COLLECTION

REPORT OF RATE INSPECTOR: List of ratepayers in Collection District of Collector W. Cummins interviewed by the Rate Inspector with amount of rates due in each case was submitted

In reply to the Chairman the Inspector stated that decrees had not been obtained in two specific cases on the list and in each of which over £100 arrears of rate were due.

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed they must proceed to



obtain court decrees in all cases in which arrears of rate have accumulated.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION: The state of the rate collection to date was submitted as follows:-

S. Gannon	65.1
W. Doyle	63.8
J. Quirke	61.9
J. Cummins	61.1
E. J. Murphy	60.9
P. Nolan	60.4
J. J. O'Reilly	60.2
J. Curtis	59.6
P. Doyle	59.4
A. Dunne	58.7
D. Kenny	58.4
W. Cummins	58.1
J. Deegan	57.4
J. Flood	56.7
M. Kehoe	56.3
M. McCarthy	56.2
M. Murphy	54.1
P. Carty	54.1
J. J. Sinnott	53.9

Average 59.0

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 50.2.

The amount lodged during the past fortnight by all Collectors was only £1659. 18. 7d. This was considered very unsatisfactory.

The following is the amount lodged by each Collector during the past fortnight:-

	£.	s.	d.
S. Gannon	202.	10.	11
J. Deegan	158.	4.	1
M. Kehoe	131.	1.	0
J. Cummins	112.	1.	5
A. Dunne	110.	14.	9
P. Nolan	103.	12.	4
P. Doyle	103.	3.	8
D. Kenny	97.	8.	7
J. J. O'Reilly	94.	18.	6
E. J. Murphy	94.	14.	10
M. McCarthy	86.	15.	8
J. M. Curtis	82.	5.	11
M. Murphy	74.	13.	11
W. Cummins	71.	0.	7
W. Doyle	51.	10.	7
P. Carty	37.	2.	2
J. Flood	19.	14.	3
J. J. Sinnott	18.	3.	11
J. Quirke	10.	1.	6

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



"That Collectors Carty, Flood, Sinnott and Quirke, who lodged the smallest amounts during the past fortnight, be warned that they must be suspended by Finance Committee if their collections do not show a most substantial improvement on amounts collected by them during the past fortnight. If these amounts were a general average of the collection it would not be possible to finance the local services. The Committee fail to believe that if activity had been shown in their work by the four collectors concerned their lodgements during the past fortnight would be represented by the small sums submitted to this meeting.

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 28th January 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.6700-37 Loch Garman) sanctioning the temporary appointment of Collector P. Nolan as Deputy Collector for Mr. M. McCarthy for a period not exceeding one month. If Mr. McCarthy did not resume duty at the end of that period application should be made for the continued employment of the deputy.

Under date 2nd February 1937 Mr. McCarthy, who is an inmate in St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin, submitted certificate from Captain O'Hanlon, M.B., B.Ch., under date 1st February 1937 that he was unfit for duty and was likely to remain so for a further eight weeks.

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

"That in view of medical certificate submitted to this meeting we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to leave of absence to Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector, for a period of eight weeks as from 2nd February 1937, and also to sanction the performance of Mr. McCarthy's duties during this period by Collector Nolan. Any new appointment at this stage would not help the collection in the district."



SALE OF LANDS FOR FORESTRY PURPOSES: Under date 29th January 1937 Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote that the Chief State Solicitor had furnished them with a copy of the letter of the County Council to the Department of Lands as regards the payment of purchase money of the lands sold by Mr. Barry C. Braddell, Coolmeelagh, to the State for forestry purposes being applied to the reduction of the amount due by him to the County Council for rates. Messrs. O'Flaherty were satisfied with the apportionment of the Rates as agreed to by the County Council, but they would like to retain from the purchase money £11, their costs of the sale. The balance could then be paid to the Council.

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

"That, in view of the fact that the request of the County Council to apply the entire purchase money of land sold by Mr. B. C. Braddell to the State for forestry purposes to the reduction of his rates, we recommend the County Council to agree to the proposal of Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, that £11, their costs, in connection with the sale should be deducted from the amount on condition that the balance be paid over to the Council."

SEIZURE FOR RATES: In reference to report that where the "flying unit" had made, as was alleged, a seizure for rates and the money was applied to arrears of Land Annuities, the Rate Inspector was directed to furnish the County Secretary with detailed report.

#### CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Under date 29th January 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.10/36) that an assessment equivalent to a rate of one halfpenny in the £ on the valuation of the County would be necessary for the



Cattle Diseases Fund.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that as the County Council were legally bound to provide for the assessment the amount should be included in the forthcoming Rate Estimates.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 28th January 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.7645-37 Loch Garman) that in the case of freehold property the Minister would raise no further objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to allow the value of site up to a maximum of £20 to be taken into consideration, when assessing the value of premises for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. In the case of leasehold property the basis of calculation should be restricted to the estimated value of the house only.

Fifty-six applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were submitted.

It was decided that the list giving full particulars of amount of loan, occupation of applicants, etc., be circulated to Councillors and considered at the first meeting of the Finance Committee for the month of March.

The County Surveyor said that only 36 applicants out of the 56 had furnished a plan showing the location of the site of their buildings. This was provided for by the regulations and it was essential it should be supplied.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

It was decided at last meeting of the Finance Committee to ask the parents of Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, and Patrick Cousins, Airdownes, St. Iberius, Broadway, two students under above Scheme, who left St. Peter's College, Wexford, at which they held third year scholarships, without permission, for an explanation of their boys' conduct.



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They were also informed that if the boys did not complete the period of their scholarships the amount on foot of same paid to St. Peter's College, should be refunded.

Mrs. Anne Cousins, Airdownes, Broadway, wrote that her boy refused to return to the College, but said he was willing to avail of Scholarship if he was allowed to attend the Christian Brothers, Wexford. They were only poor people and could not pay back anything to the County Council.

No reply had been received on behalf of Edward Kavanagh.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to cancel Scholarships of Edward Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, and Patrick Cousins, Airdownes, Broadway, third year students under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, who left St. Peter's College, Wexford, without permission."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to consider the eligibility of Philomena Murphy, Castlebridge as a candidate under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme as through an accident her entry form was not lodged until 5th February 1937."

Under date 27th January 1937 the following was read from Mr. P. Clancy, National Teacher, Tara Hill, Gorey, as to the recommendation of the Finance Committee that owing to his income exceeding £300 - the maximum figure in Scheme - his son Dermot Patrick, was ineligible to compete for Scholarship:-

"In reply to yours of the 25th instant I feel that I am somewhat unfairly treated by the decision of the Finance Committee in rejecting my application, as I believe that some parents, who have already benefited by the Scheme, have salaries (I use the plural intentionally) far in excess



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of mine. That may not be much of an argument in my case, but at any rate it contains the reason for my grievance.

Further, I cannot understand how I am in a more favoured position than the Urban dweller who is allowed up to £360. Are our positions not similar in all things, and could I not be regarded as his equivalent for the purposes of this exam?".

No order as the Finance Committee are bound by the provisions of the Scholarship Scheme.

#### TACUMSHANE LAKE

Letter under date 27th January 1937 from Office of Public Works to County Surveyor relative to "cutting the gap" at Tacumshane Lake was submitted. This pointed out that in view of the past history of this case the Parliamentary Secretary was very reluctant to sanction any further expenditure for the work at Tacumshane Lake out of Relief Funds. £300 had been spent there last year without appreciable effect while the Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works regarded the proposition as of a speculative character. The unemployment position in the area did not justify further considerable expenditure. If the local land holders who would benefit by the drainage were prepared to provide free carting, labour and other services to make the job a success the Parliamentary Secretary would be disposed to transfer the grant of £100 sanctioned for lane at Ballycleary to the work at Tacumshane Lake.

The County Surveyor stated he proposed to arrange for a meeting of the local people concerned, Mr. Corish, Mr. Gullimore, Miss O'Ryan and Col. Gibbon to attend as the Representatives of the County Council. After this meeting he hoped to be in a position to make a detailed report to the Office of Public Works.

The Chairman suggested that if the local people agreed to help, the amount of assistance they should provide could



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be apportioned on the acreage of their land or on that portion of it which was subject to flooding according to arrangement.

The County Surveyor said he would bring forward the suggestion of the Chairman at the meeting of those concerned and which he was directed to fix and advertise.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Office of Public Works under date 23rd January 1937 in which they stated that as mentioned in their letter of 21st August last the unemployment position in the area of St. Helen's Harbour would not warrant a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote for the proposed improvement works there. Moreover, it was understood from the Department of Agriculture that the fishing interests involved would not justify the proposed expenditure.

It was decided to refer the letter to County Council.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

STATE OF: A long letter from the Earl of Courtown called attention to what he described as the disgusting state into which the Harbour got, particularly in the Summer, with paper, tins and other rubbish left about by visitors. This was not doing the place any good and was preventing people going there, besides being a danger to health. He asked if a scheme could not be devised by which a squad of men would clean up the place if only twice a week. If the rubbish could be collected and burned in an incinerator it would improve matters considerably. If there was any difficulty about a site for the incinerator he might find a suitable place for the purpose.

It was decided that the Harbour Master and Watchman be directed to keep the Harbour precincts clear of rubbish etc.



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WEIGHBRIDGE AT COURTOWN: The Courtown Harbour Committee wrote asking the Council to repair the weighbridge temporarily pending the erection of a new weighhouse in order to facilitate Mrs. Callaghan who imported coal into Courtown during the Spring and Summer months.

It was decided to inform Courtown Harbour Committee that the Council had already, by resolution, decided they would not repair the old weighbridge at the Harbour.

#### CARNE PIER

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture, 3 Kildare Place, Dublin, under date 29th January 1937, stating that the matter of the proposed extension of Carne Pier had been referred to the Commissioners of Public Works.

The County Surveyor said he had not received any communication from the Office of Public Works in the matter.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT IN BLACKWATER DISTRICT

Messrs. Owen Leacy (Chairman), Owen Dempsey and Patrick Sheill of Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann attended as a deputation as to relief of unemployment in Blackwater district.

The deputation pointed out that in view of the closing of the foreshore for collection of sea gravel the Council would have to provide road metalling from a quarry. They believed there were several available quarries in the district and it would be for the County Surveyor to determine the suitability of any of them. They heard that material was to be obtained from the Ballagh quarry, but the draft would be costly and it would <sup>be</sup> much more economical to secure a local quarry and which would permanently relieve the misery of unemployment.

The County Surveyor asked the deputation to furnish him with a list of the quarries in the district. He was



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most anxious to procure material of a suitable kind from a local quarry as material could not now be obtained from the foreshore. Most of the material in the quarries he had seen in the locality was very poor and scarcely worth putting on roads. There had been some consideration given to a proposal to procure material from a sandpit at Ballylucas, Ballymurn.

The Deputation pointed out that this would not be of advantage to their district. Monarigg quarry had been previously worked and there was a quarry at Ballynaglogh near Blackwater Church owned by Mrs. Dunne of the Dispensary.

The County Surveyor said he had intended establishing a depot at Blackwater in which he would have rubble stone brought from the Ballagh quarry broken. But if a good local quarry could be found it would be all to the good, as they would be able to put the money which with the dump proposal would go into haulage, into labour instead. The deputation could rest assured if a suitable quarry could be discovered the County Council would open and work it.

Dempsey and Sheill complained that though they had been permanent workers with the Council for years, they were not now getting their share of work. Dempsey said he got only two days' work in 1936 and Sheill, that he was not employed by the Council for the whole year.

It was decided that their complaint be investigated by the County Surveyor who was asked to present report in the matter to the next Finance Committee meeting.

#### ROAD MATTERS

FLOODING AT CLONJORDAN: Letters were read from Messrs. Thomas Warren and Patrick Jordan, both of Clonjordan, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy, complaining of the flooding of the road under Mr. Warren's house. The river had overflowed on to the road to a depth of two feet; it was impossible to



pass through it. The drain pipes were not able to deal with the volume of water.

The County Surveyor said he intended putting down an extra gullet at the place at a favourable opportunity.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Jordan and Warren accordingly.

CRONECRIBBON LANE: An application signed by six ratepayers for the repair of lane in Cronecribbon, Inch, under Minor Relief Schemes Vote was read. It had been already recommended for repair by the County Council.

It was decided to submit a fresh application for repair of this lane to the Office of Public Works.

TINGAR LANE: An application by Messrs. John Walker, Ml. Doyle and Morgan O'Connor, for the repair of lane at Tingar, Clonevan, was referred to County Surveyor for report.

DRAIN AT KILLELAN: Under date 26th January 1937 Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that a drain constructed by the County Council on the property of Mr. Peter Sinnott, Killelan, Screen, was in an extremely dangerous condition. If the Council did not remedy the matter Mr. Sinnott would have the drain filled up and hold the Council responsible for the cost. Mr. Sinnott had some young horses in a field adjoining this drain, and, if they received any injury through it by reason of its being left in its present condition he would hold the County Council responsible.

The County Surveyor said five or six years ago this drain was put down at the back of the fence in a field with the consent of the then owner. Peter Sinnott was his nephew and, he lost a mare in the drain some time ago. The Insurance Company repudiated liability and Mr. Sinnott was now demanding that the County Council close the drain or do



something there for the protection of his stock. Since the drain was laid down five or six years ago no objection had been taken until now. He (County Surveyor) had asked the County Solicitor to prepare a form of agreement between the Council and Mr. Sinnott allowing the County Council to put a pipe in the trench to carry off the water. He would see Mr. Elgee again about the matter.

CUMMERDUFF LANE: Representations were made by four rate-payers for the repair of lane at Cummerduff, which they said was a leading thoroughfare to Churches and Schools. This was the third application they had made in the matter.

The County Surveyor said that application had been made to the Office of Works for a Minor Relief Grant for repair of this lane.

It was decided to again schedule it under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

BALLYCONLORE LANE: Representation by Mrs. D. Carthy and E. Kinsella as to repair of this lane was read.

The County Surveyor said the County Council had forwarded application for this lane to the Office of Public Works for inclusion in Minor Relief Schemes Vote. He would send it forward again.

LANES AT CROGHAN, INCH: Mr. Patrick Graham wrote asking for inclusion of the following lanes in Minor Relief Schemes List:-

1. Lane going North and West from County road at Croghan to Croghan Middle and Upper.
2. Lane going North West and North from Croghan Barracks to Croghan Mountain.

Every ratepayer in Croghan had a right of way over these lanes which were in a bad way.

The County Surveyor was directed to furnish report



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BALLYWALTER LANE: Application was made for repair of lane leading to house of Mrs. Eliza Jane Sunderland. The lane was also being used by Mr. James Conroy and Mr. T. F. White.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

DAVIDSTOWN LANE: Letter was read from Rev. Pierce Power, P.P., Davidstown, asking to have Davidstown Lane included in Minor Relief Scheme. The work would give employment to many idle men and the lane which was used by people attending Mass and by many school children was impassable at times. At one point where it was crossed by a large stream it was extremely dangerous in time of heavy floods as it was crossed by a plank footbridge only. If a bridge were erected at this spot it would be a great boon to the public.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

RATHOLM LANE: Mr. M. Treacy, Ratholm, Killinick, wrote calling attention to this lane, the condition of which he described as "something awful". There were six people using the lane, and, if they could get a few load of gravel out of Mr. Browne's quarry the people concerned would do the repairs themselves.

Referred to County Surveyor.

CAMROSS ROAD: Dr. W. F. Hearn, Wexford Engineering Co., Star Iron Works, wrote that the surface of Camross road was in a desperate state. Further, there were small spots at different places needing attention. Loose filling was being put in potholes near Ferrycarrig Bridge which he regarded as a display of ~~the~~ want of commonsense.

Referred to County Surveyor.

DANGEROUS CORNERS ETC.: Mr. James Redmond, Hon. Secretary, Ballymurn Cottage Tenants' Association, wrote on behalf of the Association calling attention to the necessity of



having improvements carried out at the dangerous corners on the Ballykelly-Ballina (Ballymurn) road. Attention was also drawn to other roads which the Association considered called for alterations and improvements as in their present condition they were a danger to the travelling public.

The County Surveyor said there were other corners much more dangerous than those referred to, but the Council had not the funds to provide for their easement.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit report to next Finance Committee relative to the roads mentioned in the letter on behalf of Ballymurn Cottage Tenants' Association.

ROAD AT CURRACLOE: The County Surveyor stated he had a 'phone message from the Tourist Association that the Council would probably be given a grant to ease corner and repair road at Curracloe village down to the strand and asking him to furnish particulars at once to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. He had forwarded these.

Mr. Colfer stated that in his district when work at corners in some instances, had been carried out the adjoining land was left in a commons. This should not be and a proper fence should be provided.

The County Surveyor said he would look into the matter.

#### REMOVAL OF ANCIENT BURIAL MOUNDS ETC.

Under date 2nd February 1937 the Commissioners of Public Works wrote (C94.127/1/36) that the National Monuments Advisory Council had called attention to the recent destruction of some ancient burial mounds or cairns for the purpose of obtaining stones for road making. The Council were asked to direct their Survey staff not to make use of cairns or other obviously ancient structures as a source of supply of road metal.

The County Surveyor said that no such action as was



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referred to by the Commissioners of Public Works had taken place or was likely to occur in County Wexford.

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR AND COURTHOUSE

The following from County Registrar to County Surveyor was submitted:-

"There are some minor matters which require attention in connection with the above.

##### General Office

The doors leading from my Offices to the corridor require some adjustment. Both rattle when there is any breeze about.

##### Counter

I want the entrance to my Office raised or made a permanent door. I find I cannot keep the public out as it stands at the moment.

##### Lavatory

This requires to be painted and the window properly muffed.

##### Judge's Room

A proper hat and coat stand is required for same. Some better chairs are also required to replace those there and in particular the two cane-bottomed chairs. Both windows require to be muffed as the room is overlooked.

##### Outside Stairway Door

The catch of this is ineffective and requires repair. On a day like this with a strong East wind it neutralizes the effect of the heating of the offices.

##### Courthouse

The alterations asked for here have been very satisfactorily carried out save the Solicitors' table. The alteration may permit them to just get their toes in under it. This may be due to the construction and nothing better could be done short of dismantling it. If that be so it will do for the present until we see if a second Court is required.

I would be obliged if you would convey to your Committee my desire not to incur any unnecessary expense until the Department decide the question of a second Courthouse.

##### Entrance

The entrance through the gate is in a very rough condition. Apart from the roughness there is a danger of turning one's foot in the dark. It should be properly done in tar macadam or concrete, and I think a large light on the outside is absolutely necessary during Winter evenings.



Yard Gate Entrance

This also requires attention. It is rough and the kerb causes a considerable jolt to incoming and outgoing cars.

Robing Rooms

These are inconveniently situated. I suggest that the old Council Chamber be divided in two - one for Barristers and one for Solicitors. In return for this I will surrender the two rooms down-stairs to the County Council which I understand are urgently required for the Motor Registration Officer. This would be very convenient to the public.

Office Accommodation

This, as you are aware, is a pressing matter and will have to be met sooner or later. I don't intend to press it for the moment. If a second Court is required, under the last Court of Justice Act, we will have to find accommodation elsewhere for the Circuit Court and its Offices.

Your attention to the above matters will much oblige."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have window of lavatory and windows in judge's room "muffed". That consideration of the other matters referred to by the County Registrar be adjourned until a decision has been arrived at regarding the necessity of a second Court."

DUPLICATING MACHINE FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 30th January 1937 the County Surveyor applied for a duplicating machine for his office. At present he had the use of the machine in the Office of the County Secretary, but when this arrangement was made ten years ago the amount of duplicating work was very small. Owing to new schemes this had increased to a considerable extent and it would be a great advantage and convenience, and result in a great saving of time if a duplicating machine was provided for the County Surveyor's office.

Two quotations were submitted from D. Gestetner, 4, St. Andrew Street, Dublin:-

No. 1	complete with operating cabinet	£44. 8. 3
No. 2	without operating cabinet	£37.19. 0



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

"That Gestetner Duplicating Machine No. 66 - 1936 Model be obtained for office of County Surveyor cost not to exceed £40."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application from the Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford, as to the committal to Industrial Schools of five children named Brennan, Annagh, Inch, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. The mother died on 6th January last. The father, James Brennan, is unemployed for a long period and was receiving 7/6d per week National Health Insurance. He was in poor health and unable to maintain the children.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 1st February 1937 (G.8183/37 Loch Garman) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health consented to the County Council's overdraft at £35,000 running to 31st March 1937.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District, wrote under date 26th January 1937 promising to be prompt in future in sending in weekly reports to the Veterinary Inspectors.

#### BINDING MINUTES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That quotation of Messrs. John English & Co., Quay, Wexford, for the binding of Minutes of Meetings of Wexford County Council for year 1936 at 17/6d be accepted."



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 5th February 1937 be received and considered."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, be requested to refund any balance paid on foot of the Scholarships of Edward Kavanagh and Patrick Cousins, taking into account the full amount of the Scholarships and the amounts paid for the period these Scholarship holders were in residence at St. Peter's."

TACUMSHANE LAKE: Col. Gibbon asked how the £100 grant was to be expended. Was it by the County Surveyor directly or should the local farmers be made responsible?

The Chairman said what was suggested by the Office of Public Works was that the farmers should give voluntary help to supplement the £100.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that time was a most important factor in carrying out the work, and if any delay occurred now the lake might drop about 18 inches or 2 feet and a large head of water would be lost.

Mr. Birthistle said the £100 would go nowhere if spent in the same manner as previous amounts. It would cost £25 to deal with the plant, leaving only £75 for actual work. If an effort was to be made to cut the gap it should be done quickly. He was afraid they could not count on much assistance from the local people.

It was decided that the representatives appointed by the Finance Committee should meet at Mr. Gibbon's, Linziestown, Tomhaggard, on Friday, 12th February 1937 at 2.30 p.m. with the County Surveyor



ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That application be made to the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture for a grant for the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour."

CLONJORDAN FLOODING: Mr. Ennis reported that on one of the worst days in January he examined this road and found about eight inches of water on it. This is the first time he had seen any water on it. The place would be greatly improved if the owner of the land would do some cleaning of the river on the down-stream side. The outlet of the double gullet seemed to "drown" in a heavy flood. If it had a free delivery it would take considerably more water. The cleaning of the river would not be a very big job. If this were done, Mr. Ennis said he would open up the gullet next summer and see if it could be improved.

DAVIDSTOWN LANE: Mr. Joseph Shea, Boolabawn, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 5th February, making application for repair of above lane. One portion had been repaired last year under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. Unless a bridge was erected at the place referred to in Fr. Power's letter some one would be drowned there. The place was a death trap. He was prepared to give stones free of cost from his own quarry towards the work of repair.

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 5th February 1937 be, and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### COUNTY WEXFORD ANCIENT MONUMENTS

The following minutes of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee were submitted:-



A meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st January 1937.

Present:- Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P. (presiding) also, Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Miss Kathleen M. Browne and Mr. E. R. Richards Orpen.

Mr. H. G. Leask of the Office of Public Works; Mr. M. Lynch, Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána and the Secretary to the County Council were also in attendance.

Mr. Orpen said the Committee were anxious for suggestions from Mr. Leask as to what steps they could take to preserve the monuments which were now in existence. The Committee had no funds and it appeared the County Council could not move unless monuments were vested in them. They had some unique monuments in the County and something should be done for their preservation. An instance of this was the fortified Church in Clonmines which was in fair order, but ash trees were growing through the roof and the water coming in.

Mr. Leask said that the principal Act of 1930, good as it was, did not cover the whole field. He had noted that at a previous meeting the Committee had discussed the question of the preservation of monuments in graveyards. In the appendix to the report of the Commission under the Church Temporalities Act of 1869, there appeared lists of graveyards vested in the Church Representative Body and also those vested in Sanitary Authorities. The Board of Health, as the successors of the Sanitary Authorities were now charged with control and maintenance of the last named graveyards. There would be very little difficulty in having buildings which were outstanding vested in the State or County Council.

As to methods of vesting a monument considered



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sufficiently important to be dealt with by the State could be handed completely over by the owner. Then, as in the case of Dunbrody, a monument could be put in the guardianship of the State. In the third place, direct action could be taken by the issue of an Order for preservation of a National Monument which was deteriorating through neglect or from destruction by Acts of Vandalism. Some 20 of these Orders had been issued on representations from the National Monuments Council.

After the issue of a preservation order the Committee could apply for a guardianship order.

The condition of a large number of monuments in the County was then considered and it was decided that at next meeting the Members of the Committee would submit lists of monuments with a view to seeking preservation and subsequently guardianship orders, on the understanding that application would be made to the State to take over those really outstanding and which it would be too much to expect to have maintained by local effort. In the case of those of secondary importance the County Council would be asked to seek preservation and guardianship Orders.

A resolution was adopted requesting the County Board of Health to furnish a list of graveyards vested in them.

Mr. Leask said if ivy was cut away from old Churches it would considerably help their preservation.

It was decided to ask the County Council if they could arrange with their road gangers through the County Surveyor to obtain the services of road workers in this matter.

Mr. Lynch ~~said~~ that no effort would be spared by the Gardai in helping the work of preserving any ancient or historic monuments in the County. When preservation and guardianship Orders were issued the Gardai would be in a strong position and would render all possible assistance to the Committee.



Mr. Orpen mentioned that he had a list of 260 Castles or the sites of Castles in the County. Unfortunately, numbers of these had disappeared.



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

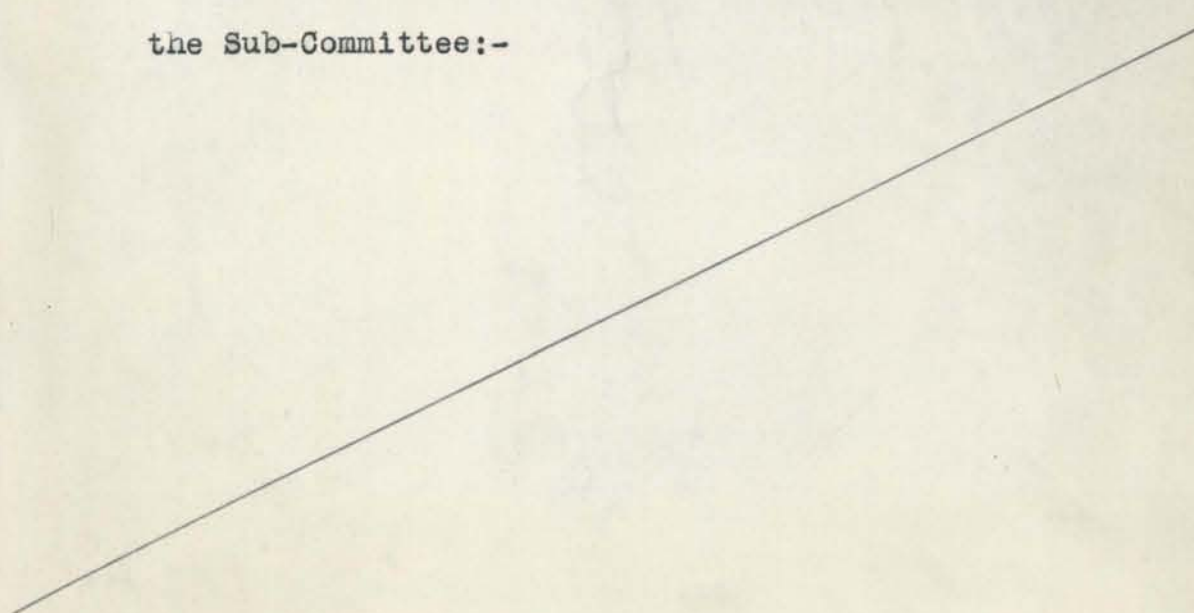
"That the Minutes of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Committee held on 21st January 1937 be confirmed."

#### APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

At the meeting of County Council on 12th October 1936 a Sub-Committee was appointed consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. McCarthy, O'Byrne and Kelly to consider an application from Messrs. R. J. Ennis, J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen and P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, to have their salaries placed on incremental basis of £15 up to a maximum of £400, and also to formulate a scheme under which the services of County Council Survey Staff could be utilised for work in connection with all the County Council's Subsidiary Bodies.

A meeting of the Sub-Committee was held on 30th October 1936. It was then recognised that there were many obstacles to the proposal of the co-ordination of Engineering services and the securing of data as to how this had been effected in other Counties etc. was found to be necessary.

The following are the Minutes of second meeting of the Sub-Committee:-





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The adjourned meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider application of Four of the Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis and other matters was held on 5th February, 1937.

The Chairman of the County Council (Mr. Allen) presided and there were also present:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. Corish, Kelly and O'Byrne.

The Secretary of the County Council was also in attendance.

Return as to salaries paid to Assistant Surveyors in other Counties received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted.

During the discussion which followed it was stated that the County Board of Health were obliged to call in outside engineers for Sewerage, Water, Housing and other Schemes, and it was pointed out that if the services of the Survey Staff of the Council could be utilised it would mean a more satisfactory and economical arrangement.

The Sub-Committee agreed to a further adjournment with a view to a further investigation as to how far all engineering work in the County could be re-organised and co-ordinated. It was also decided that, in the meantime, a consultation relative to this matter should be arranged (after sanction by the Minister) with Mr. Courtney, Chief Road Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.



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OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 4

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

"That, as recommended by the Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 4, Rev. O. Kehoe, P.P., Kilanerin, be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee vice Rev. D. Murphy, P.P., Bunclody, who has left the district."

FILLING VACANCY ON COURTTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

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

"That, as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee, Mr. John Dunne, Post Office, Courtown, be appointed a member of this Committee vice Mr. Kieran McNeill who has left the district."

OYLEGATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which was circulated to the members of the Council on 17th December 1936, was moved by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £3,400. (Three thousand ~~and~~ four hundred pounds) to provide a water supply and sewerage system at Oylegate, this amount to be in substitution of loan of £1,624 agreed to for this purpose by County Council at their meeting on 13th January 1936. The increase is caused by amended estimate of the Consulting Engineer to the Board of Health and Public Assistance."

In moving his motion Mr. Ronan pointed out that the loan for the present sum was being substituted for that already agreed to and which only covered the water scheme. It was recognised by the Board of Health that a sewerage scheme was the natural complement of a water supply, and



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hence the reason for his motion. The population of Oylegate was 108, in about 30 houses. The cost of the installation of the sewerage and water systems would work out at £110 per house or something over £32 per person. Towards this expenditure they anticipated a grant from the Local Government Department, so that it would not be necessary to expend the full £3400 out of the rates.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

#### PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT WEXFORD

By permission of the meeting, consideration of the following notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. Corish was postponed to next County Council meeting:-

"That, in view of the unsatisfactory state of Wexford Bridge, a new Bridge be constructed from the Old Wexford Courthouse to Ferrybank, the site of a former Bridge."

#### APPLICATIONS SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That the following be declared eligible to compete for Scholarships or Bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme for year 1937 and that their names be submitted to the Department of Education:-



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SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1937

The following is a list of applicants under above Scheme:-

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

Barnwell, James, Annagh, Co. Kilkenny.  
C.2. Labourer.

Bailey, Kathleen Mary, Ferns Lower, Ferns.  
C.1. Housewife (Widow).

Breen, Mary, Coolishal Upper, Gorey.  
C.3. Farmer Labourer.

Breen, Patricia Annette, Carrig-on-Bannow.  
C.2. V. £28. 15. 0. Farmer.

Browne, Patrick, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.6. I. £280. Undertaker.

Browne, Edward Noel, Broomland, Enniscorthy.  
C.7. V. £85. Farmer.

Browne, John Francis, Broomland, Enniscorthy.  
C.7. V. £85. Farmer.

Cadogan, Alfred Christopher, 61 South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.10. I. £221. Accountant.

~~Clancy, Dermot Patrick, Tara Hill, Inch.  
C.6. I. £324. National Teacher.~~

Clare, Philomena, Whiterock, Wexford.  
C.3. V. £12. I. £110. Widow.

Costello, Teresa, 7, Lambert Place, Wexford.  
C.1. I. £151. Blacksmith.

Culleton, Mary, Haggard, Ramsgrange.  
C.5. V. £27. 15. 0. Farmer.

Cummins, Andrew Joseph, 2 McCurtain Road, Wexford.  
C.4. V. £37. 15. 0. I. £234. Supt. Bacon Factory.

Dempsey, Eileen Agatha, Coolgreany, Inch.  
C.3. I. £150. Shopkeeper.

Dempsey, Mary, Garrow, Oulart, Gorey.  
C.5. I. £120. Mental Hospital Attendant.

Devereux, Helena Mary, St. John's Road, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £117. Tailor.

Devereux, Liam, 18, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.4. I. £80. Cycle Mechanic.



Devereux, Mary Ellen, Grange, Broadway.  
C.9. V. £47. Farmer.

Doran, Anne, Main Street, Gorey.  
C.5. I. £200. Draper.

Donoghue, Johanna, Barraglan, Monamolin.  
C.6. V. £44. 5. 0. Farmer.

Donovan, Annie, 18, High Street, Wexford.  
C.5. I. £120. Barge Master etc.

Doyle, Laurence Joseph, Killurin.  
C.4. Labourer.

Doyle, John Joseph, 10, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.  
C.6. I. £200. Fireman G.S. Railways.

Dunbar, Liam, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.  
C.5. Labourer.

Farrington, Catherine, Ballykerogue, Campile.  
C.1. I. £80. Housekeeper (Widow).

Flood, Dermot Thaddeus, Clonroche, Enniscorthy.  
C.5. V. £26. 15. 0. I. £120. Farmer and Rate Collector.

Foley, Patrick Francis, 15, Colbert Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £130. Shoemaker.

Gaul, Mary Clare, Carrigeen Street, Wexford.  
C.6. V. £5. 10. 0. I. £175. Agent N.H. Insurance.

Hanley, Margaret, 10, School Street, Wexford.  
C.3. V. £3. I. £104. Labourer.

Harte, Anna Agnes, Tinnock, Campile.  
C.5. V. £95. 8. 0. Farmer.

Harte, Michael John, Tinnock, Campile.  
C.5. V. £95. 8. 0. Farmer.

Hughes, Mary Louisa, Adamstown.  
C.1. I. £127. Teacher.

Hynes, Una, School Street, Wexford.  
C.6. V. £3. I. £120. Butcher.

King, Thomas Joseph, 12, Antelope Road, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £94. Builder's Labourer.

Lalor, Julia, 7, William Street, Gorey.  
C.4. I. £120. Engine Driver.

Leacy, Joseph, Blackwater.  
C.9. Road Worker.

Lennon, Michael Marcus, 1, South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.6. I. £210. Draper.

Martin, Kathleen, Rathquile, Adamstown.  
C.2. I. £7. 3. 0. Farmer.

McCarthy, Michael, 1, Upper King Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £100. Labourer.

*Murphy Philomena - Castlebridge*  
*C.4. I. £100. Farmer*  
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McCrudden, Laurence James, John Street, Wexford.  
C.4. I. £233. 15. 0. Member of Garda Siochana.

McDonald, Peter, Lower John Street, Wexford.  
C.6. I. £170. Labourer.

Marley, John, Broadway, Co. Wexford.  
C.2. I. £130. Insurance Agent.

Merriman, Kenneth Cyril Vivian, 48 South Main St., Wexford.  
C.3. I. £48.

Mulligan, Anne, Craan, Craanford.  
C.3. V. £57. 5. 0. Farmer.

Mulligan, Margaret, Craan, Craanford.  
C.3. V. £57. 5. 0. Farmer.

Nolan, Thomas, 6, Redmond Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.6. I. £70. Labourer.

O'Brien, Mary Brigid, Coolgreany, Inch.  
C.6. I. £180. Plasterer.

O'Donnell, Donal, The Fort, Duncannon.  
C.7. I. £130. 7. 10. Pensioned Lighthouse Keeper.

O'Keeffe, Catherine Attracta, Ballymitty.  
C.4. V. £8. 10. 0. I. £120. Country Shopkeeper.

O'Keeffe, David, Davitt Road, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £95. Housekeeper.

O'Leary, John, Cornwall, Killurin.  
C.3. Widow (Labourer).

O'Neill, John Joseph, Busnville, Tagoat.  
C.5. V. £25. 5. 0. Farmer (Widow.)

O'Neill, Patrick Michael, 15, Irish Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.1. I. £19. 10. 0. Unemployed.

~~O'Rafferty, Bernard, Coolgreany, Inch.  
C.5. I. £185. Shopkeeper.~~

O'Regan, Patrick Joseph, Ballybro, Tagoat.  
C.5. I. £195. R.I.C. Pensioner.

Power, John, Arthurstown.  
C.7. I. £30. Labourer.

Power, Mary Bridget, Ballyvelig, Campile.  
C.2. I. £100. Housekeeper.

Preece, Clement Joseph, Myrtle Villa, Rosslare Harbour.  
C.1. I. £60. Widow.

Quinn, William James, Grange, Campile.  
C.3. I. £91. Shop Assistant.

Redmond, Lucy, 1, John Street, Gorey.  
C.3. I. £250. V. £34. 10. 0. Butcher.

Regan, Peter, Davidstown, Enniscorthy.  
C.4. V. £20. 10. 0. Farmer.



Ronan, Elizabeth, Drinagh, Broadway.  
C.2. V. £8. 15. 0. Farmer.

Ryan, William Francis, 17, High Street, Wexford.  
C.2. I. £65. Widow.

Ryan, Philomena Teresa, Effermogue, Ferns.  
C.5. Farmer.

Sheridan, John Joseph, 2 Charlotte Street, Wexford.  
C.1. I. £80. Dispatch Clerk (Wexford Bacon Factory).

Sinnott, Robert Gerard, 84, The Faythe, Wexford.  
C.9. I. £234. Printer.

Sinnott, William, Broadway.  
C.5. V. £1. Labourer.

Underwood, John, 67 South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £210. V. £20. Cycle Agent.

Warner, William F., The Quay, New Ross.  
C.3. I. £163. Hairdresser.

Wheeler, Thomas, Killurin.  
C.11. Signal Man G.S. Railways.

Whelan, Arthur Bernard, Ballygoman, Barntown.  
C.1. I. £52. Labourer.

Whelan, Kevin Joseph, Loughnageer, Foulksmills.  
C.8. I. £69. 15. 0. Farmer.

White, Alice Teresa, Maxboley, Ballymitty.  
C.2. I. £94. Farmer.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.



WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

In connection with the proposal of the Finance Committee asking the Department of Agriculture to provide some colouring matter in Cattle Washes for Warble Fly treatment the following is extract from letter of the Department under date 29th January 1937 (L.279/37):-

"Representations to the same effect were made to this Department last season and were considered when the Order was recently under revision. It was decided that the adoption of the suggestion would really serve no useful purpose as the proper application of the cattle wash is usually evident a few days afterwards in the death and shrinkage of the warble larvae. There was also the objection to colouring the wash in that it could be substituted by a non-approved coloured preparation."

Under date 19th January, 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.164/37) that the names of the temporary Inspectors appointed by Wexford County Council under Warble Fly Order had been noted. The Minister approved of the re-appointment of the local Veterinary Inspectors for supervisory work under the Order at the same rate of remuneration and on the same conditions as were sanctioned last season.

Letters accepting the supervisory position under the Order were read from Messrs. F. S. Ringwood (Enniscorthy); T. A. Mernagh (Gorey) and F. W. Taylor (New Ross) Veterinary Inspectors. The three first mentioned stated that as the period this year was three weeks longer, perhaps the County Council would increase the remuneration proportionately, if at the end of the period they were satisfied the work had been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Smyth said last year in some instances the wash was only sprinkled on cattle and he hoped the work would be better done this year.

The Secretary said if reports were furnished in cases



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in which the wash was not properly applied the County Council would deal with then and see that the Order was properly carried out.

FLOODING AT CAMPILE ETC.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Irish Land Commission under date 23rd January 1937 (Ref. P.A.2436/37) Estates E. H. Ryland E.C.8483 and E.M. Galwey S.855 Wexford:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th instant asking for an interview for a member of the County Council, two of the local persons affected, and yourself, for the purpose of discussing the question of flooding occurring at Great Island and Fisherstown on the above Estates, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that after careful consideration of this matter they sanctioned an expenditure of £250, of which £150 only, would be repayable, for the purpose of affecting the repairs necessary to the embankment in these townlands.

This offer was not accepted, the Land Commission being informed by Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, New Ross, Solicitor, acting on behalf of the tenants that his clients considered the sum sanctioned inadequate and that an Engineer employed by the tenants had estimated that the cost of repairs would be considerably in excess of this sum.

The Land Commission although satisfied that the sum of £250 is adequate to effect the repairs have asked Mr. Kelly to furnish them with a copy of the specification prepared by the Engineer acting on behalf of the tenants.

This request has not yet been complied with and in the absence of the particulars asked for it does not occur to the Land Commission that the suggested interview would serve any useful purpose."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. T. Redmond it was decided that copy of letter from the Land Commission be furnished Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, for his information.

In reply to Mr. T. Redmond the County Surveyor said he had never examined the place, but he knew that the damage to the road caused by the flooding cost £70 in repair.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the County Council was concerned in the matter because there was danger that the road and the two big retaining walls would be carried away the same as last year. It was the opinion of everyone that



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£250 would be thrown away on the work, as a proper job would cost at least twice as much.

County Surveyor - We are interested, because we have the drainage below that place, and the protection of the County Road also.

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

"That the County Surveyor inspect and report to the County Council as to application of tenants at Great Island and Fisherstown re drainage of their lands. That after consideration of this report the Land Commission be requested to arrange to receive the deputation appointed by the Council."

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 31st December, 1936, was submitted. The total number of samples analysed was 311, including Foods 230; Drugs 63; Waters 18. Of these two samples of butter, two of new milk, and one drug were adulterated, while 14 samples of water were condemned.

Of the samples of water, eight submitted by the Health Board for the following districts were condemned:-

Rathnure, Baldwinstown, Kilbride, Aughanmoe, Duncannon, Kiltaly, Blackwater and Tubberlamina.

For the Wexford Corporation waters were condemned from:- Reservoir (2); St. John's Road (2); and Anne Street Main (2).

#### NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS

Under date 3rd February 1937 the following letter was read from County Surveyor:-

"I have now heard from the Town Clerk, New Ross, that the Urban Council is prepared to put up £200 for Maintenance of the Urban Roads in the coming year. I consider this



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amount fairly reasonable in view of the fact that a good deal of improvement work has been recently carried out under Loan and Grant, and, moreover, two Employment Scheme Grants have also been allocated for the Urban Roads. It will be necessary to add to this £200, £25, amount authorised as Surveyors' fees, so that the total to be raised will be £225 for the Urban Area. Will you please arrange for this when dealing with Road Estimate."

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

"That Wexford County Council hereby agree to raise on behalf of New Ross Urban Council a sum of £225 for the maintenance of Non Main Roads in New Ross Urban District."

Mr. Thomas Redmond said that when the next scheme was carried out a sum of £1660 would have been expended in New Ross for the maintenance of roads and in view of the fact that another grant was expected the cost of maintenance would be considerably reduced. In the circumstances, he was of opinion that the £225 asked for by the County Surveyor would be quite adequate for the next financial year.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Hon. Secretary of Kilmannock Drainage Local Committee, under date 23rd January 1937:-

"Re Kilmannock Drainage. The marsh owners held a meeting here lately, and we decided that as there was so very little in the drain at present it would not be worth while doing anything till next Summer.

When the Causeway wall broke last year, the tide gave it a good scouring out, and the Spring Tides are flooding it out still, so that "out of evil some good cometh". Mr. O'Neill was out inspecting it, he will be in a position to inform you on all particulars, and we shall abide by your



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The County Surveyor said he was submitting this letter in order to explain to the Council that very little money would be necessary to expend in the coming financial year, on the drains of this system for which the County Council were responsible.

#### NEEMSTOWN GAP

Col. Gibbon said that at the gap at Neemstown some of the concrete used in the last repair job had been washed away. The gap was very steep and unless something was done to remove the concrete and stones, and improve the gradient, the whole parish of Kilmore which was dependant on sea weed as manure for carrying out 75 per cent of their tillage, would suffer badly. Most of the sea weed gathered by the Kilmore people came through Neemstown Gap.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said in his opinion it would be almost impossible to have any permanent structure erected at this gap. He was getting the gradient gradually improved and would take out the concrete and stones referred to by Col. Gibbon. There never had been any hold up to the people using the gap.

#### ROADS IN CASTLESOW

Under date 6th February 1937, Mr. D. Connolly, Hon. Secretary Crossabeg Fianna Fail Cumann, forwarded the following resolution which had been adopted by that body:-

"That we call the attention of the Wexford County Council to the deplorable state of the by-roads under the Direct Labour System. We call on them to at least have proper drainage carried out. In their present condition they are a disgrace to any public body."

It was decided to ask Mr. Connolly to furnish the Council with the location of the roads complained of by them, when the matter would be investigated.



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### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, under date 2nd February, 1937, in respect of roads Nos. 233, 234 and 236:-

"The Contractor for these roads, Thomas Kane, has done very little work.

I think we should get authority to prosecute him if necessary.

His contract expires on 31st March 1937, hence the matter is urgent.

I am writing to him to improve, and will see the roads again in three weeks or so."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute Thomas Kane, contractor for Roads Nos. 233, 234 and 236, and his sureties, for his negligence in not keeping these roads in repair or otherwise that he take these roads into his own charge or adopt such other steps as will enable him to put the three roads in question into proper repair."

### WAGES ON RELIEF SCHEMES

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that County Council wages were not paid on Minor Relief Schemes as wages on this scheme had been fixed by Government at 24/- per week. The rotational system of employment had been first put into operation in reference to Minor Relief Schemes, but recently a notification had been issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health that this scheme was to apply to all relief jobs.

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

"That representations be made to the Government with a view to securing that men employed on all Relief Works obtain a week and not three days employment, as with the rotational system they cannot draw money from the Labour



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Mr. Redmond pointed out that the danger of this resolution might be to upset the system of Relief Schemes.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, it was decided that renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

#### CONTINGENCY FUND

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

"That the following sums from Main Roads Contingency Fund (total amount £56. 12. 5d) be transferred to the following roads:-

14M	£4
30M	£2
33M	£1
34M	£22. 12. 5d.
64M	£3
71M	£3
556M	£2
640M	£15. 0. 0d.
938M	£4

and that the following amounts from County Contingency Road Fund be transferred to the following Road Sections:-

Section	1c	£27
	5c	£18
	8c	£30
	12c	£15
	18c	£10
	22c	£8
	23c	£5
	26c	£10
	37c	£16
	38c	£17
	39c	£7. 15. 6
	41c	£24. 0. 0

Total £187. 15. 6d.

#### POACHING TRAWLERS

Under date 21st January 1936 (P.A.12/36) the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, wrote that in reply to the resolution of the County Council the Minister had been doing and would continue to do everything possible with the



means at his disposal to afford the necessary protection to the fisheries.

Col. Gibbon said it was not possible with only one boat to provide proper protection for the fisheries. These were worth several millions, but the entire Fishery Vote of the Government was only £60,000, of which £45,000 was spent on protection. More serious steps would have to be taken or the fishing would be absolutely ruined.

Continuing Col. Gibbon said:- "The real trouble is that our fishermen live by inshore fishing entirely and they do not go in for deep sea fishing. Unless the inshore fishing is properly protected there will be nothing left, and the sooner the Government awakens to the fact and provide some facilities for the Minister the better it will be for the country. Further representations should be made to the Government.

The Chairman thoroughly agreed that one boat is not sufficient, and he thought the time was long past when additional protection should be provided.

Mr. Smyth said that on a couple of occasions the fishermen called his attention to the foreign trawlers off the coast. All the fishermen could do was to stand and look on.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That this County Council point out to the Minister for Agriculture it is within the knowledge of numbers of Councillors that there is considerable illegal fishing around Wexford coasts and the Council understand around other portions of the Irish coast by foreign trawlers. It is manifest to the Council that one protection boat is absolutely unable to deal with these trawlers and that very much increased protection is necessary. Several of our members have watched the manner in which these trawlers constantly came within the three mile



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limit and fish there without let or hindrance. It is certain that if the present condition of affairs be allowed to continue the inshore fishermen of Ireland will be deprived of their livelihood, a result to be deplored, and one which we feel certain the Government will endeavour to avert. We look upon this matter as of the most serious importance and worthy of the immediate consideration of the Government Departments concerned."

Mr. Smyth seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

POSITION OF NATIONAL TEACHERS AND DECREASE OF POPULATION.

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

"We, the Clare County Council, realize that owing to the alarming decrease in the population of the Rural areas of our Country, Teachers are being dismissed and are under threat of dismissal. The system in operation which demands that a certain average must be maintained as a condition of an Assistant retaining his or her position is, in our opinion, under present circumstances, unreasonable, and should be removed.

We, therefore, request the Minister for Education to alter the system under which Teachers may be appointed and retained in the service, so that, what we hope is only a temporary decline in the population, will not adversely affect the prospects of any Teacher."

PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment (including payment of amounts certified by County Surveyor on Forms 22 to contractors for roads and works) be and the same are



hereby confirmed and approved."

Signed.....*no Ryan*.....



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 8th MARCH, 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th March, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

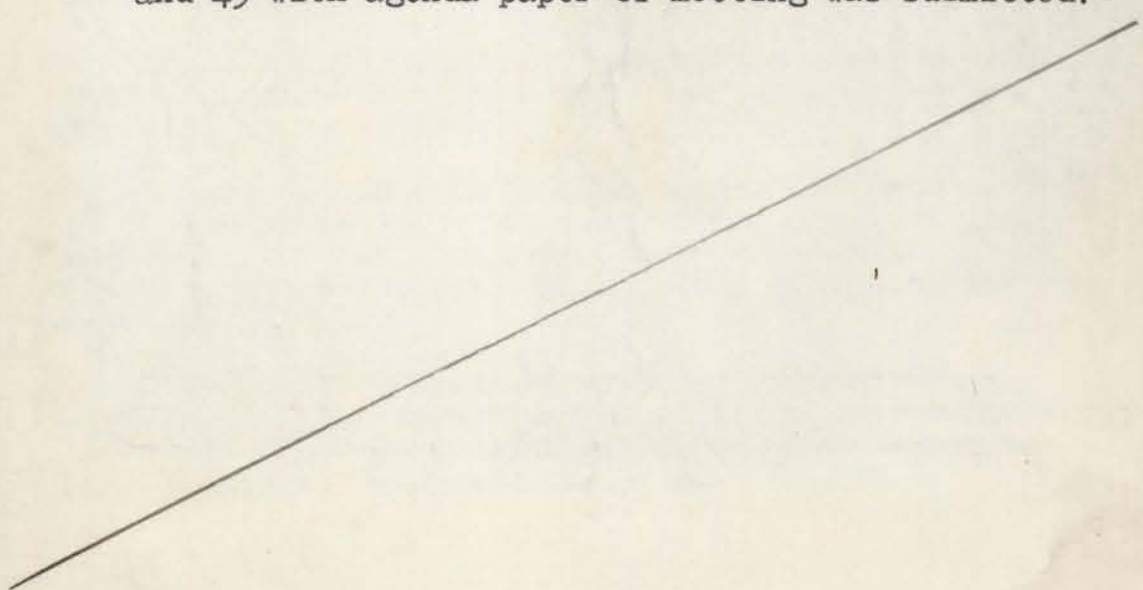
The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Ennis, O'Neill and Cullen were also in attendance. Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was absent through illness.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Sweetman the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan, who presided until after confirmation of Minutes of last meeting when Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

Col. Quin wrote regretting his inability to attend. He had a bad arm, but expected it would be all right in a few days.

RATE ESTIMATE  
FINANCIAL YEAR 1937-38

The following statement which accompanied Forms 42 and 43 with agenda paper of meeting was submitted:-





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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

3rd March, 1937.

ESTIMATES OF RATES 1937/38

I enclose Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table in respect of rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1937/38.

The rates recommended by the Finance Committee are as follows:-

	s.	d.
General Rate	10.	1½
Separate Charges (Average)	—	3
Total	10.	4½.

The Agricultural Grant, £77417, represents an average rate of 5s. 2½d on Land Valuations, making the average rate on Land 5s. 2d in the £.

The rate recommended for 1937/38 represents an increase of 6d in the £ on the financial year 1936/37.

The Estimates of Public Bodies show the following increases:-

County Board of Health Demands	£4329 ✓
Mental Hospital Committee	£410

The County Library Committee in furnishing their Demand request the County Council to contribute the produce of a rate of ¾d in the £, (£1249) for the Library Service. The Finance Committee, however, recommend a rate of ½d in the £, (£1040), an increase of £108 on the amount included in last year's Estimates. An allocation of £60 for temporary Library Assistant in the present year is being raised in 1937/38.

The Road Estimate, already agreed to, shows an increase of £3990.

Table showing the Increase or Decrease for each item of expenditure in County Services Account is enclosed.

In connection with Public Health Charges Account it will be noted that the rate of One Penny in the £ raised in the past two years under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act 1931 has been continued for the year 1937/38.

The Finance Committee have not recommended the inclusion of any amount on the Estimate to provide for Deductions from Government Grants to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities.



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In order that the County Services be fully maintained, it is therefore, essential that outstanding rates be promptly paid.

N. J. FRIZELLE.

Secretary Wexford County Council.

To Each Member of the  
Wexford County Council.

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Under date 6th March, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU.204-201) that the Government had decided to make provision for further moneys for the relief of unemployment in the coming financial year and subject to the necessary funds being provided by the Dail it was proposed to allocate grants to County Councils for road and footpath works in rural areas and non-urbanised towns. The grant provisionally determined for allocation to the Council was £4,125 subject to a local contribution of £1,375 towards works costing £5,500. The grant would be subject (1) to the recruitment and employment of labour and would be in accordance with the existing regulations for employment schemes or such other regulations as might be put in force from time to time; (2) the location of the works would be based on the requirements of the actual unemployment position; (3) the works are to be completed by the 31st March, 1938; (4) the local contribution is to be raised by rate in the financial year 1937-38. The Minister would not be able to entertain any application to raise the local contribution by way of loan or overdraft. The Minister had sanctioned such departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of the Public Bodies Order as would enable the County Council to consider their Estimate of Rate at a date not later than 20th March 1937.

The Secretary stated that this matter has been considered by the Finance Committee at their meeting of 5th March 1937, but the Committee were not, in the absence of the figures of grant and local contribution, in a position to make any definite recommendation in the matter. They had, however, adopted the following recommendation:-

"That, as regards forthcoming Relief Grant, we recommend the County Council to provide out of revenue, the local contribution up to a maximum of £500, and, on the distinct



understanding that this proposal will not be regarded as applying to future grants."

The Secretary stated, in reply to Mr. T. Redmond, that the local contribution would represent between one halfpenny and one penny in the £ on the rural area of the County.

Mr. Kinsella opposed the addition of one halfpenny in the £ as local contribution for Unemployment Grant. He would, however, propose the increase of contribution to the County Committee of Agriculture by a halfpenny rate if there was any seconder.

Col. Gibbon said that, when his party agreed to an increase in Road Works Scheme, everyone was optimistic that the duties on cattle would be removed. But, nothing had been done and the position of this matter showed no change and the farmers were no better off. They should not commit themselves to any further increase in Rates; in fact, he would go so far as to say that as they could not reduce the Estimates of the Health Board or Mental Hospital they should revise the Road Estimate with a view to reduction.

Miss O'Ryan said the point at issue at the moment was not the figures of the general rate, but as to whether they were satisfied to provide an extra halfpenny in the £ to secure £5500 for relief of the unemployed.

Mr. Corish dissented from the view of the Minister that the local contribution should be raised by revenue and not by loan. The Council had done very well and there was no complaint by anyone as to the procedure to raise local contributions by way of loan. At the same time, in view of the fact that the Minister was not inclined to give way on the point the Council should consider the position of the unfortunate people who would be deprived of employment if the Council refused to fall in with the wishes of the Minister. A penny in the £ was very little on any farmer



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and by agreeing to raise the amount a certain amount would be saved on home assistance.

Mr. Kinsella said the farmers were worse off than the unemployed.

Mr. Corish said he saw no sign of this.

Mr. McCarthy said that formerly the Council received grants without a local contribution. Then, they were made responsible for one-third of the expenditure to be raised on a five year loan. Then the five years was cut down to three and they were now directed to raise the amount of local contribution out of revenue. They should protest against this. At the same time he would not like to jeopardise the grant.

The Chairman said that though it was heavier on the ratepayers for the first year to raise the money out of revenue it was cheaper in the end, as by raising it through loan they were paying "dead money" for Interest Charges. The Council had a grievance in that the decision of the Minister was not brought earlier to their notice. The Council had a number of roads in a bad way and it was good business to secure this grant (even on terms which did not commend themselves to several Councillors) in order to improve their roads and provide work for the unemployed.

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

"That in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 6th March 1937 (RU.204/201) relative to grant for relief of unemployment the local contribution of £1375 towards works costing £5500 be provided out of revenue in the financial year 1937-38, on the understanding that this proposal will not be regarded as applying to future local contributions, towards Unemployment Relief Schemes."



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The resolution was then put and declared passed.

The meeting then considered the figures of the General Estimate of Rate and the Estimate for Separate Charges.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella the Secretary stated that the Finance Committee recommended that the Library Committee receive an increased contribution of £108 over last year. An additional sum of £60 was included in Estimate for 1937/38 to provide for cost of extra assistance allowed to Library Committee in the current financial year.

Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. Day seconded the following resolution:-

"That the contribution of County Council to County Library Service be fixed at the same amount as for financial year 1936-37."

On a show of hands the motion was declared lost, as it was supported by three members only:- Col. Gibbon and Messrs. Kinsella and Day.

After further discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Rate for General Charges in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42 (as amended at this meeting) be and is hereby agreed to at 10s. 2d 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 1937/38 (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:-

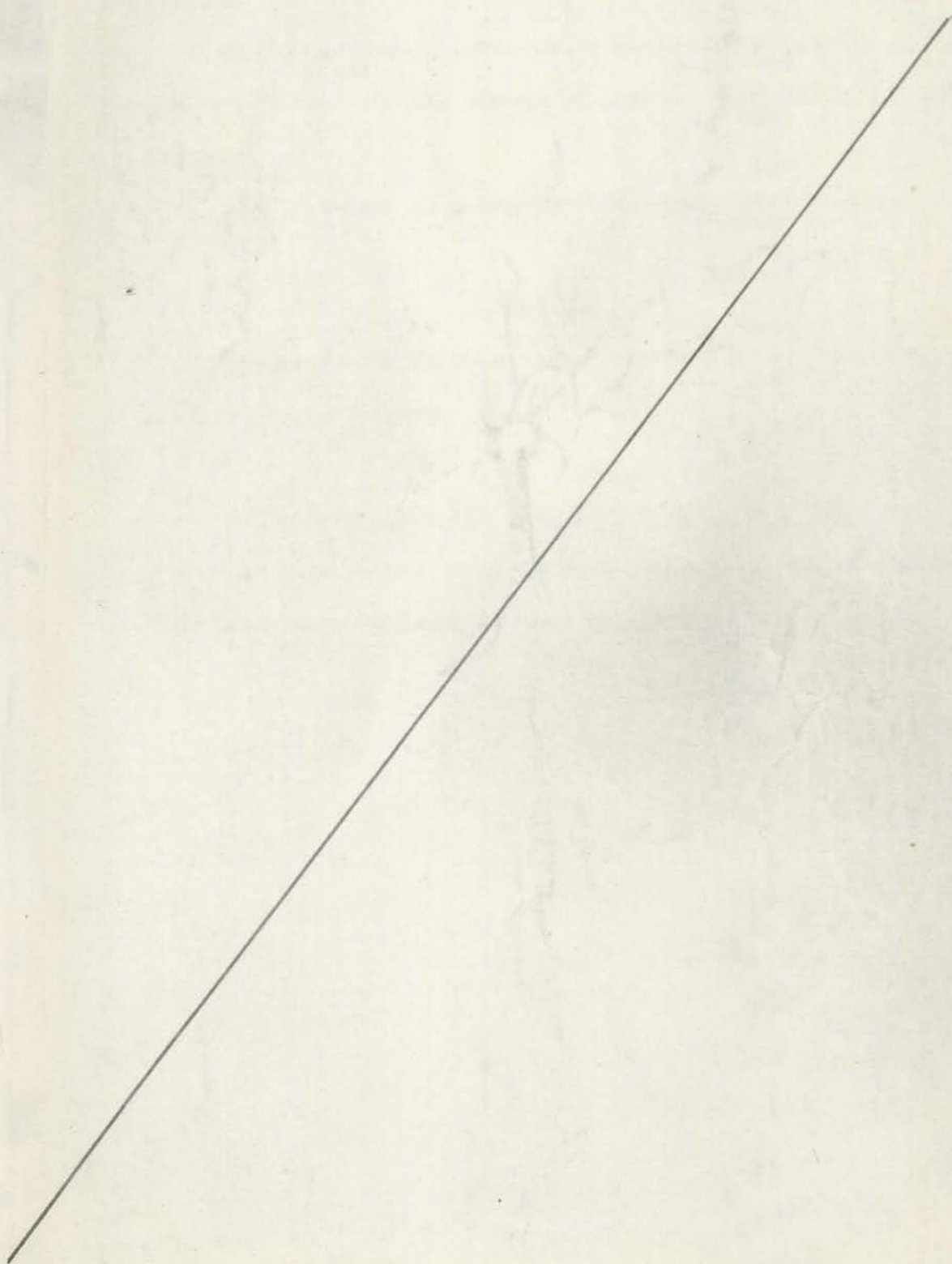
Enniscorthy	£3396. 4. 8
New Ross (Ordinary)	£3193. 6. 6
do. (Non-Main Roads in Urban District.)	£225. 0. 0
Wexford	£6876. 9. 5."



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The motion was adopted, Col. Gibbon, Mr. Day and Mr. Kinsella dissenting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING 19th FEBRUARY 1937: The minutes of Finance Committee for this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th February 1937.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; other members, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, 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 £2974. 11. 1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE ESTIMATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1937/38

In connection with allocations for County Services the Secretary submitted the following figures:-



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1937/38

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON

FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1937.

	1936/37	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Co. Medical Officer of Health (part of)	500	500		
Salaries: Secretary's Office	2118	2194	76	
Salaries of Officials for period of Internment	-	371	371	
Salaries: other Co. Officers, ) Analyst, Lamplighters, etc.)	421	420		1
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities	202	202		
Cost of Rate Collection, viz. Poundage & Rate Clerks' Wages	3775	3775		
Stamps on Rate Receipts and Rate Collectors' fees for checking Abatement Forms	180	210	30	
Travelling Exs. Rate Inspector	100	100		
Irrecoverable & Temporary Uncollectable Rates	5250	6000	750	
Printing in connection with Registration Act	380	526	146	
Franchise and Jurors	1542	1575	33	
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	152	172	20	
University Scholarships	910	910		
Primary Scholarships	1375	1375		
Legal Expenses	320	320		
Coroners and Inquests	355	595	240	
Postage, Office Requisites & Stamp Duty on Paying Orders	556	556		
Printing and Stationery	339	315		24
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	416	416		
Other Advertisements	340	335		5
Contribution County Council's General Council	20	20		
Conveyance of Prisoners	90	90		
FORWARD	19549	21185	1666	30



	1936/37	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	19549	21185	1666	30
Weights and Measures	115	190	75	
Food and Drugs	140	140		
Salaries: Court Officials etc.	156	156		
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	736	796	60	
Library Scheme	932	1040	108	
do. do. Extra Allocation 1936/7		60	60	
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	3278	3299	21	
Courtown Harbour	84	84		
Rent Old Jail (will be replaced by Loan when sanctioned).	207	207		
West Wing County Hall Loan	391	380		11
Refund to Wexford Urban - adjustment Financial Relations	45	45		
Diseases of Animals Acts, Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	642	642		
Warble Fly Scheme - net cost to Rates	300	373	73	
Diseases of Animals Acts, Assessment	416	832	416	
do. do. (Other Expenses)	204	204		
Audit Fee	85	85		
Debit Interest	1000	800		200
Superannuation allowances - Ex-Union Officers	1032	1032		
Superannuation allowances - Ex-R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	147	162	15	
Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	154	147		7
Expenses Collection Motor Duty (Amount recouped by L.G.D.)	360	360		
Advances Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	17	111	94	
Contingencies	450	450		
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture	2976	2977	1	
FORWARD	33633	35974	2589	248



	1936/37	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	33633	35974	2589	248
1 Money supplied to Co. Vocational Education Committee	3920	3920		
1 Superannuation Allowance - Ex-manual Instructor	68			68
1 Loan Gorey Vocational School	84	84		
1 Loan 3 Rural Vocational Schools	-	105	105	
1 Loan Enniscorthy Technical School	-	220	220	
1 Public Works (already agreed to by the County Council)	1000	1000		
To provide for part of deduction from Government Grant		7000	7000	
Money supplied Mental Hospital	22460	22870	410	
TOTALS	61165	71173	10324	316
Gross Increase County Services			.10008	



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

DEMANDS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

	1936/37	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Board of Assistance	64851	65350	499	
Health District Charges	4817	21510	16693	
Joint District Charges	3774	4191	417	
Separate Charges	17353	4073		13280
Fund under Public Health (Special Expenses) Act 1931.	1488	1488		
TOTALS	92283	96612	17609	13280
Net Increase Co. Board of Health Demands			<u>4329</u>	



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In addition to the increases in this table the increase in allocation under Road Works Scheme over current financial year after allowing for Road Maintenance Grant is £3990.

Letter was read from County Librarian forwarding Estimate agreed to by Library Committee on the basis of receiving the equivalent of a rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £ on County at Large. The Secretary explained he had not received this Estimate until the figures in respect of County Services Estimate had been circulated to the Finance Committee. It was pointed out that £60, cost of Special Assistant for six months in current year would have to be provided for in 1937/38 Estimates. The Estimate for County Library Service for 1937/38 was £1248 representing  $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £. In addition the sum of £60 in respect of salary of temporary Clerical Assistant would have to be raised, making a total of £1308. The amount raised in current financial year was £932.

The Secretary stated he had included £7000 in his Estimate to make provision for portion of amounts deducted from Government Grants in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities.

The County Council at present had sanctioned overdraft accommodation up to £35000 and he considered it necessary that the £7000 should be raised in the year 1937/38 in order to improve the Council's financial position.

The meeting, having carefully examined each item, decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the £7000 be struck out.

A proposal by Mr. Colfer to include the amount was not seconded.

It was also decided that the figure included for irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable Rates be fixed at £5250.

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



"That the equivalent of a rate of  $\frac{5}{8}$  of a penny in the £ on County at Large (£1040) be recommended for the purposes of County Library Service for 1937/38 and that the Library Committee be informed that this is the figure for which the County Council consider they should budget for the four financial years succeeding that of 1937-38."

It was also decided to include £60 in County Services Estimate in respect of Temporary Assistant provided for Library Committee in the current year.

The remaining figures were then agreed to.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows-

S. Gannon	68.1
J. Cummins	66.1
E. J. Murphy	65.7
W. Doyle	65.4
J. Quirke	64.9
J. Curtis	64.6
P. Nolan	63.4
J. J. O'Reilly	62.8
W. Cummins	62.2
P. Doyle	61.9
J. Flood	61.9
J. Deegan	60.5
A. Dunne	60.2
D. Kenny	59.9
M. Kehoe	59.9
M. McCarthy	58.6
M. Murphy	57.9
J. J. Sinnott	57.7
P. Carty	<u>54.9</u>

Average 62.1.

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 52.8, an increase of 1.9% on corresponding period last year.

The Rate Inspector forwarded list of ratepayers in Collection District of Philip Doyle (No. 3) who had been instructed to take out decrees in certain cases.

Under date 17th February 1937, Collector Denis Kenny wrote that he was laid up for the past 10 days with a bad attack of neuralgia and flu. He hoped to be able to resume work by the end of the week.



Collector J. J. Sinnott wrote under date 13th February 1937 that he was laid up practically for the past three weeks with flu. He expected to have his collection in a satisfactory state by the end of March provided grass lettings etc., go well in the district.

It was decided that Collector P. Carty be asked for an explanation as to why his lodgment for the previous fortnight was so small.

POUNDAGE FEES: The Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had been requested to sanction payment of Poundage fees to Collectors who had lodged sums equivalent to first moiety of the current year's warrant and the arrears applicable to the 1935/36 assessment.

Under date 9th February 1937, the Local Government Department wrote G.9511/37 Loch Garman, that the Minister saw no reason why payment of Poundage fees should be made at present, having regard to the collections in each of the districts concerned. It had been noted that these collectors did not avail of the generous modification of ordinary conditions as set out in Department's letter of the 19th November last. At the present late stage in the year it should not be unreasonable to expect Collectors to have lodged the first moiety and the whole of the arrears, and until this was done, no payment of poundage could be made.

It was decided that copy of the Department's letter should be furnished the Rate Collectors concerned.

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

"That as Rate Collectors reach the specified figure fixed by Department of Local Government and Public Health they be paid poundage fees calculated on lodgments represented by first moiety of current rate with arrears applicable to the 1935/36 Assessment."



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BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - APPLICATION  
FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

Under date 6th February 1937, the following was read from Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, Hon. Secretary to Veterinary Officers of Wexford County Council and Board of Health:-

"At a meeting of the Veterinary Officers of County Council and Board of Health held in Enniscorthy on the 24th ultimo a discussion on the Bovine Tuberculosis Order took place, and there is general dissatisfaction among the Officers on account of the entirely inadequate salaries paid.

Every case slaughtered under this Order necessitates two visits and a Post Mortem and there are many cases reported that do not come under the Order (not less than the number slaughtered) and there is no payment of any kind for these.

It was suggested that a fee of £2. 2. 0 be paid for every Post Mortem in addition to present salary. We feel you will consider this a reasonable request. It may be added that the salaries paid in Kilkenny are more than twice that in Wexford and the latter is a larger County."

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

"That no action be taken relative to the application of Veterinary Officers of the County Council for increased remuneration under Bovine Tuberculosis Order."

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:-

"That this Committee is of opinion that the administration of all matters affecting Veterinary Inspectors should be controlled by the one public body, for preference, the County Board of Health."

NEW STEAM ROLLERS

Under date 17th February, 1937, the County Surveyor wrote recommending the purchase of two new steam rollers with vans attached. He pointed out that in view of Improvement and Relief Grants, in addition to ordinary Road Maintenance, the existing six rollers were not sufficient for the work. Formerly this was distributed over a lengthened period of the year, whereas now there was great



concentration with the result that work at Improvement Grants and in some cases, Relief Works had to be postponed for lack of machinery. From enquiries which he had made it was almost impossible to hire rollers and moreover, he was of opinion that the continued hiring of rollers was uneconomic.

Continuing the County Surveyor said that if rollers were charged for at £2. 5. 0 for a working day, the working expenses would be £1, which would leave £1. 5. 0 as hireage charge. If two rollers were employed 120 days this would represent £300. On the debit side of the Account the loan charges would be £200 for repayment of principal for a ten years' loan, Interest say £52 and repairs £60. That would make a total of £312 and of course, after 10 years the loan would be paid off.

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

"That the Finance Committee recognise that from the letter and statement submitted by the County Surveyor, two additional steam rollers could be usefully employed in connection with Grant and Ordinary Road Maintenance work. We accordingly recommend the County Council to apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval to the proposed purchase of two rollers and vans at a cost of £2050, money to be raised by loan repayable in a period of ten years. That, as these rollers are not manufactured in Ireland, we request the County Council to ascertain from the Department of Industry and Commerce if a permit for their importation will be issued and if duty is leviable what would be the amount.



CUTTING GAP AT TACUMSHANE LAKE

Under date 17th February 1937 the County Surveyor wrote that the meeting arranged at last meeting of the County Council between fifteen of the local people affected by the flooding at Tacumshane Lake and the representatives of the Council:- R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), W. Cullimore, Col. Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan, with the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was held at Linziestown on 12th February 1937. He submitted the following letter under date 15th February 1937 which he had written Commissioners of Public Works and which explained what took place at the meeting:-

"In reply to your letter of 27th ultimo, I beg to inform you that I summoned a Public Meeting of all persons interested in above. The Meeting, presided over by Alderman Corish (Mayor of Wexford), was held on Friday, 12th instant, and was attended by a number of land owners and also by a Committee of the County Council. The County Council Committee pointed out that the Council was not empowered to expend any money on works of such nature, and that the local farmers, if they wished the work carried out, should meet the suggestion of your Department.

Finally, it was decided that the local farmers would jointly carry out the work with the aid of the £100 Grant: that the work should be under the direction of the County Surveyor, and completed to his satisfaction: that all labour apart from men driving horses and attending the scoops should be engaged through the Labour Exchange at the Government rate of 4/- per day. The farmers agree to supply all horses and attendants free, except as in so far as there may be any balance from the £100 available for distribution after paying recruited labour charges.

My County Council Committee agrees with me that the above arrangement is the most suitable that can be devised, and I am to point out that any other system of guaranteed help would be unworkable. The local farmers have appointed two of their members to act as Trustees, and undertake to complete the work for £100 as above.

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 19th, and I shall be glad if you can let me have reply by that date."

Under date 17th February 1937, the Office of Public Works wrote (C.93/11/1/36) authorising the County Surveyor to proceed with the work at Tacumshane as early as possible provided that -

- (1) The work is carried out as a Minor Relief Scheme, as



was the case with Sanction 10 of last year's Schemes, to which it is supplemental.

- (2) The £100 grant is to be spent exclusively on the wages of unskilled labour to be recruited from the Unemployment Assistance register.
- (3) The Trustees appointed by the farmers are to arrange for (a) carting, (b) skilled labour, and (c) any unskilled labour in excess of £100 which may be required to complete the work satisfactorily.

The County Surveyor said that apparently there was no chance of coming to an arrangement by which the money for the job could be allocated direct to the local farmers. The difficulty in working jointly with the farmers was that if the latter did not come regularly with their horses and men the County Council employees would be standing around idle. It had been proposed that if any balance remained over from the £100 it would be allocated to cover the cost of carting, but according to the decision of the Office of Public Works all the grant should go to labour and none of it could be paid to the farmers.

Miss O'Ryan said if an arrangement to carry out the necessary work could be made with local people it might cost only a small sum.

Mr. Sean Murphy, Tilladavins, who attended the Finance Committee as the representative of the farmers whose lands were flooded and who was suffering most from the present situation said that when the work was done previously by the local farmers the latter guaranteed their labourers £1 and they had an agreement now to bring the amount paid their men to that of the men employed through the Labour Exchange. This would cost them about £25. There were 35 farmers affected and after a canvass of those Mr. Murphy found that they could provide 15 pairs of horses, seven pairs of which, with two men in charge, could be employed daily. The men



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who could not send horses would send their employees.

After a long discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor should arrange to meet the farmers concerned on 22nd February and have the work started that day as delay now might prevent it being carried out in a satisfactory manner.

#### DOCK AT FETHARD PIER, ETC.

Under date 9th February, 1937, Mr. J. J. Ryan, Secretary, Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote as follows:-

"The members of the above Cumann at their meeting on Wednesday night requested me to again remind you about the "Fethard Dock".

Now that the fishing season is fast approaching they would feel grateful if the necessary improvements would be carried out as early as possible in order to afford protection for their boats.

The Surveyor has already carried out an inspection of the "Dock" but nothing has been heard of the matter since.

I shall be thankful if the request contained in my letter would receive your attention without further delay.

There's a further matter I am also requested to bring to your notice by the "Farmer Members of the Cumann".

They complain that the condition of the Carway leading from Strand to Baginbun Hill owing to cliff falling in on same is in such a state as to debar them from carting Sea Weed.

They desire that the matter complained of be remedied as early as possible."

Adjourned for submission of report from County Surveyor

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR AND COURTHOUSE

Letter was received from the County Registrar under date 15th February 1937 as to repairs etc. in County Courthouse.

It was decided to adjourn consideration to next meeting.

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 10th February 1937, the following letter from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvements Committee, was read:-



"Once more my Committee wish to bring the condition of the streets of Bunclody before the Council.

Compared with the roads leading out of them in almost every direction they are in a deplorable state, littered as they are with loose stones, sprinkled with pot holes and cut up by water channels after the recent rains.

The Committee earnestly hope that the Council will see their way to have them properly surfaced during the coming Summer."

Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to whom this letter had been submitted for report wrote as follows:-

"These streets are not in such a bad state as Mr. O'Dempsey represents. They are, in fact, quite as good as they ever were.

They do, of course, require to be re-surfaced. This will, however, take quite a considerable amount of money, because (1) All the built shores taking the surface water will have to be recovered with reinforced concrete flags; (2) It would be very desirable that the resurfacing should be done in concrete, particularly as the levels are such that some portions will have to be graded to fall all one way. It would certainly take not less than £3,500. This being so, it is hard to see how it could be done for another two or three years. The whole amount of the reconstruction grant in my district for this year is only £1700. I think I have several bits of Main roads still that want remaking worse than Bunclody streets.

I will, however, see if it is possible to get a few sheets of stones and bitumen rolled in next Summer. If it were possible to get £120 or so over and above the maintenance money there could be something worth while done."

It was decided that copy of Mr. Ennis' letter be forwarded to Bunclody Town Improvements Committee.

The County Surveyor pointed out that more improvement could not be effected at Bunclody streets until water supply and sewerage systems had been laid down.



FLOODING AT GREAT ISLAND AND FISHERSTOWN

Under date 16th February 1937, Mr. T. J. Kelly, LL.B., Solicitor, New Ross, wrote acknowledging extract from the minutes of the County Council meeting of the 8th February 1937, referring to flooding at above places. He stated that from the instructions of the tenants he could not submit the necessary estimate for the repairs of the embankment, as they did not intend to incur the expense of employing a qualified engineer, nor could they afford to do so. They stated that the County Council should instruct the County Surveyor or the Assistant Surveyor to make the necessary estimate, and prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the repairs.

Mr. Kelly also forwarded letter which he had written to the County Surveyor in which it was pointed out that it was suggested the County Surveyor should inspect the breaches in the embankment or get the Assistant Surveyor in the district to do so and prepare the necessary plans and specifications of the repairs with an estimate of the cost.

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

"That, in connection with letters addressed to the County Secretary and County Surveyor by Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, on behalf of the tenants of Great Island and Fisherstown, whose lands are subject to flooding from the river Barrow, Mr. Kelly be referred to the following extract from the letter received by the County Council from the Irish Land Commission, under date 23rd January 1937 (Ref. P.A.2436/37 - Estates of E.H. Ryland. E.C.8483 and E.M. Galway. S.855 Wexford):-

"The Land Commission were informed by Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, acting on behalf of the tenants that his clients considered the sum sanctioned inadequate and



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that an Engineer employed by the tenants had estimated that the cost of repairs would be considerably in excess of this sum."

In view of this statement the Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend that the County Council or its officers should enter into any responsibility regarding this matter. The County Council have no functions that would empower them to direct the County Surveyor or any other of its officers to prepare plans and specifications regarding private work."

#### CLONMORE LANE

Application of Mr. Murphy, Clonmore, Bree, for repair of Clonmore Lane was referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### BARRAGLAN LANE

Representations were received from Rev. J. J. Quigley, C.C., Monamolin, Rev. R. H. H. Warbuton, Dr. Devlin and eight ratepayers, asking that Barraglan Lane, Monamolin, should be repaired under Minor Relief Scheme Vote. This matter was before the Council on a couple of previous occasions.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### ASKINCH LANE

Representations were received from Rev. E. Hatton, C.C., Johnstown, Coolgreaney, and three ratepayers asking the Council to carry out repairs to laneway at Askinch leading to the Coolgreany road.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### ERECTION OF GARAGE AND WORKSHOP

Under date 5th February 1937, Mr. John Foley, Duncormack, wrote forwarding plan as to erection of garage and workshop at Duncormack.

The County Surveyor said that the proposed plot would



be behind the frontage of existing house and he had no objection to its erection.

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

"That, in view of the opinion of the County Surveyor, the Finance Committee considers that no objection be offered to the application of John Foley for erection of garage and workshop at Duncormack."

PROPOSED ERECTION OF BARN AT BOLINRUSH

Under date 8th February 1937 James Kinsella, Bolinrush, Ferns, wrote asking for permission to build a barn. The building would come within four or five feet of the road water table, leaving a ditch between the end of the house and the road.

Consideration adjourned for report of County Surveyor.

CLAIM - DEATH OF HEIFER

Under date 16th February 1937 Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, acting on behalf of Richard Doyle, Moneyboe, Oulart, wrote, claiming £15 for the loss of a heifer and also for the damage which they stated was sustained by their client owing to the flooding of his lands. This arose from a shore under his lands which had become stopped and ponded water back on to the lands. Some time ago Mr. Doyle called the attention of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to the flooding and Mr. Cullen promised to have it seen to. Mr. Doyle also went to Laurence O'Connor, the road ganger, on more than one occasion, and asked him to have the matter put right, and pointed out that the place was in a dangerous condition. The ganger said he did not know why the work had not been carried out and Mr. Doyle asked him to bring it to the notice of Mr. Cullen again. The heifer for which compensation was claimed was in calf, 2½ years old and was drowned in the



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flood created by reason of the stoppage of the drain.

The County Surveyor stated, in his opinion, the County Council had no responsibility in the matter.

It was decided to refer the letter to Mr. Elgee.

#### HUT AT DRUMDERRY - ROAD NO. 148

Under date 6th February 1937 Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that James Brooks, who had put the Council to trouble some years ago in getting him out of hut on road at Ballindaggin, was now living in another hut on the side of road No. 148 at Drumderry. The hut was on a wide grass margin and though not exactly an immediate danger to traffic, might be so.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided to furnish the County Solicitor with copy of Mr. Ennis' letter in this matter with a view to having the hut erected by James Brooks removed from the public road.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK SAMPLING REGULATIONS) 1936

Requisition was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, to supply to Garda B. Forde, Duncormack, for his use under Food and Drugs Acts:-

1. One Dipper as prescribed by Section 4 of above Regulation.
2. One Record as prescribed by Section 9 of above Regulation.
3. Three (3) Dozen Labels in the form set forth in the Schedule of above Regulation.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the Committee approved of the purchase of articles mentioned in requisition from Chief Superintendent for Garda Forde, Duncormack.

#### ILLNESS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 19th February, 1937, letter was read from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance, that at their last meeting, a certificate was submitted from Dr.



T. R. McCabe, Selskar, Wexford, that Dr. C. Bastible, County M.O.H., was suffering from acute gastritis and would be unable to perform his duties for a period of 14 days from the 15th instant. The Board recommended the County Council to grant Dr. Bastible, the necessary two weeks leave.

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

That in view of Medical Certificate from Dr. McCabe, and also of the recommendation from the County Board of Health, Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health be granted two weeks sick leave as from 15th February 1937."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from the Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. of application to the District Court on 23rd March, at Wexford, for the committal to Industrial School of Mary Ward, and Elizabeth Ward, of Garryvadden, Blackwater, children of Robert Ward. The mother died in November 1933 and the children were at present destitute. Application was being made under Section 58 1(H) Children's Act 1908.

Also for the committal of Mary Ellen Sinnott, Cathleen Sinnott, Elizabeth Sinnott and Margaret Sinnott, children of John Sinnott, 53 Hantoon Road, Wexford. The mother died on the 6th January last. The children were at present in care of their father who did not exercise proper guardianship over them. Application would be made under Section 58 1(H) Children's Act 1908.

It was decided to refer both applications to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### INSURANCE OF TELEPHONE INSTALLATION. NOS. 103 & 104

Under date 5th February, 1937, letter was read from General Post Office, Dublin, as to insuring value of telephone apparatus at present in the County Hall and which was estimated by them to be valued at £150.



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It was decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor with a view to having an endorsement made on the present insurance policy to include the telephone apparatus, as suggested by the General Post Office.

APPLICATION RE MINIATURE RIFLE RANGE

Under date 18th February, 1937, Mr. J. S. O'Mahoney, North Main Street, Wexford, Captain Wexford Rifle Club, wrote, asking for permission to use space at the back of County Hall for miniature rifle range. He guaranteed there would be no danger of bullets going astray. The place would be required for use of Club on Sundays from 12.30 to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Mr. G. B. Cooke, Secretary of the Club came before the Finance Committee meeting and explained how the proposed range would be operated.

The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Cooke that in the opinion of the Finance Committee they had no power to comply with the request of the Club. The premises were public property and the County Council were only its trustees. As well, there was a considerable amount of machinery stored at the County Hall and it would not be possible to have this open to the public. There was also the danger that, if the Rifle Club got permission to use the premises, other private bodies would consider they had the same claim and this would only lead to trouble and friction.

The County Surveyor was not in favour of application of the Rifle Club being granted owing to the amount of machinery which was stored at the place.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 19th February 1937 be received and considered."

FETHARD DOCK: Mr. T. Redmond said that at present the Fethard Dock was a death-trap for boats. If a storm came on, the fishermen had to take their boats away.

The County Surveyor said it would be an expensive job to put dock gates in a tide-way.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to submit a comprehensive report as to protection for boats at Fethard dock and approximate cost of same."

BUNCLODY STREETS: It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish that copy of Report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, be furnished Bunclody Improvement Committee.

ILLNESS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: Under date 6th March 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.16266/1937 - Loch Garman (Ae)) that the Minister had approved, subject to ratification by the County Council of Dr. J. W. Roche acting as substitute for County Medical Officer of Health during the absence of the latter owing to illness.

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

"That Wexford County Council approves of the appointment of Dr. J. W. Roche by the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, as substitute for County Medical Officer of Health during the latter's illness."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th February 1937 be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 5th MARCH 1937: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th March 1937 were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th March 1937.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, 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, Miss O'Ryan was moved to the Chair, and presided while the Minutes were being dealt with, after which Mr. D. Allen, Chairman of the County Council, attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2891. 3. 0d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The Secretary submitted the state of Rate Collection to the date of the meeting, showing the percentage lodged by each Collector on net warrant, including arrears, as follows:-

S. Gannon	73.8
E. J. Murphy	71.1
J. Cummins	70.3
J. Curtis	69.9
W. Doyle	69.0
W. Cummins	67.8
J. Quirke	67.7
J. J. O'Reilly	67.3
P. Doyle	66.1
P. Nolan	66.0
J. Deegan	64.0
D. Kenny	63.0
J. Flood	62.7
M. Kehoe	62.3
A. Dunne	62.2
M. McCarthy	61.8
J. J. Sinnott	61.7
M. Murphy	61.1
P. Carty	<u>58.0</u>

Average 65.8



The percentage of gross warrant including arrears lodged was 56, which was 2 per cent of an improvement on the corresponding period of last year.

The question of proceedings to be taken by Rate Collectors, whether on their own warrants or through the Court, was considered when it was pointed out that, when seizing under their own warrants, Collectors were put to considerable personal outlay as regards costs and upkeep of impounded animals. The Finance Committee believed that it would improve matters if the period during which impounded animals are required to be detained before auction, was cut down to 48 hours, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Cullimore seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the County Council allowing to Collectors who seize under their own warrants a reasonable scale of expenses.

RATE INSPECTOR'S REPORT: The Rate Inspector furnished list of ratepayers in the district of Collector M. Murphy upon whom he had called since last meeting.

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTORS: The following under date 4th March 1937 was read from Rate Collector Flood:-

"I regret to state I was unable to fulfil my promise of having a good lodgment this week, as I was in bed from Saturday last until to-day with the flu, but I will be able to start on Monday next without fail."

Collector P. Carty, No. 10 District, wrote as follows:-

"In reply to your letter asking for an explanation of my small lodgments for February, I wish to state that I was laid up with a cold for practically the whole month. I sent out Bills for £800 odd, and I got only about £30 in response."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that Collectors be informed that, if they



are unable to attend to their duties through illness, they should notify the Secretary immediately, and, if the period of their illness exceeds three days, medical certificate should be furnished.

BACKWARD COLLECTORS: Under date 22nd February, 1937, the following letter, No. G.95/2/37, 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 the Monthly Return of the Collection of Rates for the period ended the 31st ultimo, and to call attention to the amounts outstanding in the Districts of Collectors Cummins, Murphy and Sinnott. These Collectors should be called upon to close their first moiety collections at once."

It was decided that copy of the Department's communication be furnished each of the Collectors concerned.

COLLECTOR M. McCARTHY: The following letter under date 2nd March 1937, No. G.15486/37, Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that pursuant to Article 104 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he has sanctioned the continued employment of Collector Nolan as Deputy Collector for Mr McCarthy up to the 31st proximo. It is presumed that the assent of the latter's sureties has been obtained."

The following letter was read from Collector P. Nolan, deputy for Collector M. McCarthy during the latter's illness:-

"In connection with the checking and signing of Abatement Forms applicable to Collector Michael McCarthy's district, I beg to state that I will be unable to do this work.

I wrote to Mr. McCarthy re same and he stated in reply, that he would be leaving hospital on the 10th instant, ready



to resume duty and carry out the necessary work, hoping, at the same time that this arrangement would meet with your approval and all concerned.

POUNDAGE FEES: On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that poundage fees be paid Collectors P. Doyle, J. Deegan and P. Carty, on sums represented by first moiety of current warrant and arrears applicable to 1935/36 assessment. These Collectors had reached the standard stipulated by the Department of Local Government and Public Health entitling them to poundage.

#### TOURIST DEVELOPMENT RATE

Mr. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Irish Tourist Association, came before the meeting and asked that the County Council continue their support to the Irish Tourist Association and, if at all possible, to increase the contribution which, over a number of years past, had been the equivalent of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d rate in the £. There was a unique opportunity now for Ireland to develop her tourist traffic since the Continent was so disturbed by war. It was acknowledged that, the funds the Association had for the purpose of advertising their various activities was not adequate, and, in consequence, the people of the country were losing thousands of pounds.

The Chairman pointed out that the question of the Tourist Rate had been considered at the previous meeting of the Finance Committee, but, in view of the very substantial increase under several heads the Finance Committee could not see their way, for this year at any rate, to recommend a higher figure than had obtained for some years past, viz., a contribution equivalent of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £.

The attention of Mr. Barry was called by Mr. Colfer to the advisability of endeavouring to secure a grant for the repair of the road from Wexford to Duncannon and on to



Dunbrody, and by Mr. Kelly for the road from Enniscorthy to Ballyconnigar through the Ballagh.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted after further discussion:-

"That the contribution to the Irish Tourist Association for forthcoming financial year be fixed at the equivalent of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d rate in the £, viz., £416."

#### CUTTING OF TACUMSHANE LAKE

Mr. John Roche, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown, came before the meeting in connection with the cutting of the gap at Tacumshane Lake. This work had been finished, and, according to Mr. Roche, was a success. It entailed eight days' labour only. A longstanding custom in the district when the gap needed cutting was for the farmers concerned to guarantee their own workmen a bonus of £1 each. Twenty men had been employed and £5 had been set aside for hireage of scoops.

It was pointed out by the Chairman and by the County Surveyor that the grant of £100 for this work had been given by the Commissioners of Public Works on the distinct understanding that the only labour to be paid for was for the men recruited from the Labour Exchange by the County Surveyor in addition to the foreman. It had been definitely laid down as a condition by the Commissioners of Public Works that the farmers were to supply cartage and any further labour required without any remuneration.

After considerable discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor to take whatever steps he considers most advisable.



### PROPOSED RELIEF GRANT AND LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

The Secretary pointed out that, as regards Relief Grant which it was anticipated would be forthcoming immediately, Department expected that the local contribution should be paid out of revenue and not through loan, as had obtained in the cases of previous Relief Grants. Unless this proposal were adopted the Council would lose the Grant.

It was stated also that Councils would be informed in a few days of the amount of the Grant and what should be the local contribution.

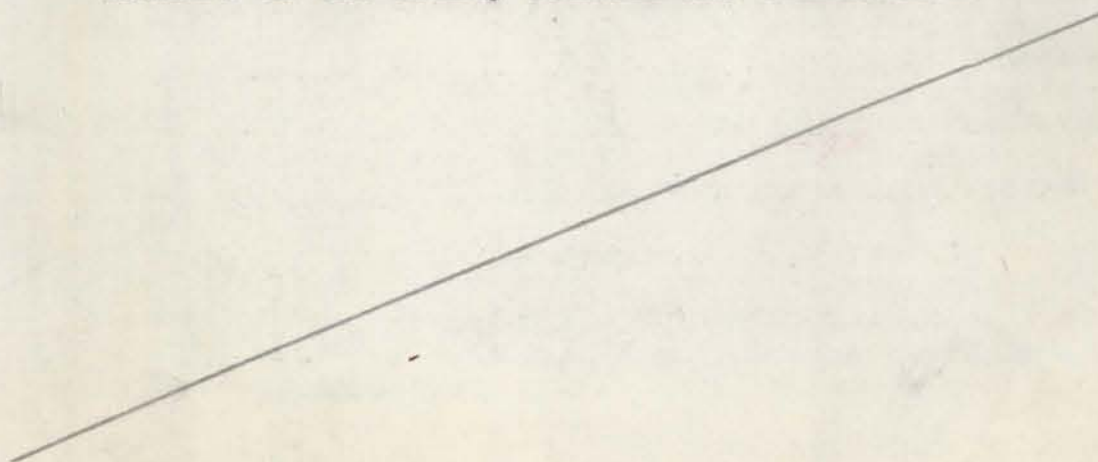
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, as regards forthcoming Relief Grant we recommend the County Council to provide out of revenue the local contribution up to a maximum of £500 and, on the distinct understanding that this proposal will not be regarded as applying to future grants."

Owing to the lack of figures the Finance Committee are unable to state definitely what the local contribution was expected to be, and, in consequence, whether they would be prepared to recommend the County Council to raise it by way of revenue.

### RATE ESTIMATES 1937/38

The following statement, which had been circulated to members of the County Council was submitted:-





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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

3rd March, 1937.

ESTIMATES OF RATES 1937/38

I enclose Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table in respect of rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1937/38.

The rates recommended by the Finance Committee are as follows:-

	s.	d.
General Rate	10.	1½
Separate Charges (Average)		3
Total	10.	4½.

The Agricultural Grant, £77417, represents an average rate of 5s. 2½d on Land Valuations, making the average rate on Land 5s. 2d in the £.

The rate recommended for 1937/38 represents an increase of 6d in the £ on the financial year 1936/37.

The Estimates of Public Bodies show the following increases:-

County Board of Health Demands	£4329
Mental Hospital Committee	£410

The County Library Committee in furnishing their Demand request the County Council to contribute the produce of a rate of ¾d in the £, (£1249) for the Library Service. The Finance Committee, however, recommend a rate of ⅝d in the £, (£1040), an increase of £108 on the amount included in last year's Estimates. An allocation of £60 for temporary Library Assistant in the present year is being raised in 1937/38.

The Road Estimate, already agreed to, shows an increase of £3990.

Table showing the Increase or Decrease for each item of expenditure in County Services Account is enclosed.

In connection with Public Health Charges Account it will be noted that the rate of One Penny in the £ raised in the past two years under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act 1931 has been continued for the year 1937/38.

The Finance Committee have not recommended the inclusion of any amount on the Estimate to provide for Deductions from Government Grants to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities.



In order that the County Services be fully maintained, it is therefore, essential that outstanding rates be promptly paid.

N. J. FRIZELLE.

Secretary Wexford County Council.

To Each Member of the  
Wexford County Council.

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It was decided that the County Council be recommended to agree to a rate of 10s. 1½d in the £ for General Charges and that the rates set out on Form 43 in connection with Separate Charges be also agreed to.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 3rd March 1937, the following letter, No. H.13158/37, Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

<u>Name of Borrower.</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Amount of Advance.</u>
Joseph O'Leary,	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	£100
Walter Carley,	do.	£140
Laurence O'Grady,	Clonhaston, Enniscorthy.	£140."

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

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee as regards advances by way of loan to applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be subject to the County Surveyor reporting that he is satisfied with location and site of proposed building."

The following list of applicants for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was submitted:-



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LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR LOANS UNDER  
SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

To be considered at Meeting of Finance Committee  
to be held on 8th March, 1937.

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Estimated Value of House. £.</u>	<u>Govern- ment Grant £.</u>	<u>Loan £.</u>
Black, George	Corragh, Bunclody.	Farmer	240	Not stated	140
Carr, Nicholas	Killanne, Enniscorthy.	Farmer	150	70	100
Carton, Andrew	Tincoon, Oylegate.	Railway Employee	230	70	160
Cogley, Laurence	Bree, Macmine.	Insurance Agent.	250	70	190
Daly, William	Tomsollagh, Enniscorthy.	Labourer	180	70	110
Doyle, James	Garryhaston, Clonegal.	Farmer	200	Not stated	100
Doyle, Thomas	Gurteen, Templeshambo.	Farmer	200	70	100
Dunne, (Miss) Elizabeth	Dranagh, Caim.	Farmer's Daughter	200	Not stated	100
Dunne, John	Killagoley, Enniscorthy.	Mental Nurse	280	70	217
Flood, John	Clonroche	Rate Collector	350	45	150
Forristal, Eliza (Mrs.)	Newtown, Grange, Killanne.	Farmer	200	70	120
Hanrahan, Laurence	Main Street, Ferns.	Motor Van Driver	210	70	145
Hayes, Thomas	Greenville, Enniscorthy.	Mason	260	70	200
Hudson, Edward	Tomduff, Enniscorthy.	Lorry Driver	270	70	208
Jackman, Philip	Johnstown, Clonegal.	Labourer	200	70	50
Kavanagh, Robert	Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.	Mental Hospital Attendant.	220	70	145



ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT (Continued).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Estimated Value of House. £.</u>	<u>Govern- ment Grant. £.</u>	<u>Loan £.</u>
Kelly, Edward	Ballynadara, Enniscorthy.	Mental Hospital Attendant	220	70	145
Kirwan, Michael	Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.	Mental Hospital Attendant	230	70	160
Mahon, Daniel	Clone Road, Ferns.	Lorry Driver	220	70	125
Murphy, John	Knockaree, Strahart, Ferns.	Farmer	220	70	100
Murphy, John	Marshalstown, Enniscorthy.	Farmer	250	60	150
Murphy, Richard	Fairfield, Enniscorthy.	Engine Driver	250	70	180
Murphy, Sylvester	Monksgrange, Killanne.	Land Steward	200	70	100
Oakes, James	Ballinure, Marshalstown.	Labourer	200	70	145
O'Neill, Matthew	Ballymackessy, Enniscorthy.	Insurance Agent	260	70	200
Ormonde, Thomas	Jamestown, Scooby	Lorry Driver	230	70	160
Quigley, Ellen (Mrs.)	Cloneadon, Caim.	Farmer	220	70	100
Stafford, Mary (Miss)	The Leap, Adamstown.	Farmer	200	Not stated	100
Walsh, Thomas	Ballinabarna, Enniscorthy.	Lorry Driver	260	70	200
Wickham, John	Knockmarshal, Enniscorthy.	Farmer	250	60	180
Wyse, James	Grange, Rathnure.	Farmer	200	80	100



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GOREY DISTRICT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Estimated Value of House. £.</u>	<u>Govern- ment Grant £.</u>	<u>Loan £.</u>
Byrne, Lucy Mary	Inch, Co. Wexford.	Post Office Assistant	370	70	185
Byrne, Patrick	Kilcavan, Gorey.	Carter	300	70	235
Deacon, William	Kilmichael, Clonevan, Gorey.	Labourer	200	70	100
Doyle, Annie Mary	Ballinacoola, Craanford.	National Teacher	400	45	200
Doyle, William	13, Esmonde St., Gorey.	Plasterer	250	45	180
Dunbar, Martin	1, Millands, Gorey.	Mason	250	Not Stated	125
Masterson, John	Aske, Gorey.	Farmer	400	45	100
Murphy, Bridget and John	2, Thomas St., Gorey.	(Brigid) House- keeper; (John) Painter and Decorator.	300	45	248
Nolan, John	William Street, Gorey.	Saddler	300	45	248
O'Brien, William	Ballymoney, Gorey.	Retired Farmer	300	70	235
Paskins, George John	Ivy House, Courtown Hbr.	Watch and Clock Repairer	300	45	248
Pierce, William	Knocklehown, Inch.	Farmer	300	60	150
Redmond, Charles	Ballinatray, Courtown.	Agricultural Labourer	350	70	175
Redmond, Edward	Riverchapel, Courtown.	Farmer and Carter	300	70	150
Willoughby, Charles.	Hill View House, Gorey.	Mason	300	45	130



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NEW ROSS DISTRICT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Estimated Value of House. £</u>	<u>Govern- ment Grant. £.</u>	<u>Loan £.</u>
Delaney, Benedict	Mistern, Adamstown.	Repairing Agricultural Machinery.	300	70	100
Flynn, Patrick	Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.	Farmer	300	70	100
Gaffney, Thomas	Kilbraney, Gusserane.	Labourer	Not stated.	70	50
Gaul, Simon	Taylorstown, Ballycullane.	Farm Labourer	Not stated.	Not stated.	100
Lennon, Luke	Dunganstown, New Ross.	Agricultural Labourer	250	70	100
Miskella, Patrick	Coolboy, Foulksmills.	Labourer and Insurance Agent.	250	70	100
Redmond, John	Ballyclemock, Newbawn	Agricultural Labourer	300	70	50
Sweetman, Elizabeth	Ballynaboola	Farmer	300	70	150
Waters W.	Vernegley, Wellington Bridge.	Small Farmer	130	70	60



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WEXFORD DISTRICT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Estimated Value of House.</u>	<u>Govern- ment Grant</u>	<u>Loan</u>
			£.	£.	£.
Clifford, Maurice	Hayestown, Taghmon.	Labourer and Carter	200	70	100
Fielding, John	Seaview, Barntown.	Farmer	300	70	100
Hamilton, Thomas	Whitemill, Wexford.	Farmer	300	70	234
Merriman, Patrick	Seaview, Murrintown.	Agricultural Labourer	70	70	30
O'Brien, James	Ballygoman, Barntown.	Farmer	250	60	198
O'Brien, Thomas	Allenstown, Broadway.	Railway Worker	250	70	202
Roche, John	Ballylennin, Screen.	Shopkeeper	285	70	130
Sheil, James	St. Mary's Terrace, Rosslare Harbour.	Railway Employee	300	45	248.10s.



The meeting dealt with each application in detail and decided to recommend the following:-

Enniscorthy District.

	£.	
George Black	140	
Nicholas Carr	100	
Andrew Carton	160	
James Doyle	100	
Thomas Doyle	100	
John Dunne	200	to be allocated out of Second Scheme, as applicant applied already under that Scheme.
John Flood	150	
Eliza Forrestal	120	
Thomas Hayes	150	
Matthew O'Neill	150	
Thomas Ormonde	160	amount to be allocated out of Previous Scheme as applicant already applied under that Scheme.
Robert Kavanagh	130	
Edward Kelly	130	Second Scheme.
Michael Kirwan	130	
Daniel Mahon	125	
John Murphy (Knockaree)	100	
John Murphy (Marshalstown)	150	
Sylvester Murphy	100	
Mrs. Quigley	100	
Mary Stafford	100	
James Wyse	100	
John Wickham	180	

Gorey District.

Mrs. Lucy Byrne	185
Annie M. Doyle	200
John Masterson	100
William O'Brien	200
George Paskins	240



William Pierce	£. 150
E. Redmond	150
Charles Willoughby	130
Bridget Murphy and John Murphy	200
William Doyle	180
Martin Dunbar (House at Ferns)	125

New Ross District.

Benedict Delaney	100
Patrick Flynn	100
Thomas Gaffney	50
Patrick Miskella	100
John Redmond	50
W. Waters	60

Wexford District.

Maurice Clifford	100
John Fielding	100
James O'Brien	150
Thomas O'Brien	150
John Roche	130

Consideration of the names of the remaining applicants was adjourned for the submission of particulars under the following heads:-

(a) In the cases of applicants described as labourers or lorry drivers, etc., as to the possibility of applicants securing the tenancy of a labourer's cottage or if they have applied for same.

(b) As to the financial ability of applicants to pay instalments of loans when they fall due.

In connection with circular No. 10/37, under date 27th February 1937, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, it was pointed out that, where applications are made for advances under these Acts,



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applicants should be warned not to enter into commitments until the sanction of the Minister had been obtained to the making of such advances.

It was decided that the Members of the Press attending the County Council meeting be asked to insert this reference in their reports of the meeting for the information of applicants, as the Secretary had pointed out that great difficulty had arisen last year from the fact that men whose names appeared in the newspapers as recommended for loans took it for granted no further step was necessary, and proceeded to build, with the result that in certain cases when loans were reduced, a good deal of confusion and financial difficulty arose with applicants.

#### ROAD MATTERS

LANES ETC.: Secretary would like to say, for the information of people applying for repair of lanes, that their applications will be submitted to County Surveyor in the first instance for report and that application and report will be considered at the first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

KILPATRICK-CLONE SEA ROAD: Application for repair of this road, portion of which had been already dealt with by this Council, was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

TAGHMON STREETS: In connection with application from Taghmon Development Association as to the improvement of Taghmon Streets, it was decided to point out to the Secretary of the Association that these streets were not included in the improvement grant for streets of villages, but other grants would be spent in Taghmon according as money was available.

FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND CAMPILE: The following two letters were read from Mr. T. Whitty, Fisherstown, Campile and referred to the County Surveyor for report:-



"Re a report of your meeting in New Ross Standard, a statement appeared re Surveyor or Engineer appointed by the tenants. Well, as far as I am aware there was no Engineer employed, nor no meeting held to appoint one, nor had I anything to do with it. But, I understand that there was some kind of a meeting by a section of the tenants and as a result some of them went to Waterford to get one and brought one on Monday, 22nd instant. That is all I know about it and take no responsibility or have anything to do with same. There was no meeting held or no arrangement come to, only one, and that meeting was held in Fisherstown Hall on 26th February, 1936, and I am sending you a report of that meeting. And in view of that meeting, the Irish Land Commission sent down an Engineer and I personally laid out the plan and specification with him, to have the work done on my consolidated patent, with the result that they offered £250. This said sum would have made a good job at that time. Lay all these particulars before your Engineers, and I am prepared to meet them anytime."

"A meeting of tenants of above was held at Fisherstown Hall on Sunday, 23rd February 1936.

Members present:- R. Ryan, J. Walsh, T. Kent, T. Sherlock, T. Breen, M. Mullan, P. Bowe and T. Whitty.

It was unanimously decided to ask Irish Land Commission for a free Grant of £500 to repair embankment, and it was also decided to remind them that there was an Estimate of £300 to do Power embankment in 1922, but it was not done."

"Many thanks for yours to hand re above. I am awaiting reply of your meeting. I sincerely trust that Irish Land Commission will see their way in conjunction with your Council to give a grant to repair Embankment. I am ready to start work at a moment's notice under supervision of your Engineers or Land Commission Engineer, and to take men to do



same as arranged by your Council. Except a few Kerry men I have myself that understand how work is done on my Consolidation Patent, I have four men who understand

1st. Laying out of work and laying of sod facing and trimming.

2nd. Sod Cutting and

3rd. Two Trolly Men and Horses.

I am prepared to do Camblin-New Ross Embankment if your Council so wish. I am sorry to say that job was not a success from first to last as I have visited it on four occasions while work was going on. I will meet your Engineer at any time there and go fully into the matter with him or go to Wexford or any place you like that will suit him.

ROAD TOMHAGGARD TO BARGY: Representation from Mr. W. O'Gorman, Tomhaggard, as to repair of this road was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

PAYMENT FOR RELIEF WORK - NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT: The following letter was read from Mr. L. Barron, Mary Street, New Ross:-

"I desire to bring under your notice the condition of the men employed on the Relief Scheme under your Council. They work on three days weekly and must wait till the end of second week for payment for six days work. In the meantime, their unemployment assistance is discontinued, and they apply for Home Assistance. If they were paid weekly for three days work it would be a benefit to the men and also the Ratepayers. When the Urban Council had this work, the men were paid weekly and the Council meet fortnightly. I shall feel thankful if you bring this matter under the notice of your Board."

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

"That, as the Finance Committee recognise it is always



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possible for Urban District Councils to pay men on Relief Schemes Work weekly, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to an increase of £50 for the County Surveyor's Imprest Account, to allow him to provide for weekly payments to workers in New Ross Urban District under Relief Schemes. In the case of New Ross Urban District weekly payments would have been made under these grants if the streets of the town had remained in the control of the Urban Council."

ENNISCORTHY FOOTPATHS AND ROAD: The Secretary of the Enniscorthy Cumann Fianna Fail forwarded the following letter:-

"I am directed by my Cumann to request you to draw the County Council's attention to the following footpaths and road adjacent to Enniscorthy which are badly in need of repairs:-

- (1) Portion of footpath on main Enniscorthy - New Ross Road from Red Pat's Cross to Mr. John Dwyer's house.
- (2) Portion of main Enniscorthy-Gorey Road from end of Urban Boundary to where road was previously repaired (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile stretch). The above portion of road was left undone when this road was being surfaced some years ago and is now in a bad state - water lying on the surface holes etc.
- (3) Footpath on above portion of road.

As above footpaths and road are much used by pedestrians etc. I would request the Council to have them put in repair before the approach of Summer."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"(1) PIECE OF PATH AND ROAD NO.9. There is a piece of footpath on left hand down a hill to Red Pat's Cross which since the road was remade (about 1928) has been used by traffic(horse). The road is rather slippery at this place. I think it would be better not to remake this part until we get the road again sprayed and made rough with heavy chips.



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(2) ROAD AT NEW CEMETERY NO.8. This piece, about 650 lineal yards, was rolled about 1915. It is now tar-sprayed and is by no means bad. There were about six holes in it last week. I have no tar or bitumen in hands, and do not wish to get any for another fortnight or so. Consequently I asked the Enniscorthy Town Surveyor to get his men to fill them with tarred chips. This is probably done by now.

I do not think that there is any immediate necessity to get this piece remade. At least until we get some very much worse places done. When being done it will have to be raised on the river side, and will consequently be quite a big job for a short length.

(3) FOOTPATHS ON ROAD NO.8. We have already got a considerable length of this path remade, and will possibly get some more done this year. I would not do the path at the place where the road will be raised. This path will have to be eventually put up about a foot or more to get a proper shape on the road.

In any case, people walk very little on the paths no matter how good they are."

Referred to the County Council.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Report from Mr. Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector, Enniscorthy, as to outbreak of Sheep Scab at the premises of Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody, and to the difficulty which he (Mr. Ringwood) had in dealing with the case, was read.

The Secretary stated that this man had been prosecuted by the Gardai and fined.

In the circumstances, it was decided not to take further action.

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with the action of the County Council in cancelling the scholarships of E. Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, and P. Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway, who had left St. Peter's College, Wexford (at which they were holding their Scholarships) without the permission of the President, statement of account was received from the latter from which it appeared that refund of £5. 10. 4d would be due to the County Council.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to accept from St. Peter's College, Wexford, refund of £5. 10. 4d on foot of the Council's Secondary and Vocational cancelled Scholarships of E. Kavanagh, Ballare, Broadway, and P. Cousins, St. Iberius, Broadway."

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR AND COURTHOUSE

Application from the County Registrar as to repairs etc. of Courthouse was further adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting.

#### LOAN FOR THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Under date 16th January 1937, the following letter (S.10156/37, Wexford) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to previous correspondence in regard to a loan of £2,520 proposed to be raised by the Wexford County Council to defray portion of the expenditure on a road works scheme undertaken for the relief of unemployment, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the County Council of a loan of this amount, to be applied, as to the sum of £1,062, to the improvement of main roads and, as to the sum of £1,458, to the improvement of county roads. The loan may be obtained from the National Bank, Ltd., and be repayable over a period of three years with interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the Bank.

I am also to enclose copy of an Order made by the Minister on this date in accordance with the request to that effect conveyed in the County Council's resolution of the 14th ultimo."



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 5th March 1937 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the application of Laurence Hanrahan, Main Street, Ferns, (Motor Driver) for loan of £145 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be added to the list of applicants accepted by the Finance Committee."

TAGHMON STREETS: Miss O'Ryan said that the condition of the Main Street at Mahony's Row owing to flooding was appalling. No matter who was responsible it was disgraceful that no steps had been taken to clear the flood before now; it had been there for a long time. The flooding was doing great injury to the road which had been steamrolled. She proposed that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for his immediate attention.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the motion was adopted nem.con.

FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND CAMPILE: It was decided that letter from T. Whitty, Fisherstown, Campile, be referred to the County Surveyor.

Mr. T. Redmond said that it was on Whitty's land the breach which caused the flooding had occurred.

ENNISCORTHY FOOTPATHS AND ROAD: It was decided that report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, be furnished the Secretary, Fianna Fail Enniscorthy Cumann, for his information.

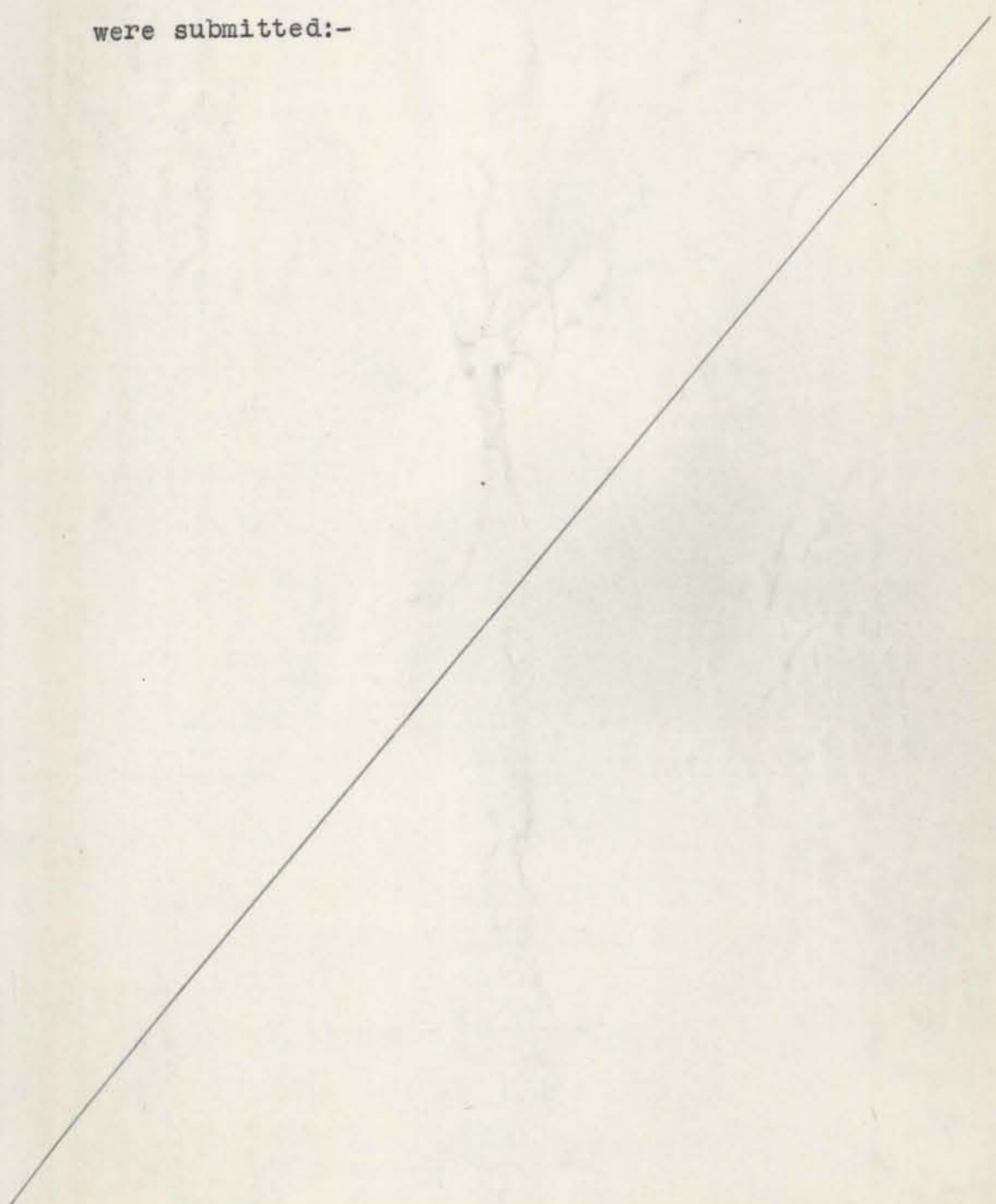
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-



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"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th March 1937, be and the same are hereby confirmed unless in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

The following minutes of meetings of Tenders Committees of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, were submitted:-





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GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Courthouse, Gorey, on 13th February, 1937.

Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) and subsequently Mr. Sean O'Byrne, presided. Also present:- Messrs. J. Connors, W. P. Keegan and Myles Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Treanor and Ennis were also in attendance.

TENDERS FOR ROADS

PERIOD - FROM 1st APRIL 1937 TO 31st MARCH 1940

ROAD NO. 90. Amount allowed £18.

Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, Gorey, tendered at the amount allowed, giving as Sureties, Michael Fanning, Ahullen, Kilanerin, and Patrick Kavanagh, Tomcoyle, Kilanerin.

This, the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 102. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 103. Amount allowed £25.

Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at the amount allowed, giving as Sureties James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey and John Kinsella, Kilgorman.

This, the only tender, was accepted..

NO. 104. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 124. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 181. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, tendered at the



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amount allowed, giving as Sureties William Kinsella, Castlewhite, Carnew, and Thaddeus O'Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew.

This, the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 183. Amount allowed £10.

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, tendered at the amount allowed, giving as Sureties, William Kinsella, Castlewhite, Carnew, and Thaddeus O'Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew.

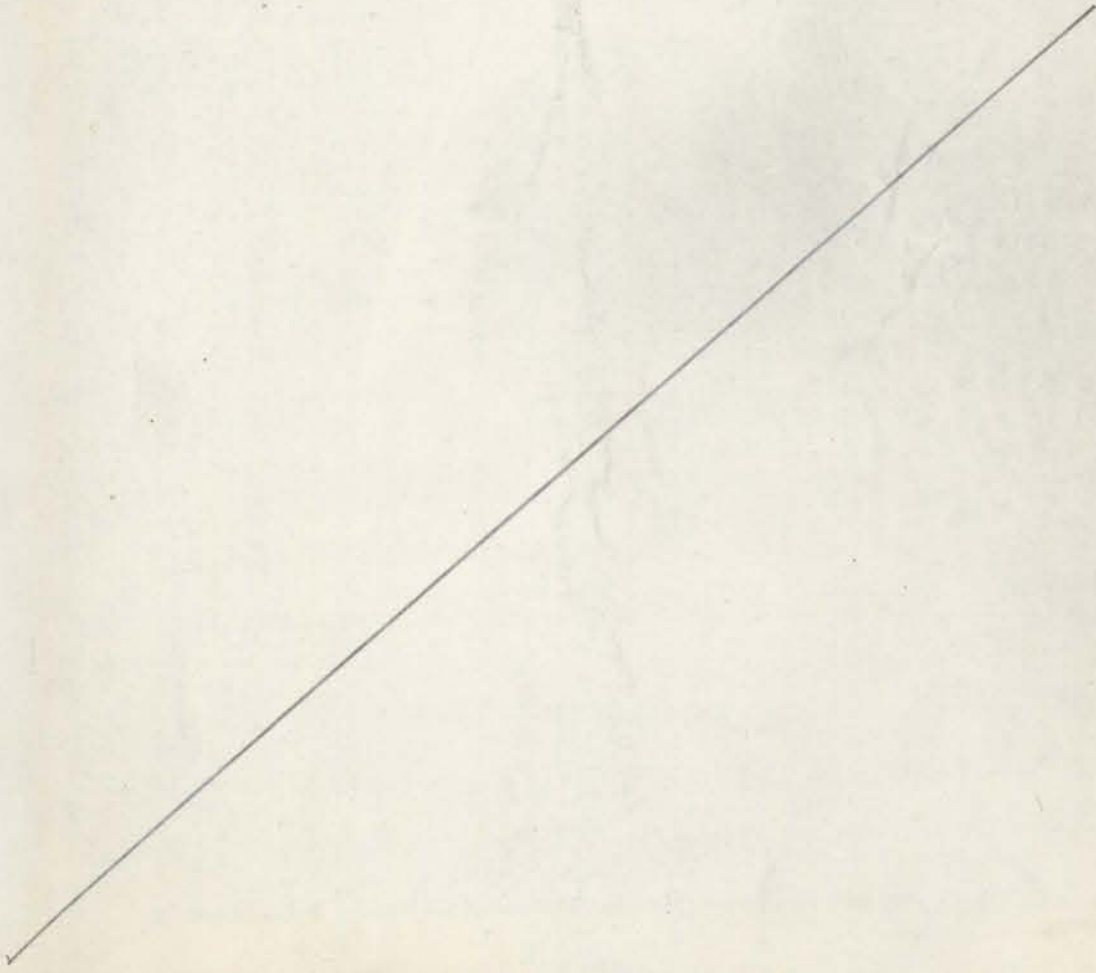
This, the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 184. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

#### HAULAGE CONTRACTS

A large number of Haulage Contracts were accepted, the lowest tender being invariably taken.





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ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE

A meeting of Enniscorthy Tenders Committee was held in Enniscorthy Courthouse on 16th February, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, John Connors, J. P. Kelly, James Lawlor and P. Ronan.

On the motion of Mr. Lawlor seconded by Mr. Ronan, the chair was taken by Mr. Kelly.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Cullen and Ennis were also in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

PERIOD FROM 1st APRIL 1937 TO 31st MARCH 1940

ROAD NO. 233. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Foley, Kilanure, Newtownbarry, who gave as his Sureties Thomas Foley, Mullaun and John Keating, Ballynavocra, tendered at £5. 10. Od.

Patrick Kehoe, Craan, Bunclody, tendered at £5. 15. 0 and William Harris, Kilanure, Bunclody, tendered at £6. 10. Od.

The tender of Patrick Foley was accepted.

NO. 234. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Foley, Kilanure, Newtownbarry, who gave same Sureties as for No. 233, tendered at £5.

Patrick Kehoe, Craan, Bunclody tendered at £5. 15. 0.

William Harris, Kilanure, tendered at £6. 10. Od and Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshall at £7.

Patrick Foley's tender was accepted.

NO. 236. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Foley, Kilanure, who gave same Sureties as for Nos. 233 and 234, tendered at £11.

Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshall, tendered at £13 and William Harris, Kilanure, at £14.

Patrick Foley's tender was accepted.



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NO. 240. Amount allowed £7.

John Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, tendered at £4. 15. 0, giving as his Sureties Thomas Murphy, Coolcarney, Ballindaggin and Patrick Byrne, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 241. Amount allowed £7.

Thomas Hayes, Cloroguebeg, giving as his Sureties, William Jordan, Cloroguebeg and Timothy J. Larkin, Duffry Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £4. 10. 0d.

John Nolan, Ballycrystal, tendered at £4. 15. 0d.

**The tender of Thomas Hayes was accepted.**

NO. 265. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 266. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 267. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 281. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 282. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 295. Amount allowed £10.

Charles Doyle, Woodlands, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Robert Kinsella, Kilthomas, Ferns and John Brennan, Kildaloo, Ferns, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 365. Amount allowed £4.

Thomas Ward, Slievegar, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Hayes, Cloroguebeg and William Jordan, Cloroguebeg, tendered at £2. 5. 0d, and was accepted. This was the only tender.



NO. 375. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 377. Amount allowed £10.

John Kealy, Grange, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Doolan, Carrigeen and Martin Nolan, Carrigeen, tendered at £10, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 397. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 398. Amount allowed, £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 399. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 1014. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 419. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 422. Amount allowed £7.

John Doran, Kilcottymore, Enniscorthy, giving as his Sureties, Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy and John Stamp, Garrymile, Enniscorthy, tendered at £6. 17. 0d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 425. Amount allowed £20.

John Leary, Oulart, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, John Stamp, Garrymile, Enniscorthy and John Blake, Oulart, Gorey, tendered at £19. 10. 0, and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

NO. 426. Amount allowed £20.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge, giving as



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his Sureties, Robert O'Leary, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, and James O'Leary, Crefogue, Enniscorthy, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 439. Amount allowed £20.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge, who gave same Sureties as for No. 426, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 440. Amount allowed £20.

John Parle, Tubberlamina, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Edward O'Brien, Tubberlamina and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, Kilmuckridge, tendered at £20 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

NO. 443. Amount allowed £12.

William McGill, Ballingowan, tendered at £13. 9. 0d which was in excess of amount allowed, and the road was given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 446. Amount allowed £17.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 448. Amount allowed £14.

Michael Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, James Murphy, Inch, Blackwater and John Sinnott, Ballina, Blackwater, tendered at £13. 10. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 449. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, who gave same Sureties as for No. 448, tendered at £9. 10. 0d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 490. Amount allowed £28.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



NO. 491. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 1019. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 1017. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 1018. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 535. Amount allowed £10.

John Kinsella, Oylegate, giving as his Sureties, John Nolan, Tomlane and Joseph New, Enniscorthy, tendered at £10, amount allowed, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 537. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 558. Amount allowed £11.

Richard Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, giving as his Sureties, John Sinnott, Slievenagore, The Ballagh, and Joseph New, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, tendered at £11, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

NO. 562. Amount allowed £30.

Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, giving as his Sureties, James Mernagh, Clonmore and Peter Kehoe, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £30.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge, tendered at £28. 18. 0, but as this man had, in the opinion of the Co. Surveyor, already as much County Council work as he was capable of carrying out efficiently the tender of Joseph Cullen was accepted.

#### HAULAGE WORK

A large number of Tenders were considered, the lowest tender being taken practically in all cases.

Competition was not so keen as in 1936.



NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

The New Ross Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, New Ross on 18th February 1937.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer (who presided), M. Redmond and J. E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle and Cullen were also in attendance.

TENDERS FOR ROADS

PERIOD 1st APRIL 1937 TO 31st MARCH 1940

ROAD NO. 467. Amount allowed £10.

Edward Furlong, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, tendered at £10, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Laurence Byrne, Templeudigan and Timothy Kehoe, Ballygalvert. This which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 468. Amount allowed £10.

Edward Furlong, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, tendered at £9. 15. 0, giving as his Sureties, Laurence Byrne, Templeudigan and Timothy Kehoe, Ballygalvert.

John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, tendered at £10.

Edward Furlong's tender was accepted.

NO. 469. Amount allowed £10.

John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, tendered at £10, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Laurence Byrne, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam and John Kehoe, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 470. Amount allowed £10.

John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at £10, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin and Thomas English, Ballindoney. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.



No. 472. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 473. Amount allowed £19.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 573. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 574. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 575. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 598. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 602. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 603. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 604. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 605. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 661. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 662. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 663. Amount allowed £36.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 664. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



NO. 666. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 668. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 669. Amount allowed £5.

Laurence Rowe, Terrerath, Cassagh, tendered at £4. 15. 0, giving as his Sureties, John Murphy, Terrerath, Cassagh and Martin Lennon, Meylerspark. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 684. Amount allowed £26.

Joseph Nolan, Ballinteskin, New Ross, tendered at £24. 18. 0 giving as his Sureties, John Foley, Ballykelly and William Power, Ballinteskin. This, the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 689. Amount allowed £16.

Laurence Rowe, Terrerath, Cassagh, tendered at £15. 15. 6 giving as his Sureties, John Murphy, Terrerath, and Martin Lennon, Mylerspark. This, the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 690. Amount allowed £5.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 691. Amount allowed, £5.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 692. Amount allowed £5.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 693. Amount allowed £8.

Joseph Nolan, Ballinteskin, tendered at £7. 12. 0 giving as his Sureties, John Foley, Ballykelly and William Power, Ballinteskin. This, the only tender, was accepted.



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NO. 719. Amount allowed £13.

Patrick Bennett, Kilscanlan, Ballinaboola, tendered at £13, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Annie M. Nolan, Kilscanlon and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross. This, the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 725. Amount allowed £20.

Michael Kinsella, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £19. 19. 0 giving as his Sureties, James Clegg, Camross, and Michael Parle, Boley, Ballycullane. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 742. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 743. Amount allowed £15.

John Doyle, Shanoule, Foulksmills, tendered at £15, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Aidan McLoughlin, Shanoule and Nicholas Fortune, Cullenstown. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 746. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 748. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 749. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 800. Amount allowed £8.

Patrick Murray, Killesk, Campile, tendered at £8, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Forristal, South Street, New Ross and Timothy J. Murray, Killesk, Campile. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 806. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



NO. 808. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 830. Amount allowed £8.

John Slator, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange, tendered at £7. 10. 0, giving as his Sureties, James Kennedy, Shelbaggan, and Philip Conway, South Street, New Ross.

Michael Parle, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £7.15s. and John Hennessy, Kinnagh, Ballycullane at £7. 9. 0d.

The tender of John Slator was accepted. He was the old contractor and had given satisfaction.

NO. 834. Amount allowed £20.

Michael Roche, Junior, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at £20, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Michael Roche, Senior, Clonmines, and Patrick Walsh, Clonmines. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 847. Amount allowed £5.

Maurice Fitzgerald, St. Kierans, Arthurstown, tendered at £5. As he did not answer to his name the road was given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 848. Amount allowed £4.

Philip Kennedy, Gurtins, Saltmills, tendered at £4, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge and Thomas Doran, Haggard, Ramsgrange. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 852. Amount allowed £6.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 872. Amount allowed £4.

Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £3. 19. 6d, giving as his Sureties, William Devereux, Lambstown, and Walter Byrne, Lambstown. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.



NO. 875. Amount allowed £4.

Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £3. 19. 6d.

Given in charge of County Surveyor, as this man had, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, already as much County Council work as he was capable of carrying out efficiently.

HAULAGE

A number of haulage tenders were considered, the lowest satisfactory proposal being invariably accepted.

Competition was not keen.



WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

A meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 20th February 1937.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice Chairman County Council) presiding, Miss O'Ryan and Mr. C. Cullen.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle and Cullen were in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

PERIOD FROM 1st APRIL 1937 TO 31st MARCH 1940

ROAD NO. 622. Amount allowed £26.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 628. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 1022. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 646. Amount allowed £16.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge, tendered at £16, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Nolan, Monument Place, Wexford and Michael Browne, Quay, Wexford. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 647. Amount allowed £21.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcoral, Castlebridge, tendered at £21, amount allowed, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Nolan, Monument Place, Wexford and Michael Browne, Quay, Wexford. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 762. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 780. Amount allowed £6.

William Brett, Shelmalliere Commons, Murrintown, tendered at £5. 15. Od giving as his Sureties, John Dowd, Glenview, Barntown and William Wright, New Bog, Taghmon,



NO. 782. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 784. Amount allowed £10.

Johanna Bishop, Ferrycarrig, Wexford, tendered at £10, amount allowed, giving as her Sureties, Philip Cowman, Muchwood, Glynn and Ernest Quaid, Ferrycarrig, Wexford. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 918. Amount allowed £13.

John Sinnott, Robinstown, Duncormick, tendered at £11. 19. 0d.

Tender withdrawn and road given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 930. Amount allowed £11.

William Brett, Shelmaliere Commons, tendered at £9. Did not specify for Quarry Material and road given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 955. Amount allowed £29.

Patrick Kehoe, Sweetman, Bridgetown, tendered at £27. 19. 0 giving as his Sureties, John Egan, Ballyharty, Bridgetown and James Furlong, Ballyharty, Bridgetown. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 976. Amount allowed £7.

William Boggan, Hilltown, Ballycogley, tendered at £6. 17. 6d giving as his Sureties, William Devereux, Gurteenminogue, Murrintown and James Boggan, Walshestown, Ballycogley. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

NO. 1010. Amount allowed £23.

Peter Barry, Woodtown, Rosslare, tendered at £23. Contractor behind in work on existing contracts and road given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 1011. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

NO. 1012. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



HAULAGE

A number of tenders for haulage of road material were also dealt with, the lowest tender being invariably accepted.

Competition was not so keen as in previous years.



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

"That Minutes of Tenders Committee meetings at Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, as submitted to this meeting be received and that that same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### RATE CLERKS SUB-COMMITTEE

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, the name of Mr. Thomas Redmond was added to Sub-Committee for selection of Temporary Clerical Staff for writing up Rate Books, etc., vice Mr. John Cummins, ill.

#### GOREY SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice and which was circulated to County Councillors on 14th January, 1937, was moved by Mr. Allen:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents to the borrowing by the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £9200 (Nine Thousand Two Hundred Pounds) for improvement and completion of Gorey sewerage system."

Mr. T. Redmond seconded the motion, which was adopted.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME LOAN

The following motion, of which she had given previous notice, and which had been circulated to County Councillors on 23rd January 1937, was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing of £950 (Nine hundred and fifty pounds) for improvement of roads and works in accordance with Unemployment Scheme (Rural) of Department of Local Government and Public Health, which is



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contributing £3800 towards the cost of said improvements."

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was passed without dissent.

#### COAST EROSION AT ROSSLARE

The following was read from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary Rosslare Coast Erosion Committee under date 5th March 1937:-

"The devastation wrought by Coast Erosion at Rosslare, having become a question of immense magnitude, the residents and those having property and interests in the locality, met at the Golf Hotel Hall on Sunday, February 28th, to consider their grave position.

The Rev. Father Kavanagh, C.C., was unanimously elected Chairman and in the course of his address stated:-  
"We are foregathered to consider the problem of sea erosion as it affects Rosslare. It is a problem that concerns practically everyone in the locality and indirectly those who visit or patronise this watering place. The inroads of the sea within recent years have been marked, and during the late Winter intense. It has been doing its fell work for years past. In my opinion, if some protection or fence be not applied to arrest the devastating incursions of the sea, all Rosslare will eventually be inundated, and as a result everyones' immovable property will be destroyed, our homes undermined and razed to the ground, and families will be homeless and without the means of livelihood. That may seem a fantastic and exaggerated picture, but I think that anyone who has been observing the onslaughts of the sea and the havoc it has wrought during later years will be constrained to conclude that it is only a matter of time when the sea will invade Rosslare and become its occupant.

The situation then seems to be fraught with disquieting consequences for the inhabitants and for those who have any material interest in Rosslare. It is a difficult problem and it will entail heavy expenditure. Manifestly no group of individuals or corporate body can undertake its solution. I presume it is a matter for this meeting to make suggestions and devise ways and means whereby the imminent predicament that has arisen in Rosslare as a result of sea erosion, may be removed."

Other speakers representing the various interests involved addressed the meeting, and all were of opinion that Rosslare was in immediate danger of destruction.

The nature of the damage feared was dealt with in detail, and it was pointed out that not alone were the homes of upwards of one hundred and fifty families threatened with demolition and their means of livelihood taken from them but that other valuable public and private property would become a prey to the onslaughts of the sea.

The Public Property likely to be involved included the Garda Siochana Station, the Coast Guard Station, the Reservoir, Water Supply, Sewerage and Cliff Road. A large portion of the Cliff Road had already been destroyed and with further encroachments by the sea the reservoir and



water mains would be inundated, and the water supply cut off. With the Sewerage Scheme completed such an occurrence would lead to very serious and dangerous consequences.

The Private Property involved included, the Catholic Church, Convent and Schools, the Protestant Church, Hotels, Property on the Burrow, the Golf Club and Links, South Slob, portion of the Great Southern Railway and Electricity Supply Board property.

The homes and property of the fishermen and the fishing industry itself, upon which, the people of the Burrow were mainly dependent for a livelihood were in jeopardy as a direct result of the devastation wrought by the encroaching sea.

It was the opinion of many present that if erosion continued at its present alarming rate that the Peninsula would be completely destroyed, and that Wexford town would be at the mercy of the open sea. The only solution of the problem lay in the construction of a Pier to arrest and divert the destructive currents or in the laying of Groynes at the base of the sandhills and all agreed with the Rev. Chairman that no group of individuals or local body could undertake to solve such a colossal question. It was fully realised that any scheme, to be effective and permanent must necessarily entail very heavy expenditure, and it was the meetings' unanimous decision that a Committee should be formed from the various interests represented to formulate a plan, and to seek the assistance of the T.D.'s for the Constituency, the Government and the local Public Bodies with a view to counteracting the destructive effect of sea erosion.

A Committee consisting of representatives from each of the following bodies was then nominated:-

The Catholic Church, Convent and Schools, the Church Representative Body, Fishermen, Hotels, Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann, Golf Club, Traders, Boarding House Proprietors, Householders, Rosslare Development Association, Rosslare Social Club and Wexford Harbour Board."

Mr. Culleton said that a lot of money had been laid out recently in Rosslare in building and in providing sewerage and water schemes and they should do all that was possible to prevent the place being washed away. The present situation presented a grave danger to the town of Wexford. As the premier body of the County they should do all they could to save Rosslare and to induce the Government to take up the matter. They were the only people who could handle the problem; it was entirely too big for local effort. He asked the Chairman and Mr. Corish, the second County Councillor T.D., to approach the Government with a view to securing advice and report from their Engineers.



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Col. Gibbon said the old County Council secured a report from an English Engineer who was an expert in connection with erosion on the East Coast of England where conditions were similar. That expert laid the most part of the blame on the railway pier at Rosslare Harbour, and the fact of dredging by the side of the pier, and dumping the sand away out into the sea. As far as he remembered the report, the flow of sand that came along the shore to replace sand carried northward by the tide was "starved" by that sand being dredged out. The Council recommended at the time that something should be done, but in the meantime dredging has been going on ever since, and dredging on a very large scale, and that was how it caused the trouble last year. He did not know whether that expert's report was right or wrong, but the argument appeared to be very sound. It was published at the time in the press and no action was taken. That inquiry was carried out soon after the Fort had been washed away. He thought they should put a strong case forward to have this matter fully investigated not only as to the best way of dealing with the erosion, but also for the prevention of the erosion that is going on as well. As he understood the County Council were not at liberty to spend one penny towards the cost, he thought they had a very strong case to put before the Government to do something. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That the attention of the appropriate Government Department be called to the danger to Rosslare by the rapid coast erosion and that as the position is urgent we call upon the Government to institute an Inquiry into the matter and particularly with a view of arriving at the steps to be taken to check erosion. As a result of this enquiry immediate steps for the preservation of Rosslare ~~might be~~



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might be taken. That our Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D., be asked to use their best efforts to induce the Government to comply with this request."

Mr. Culleton seconded the resolution which was adopted.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to furnish the Office of Public Works with copy of Report of Mr. Hobbs, English Engineer, as to Rosslare coast erosion, as it existed some years ago and with Mr. Hobbs' proposals for dealing with same."

Mr. Barry said it was very doubtful if the County Council were in a position to spend money to meet the present situation. When they obtained the report from Mr. Hobbs they were empowered to obtain this, as it was stated that one of the causes of erosion at Rosslare was the removal of beach material for road metalling. Continuing, the County Surveyor said that the sand in Rosslare is carried northward, and always in the past before Rosslare Harbour pier was built, it was replaced by sand coming further south. What replaced it is held up at the pier, and there is nothing then to replace the sand carried north. We want some protection to stop the wastage there.

The Chairman said there was a lot of very valuable property, public and private, at Rosslare and steps should be taken for its protection. The Council were unanimous to do all they could to help.



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### ROAD GRANT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/201)207) under date 18th February, 1937, that a Grant of £11,918 - being 40 % of £29,797 amount set aside for the upkeep of Main Roads - had been provisionally allocated for year 1937-38.

### ROTATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Under date 19th February, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/203/201R) that as regards resolution of Wexford County Council relative to employment on Relief Works the Minister was not prepared to amend the regulations governing the rotation of unskilled labour.

### SHEEP DIPPING

Under date 26th February, 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote that as the Sheep Dipping Order of 1915 was under revision the Council should not enter into any commitments or make definite arrangements for the next dipping season pending receipt of a further communication in the matter from the Department.

### BOACHING TRAWLERS

Under date 19th February, 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (P.9/12/36) acknowledging the resolution of the Wexford County Council relative to illegal fishing by foreign vessels off the Irish coasts, <sup>and</sup> stated that the contents of the Council's resolution had been carefully noted.

### TELEGRAPHIC LINE

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

"That as requested by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs the Wexford County Council consents to the erection of over-ground telegraphic line along Church Street from the Mall to Weston, Buncloody, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.



AGREEMENT PALACE LANE

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

"That the seal of Wexford County Council be attached to agreement between the said Council and owners of land at Palace Lane as to the provision of land for the widening of this lane."

SEALING BANK MORTGAGE

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

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 16th January, 1937, the sum of £2,520 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying portion of the expenditure on Road Work Scheme undertaken for the Relief of Unemployment to be paid by half yearly Instalments within three years with Interest at One Half per cent under the Irish Bank's 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 mortgage over the rates of the County to secure the said Loan."

REPRESENTATIVE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES  
MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

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

"That Mr. John P. Kelly, County Councillor, be appointed as our Nominee in our name and on behalf to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership at the annual meeting of the Company to be held in the year 1937."

ROAD MATTERS

Kiltealy Lanes: Fianna Fail Clwb, Kiltealy, wrote, calling attention to several lanes etc., in their district.



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It was decided that letter be considered with report of County Surveyor.

Tincurragh Lane: John Naughter, Tincurragh, Castletown, Inch, wrote in connection with repair of this lane which he stated was used exclusively by people with small parcels of land and of very limited means.

It was decided that this communication be considered with report of County Surveyor in the matter.

Choked Drain: Mr. Theophilus Earl and six other farmers wrote calling attention to a choked drain which ran through their lands. Recent rains and storms had put this drain into an unworkable condition and they asked the County Council to send some of their workmen to have the drain cleared.

It was decided to consider this communication with report of County Surveyor.

CELEBRATION OF 140TH ANNIVERSARY of  
INSURRECTION OF 1798

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

"That Miss O'Ryan be appointed as our Delegate to Conference under the auspices of the Hy-Ceinnsealaigh Historical Society to be held at the Athenaeum, Enniscorthy, at 2.30. p.m. on Easter Monday, 29th March, 1937," to make arrangements for the celebration next year of the 140th Anniversary of the Insurrection of 1798 in County Wexford."

WARBLE FLY ORDER

In connection with Inspectorship for Area No. 1 under above Order, David Creane, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal, Clohamon, wrote under date 10th February, 1937, that it was his intention to reside at Ballyphilip, while engaged as Inspector under Warble Fly Order for 1937 period.

The Secretary stated that the letter from Mr. Creane was with regard to a rumour that he was residing outside his



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area and not at Ballyphilip.

LEAGUE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Correspondence from the League for Social Justice as to employment etc was referred to Finance Committee on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly.

BLESSED OLIVER PLUNKETT

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

"That we the members of the Wexford County Council, representing close on a hundred thousand Catholic electors, loyal to the faith of our forefathers and to the Holy See, and recognising that the preservation of that Faith is, under God, due to the labours and heroic death of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, humbly petition your Holiness to graciously canonise Blessed Oliver, thus setting the Churches definite seal on the sanctity of his life."

PAYMENTS

Proposed by Mr. M. Redmond and seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment amounting to £3084: 17: 4d be approved and that Treasurer's Advice Notes for same be signed."

*J. Allen*

*12th April 34*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 12th APRIL 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th April, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, William Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

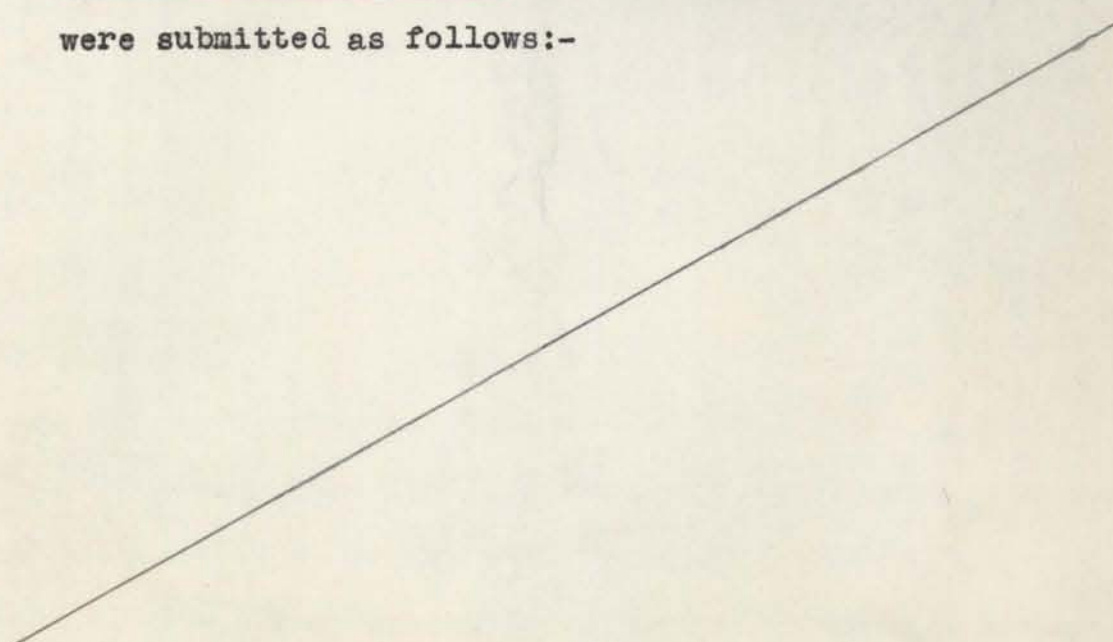
The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £49,669. 10. 11d., ordinary payments and transfers to Public Bodies, and £400 repayment loan Vocational Schools were examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 19th MARCH 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th March, 1937.

Present:- 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 and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

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

After confirmation of the Minutes, the Chairman of the County Council attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3891. 1. 2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the collection of nett warrant of each Collector up to date of meeting:-

E. J. Murphy	79.1
S. Gannon	77.3
J. Cummins	77.3
J. Curtis	76.8
W. Doyle	72.1
W. Cummins	71.5
D. Kenny	71.3
J. Flood	70.8
J. Quirke	70.5
P. Doyle	70.4
J. J. O'Reilly	70.0
P. Nolan	69.5
A. Dunne	68.1
J. Deegan	68.0
J. J. Sinnott	66.7
M. Kehoe	66.5
P. Carty	66.3
M. McCarthy	63.9
M. Murphy	<u>63.6</u>

Average 70.8

The average for corresponding period last year was 67.9 per cent, an improvement of 2.9 per cent.

The percentage of Gross Warrant (including arrears) collected was 60 per cent as compared with 58 per cent at corresponding period last year.



Under date 9th March, 1937, the following letter G.18229/37 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 forward for your information a copy of a letter which has been addressed to Collectors W. Doyle, W. Cummins, M. Murphy, A. Dunne, J. J. Sinnott and P. Carty. I am to request that you will be so good as to forward the letters to the Collectors mentioned. A copy of the letter should, at the same time, be sent to every other Rate Collector in the County, and it should be stated that the Minister has now decided to exercise his direct powers of suspension in relation to Collectors who continue unsatisfactory.

The position with regard to the Collectors, other than those mentioned above, will be taken up at the end of the present month.

An acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter should be obtained from each Collector, and they should be informed that this action has been taken on the direct instructions of the Minister."

In his letter to the six Collectors concerned, the Minister pointed out that in view of their unsatisfactory collections, the question at present under consideration was whether they should be suspended from their position. They were asked to submit their views to the Department by the 18th March 1937.

The Secretary stated that he had received an acknowledgment from each of the collectors concerned of the receipt of the letter from the Department. He had also forwarded copy of this letter to all the other Collectors, pointing out that the Minister had decided to exercise his direct powers of suspension in relation to all Collectors who continued unsatisfactory.

The Finance Committee decided to await the decision of the Minister on the statement furnished by the six collectors referred to in Department's communication explaining how it was their collection was so backward, and also as to the action which the Minister will take on reviewing the position of the Collection generally at the end of the month.



POUNDAGE: Under date 16th March, 1937, the following letter G.20250/37 Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 10th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the prolonged delay on the part of Collectors P. Doyle, J. Deegan and P. Carty in accounting for sums equivalent to the first moieties and arrears of their current warrants, he is not prepared to sanction the payment of poundage as proposed. The Minister will, however, raise no objection to payment at the rates proposed less 5 per cent.

I am to add that the deduction now imposed should be calculated on the total amount of poundage payable in respect of the first moiety collections."

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

"That Poundage to Rate Collectors referred to in letter of Local Government Department of 16th instant (G.20250-37 Loch Garman) be paid in accordance therewith. We request the Minister to agree to the 5 per cent now deducted being regarded as a "defer" and to payment of same being made to the Collectors provided they make a satisfactory close of their warrants."

ILLNESS OF COLLECTOR McCARTHY: The Secretary reported that Mr. M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) had resumed duty on 15th March 1937. Correspondence was read from the sureties of Collector McCarthy and Collector Nolan who acted as substitute for Mr. McCarthy during the latter's illness, and also from the New Ireland Insurance Company stating that they were satisfied with the arrangements made by the County Council for carrying on Mr. McCarthy's duties during his illness.

LAND ANNUITIES AND RATES: Under date 1st March, 1937, Rate Inspector wrote that he had made some investigations relative to the rumour that amounts paid towards rates had been applied to Land Annuities, and had found no case where



this occurred. If any such came to his notice he would furnish information concerning it.

RATE COLLECTORS AND COST OF SEIZURES: Under date 13th March, 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that it was difficult to suggest a proper scale of charges in respect of seizures of cattle by Rate Collectors, under their own warrants. He recommended that 10/- a day be fixed for men employed for this work in addition to cost of transport to and from the place of seizure. It was, of course, understood that the Collector could not receive any special remuneration for his attendance.

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

"That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction an allowance of 10/- per day for men employed in assisting Rate Collectors to make seizures on their own warrant, the amount under this heading to be paid out of any sum realized by such seizures.

That we point out to the Minister that it is not proposed that any remuneration for this work should be paid Rate Collectors."

JUDGMENT MORTGAGES AND RATE COLLECTION: The County Secretary, Dublin County Council, wrote under date 26th February 1937, that although his Council had obtained mortgages against lands, it could not be stated this action had, as yet, materially affected the rate collection. In fact, the County Council's main reason for having judgments registered was as a protection against loss of revenue, should the sale of lands take place. It was only in cases in which the amount exceeded £50 that these mortgages had been obtained.



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RATE CLERKS: William Halloran, 1 Chapel Lane, New Ross, who had been appointed as temporary rate clerk, wrote that he had obtained another position.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, that James O'Shea, Lower Rosbercon, New Ross, replace William Halloran on the temporary Rate Staff.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, Michael Doyle, of Bruce, Clonevan, was also appointed on the temporary Rate Staff.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications were considered:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the application of Laurence Cogley, Bree, Macmine (Insurance Agent), for loan not exceeding £190 be recommended for approval to the County Council meeting."

Passed.

Application from Laurence Doyle, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, which was not received until 6th March, 1937, (outside the advertised period) for loan not exceeding £160 was received and adjourned for consideration to the next meeting of Finance Committee.

Application from Mary Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, which was not received until 11th March 1937, for loan not exceeding £100 (which was outside the advertised period) was considered and it was decided that it be brought before the next meeting of Finance Committee.

Under date 16th March 1937, Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, wrote that some months ago the County Council agreed to advance a loan to him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for £130, and he believed he should have been granted £140, seeing that two applications, one previous to his and one immediately after, had been sanctioned at



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£140, although the valuation of their houses - £200 - was the same as his. He asked the Finance Committee to reconsider the amount of the loan.

It was decided to take no further action in the matter.

In reply to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated he had written to Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy, to whom a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been advanced and who had let his house at 10/- per week, that he would have to reside in the house and that it was against the provisions of the Acts to let it to anyone.

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

"That application of Patrick Byrne, Kilcavan, Gorey, (Carter) for loan be reported to County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £200."

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

"That application of John Nolan, William Street, Gorey, (Saddler), for loan be reported to the County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £225."

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

"That application of Charles Redmond, Ballinatray, Courtown, (Labourer) for loan be reported to the County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £175."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following, which was adopted:-

"That application of Mrs. Elizabeth Sweetman, of Ballynabola, (Farmer) for loan be reported to County Council for approval, amount of loan not to exceed £150."

Under date 4th March, 1936, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he inspected the house of John Eustace



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of Clonleigh, Palace, on previous day. Nothing had been done for several months and the buildings was joist high, but no work had been carried out since the last certificate was issued. The applicant had some trouble with the mason and found it difficult to get anyone to complete the job. He expects to be able to restart in a couple of weeks time and to have the house finished in two months, as most of the timber etc. is on the site.

The Secretary stated that in this case the loan was £100 and £30 had been paid.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly that a further report be obtained from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, as regards the position of house of John Eustace in a month's time.

#### APPLICATION FROM ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

Under date 3rd March, 1937, the Hon. Secretary Wexford Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials Union forwarded the following memorandum from Messrs. R. J. Ennis, J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen and P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, as regards their application for increase of salary:-

"We, the undersigned District Surveyors, understand that there has been a sub-Committee appointed to deal with our application, and that this Sub-Committee has been, and is, considering a Scheme involving the taking over by us of some of the Board of Health work.

While we would be extremely anxious to facilitate the County Council in every way, we do not feel that we would be able to undertake work of this sort. We find that with the various schemes for unemployment relief, etc., added to our ordinary work we are just able to cope with it as it is.

There are a number of reasons which make road work in the County rather different from what it is in most of the



Counties where combined services are in operation.

We feel that it would be desirable for the Sub-Committee to have a Conference with us in regard to this matter and our application generally. We have some facts and views on the matter which we would like to put at the Committee's disposal.

Accordingly, we ask that the Sub-Committee grant us an interview."

Under date 10th March, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote R/RS/32, that the Minister saw no objection to the proposal of the Committee inquiring into the duties etc. of the Assistant Surveyors, to request the Chief Engineering Adviser, Mr. Courtney, of the Department, to confer with them and pointed out that the Secretary should communicate with Mr. Courtney as to a suitable date.

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

"That the application of four Assistant Surveyors for increase of salary be adjourned for the present. That they be informed if any proposals are to be put forward relative to their work a conference will be arranged with them.

That copy of this recommendation, if confirmed by County Council, be forwarded to the four Surveyors, to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) and also to Mr. Courtney, Chief Engineering Adviser, for his information."

#### INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Surveyor submitted tenders for County Council Insurances for year 1937/38. Only three Companies tendered for the full Insurances as follows:-

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.: P/L - £79. 4. 9d; Workmens' Compensation £718. 14. 0d; Boiler



Insurance £47. 5. 0; Fire Insurance £18. 2. 6d; Motor Insurance £58. 19. 8d. Total £922. 5. 11d.

McDonagh & Boland Ltd.:— P/L £79. 4. 9d; Workmens' Compensation £718. 14. 0d; Boiler Insurance £77. 1. 9d; Fire Insurance £26. 4. 6d; Motor Insurance £135. 12. 0d. Total £1036. 17. 0d.

Kehoe & Co., Dublin (Lloyds):— P/L £75. 1. 0d; Workmens' Compensation £622. 13. 0d; Boiler Insurance £67. 10. 6d; Fire Insurance £35. 12. 0d; Motor Insurance £118. 2. 0d. Total £918. 18. 6d.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the acceptance of the quotation of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for two reasons (1) because it was the lowest; (2) the Company was formed at the request of the County Councils which participate to a very large extent in any profits that were made.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Keegan proposed the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McDonagh & Boland for Public Liability and Workmens' Compensation, and that the balance of Insurances be effected with Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

In proposing his amendment Mr. Keegan pointed out that Messrs. McDonagh & Boland had arranged these Insurances for some years and their figures for Public Liability and Workmens' Compensation were the same as those quoted by the Irish Public Bodies Company. He was against any proposal to turn down Messrs. McDonagh & Boland for the two insurances referred to in his amendment as they had given satisfaction.

After considerable discussion a poll was taken with the following result:—

For the Amendment:— Messrs. Keegan, Cullimore, Colfer and Kelly. - 4.

Against:— Mr. O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman. 3.



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The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

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

#### INCREMENTS OF SALARY

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that ~~==~~ increments be approved to the following in view of satisfactory reports as to service received from the County Secretary and County Surveyor:-

	<u>Increment</u>
J. H. Cadogan	£10
S. Hayes	£10
J. Moloney	£10
Miss Tobin	£5
P. M. Donohoe	£5
J. J. A. Masterson	£10
D. Radford	£10
J. O'Kennedy	£7. 10. 0
Miss Norton	£3.

#### PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES

Two tenders were received for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes:-

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, tendered at £27. 10. Od.

English & Co., The Quay, Wexford, tendered at £28.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. English & Co. as Messrs. Redmond were found not satisfactory in connection with the printing of the annual report of the County Committee of Agriculture.

#### ORDINARY PRINTING FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1937/38

Only one tender was received for the above printing, that of the Echo Newspaper, Enniscorthy, at £111. 17. 6d.

This was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan.



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In reply to the latter the Secretary stated that the amount of last year's contract under this heading was £111. 9. Od.

#### OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES

Applications were received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the County Council to the placing of overground telegraphic lines

- (1) From Haggard Bridge to Haggard Cross (Ramsgrange)
- (2) Along Ballycanew Road from Montague Cottage to Springmount, Gorey.

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

"That no objection be made to the proposal of the Post Office as regards erection of telegraph lines at Haggard Cross (Ramsgrange) and along Ballycanew Road provided work is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

The Secretary mentioned that in letter under date 21st October, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.208221/36 Loch Garman) sanctioning the appointment of Miss Bridget J. Moran as Telephone Attendant up to 31st March at 25/- per week.

In a previous letter under date 7th October 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.193154-36 - Loch Garman) that the experimental working of the central telephone switchboard should not exceed six months, at the end of which period the Council should definitely decide if a permanent arrangement should be adopted.

Arising out of this letter Miss Moran had been appointed temporary Telephone Attendant for the experimental period of six months at 25/- per week.

The Secretary further stated that Miss Moran's employ-



ment began on 7th December last and the six months' experimental period would not expire until 7th June 1937.

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

"That, as the experimental period relative to suitability of Telephone Switchboard for County Offices will not expire until 7th June next, we request the Minister to allow of the temporary employment of Miss Moran as Temporary Telephone Attendant up to that date at a remuneration of 25/- per week.

The Council desire to have experience of the working of Switchboard up to 7th June before definitely deciding as to the permanency of the arrangement.

OFFICE HOURS OF COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

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

"We recommend the County Council to fix the hours of attendance for County Council staff - County Secretary's and County Surveyor's Departments - at from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with an hour off for dinner for the first five days of the week. That hours for Saturday be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m."

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND REPAIRS ETC. TO COURTHOUSE PREMISES.

Letter of 15th February 1937 from County Registrar as to repainting or distempering of lavatory and wash-up; office accommodation; change of robing rooms and judge's room, which had been adjourned from two previous meetings of the Finance Committee was considered.

It was decided to refer this communication to the County Surveyor to carry out any small repairs etc. which he considered essential.

The Finance Committee also decided to make no order as



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to exchange of robing rooms which are utilised only for a very short period each year. They consider the present rooms quite suitable for the purposes for which they were intended.

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Mrs. Brigid Carty, Bride Street, Wexford, wrote under date 9th March 1937 asking for payment of portion of bursary for her son, Edward P. Carty.

Under date, 12th March, 1937, Rev. Brother Michael Foran, Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford, wrote that Edward P. Carty was now in Christian Brothers' College, St. Joseph's, Baldoyle, Dublin, where he went in July 1936. He was pursuing his studies there in preparation for Intermediate Certificate Examination in June next.

The Superior of St. Joseph's College, Baldoyle, Dublin, (Rev. Brother J. J. Kelly) wrote that Edward P. Carty, who had been in the College for the past nine months, requested that his bursary money should be forwarded to the College.

In reply to query, the Secretary stated that this Bursary was approved by Department of Education as tenable at Christian Brothers, Wexford. No application for sanction to change of school had been made. It was understood that this boy was preparing to enter the Christian Brothers' Order.

The following recommendation was adopted:- "That as Bursary to Edward P. Carty was approved as tenable at Christian Brothers, Wexford, and has not been taken there, we recommend its cancellation."

#### ARKLOW HARBOUR

Under date 12th March 1937, Mr. J. P. Kavanagh, Chairman Arklow Harbour Board, wrote asking name of Representative of Wexford County Council appointed on Arklow Harbour Board and the date of expiry of baronial guarantee.



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Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that Counsel's opinion in this matter had been obtained and it was stated therein that the Council had no liability in connection with the appointment of a Representative on Arklow Harbour Board once the baronial guarantee had been paid off.

Acting on this, the Finance Committee decided not to take further steps in the matter.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Kavanagh was given particulars as to the connection of Wexford County Council with Arklow Harbour some years ago.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The Secretary stated it was understood that the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) were prepared to provide a Grant of £600 towards the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour provided a local contribution of £300 is forthcoming.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 13th March 1937, that strictly speaking the County Council could not expend money on a harbour which was not scheduled.

The following recommendation was adopted:- "That the Council be recommended to provide a local contribution of £300 towards the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour if it be possible to do so without running the risk of surcharge. This proposal to be subject to the provision of grant of £600 from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture."

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 12th March 1937, the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary Town Improvement Committee, Buncloody:-

"My Committee had before them your letter of 25th ultimo enclosing the Assistant Surveyor's report on the condition of the streets of Buncloody.



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They desire me to say that they disagree with that report entirely. To say that they are as good as ever they were is not good enough for this age of progress. They might possibly do before motor traffic came to raise germ-laden dust to enter shops and private houses infecting food and in other ways menacing public health. But the Committee contend that they are not as good as ever they were. Owing to the wearing down of the surface there are large stones projecting upwards from the surface in many places, which are very dangerous to those who have to walk upon them.

My Committee feel that the town is being side-tracked in favour of less important places owing to us having no representation on the Council.

They desire me to invite you to send one or two members of the Council to meet a Sub-Committee of ours for the purpose of inspecting the streets.

As the principal streets of the town form portion of a main road my Committee suggest to the Council that they apply for a special grant from the Road Fund or some other source for the purpose of having these streets properly surfaced."

The following resolution was adopted:- "The Finance Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to expend portion of next year's Improvement Grant on improving Bunclody streets. They also desire to point out to Bunclody Town Improvement Committee the fact that they have no local representative on the Council does not militate in the smallest way against Bunclody. The Council are the representatives of the entire body of Wexford ratepayers and are always anxious to help any section irrespective of residence."

#### ROAD MATTERS

It was decided that the following applications for repair of lanes be adjourned awaiting report of County Surveyor:-

1. Lane at Rathduff, Killanne.
2. Curragnabola Lane, Bree.
3. Two dangerous corners at Ardinagh opposite residence of Mr. Ennis, Springwood.
4. Road from Tomhaggard to Bargy.



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#### QUARRY AT BALLINAGLOUGH

Under date 11th March 1937, Mr. M. F. Coghlan, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Mrs. Catherine Dunne, Ballinaglough, Blackwater, that the County Surveyor had approached her with a view to acquiring portion of her holding for the purpose of a quarry. It would be necessary if a quarry was opened on the land, to acquire at least a further half acre to provide a roadway into the quarry. The whole farm was only six statute acres and as it was already too small, even at present, for the purposes of farming, Mrs. Dunne and her son, Michael, were not agreeable to release any portion of the holding to provide a quarry.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who stated that he would abandon the project. Some of the material would do for road metalling, but in view of the size of the holding he would not go further with the matter.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications relative to committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

James Brooks, Drumderry, Buncloody (illegitimate); and Michael Rooney, Clohamon.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period of overdraft accommodation of £35,000 up to 30th June 1937."

ASSISTANT

#### TEMPORARY COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 12th March 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.17610-37 Loch Gar-



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man) forwarding copy of letter to County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance approving of the appointment of Dr. J. W. Roche as temporary Assistant County Medical Officer of Health consequent on the resignation of Dr. H. Aughney, remuneration £10. 10. 0 per week with vouched travelling expenses.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1936/7  
ROADS (RURAL).

Under date 8th March 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/203/32) that they were prepared to provide £2850 subject to a local contribution of £950 for improvement of Rural Roads and footpaths. The grant was subject to the conditions governing the recruitment and employment of labour laid down in Memo (SGA/202/E) and such other regulations as may be issued subsequently.

The Secretary stated that the Council had already agreed to provide the local contribution of £950 by way of loan.

APPLICATION FOR WORK

William Doyle, Killaine, Drinagh, wrote under date 9th March 1937 that he had worked on and off for the County Council from boyhood. He had now the care of a very large family and though he "was not going into liquidation" he would be very glad if the County Council would provide him with some work.

Referred to County Surveyor.

ENNISCORTHY ROADS

Under date 17th March, 1937, the Hon. Secretary, Fianna Fail (Republican Party - Enniscorthy Cumann) wrote:-

"My Committee has considered your correspondence of the 13th instant and consider Mr. Ennis's report on the roads mentioned in my previous letter fairly satisfactory.

However, they would be glad to know when Mr. Ennis



proposes to get the portion of Road No. 9 sprayed and made rough so as to have the path on this portion of road done.

Also, when he might be in a position to have road and footpath (No. 8) at New Cemetery repaired."

It was decided to refer this letter to County Surveyor.

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE

Mr. Laurence Doyle, Main Street, Camolin, wrote applying for permission to erect a wooden house at Clonhenrit, Camolin. He could not put the building back more than ten feet from roadside water course.

Adjourned pending receipt of report from County Surveyor.

#### LEAGUE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The National Secretary for above, writing from 27, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, asked the County Council to adopt the following resolution:-

"That we request the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals to end unemployment put forward by the League for Social Justice."

It was decided to take no action in the matter.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 19th March 1937 as now submitted be received and considered."

APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS: Mr. Corish asked if the recommendation of the Finance Committee meant that the matter was put off indefinitely.

The Chairman said it was adjourned only for the present. If anything further arose in connection with it a conference with the Assistant Surveyors would be arranged.

Mr. Corish urged that the conference should be arranged as soon as possible as no one knew what might happen in the future. It was better to have some kind of scheme prepared in view of any changes that might be made. He proposed that the matter be referred back to the Finance Committee with a view to arranging a conference between the Subcommittee and the Assistant Surveyors, at which Mr. Courtney, Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department would be in attendance.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Chairman questioned the advisability of having a conference unless the Assistant Surveyors were prepared to do some of the other engineering work of the County. From their representations this did not appear likely.

Mr. Corish held it was impossible to prophecy what might happen at the conference.

Miss O'Ryan said if the conference were agreed to, the representatives of the Council should have their minds made up as to what they required. The County Council had not yet arrived at the stage of formulating a scheme whereby they might not only improve the position of the Surveyors, but also the engineering work of the County Council and County generally.



Mr. Corish pointed out that the Sub-Committee had made tentative suggestions as to having more co-operation between Assistant Surveyors of the County Council and the Engineers of the Board of Health, and it might be possible at the Conference to formulate a scheme acceptable to everybody.

The Chairman said the really vital question in the matter was - Are the Assistant Surveyors in a position to take on extra work for another Local Authority, particularly works dealing with water and sewerage schemes?.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that from time to time, the Board of Health had to bring in Consulting Engineers, and as they had in the County Surveyors with excellent qualifications, it would be eminently more satisfactory if a scheme could be arranged to employ them instead of outsiders.

After further discussion the motion to refer the matter back to the Finance Committee to arrange for Conference, was put and adopted without dissent.

INSURANCES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL: Mr. Meyler moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the acceptance in full of the quotation of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. Bowe proposed the acceptance of Lloyd's tender, which was which was really the lowest.

The Secretary pointed out that the difference between Lloyds and that of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company was less than £4, and as the profits made by the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company would go in relief of Insurances rates, the Finance Committee considered the proposal of the Irish Public Bodies, if not in figures, in reality the lowest tender.



Mr. Corish pointed out that if Lloyds tender was accepted and any dispute occurred between the Company and the County Council, proceedings would have to be taken in the English Courts at very considerable expense.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Meyler's motion to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee, with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Day, Gibbon, Keegan, Kelly, Lawler, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. - 18.

Against:- Messrs. Bowe, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. - 4.  
The Chairman declared the motion carried.

As a further amendment Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the acceptance of Lloyds tender, but, on a show of hands it was supported by the proposer and seconder only.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put as the substantive motion and adopted nem. con.

OFFICE HOURS COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF: Mr. Corish considered it would have been advisable if the staff had been consulted regarding the change of hours.

Mr. Colfer pointed out that the change would mean that some members of the staff would be unable to catch buses and trains after close of office. He moved as an amendment to the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the hours at present obtaining - viz., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. remain in force.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

On a show of hands 4 voted for this amendment and 18 in favour of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

It was decided that the change should come into effect as from Monday, 19th April, 1937.



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SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee cancelling the Secondary & Vocational Bursary of Edward Carty, letter under date 8th April, 1937 was read from him, stating he forgot to ask the County Council to agree to the transfer of his Bursary from Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford, to Christian Brothers College, Baldoyle, and apologised for the omission.

The Rev. Brother Superior of St. Joseph's College, Baldoyle, wrote under date 8th April, 1937, that Edward P. Carty had been attending that College since July 1936, and was very satisfactory in every respect. He would sit for the Intermediate Certificate Examination in June next.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That, in the special circumstances put forward as regards the transfer of Edward P. Carty, Bursary holder, under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, from Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford, to Christian Brothers College, (St. Joseph's) Baldoyle, we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter, and agree that Bursary should be transferred to Christian Brothers College, Baldoyle, Dublin. This is to be considered as a special case and cannot be taken as a precedent. In future, Bursaries and Scholarships will be automatically cancelled if pupils leave the school at which the Scholarship or Bursary is tenable, for any other school, even though it may have the approval of the Department of Education."

The resolution was passed without dissent.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: Mr. Corish said that about ten years ago Mr. Finian Lynch, who was then Minister for Fisheries, visited St. Helen's Harbour, and fishermen pointed out to him certain works which were necessary to make the place



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safe for their boats. The Minister was then prepared to put up a certain sum of money and he believed it was also agreed that the County Council would provide one-third of the total cost. The project was turned down by the Minister for Finance. It was resurrected shortly after the present Council came into office and he understood it was then also agreed by the Council to put up a certain amount in order to secure a grant. The proposal then made was sent on various occasions to the Office of Public Works from which evasive answers were received, the principal being that the work could not be carried out for the estimate of the County Surveyor. Eventually he (Mr. Corish) and Mr. Allen, the Chairman of the County Council, were asked to interview the officials of the Office of Public Works, and at that interview they had in mind the fact that the County Council were prepared to put up a reasonable share of the cost. If they went to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and asked his permission to put up this money they would not get it, because, as the law stood they could spend money only on the repair of a pier which was described as "scheduled". St. Helen's did not come into that category. However, if they were surcharged there was more than a possibility, in view of all the circumstances, that the surcharge would be remitted. The fishermen at St. Helen's had done everything they had been asked in order to qualify for a grant. They had formed a flourishing branch of the Fishermen's Association, and there were a dozen boats employed. He then proposed the following:-

"That in the event of the Minister for Fisheries providing a State Grant of £600 towards the cost of repair and improvement of St. Helen's Harbour the Wexford County Council agree to provide as local contribution towards the project a sum of £300."



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Miss O'Ryan seconded. Continuing, she said that one of the reasons why the project had been held up was because the former Minister of Fisheries favoured a much more comprehensive scheme than the one submitted by the County Surveyor and the Government would not accept the latter. The old Council, as well as the present Council, were very anxious that something should be done for St. Helen's.

The Chairman said that in law the Council had no power to spend any of the rates on this Harbour, and the question resolved itself into a decision as to whether they were prepared to chance any surcharge.

Col. Quin said he was not prepared to chance a surcharge.

The Chairman said they were all agreed that something should be done, but they had been informed by the County Solicitor that as this Harbour was not scheduled they had no power to spend money on it.

The Secretary pointed out that there was a strong possibility that any expenditure for this harbour out of the rates would be surcharged.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed that they request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to expend £300 from the Grant for relief of Unemployment to supplement the State Grant of £600, and thus provide the £1000 which was necessary for the scheme of development of the Harbour at St. Helen's.

Col. Gibbon seconded the proposal which passed nem.con.

It was decided to adjourn the further consideration of Mr. Corish's proposal to provide a local contribution of £300 pending the reply of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow this amount to come from Relief Grant.



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BUNCLODY STREETS: Mr. Culleton said that, with reference to the complaint of the Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody, they had an excellent representative on the County Council, but they did not return him at the election.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that the trouble was, the Improvements Committee wanted the Main Street of Bunclody reconstructed. It was too big a job for the present, as it would run to £4,000 while he had only a total grant of £2000 for his district. With £150 he could lay patches of tarred stones in the street.

Col. Quin contended that money on tarred roads was wasted. Concrete should be used as far as possible, as in the long run it would prove less expensive.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that some years ago, he had proposed that the roads of the County should be considered as an entire problem, and that the financial cost with the proper technical advice and estimates be dealt with.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ronan and passed:-

"That in view of the number of unemployed in Bunclody district, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be informed that the Wexford County Council will be prepared to raise by loan a sum of £1000, provided the Department would contribute £3000 in order to concrete the streets of Bunclody Village."

It was also decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D.'s would approach the Minister on the subject.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 19th March 1937, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are confirmed, except in so far as same have been dissented from or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."



MEETING 2nd APRIL 1937: The Minutes of this meeting  
were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd April, 1937.

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, 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 £4797. 6. 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE ESTIMATE

The following, under date 1st April 1937 (G.20994/37 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"The Minister for Local Government and Public Health desires me to refer to your letter of the 12th ultimo, and to state that he notes the provision of £7,000 in the Estimates as submitted by you in respect of deductions from grants has been struck out by the Finance Committee, and desires to be informed how it is proposed to meet the deficit that will apparently arise.

If it is the intention of the Council to increase their overdraft, they should reconsider their decision as soon as possible. The Minister will not be prepared to sanction borrowing for revenue purposes on the same scale as heretofore, and the Council, if they are to maintain their services, should frame their estimates so that temporary borrowing shall not at any time exceed the amount of rates that are due and uncollected at that time."

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

"That, in connection with letter of 1st April, 1937 (G.20994-37 Loch Garman) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health we desire to inform the Minister that the Rate which has been agreed to by Wexford County Council is sufficient to meet all current commitments of the Council for the financial year 1937/38. The Council are of



opinion it is unwise to raise in any particular year more in revenue than that required to meet estimated expenditure within the year. The Finance Committee believe that with the levy for current financial year there will be no necessity to apply for increased overdraft.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the position of Rate Collection (net warrant) to date of meeting:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Collected</u> <u>on Gross Warrant</u> <u>(including arrears).</u>
E. J. Murphy	85.3
J. Curtis	83.5
J. Deegan	76.1
M. Kehoe	75.0
J. Cummins	74.1
J. J. O'Reilly	72.1
S. Gannon	71.9
D. Kenny	71.9
P. Nolan	70.2
J. Flood	70.1
P. Carty	70.0
P. Doyle	67.7
M. McCarthy	63.1
J. Quirke	62.1
A. Dunne	61.2
W. Cummins	59.1
W. Doyle	58.2
J. J. Sinnott	57.3
M. Murphy	56.3
	68.3

This represents an improvement of 2.5 on corresponding date last year.

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed warrants must be closed by 3rd May 1937 and warned that applications for extension of this period will not be entertained by the Committee."

POUNDAGE: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the payment of



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poundage to Collectors, who, since last Finance Committee meeting reached the stipulated figure fixed by Department for payment.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Secretary stated that the following showed the position of the £2500 allocated from loan to the four districts of the County, viz., Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford:-

Enniscorthy: Amount allocated £3760. Debit £260; outstanding applications £1253.

Gorey: Allocated £2460; credit £40; outstanding applications £100.

New Ross: Allocated £610; credit £1890; outstanding application £200.

Wexford: Amount allocated £630; credit £1920; outstanding applications £513.

The Committee decided they would deal with applications from New Ross and Wexford only as it was considered further applications would be forthcoming from these districts, and it would be unwise for the present to transfer any portion of their allocations to Enniscorthy or Gorey.

It was also agreed that as regards applications for New Ross and Wexford districts the period in which to make application be extended to 30th June 1937 and that this fact be advertised.

The meeting then considered outstanding applications as follows:-

#### NEW ROSS DISTRICT:-

1. Luke Lennon, Dunganstown, New Ross - loan applied for £100 - wrote that he had not applied for a labourer's cottage. He worked as a farm labourer at 10/- per week and sometimes at handy work for which he received 12/- to 15/- per week. He had also a British Army Pension of 12/- per



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The County Surveyor said the proposed site of house was undesirable, as it was directly facing the Catholic Church.

Refused.

2. Mary A. Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam; labourer's wife; estimated value of house £280; Government Grant £70; loan applied for £100. This application was received at last meeting of Finance Committee.

This application was adjourned for a statement as to what amount of land was held by applicant; what means she had and why she did not apply for labourer's cottage.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:

1. Thomas Hamilton, Whitemill, Wexford; loan applied for £234; had not replied to queries as to his means.

2. Patrick Merriman, Seaview, Murrintown (agricultural labourer) - Value of house £70; Government Grant £70; Loan applied for £30.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Merriman it was unlikely he would be able to secure Government Grant for house valued at £70. Also, if County Council gave him loan of £30 it would entail £5 or £6 more for legal and other expenses. Further, the Finance Committee believed it was proposed to erect house on a common and Mr. Merriman would find it difficult to establish title to site.

3. James Sheil, St. Mary's Terrace, Rosslare Harbour (Railway Employee); value of house £300; Government Grant £45; Amount of loan £248. 10. 0.

It was decided to refuse the application as the Committee were aware that ample housing accommodation was being provided at Rosslare Harbour.



COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND OVERDRAFT

Under date 27th February 1937 the following was read from the Manager, Wexford Branch, National Bank:-

"The account of the County Wexford Rural Library Committee at this office is now overdrawn £400. 5. 9d, and I shall be glad to know for the information of my Directors, if it is with the authority of your Council that the overdraft exists.

We do not appear to have any authorisation with regard to it.

Thanking you in anticipation."

The Secretary, under date 3rd March 1937, wrote the following letter to the County Librarian:-

"I have had a letter from the Manager, National Bank Ltd., Wexford, enquiring, for the information of his Directors, if the County Council have given authority to the Library Committee to overdraw Bank Account. As I do not appear to have received any communication from Library Committee in the matter I would be glad to hear from you in reference.

In the meantime, it would be well to furnish the Bank with copy of any resolution adopted by your Committee regarding overdraft accommodation."

Under date, 25th March, 1937, the following resolution adopted at County Library meeting on 20th March was received:-

"That we ask the County Council to <sup>be</sup> responsible for the Library Committee's overdraft, whenever such occurs."

The Secretary stated that the present overdraft of the Library Committee was £149. 12. 10d.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay in advance



quarterly instalments to the County Library Committee. And, in view of this the Finance Committee consider there should be no necessity for overdraft for this Committee in the future."

SALARIES OF LIBRARIANS

The Secretary to the Library Association, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C.1., forwarded recommendations of his Association as to the salaries of Librarians.

No action.

COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

Intimation was received from Secretary of above that the next meeting of General Council would be held during Dublin Spring Show week (May 4th to 8th) and any matters for Agenda should be received before 22nd April 1937.

No order.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN AT CLONEE, CAMOLIN

Under date 25th March 1937 the County Surveyor wrote that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that there is a defective drain under passage from the road into Moses Doyle's lands at Clonee and that he had served notice on Mr. Doyle to make same good. As this had not been done, the County Surveyor asked for authority to have proceedings instituted against Moses Doyle.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, inform Moses Doyle, Clonee, Camolin, that unless he repairs defective drain under passage from road into his lands at Clonee, Camolin, the County Council will be reluctantly compelled to proceed against him."



WARBLE FLY ORDER

The following report, under date 30th March 1937, was read from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy:-

"I regret to say that the Inspector in No. 2 Area (James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin) is not working to my satisfaction. On Form W.F.3 on March 20th it is evident he did not examine the cattle, property of S. Rothwell and J. Bolger, (infact he admitted to me when interviewed on 27th, that he took the owners word for them).

On March 23rd, he has

M. Doyle, Marley, No. on Premises 7; Infested 0.

I called at Mr. Doyle's on 23rd, and ascertained the Inspector was speaking to M. Doyle on the road. On the 26th, I called at Mr. M. Doyle's and examined his cattle. The figures should read:- No. on Premises 11. Infested 3. The Cattle were dressed on 25th as I had warned them on 23rd.

Perhaps you would ask Inspector for an explanation and give him a warning."

On receipt of this, the Secretary asked Doyle for an explanation, but this could not be received in time for Finance Committee meeting.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of report of Mr. Ringwood to next Finance Committee when Doyle's explanation as to complaints can be submitted.

The Secretary reported that James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Raheen, Adamstown, Inspector for No. 9 Area, was not giving entire satisfaction and had been warned by Veterinary Inspector. In his area, although the first period had almost terminated, only a small number of cattle had been dressed. His explanation was that farmers dressed cattle that were not infested with warbles. He is supposed to examine all cattle on the premises, but he says that in the first weeks he only examined those that were dressed. He had been asked for an explanation.



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

"That Mr. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, be requested to inform the Finance Committee if James Furlong, Warble Fly Inspector No. 9 Area is satisfactorily discharging his duties."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

The following report re Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody, was received from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector for Enniscorthy district:-

"Thomas Byrne, Craan, was notified on 20th March that he was to have all his sheep collected at his house on 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. and have arrangements made for dipping. On my arrival he had only 40 sheep collected instead of 52 and had no arrangements made for dipping.

I then, at his own request, appointed March 30th, and on that date he had ten sheep of his neighbours mixed with his own and he refused to dip the sheep, and I dressed the one sheep that was still showing symptoms of the disease."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to proceed against Thomas Byrne, Craan, Bunclody, for breaches of the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order 1915."

LOAN - EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

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

"That as regards proposed loan of £950 to meet the share of Wexford County Council of the cost of a scheme of road works approved under the Employment Schemes Vote 1936-37- 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/or footpath works which is being undertaken by the said 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 said County Council for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

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

"That as already agreed to by the Wexford County Council the £950 local contribution in respect of Employment Schemes Vote 1936-37 (Road Works) be borrowed by County Council from County Treasurer, repayment to be made in three years."

#### ROSSLARE COAST EROSION

Mrs. M. M. Doyle, Golf Club Restaurant, Rosslare, wrote under date 19th March 1937 that during the storms during the week the entire foundation of the eastern portion of her restaurant was entirely undermined and part of it had actually fallen into the sea. Should even a slight storm blow from South East, there was no doubt but the remainder of her premises would be in no small danger of following what had already gone. As it was, the building was dangerous to herself and family and to anyone who approached too close to it. An average of eight feet had been lost by erosion during her twelve years occupancy of the house. She asked if the County Council could see their way to assist her in any manner by way of compensation to secure alternative accommodation, as unless a miracle happened she would not only lose her house but her means of livelihood.



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The Secretary stated he had informed Mrs. Doyle that the Council had no legal power to come to her assistance.

The meeting decided to inform Mrs. Doyle that while regretting her great loss by the erosion of the coast they had no legal power to award her any compensation.

#### BUNCLODY POUND

Under date 18th March 1937 Messrs. Stopford & Turner, Estate Agents for Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare, Bunclody, wrote that he was not prepared to erect a shed and instal water supply in Live Stock Pound Yard at Bunclody and let it to the County Council at £6 per annum.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter for a further search to ascertain if this Pound had been ever vested in the Grand Jury.

#### REPAIR OF LANES

BALLYKILTY LANEWAY: M. Byrne, Ballykilty, Coolgreaney, wrote under date 19th March 1937 asking that something should be done to repair laneway from Ballykilty road to his farm at Ballykilty which was in a very bad state. There was a high rate on the farm and it could not be paid if something was not done as soon as possible with the lane.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

BARRAGLAN LANE, MONAMOLIN: The following report was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected this lane. It is about  $\frac{2}{3}$  mile long. There are two houses on it. It is no doubt in an extremely bad state. Apparently nothing is ever done in the way of repairs. The subsoil is marl, and the whole place water and springs. Consequently it would cost a good deal to do much with it. Besides, it would be difficult to get stones.

From the third paragraph in the memorial one would think that this lane was the only convenient way to Monamolin from



the townlands of Ballinastraw, Mounthoward, Carrigrue and Kilcorkey. If you examine the map you will see that this is scarcely accurate.

To really surface and drain this lane properly would cost over £400. For a Minor Relief Scheme, I think it should be put in at £200. This would clean up the sides, and do some drainage and surfacing."

Recommended to County Council for Minor Relief Scheme - amount £200.

KILTEALY LANES: The following report as to these lanes (application Peter Byrne) was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Curraduff Lane: This lane could be put on the list for Minor Relief at £120. It is not quite as impassible as the letter would indicate. It is water off the Mountain which does the damage. We draw about 300 loads of stones down part of the lane every year. This is done in dry weather, and does not do the harm alleged.

Lane in Mohurry: I do not know where this lane is.

Footbridge in Mohurry: This must be some private foot stick over the Urrin River. It probably wants a couple of new larch sticks. It would not seem to be a job with any labour content suitable for a Minor Relief Scheme."

It was decided to recommend the County Council to apply for £120 for repair of Curraduff Lane, and that no action be taken with regard to Lane and Footbridge in Mohurry.

LANES AT LEVITSTOWN, DUNCORMACK: Under date, 25th March, 1937, Mr. T. J. Codd, Levitstown, Duncormack, wrote that he and his neighbour, James Roche, wished to have their two laneways repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Consideration adjourned for report from County Surveyor.



APPLICATION MARRIAGE GRATUITY

The following under date 31st March 1937 was read from Miss Eileen Doyle, Assistant Librarian:-

"As I have resigned my position of Assistant Librarian in view of my approaching marriage, I would be grateful if you would favour me with the amount of marriage gratuity in accordance with Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act of 1925.

I have ten years service and would be entitled to ten-twelfths of my annual salary of £117.

Thanking you for all your kindness to me during my term of office."

In reply to Mr. Colfer the Secretary said that the maximum amount which could be granted in this instance was £95. 13. 10d.

Mr. Colfer gave notice of his intention to move at the meeting of County Council on 12th April 1937, that Miss Doyle be granted the full amount of marriage gratuity.

APPLICATION INCREASE OF SALARY

Under date 19th March 1937, the Local Government Officials' Union forwarded application for increase of salary on behalf of Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerk in County Council Office. Mr. Donohoe was appointed on 28th February 1930 at the salary of £90 - £5 - £150 per annum and now after seven years' service was in receipt of £125 per annum and would not reach his maximum for another five years. About the time Mr. Donohoe was appointed the Council, on the representation of the Union adopted a salary scale for Junior Clerks of £156 - £7. 10. 0d - £201 - £10 - £234, but this was not made applicable to Mr. Donohoe. He had, at the moment, the salary which applied to female typists and the Union, believing he had a genuine grievance, asked that he be put on the scale already agreed to by the Council for



the other members of their clerical staff.

Mr. Kelly gave notice of his intention to move at the meeting of County Council on 12th April 1937 that Mr. Donohoe be placed on the same incremental scale of salary as the other ordinary clerical officers of County Council staff, viz., £156 - £7. 10. 0 - £201 - £10 - £234.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1937-38 ROADS (URBAN)

Under date 25th March 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.U.204/201) that in connection with above Schemes they were prepared to provide a grant of £1450 for New Ross Urban District provided a local contribution of £200 was forthcoming, the amount to be spent under scheme to be £1650. The grant was subject to the usual conditions as to recruitment of labour, to the work being completed by March 1938 and to the local contribution being raised by rate in the forthcoming financial year. The Minister would not be able to entertain an application to raise the local contribution by way of loan or overdraft.

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had been forwarded to the Town Clerk, New Ross, on 27th March 1937.

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

"That New Ross Urban District Council be requested to inform Wexford County Council if they intend availing of the offer of Department of Local Government and Public Health to provide a grant of £1450 for repair of roads and works are the Urban District Council prepared to contribute from Rate a sum of £200."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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



"That as provided by Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme reasonable claims for expenses from parents or guardians of pupils who have not been successful at recent examination and who have made the stipulated percentage of marks be allowed Vouchers not to be required for railway fares."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd April 1937 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The following under date 9th April 1937 was read from Mr. P. Nolan, Hon. Secretary to County Wexford Rate Collectors' Association:-

"In reply to letter received from Finance Committee of your Council to each Rate Collector re closing of warrants, the Rate Collectors have asked me, on their behalf, to request the County Council to extend the date for closing present warrants to 31st May next. They also wish to point out that the most important fairs of the year are held in May and we believe we could do much better, if time was extended to that date."

Several members pointed out that important fairs would be held through the Month of May, and it was necessary that the Rate Collectors be given an opportunity of collecting Rates there.

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

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to have all Rate Warrants closed by 3rd May 1937, and agree that the period for the close of such warrants be extended to 31st May 1937, in consequence of the fact that important fairs are held during that month."

WARBLE FLY ORDER: It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer to refer the complaints relative to Warble Fly Inspectors James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin and James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown, to the Finance Committee for further consideration particularly as regards



any explanation that may be received from James Furlong.

ROSSLARE COAST EROSION: The following under date 10th April 1937 was read from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Coast Erosion Committee:-

"I am instructed by the above Committee to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo referring to Coast Erosion at Rosslare, and to thank you for bringing the matter before the County Council.

The Committee deeply appreciates the sympathetic manner in which this urgent problem was discussed by the County Council, and the efforts made to secure an inquiry. I am to request you to convey to the members of the Council the Committee's sincere thanks for their interest in the question.

Further, I am instructed to point out that a Departmental Committee to deal with the problem of Coast Erosion under the Chairmanship of Sir Philip Hanson, was set up some years ago. The Committee held public sittings at Rosslare, Lahinch and other resorts along the coast which were also in danger. A report was presented to the Minister for Local Government in 1929, but was never made public, and my Committee requests that you bring this matter before the next meeting of the Council, with a view to securing publication of this important report."

Mr. Corish said that the report referred to was out of date and the County Surveyor agreed. What was really required, Mr. Corish said, was for a Commission to go into the position as it now stood.

The County Surveyor said the report made by Mr. Mobbs, English Expert, did not deal with the place at which erosion had recently taken place, though his recommendations, if carried out, would cost nearly half a million.

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

"That the Government be asked to appoint a small Commission to examine and report as to coast erosion at Rosslare. That they be asked (in view of the extensive damage which is being caused) to deal with this matter forthwith. That copy of this resolution be furnished the Office of Public Works and the Department of Local Government and Public Health."



ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN AND MARRIAGE GRATUITY: The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the full amount of marriage gratuity under Section 44 (4) of Local Government Act of 1925 be granted to Miss Doyle on her resignation as Assistant Librarian."

(This motion appeared in full on agenda paper of the meeting).

Mr. Corish seconded.

The Secretary stated that according to her service, Miss Doyle would be entitled to a gratuity of £95. 13. 10d.

The Chairman said that the Council had given the full amount only in one case in which the service was short - three years. A Poultry Instructress who had 16 years service and could have been voted £221. 10. 0d received £100 and a former Shorthand-Typist, who could have received £81 was voted £50.

Col. Quin proposed that the amount be fixed at £50, but the motion was not seconded.

The Chairman suggested that the Council would agree to £80.

Mr. Colfer and Mr. Corish then withdrew their proposal and Mr. Colfer proposed that Miss Doyle, Assistant Librarian, be granted a sum of £80 under Section 44(4) of Local Government Act of 1925 as marriage gratuity.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the motion was adopted, Col. Quin, being the only dissentient.

APPLICATION INCREASE OF SALARY: The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, and which appeared in full on agenda paper of the meeting was moved by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerical Assistant, County Council Staff, be placed on the same incremental scale of salary as the ordinary Clerical Officers of the County



Council staff, viz., £156 - £7. 10. 0 - £201 - £10 to £234."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that Mr. Donohoe gave every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd April 1937 as now submitted, be and the same are hereby confirmed except in so far as same may have been dissented from or altered by resolution passed at this meeting."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - APPOINTMENT OF EX-OFFICIO INSPECTOR.

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

"That Garda Francis Healy (2833), Bunclody, be appointed as Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford, vice Garda D. Cronin (5196)."

MENTAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR'S REPORT

Under date 22nd March 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.15126/37) (Enniscorthy Mental Hospital) forwarding copy of their Auditor's report on his Audit of the Accounts of the Mental Hospital for the three half years ended 30th September last with attested abstracts of same.

Referred to Mental Hospital Committee.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

Under date 3rd April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.Circ.60/37) forwarding copy of Circular issued to Veterinary Inspectors, for the supervision of milk supplies, in connection with their



attendance at a three or four days Refresher Course, dealing with the above regulations, and which had been arranged to be held in Dublin, Cork and Limerick.

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

"That this County Council approves of the attendance of their Veterinary Inspectors at any of the Refresher Courses dealing with the Milk and Dairies Regulations, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed accordingly."

#### GRANT - KILTEALY ROAD

Under date 5th April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RG/32) stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had received the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a Grant of 50 per cent of the cost of improving portion of the road from Enniscorthy to Kiltelaly, subject to a maximum grant of £2500, which is subject to the usual conditions governing the recruitment of labour, etc.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 6th April, 1937, was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"As trading to this harbour will be resumed early in Spring, we would point out that it is absolutely essential for the safety of vessels loading and unloading cargo, to fit eight baulks to act as a breakwater at the Sluice gates. We would suggest that the best kind of baulks for this purpose would be pitch pine.

We wish also to bring to your notice that to collect dues from vessels it is very important to provide for their safety."

The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said in



his opinion, it would cost £60 to carry out the proposal of the Committee.

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

"That the request of Courtown Harbour Committee as to the placing of eight baulks to act as a breakwater at the sluice gates, be referred to County Surveyor for report and recommendation."

BUILDING OF GOREY HOSPITAL

Under date 7th April 1937, the Secretary of the Sean Etchingham Fianna Fail Cumann, Riverchapel, Gorey, wrote as follows:-

"We wish to bring to the notice of the County Council the fact that stock bricks manufactured in Dublin are being used in the building of the hospital at Gorey, despite the assurance given by the Board of Health that only bricks manufactured by the Courtown Brick & Tile Company were to be used. We wish to register a strong protest against the turning down of a local industry, which for years has been giving much needed employment in our area, and we are confident that we will have the whole-hearted support of the County Council in this matter.

We would also like to mention that as preparations are being made to build a number of cottages in this area that the promise given by the Board of Health that the inside walls are to be lined with stock bricks will be adhered to."

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

"That letter from Sean Etchingham Fianna Fail Cumann, Riverchapel, as to origin of bricks used in the erection of Gorey Hospital, be referred to the County Board of Health for their observations."



COMPENSATION FOR BURNING OF BALLYNESTRAGH HOUSE

The following under date 9th April, 1937, was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, re above:-

"We are writing to you on behalf of our client, Mr. John L. Esmonde, Barrister-at-Law, in the following circumstances.

The late Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart., obtained an Award of £31,000 under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, in respect of the destruction of Ballinestrach House. This Award was conditional on that amount being spent on the reconstruction of the building. For various reasons the Award was never taken up nor the conditions of rebuilding complied with. Ballinestrach House is now the property of our client, Mr. John L. Esmonde, and he has been in negotiation with the Department of Finance with a view to having the Compensation Award, already mentioned, made available.

It would not be feasible for our client to expend the entire sum of £31,000 in the rebuilding of Ballinestrach House, and after several discussions with the Department of Finance, they have agreed to allow our client to spend between £10,000 and £15,000 of the Award on rebuilding Ballinestrach House and to allow him to expend half of the balance of the Award on the erection of approved houses in the neighbourhood of Gorey town. Presumably the other half of the balance would be retained by the State.

Our client estimates that approximately £10,000 will be necessary to rebuild Ballinestrach House, which would leave a figure of £10,500 available for the erection of approved houses in the Town of Gorey.

It is necessary for our client to furnish a Certificate from your Council that they offer no objection to the proposed concession in regard to the condition originally attached to the Award, that is to say that they were satisfied that our client should be allowed to expend, say £10,000 on Ballinestrach House and roughly £10,500 on building houses in Gorey.

It is hardly necessary for us to point out the desirability of this arrangement. Much needed employment will be given forthwith and additional housing accommodation provided in or about Gorey, where it is badly needed.

The matter is rather urgent, as there is a time limit by which the work and rebuilding must be completed, and we should be glad if you please lay this matter before your Council at your earliest possible opportunity and let us hear.

If you consider that we could be of any assistance by attending the meeting, we shall be happy to do so.

May we mention that the sites for building must be acquired by our client out of his own resources; no portion of the Award can be used for such a purpose; it must all be spent on workmanship and materials.



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Naturally, until the consent of the County Council is obtained, we are held up in closing any deals in respect of building sites."

The matter was considered in committee, and after discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That this County Council hereby certifies they approve of the following payments under Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923, to Mr. John L. Esmonde, B.L.:-

(1) £10,000 to be applied to the reconstruction of Ballinastragh House, Gorey.

(2) £10,500 to be applied to the erection of houses in Gorey district, and

(3) the balance of £10,500, we strongly recommend should be paid to the said John L. Esmonde to be applied to the erection of houses in Gorey or some other portion of the County under the control of the County Council, or, in the alternative, that this sum be paid over to this County Council to be applied in relief of Rates."

#### FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

The following under date 3rd April 1937, was read from Mr. T. J. Kelly, State Solicitor, New Ross:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th February last enclosing extract from minutes of meeting of County Council on the 8th February last, the tenants involved in the flooding of this area employed Mr. Flanagan, Engineer, Waterford, to inspect the damage on the banks and prepare an estimate for repairs to same. I forwarded copy of this estimate to the Land Commission and received an acknowledgment from them, but so far I have heard nothing since. For your information I enclose copy of this estimate which amounts to £400.

I should think the Land Commission would now be prepared to receive a deputation from the County Council to discuss with them the question of having the necessary repairs to the bank carried out immediately. I would, therefore, be obliged if you would again bring the matter before the County Council and ask them to arrange for a deputation to inspect the Banks with the County Surveyor and arrange an interview with the Land Commission. The matter cannot be allowed to continue in its present condition any longer as the tenants involved find it impossible to pay rates and rent for land which is rendered useless through no fault of their own. Please let me hear from you."



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Mr. T. Redmond said that he had nothing to add to what he had said at previous meetings. The statement in Mr. Kelly's letter was correct. The land was flooded, and of no use to the tenants. As had been already stated, they had been offered £250 - £150 to be paid back and £100 grant-in order to make good the damage. Everybody agreed, of course, that the work could not be carried out for that amount. If the engineer's estimate was correct, and if the work could be carried out for £400, he thought the Council should interview the Land Commission to try to get the work carried out as soon as possible.

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

"That Messrs. Colfer, Thomas Redmond and Walsh, be appointed a deputation, with the County Surveyor, to interview the Land Commission relative to cost of repair of embankments on River Barrow at Fisherstown and Great Island. That Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, be asked to accompany the deputation. That the Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D.'s, arrange to introduce the deputation and to help them in the submission of the views of the tenants concerned."

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 19th March, 1937, (No. S.G.P./32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote forwarding £5314 instalment of Road Improvement Grant, the allocation for which is £11,064.

#### TAKING OVER NEW PUBLIC ROADS

The Secretary mentioned that at the meeting of the County Council on the 10th May, 1937, the Council would consider the taking over of three Public roads in Gorey district. Particulars of these roads had been advertised in full for some time in the three local papers, and any



person who was interested or wished to make any objection to the proposal to take them over should put their views before the meeting of the County Council on the 10th May.

#### COMPLAINTS OF CONDITION OF ROADS

Mr. T. Redmond, referring to complaints as to the bad condition of certain roads, made at different meetings of the Council said it was a pity that those complaints were not brought forward on the consideration of the road estimate. They seemed to be all cloaked until the road estimate was passed, and then at every meeting for several months afterwards there was nothing but complaints about roads in various places. Those repairs could not be carried out without money, and he thought it was a great pity that the complaints would not be made before the estimate was passed, and give a chance to the County Surveyor to prepare an estimate that would cover all the roads in the County.

#### COMPLAINT BY CARTERS

Mr. Keegan said that a number of carters had complained to him that carting from Belcarrig Quarry had been done by the Railway Company's lorries. There were also complaints by the carters relative to the carting from Gorey to Riverchapel.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, explained that two lorries had been employed, as there was no other way of securing that the stuff would be on the road in time for rolling and which had been arranged for next week. He tried to get 20 carters, but only seven were available and they were employed. The same applied to Gorey to Riverchapel job. All carters they could get were at work.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Railway Company was carting tar all over the district while there was a number of carters idle in Gorey.



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Mr. Treanor said it was doubtful if carters would be able to deliver the tar seven or eight miles out in the country at a reasonable price. The County Council, however, had nothing to say to the matter as their arrangement with the men supplying tar was for "delivery on the road".

The Chairman said it had been already agreed to by the Council that where possible preference in haulage was to be given to the horse.

#### REPAIR ROAD - WEXFORD-CURRACLOE

Under date 5th April 1937 the following letter (No. R/RG/32) to the County Surveyor was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a grant of 50% of the cost of improving the road between Curracloe Village and Curracloe Strand subject to a maximum grant of £500.

I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish a brief specification and detailed estimate of the proposed work.

The grant is subject to the conditions governing the recruitment of labour as set out in the Department's Circular Letter (SGA/202) of the 25th November, 1935."

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor's estimate for Curracloe road was £1,011, and it was forwarded to the Department, the whole money being asked for by way of free grant. The Department now agreed to £500 only as a grant, the balance to be paid by the County Council. Where was it to come from? Apparently, the only way to get the local contribution was to be allowed to expend the money and raise it next year, or by borrowing.

On the suggestion of Miss O'Ryan, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for a further report to the Council.

Mr. Corish said he had raised the question of repairing this road several times at the meetings of the Tourist



Association, but always by way of securing a sufficient grant to cover the work of reconstruction. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That the Irish Tourist Association be requested to represent to the Government that while grateful for the proposed State Grant of £500 for repair of Road from Wexford to Curracloe, the Wexford County Council always understood it was possible to secure from the Government, by way of grant, the full expenditure which was necessary for this repair, and hence had made no provision in their Road Works Scheme for any outlay under this head."

TURN AT ARKLOW ROAD (GOREY)

Under date, 7th April, 1937, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the necessity for having something done to the bend in the Arklow Road where it goes under the Railway Bridge outside the Town here. My Commissioners consider this place very dangerous in its present condition owing to the volume of traffic on this road and to the fact that four roads converge at this point.

My Board believe that <sup>it</sup> is only necessary to acquaint your Council of the danger existing at this place, when steps required to render the roadway safe will be immediately taken."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to call the attention of the Great Southern Railway Company to the dangerous turn on Arklow Road, at the railway bridge adjacent to Gorey town and point out to them that the County Council recognises that great loss of life may occur there unless some steps are taken to provide a view for the very constant traffic now using this thoroughfare."



### LYRANE LANE

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

"That representations received from the ten residents of Lyrane Lane, Craanford, be referred to the Finance Committee after report has been received from County Surveyor."

### CUTTING OF TACUMSHANE LAKE

Col. Gibbon said that the men employed at the cutting of Tacumshane Lake met with the most extraordinary difficulties. Storm after storm from the East had closed the Cut every time they had opened it. The farmers were working at the cut that day. He (Col. Gibbon) was wondering if it would be possible to get another £50 to help to keep the place open. Agricultural work was very backward up to the present, but when the rush came, as it was bound to do, within a short time, the farmers would not be able to spare their men for the work.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said he did not see what could be done with £50. They had a balance in hands of about £30 or £40, but this would have to be spent on men supplied from the Labour Exchange.

The Chairman suggested that the farmers concerned should do what they could in regard to getting the lough cut and when they were working on the land the County Surveyor could employ labour from the Exchange.

Miss O'Ryan asked, that providing farmers put on horses would the County Surveyor be able to provide for extra work.

The County Surveyor said he would try and deal with the matter.

It was decided to leave the matter in his hands.



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LETTING OF KILCARBERY MILLS

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

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement and Counterpart thereof between the Council and Lieutenant Colonel Loftus Anthony Bryan, dealing with the letting of part of the Lands of Kilcarberry to Colonel Bryan as a Yearly Tenancy at the Yearly Rent of £27. 10. 0."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That new Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to Nicholas Murphy, Boro, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, provided no objection to same be received from Garda Siochana."

RATE FOR TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Under date 18th March, 1937, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, wrote, conveying to the members of the Council the best thanks of his Executive Committee for their continued support.

EXPORT OF GREYHOUNDS FROM SAORSTAT EIREANN

The following resolution, which was received from Cobh Urban District Council was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"Following the Trade Agreement with England re the removal of the import duty on live horses in that country, this Council is uananimously of the opinion that a similar agreement should be negotiated to cover the export of greyhounds from the Free State into Great Britain, or in the alternative that the Free State Government should pay a Bounty equal to the Horse Bounty, on all exports of greyhounds, which must now be regarded as a National Livestock Industry."



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PAYMENTS

Proposed by Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the several payments as submitted to this meeting, including payments certified to Contractors for Roads and Works be and are hereby confirmed, subject to any alterations and amendments made thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."

*J. Kelly*

*10/5/37*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 10th MAY 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held on 10th May, 1937, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Cullen, W. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond and Myles Smyth.

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

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £144. 2. 0 (Rural Schools Loan repayment); £16. 1. 0 (Enniscorthy Town Technical School repayment); £336. 3. 4d (Ordinary Salaries) and £21,131. 8. 8d (Ordinary payments and Transfers to Public Bodies).

#### VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

"That we offer to Mr. P. Kehoe, T.D., our heartfelt condolence in the death of his dear wife and to her brother Mr. Stephen Hayes (Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices)."

The proposal was supported by the Secretary and adopted in silence.

#### CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 16th APRIL 1937: The Minutes of this Meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on 16th April 1937 in County Hall, Wexford.

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 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 £6407. 5. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following is percentage of Total Warrants collected to date:-

E. J. Murphy	91.6
J. Curtis	88.3
J. J. O'Reilly	84.1
M. Kehoe	82.6
J. Deegan	81.9
P. Carty	81.7
D. Kenny	79.3
J. Cummins	79.0
S. Gannon	76.3
P. Doyle	75.8
J. Flood	75.1
P. Nolan	73.6
A. Dunne	70.1
M. McCarthy	66.5
J. J. Sinnott	65.4
W. Cummins	64.9
J. Quirke	63.1
W. Doyle	61.2
M. Murphy	<u>61.0</u>

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The percentage at corresponding period last year was 73 per cent; improvement is therefore only 1.1 per cent.

In connection with report of Rate Inspector as to visit to ratepayers in district of Collector Sinnott (No. 16 District) the Rate Inspector stated Mr. Warren, Auctioneer, Gorey, was interviewed in connection with the following



and efforts were made in all cases to have the full amount of rates discharged. Where the proceeds of the letting were not sufficient to discharge outgoings, arrangements to accept "part" payments were made with the Auctioneer:-

T. F. White, Ballywater, Kilmuckridge.

M. Hughes, Mangan, Killena.

Mrs. Gregory, Coolook, do.

Reps. H. White, Tomduff, do.

John O'Brien, Ballinadrummond, do.

Mrs. Sunderland, Ballinastraw, do.

Mrs. B. Rath, Coolroe, Kilmuckridge.

Reps. R. Sinnott, Tomgarrow, Wells.

Richard Farrell, Coolookbeg, Killena.

Mrs. Breen, Curraduff, Killena.

The meeting considered that in the case of T. F. White, Ballywater, the rates should have been recovered before this date, as ratepayer was certainly in a position to pay.

It was decided to call the special attention of the Rate Collector to this matter and that he be instructed to collect the full rate at once.

The Rate Inspector also reported that no rates had been paid for the following farms which were derelict or semi-derelict. People in the area were willing to take over part of the lands if they were divided. The Land Commission had been informed of this:-

Patrick O'Connor, Newtown, Clonevan.

A. Kavanagh, Stable and Templeberry.

Reps. P. Rath, Coolatrindle, Kilmuckridge.

Reps. R. Earle, Peppard's Castle, Clonevan, and

Reps. P. Kavanagh, Mangan, Kilmuckridge.

It was pointed out by Councillors that the majority of these farms were grazed all through the summer.

It was decided that Mr. Sinnott be asked to state what steps he took to recover rates while stock were grazing on



some of these farms.

POUNDAGE ETC.: The following Collectors appeared as a deputation in connection with payment of poundage etc.:— Messrs. Curtis, M. McCarthy, P. Nolan and J. J. O'Reilly.

The following under date, 13th April 1937 (G.26904/37 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:—

"Adverting to your letter of the 5th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the prolonged delay on the part of Rate Collectors J. Quirke, M. McCarthy and J. Flood in accounting for amounts equivalent to the first moiety and arrears of their warrants for the year 1936-37, he is not prepared to sanction payment of poundage as proposed. The Minister will, however, raise no objection to payment at the rates proposed less 10 per cent."

Under date 13th April, 1937, the following letter (G.26905/37 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 5th instant, on the subject, and to state that he has sanctioned the payment of poundage as proposed to Collectors P. Nolan, S. Gannon, J. Deegan, J. Cummins, D. Kenny, E. J. Murphy, M. Keogh and J. Curtis in respect of the lodgment of 75 per cent of their warrants for 1936-37, together with arrears applicable to the year 1935-36. I am to add that the sanction now conveyed should not operate to cancel or reduce the deduction of poundage imposed in the case of Collector J. Deegan in this Department's letter of the 16th ultimo (G.20250/37)."



It was agreed that payment of poundage to Rate Collectors be made in accordance with letters from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.26904-37 Loch Garman, 13th April 1937) and (G.26905-37 Loch Garman 13th April 1937).

It was decided that steps be taken to obtain sanction for an early payment of the balance of poundage fees immediately following the close of warrants.

The Collectors asked that lodgments made on 31st March in any of the branches of National Bank should be brought into account for the financial year ended that day.

It was pointed out that the amount of these lodgments could be telegraphed to Wexford by the various branches of the National Bank, or the Collectors could lodge in Wexford; otherwise, as Bank Pass Book and Accounts of County Council should be in agreement, lodgments could only be brought to account for the date on which they appear in Bank Pass Book.

INCORRECT CLAIM FOR ABATEMENT: Under date 9th April, 1937, District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, submitted file from which it appeared that Joseph Somers, Oulartard, Ferns, had claimed for two workmen, Patrick Murphy and James Murphy, the former, as from January to August 1936 and James Murphy from August to the present time. In a statement to Guard Guinan, Somers admitted that Patrick Murphy left employment in April 1936, while James Murphy started work in August 1936 and left in February 1937.

It could therefore be seen that there was no sequence of employment in the cases of these two men as claimed in his abatement form by Somers.

It was decided that the file relative to Abatement Form of James Somers (Rates on Agricultural Land) be handed to the County Solicitor, he be requested to report by next meeting if proceedings can be taken against Somers for having made a false return.



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FLOODING AT HOPELANDS ETC., ROSSLARE STRAND

Mr. M. Kavanagh (Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford) appeared with Mr. Nicholas Furlong, Iona Hotel, Rosslare, in connection with the flooding of his land at Hopelands, Island, Leke Little, and Bearlough.

Mr. Furlong stated he held 250 acres of land in these four townlands, the valuation being £132, and in consequence of a breach in the embankment in September 1935, with the exception of about 15 acres, the whole place was flooded.

When the first breach appeared in the bank he spent £70 on repair, but storms came subsequently and made a gap of 70 yards which he found impossible to deal with. His rent annuity was £15. He purchased the place about nine years ago.

Mr. Kavanagh held that the flooding at Hopelands was really more serious than the coast erosion which was recently considered by the Council. Unless something was done Rosslare would be reduced to a peninsula with consequent serious affects on the town of Wexford.

The County Surveyor contended that the breach to the embankment, owing to which Mr. Furlong's land was flooded, was not caused by coast erosion, but by the fact that the embankment of reclaimed land was not maintained. As the land was under high water mark, it would be understood how necessary it was that breaches should be attended to at once when they occurred. As a matter of fact, the Slob Company were obliged to repair these breaches constantly.

Mr. Furlong contended that since the Pilot Station at the Fort was washed away the tide at this place was much higher than before, and in this way the strength of the embankment was sapped.

Mr. Kavanagh asked that the Council request the Department of Industry and Commerce to bring into the scope



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of any inquiry that would be instituted regarding coast erosion, the condition of Mr. Furlong's holding. Mr. Furlong could get rid of his liability for rates there by an easy method.

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

"That we recommend the Council to call the attention of the Board of Works and Land Commission to the flooding at Hopelands etc. at Rosslare."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: It was reported that Nicholas Breen, Kiloggy, Ferns, who was granted loan of £175. 10. 0 in 1934, and who had been paid £111, did not intend residing in the new house.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Solicitor who was instructed to warn Mr. Breen that he must reside in the house when it is completed, as the money is being voted to him strictly on this understanding.

Laurence Joyce, Ballyboro, Clonroche, applied for loan of £100 for house valued at £250. He had not yet received approval of Local Government Department, but plan and specification of the house he proposed to build had already received their sanction.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve provisionally of application of Laurence Joyce, Castleboro, Clonroche, for loan of £100, this resolution to be contingent on the money being provided from savings on previous loans."

Under date 14th April, 1937, Henry Goff, County Hospital, Wexford, wrote pointing out that he had received loan of £180 from the Council and £70 free Grant from the Government for the erection of house at Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.



This was now ready for occupation. At the time he started to build he was working and living in Enniscorthy. He had the house up to the wall plates when he secured his present employment with the Board of Health in the County Hospital, and, therefore, he could not live in Enniscorthy. He asked the Committee to grant him leave to allow his mother-in-law to remain in the house and caretake it for him. He did not wish to transfer it to anybody, and would take full responsibility for payment of rent and rates. He had a good deal of furniture in the house and his mother-in-law would look after it, as he wanted to keep the place aired and dry.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to request of Henry Goff, relative to house erected by him."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Under date 14th April, 1937, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had inspected the house of John Eustace, Clonleigh, Blace, on the 9th instant, but no further progress had been made since his last inspection on the 3rd March. Tradesmen were reluctant to carry out the work and with cottage building restarted it would be very difficult to have the house completed. He would try and get in touch with the mason who started the work and see if it would be possible for him to finish it.

It was decided to adjourn this matter for a further report from Mr. O'Neill.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Thomas Hamilton, Whitemill Road, Wexford who applied for loan of £234, and who had been asked to submit a statement as to his means wrote that his income was £2 per week from the milk trade, and he earned from £70 - £80 per annum by pig breeding.



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It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to refuse this application as the Finance Committee did not consider Mr. Hamilton was in a financial position to repay the instalments of any loan which might be advanced to him.

Application of Mary Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, described as a labourer's wife, and from whom a statement of means had been asked, was adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting, as no statement had been received from her to the present.

Francis Browne, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange, son-in-law of Mrs. Annie Howlett, wrote in connection with application of his mother-in-law as to loan.

It was pointed out that Mr. Browne intended to apply for loan in his own name and wanted the application from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Howlett, withdrawn.

It was decided that application be adjourned until completed application form is received from Mr. Browne.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, applied for loan of £100 to help in the erection of a house estimated to cost £250.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to approve the application, subject to submission of map and to satisfying the County Surveyor that the location of site was suitable.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Complaints as to certain Inspectors under above Order were referred by the County Council meeting of the 12th instant, to the Finance Committee for full investigation.

Under date, 30th March, 1937, Mr. Ringwood reported as follows:-



"I regret to say that the Inspector in No. 2 Area (Mr. James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin,) is not working to my satisfaction. On Form W.F.3 on March 20th it is evident he did not examine the cattle, property of S. Rothwell and J. Bolger, (in fact, he admitted to me when interviewed on 27th that he took the owners word for them).

On March 23rd, he has - M. Doyle, Marley, Number on Premises, 7; Infested 0. I called at Mr. Doyle's on 23rd and ascertained the Inspector was speaking to Mr. Doyle on the road.

On the 26th, I called at Mr. M. Doyle's and examined his cattle. The figures should read "Number on Premises, 11; Infested 3." The cattle were dressed on 25th, as I had warned them on 23rd.

Perhaps you would ask Inspector for an explanation, and give him a warning."

Under date 2nd April, 1937, the following was read from James Doyle, Inspector for No. 2 Area:-

"In answer to your communication received yesterday re my visit to Mr. Rothwell's and Mr. Bolger's farms on 22nd March, not 20th, as stated, I wish to state that I found Mr. Rothwell in his farmyard on my visit and asked him how many cattle he had. He told me he had 55 and that they were all dressed on 6th March although they had no warbles. He also showed me the empty box which had contained Bell's Warble Fly Powder, enough to dress 150 cattle, so I took his word that they were dressed. I then called at Mr. Bolger's and he told me the same as above and showed me an empty packet which had contained 1 lb. Cooper's Warble Fly Powder. I examined Mr. Bolger's 19 cattle and found they had no warbles. They were dressed 6th March also.

I called to Mr. Doyle's, Marley, on 23rd and met his son outside his yard gate. I asked him how many cattle he had, and if they were dressed. He told me he had 7 and that they were inside the field gate, so I examined these 7 Cattle and found none with warbles. He did not tell me he had any more, so I intend calling there to-day from Mr. Doyle's answer as to why he concealed these 4 cattle from me which Mr. Ringwood found there and I will send you his explanation on Monday."

Under date 3rd April, 1937, the following was also read from James Doyle:-



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"I called to Mr. Doyle's Marley, on Friday, 2nd April, to find out why he did not tell me about the four extra cattle which Mr. Ringwood found there on visiting Mr. Doyle's farm. Mr. Doyle told me that he did not think that fat cattle or young calves came under the treatment order, so therefore, his son did not show me those cattle, 3 fats and 1 calf. I told him that he could be prosecuted for concealing those cattle and that I wanted to see them. Mr. Doyle gave me every facility and I found that 5 of his cattle had developed warbles since he had dressed them. I gave him strict instructions to have them dressed again within the dressing period 1st to 7th April and he agreed to do so.

I also wish to ask you it is absolutely necessary for me to examine every animal on the farm, even though the farmer tells me he has them dressed, and shows me the empty or half-empty container of the preparation. If I have to do this, it will mean that instead of making 4 or at least 3 calls, I will be only able to make at most 2. I am well aware that there are some owners who will not dress their cattle if they are not inspected, but that does not apply to the majority of owners in my area. In fact, many people have them dressed when I call and I think it insulting of me to ask to examine cattle belonging to farmers who are doing their best to comply with the Order."

Under date 8th April, 1937, Mr. Ringwood, V.S., wrote as follows:-

"I have received copies of letters that you got from Mr. James Doyle (Inspector for No. 2 Area).

In his letter of 2nd April, he states he examined 7 Cattle at Mr. Doyle's of Marley. My information is, he did not examine the cattle, and he sent in a wrong report about the animals on this farm.

His letter of 3rd April states that the warbles developed since the cattle were dressed. As I saw the animals the day after dressing, I can state that the warbles must have been present before the Wash was applied.

As regards the second part of his letter, if an Inspector accepts an empty or half-empty container as proof that the cattle were dressed, the Order would not be carried out satisfactorily."

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

"That James Doyle, Warble Fly Inspector for No. 2 Area, be informed that the Finance Committee are not satis-



fied with the manner in which he is discharging his duties, and are of opinion that the complaints made of him by Mr. Ringwood, V.S., are well founded. Should any further fault be found with his work, the Finance Committee will recommend his dismissal."

In connection with the complaint by Mr. Lynch, V.S., as to James Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown, Inspector for No. 9 District, Mr. Lynch, under date 22nd March, 1937, wrote that James Furlong had at that period, no cattle treated in his district. He spoke to James Furlong pretty strongly on this, as there were days suitable for dressing.

This arose out of a communication from the Secretary to Mr. Lynch as to James Furlong's reports.

Furlong told Mr. Lynch he had advised all farmers to dress as many animals then free of warbles, as these would show infection later.

Under date, 5th April, 1937, the following was read from Mr. Lynch:-

"Re yours of 1st instant, I had James Furlong here yesterday re his reports etc. I went over the ones you returned with him. I also found some errors in last week's report.

I send you on his Forms W.F.2, as I received them today. There is, at least, no obvious mistakes for week ending 3rd April.

This Inspector is careless in filling Forms. I think it would be well if you wrote him. I gave him a warning."

Mr. Lynch was communicated with on the 5th April 1937, asking if Furlong was carrying out his duties to the satisfaction of Mr. Lynch, and the following was his reply:-

"As I said before, I find him careless about his reports, often a form not filled or unsigned.

I called to his place at 2.30 p.m. to-day and was told



by his sister-in-law that he was gone to Carlow to a wedding I asked if he had left any note for me and the answer was "No".

I warned him that he was not to leave his district without notifying you.

I believe, however, that so far as visiting the stock owners, that he does this pretty well."

Under date 9th April, 1937, Furlong wrote that he was absent from work on Tuesday, 6th instant, at a friend's wedding in Carlow, but he made extra visits on Monday and Wednesday. He hoped his excuse would be satisfactory and promised not to be absent again without permission.

Under date, 10th April, 1937, Mr. Lynch wrote that Furlong had entered for 6th April, (the day on which he was absent) the extra visits he said he made on the previous and following days.

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

"That the Finance Committee cannot, in view of his absence from duty and general lack of care in the preparation of his reports, regard James Furlong, Warble Fly Inspector for No. 9 Area, as carrying out his work in a satisfactory manner. His action in recording visits for date on which he was absent from duty was highly irregular. If it be found he leaves his district without permission any time in the future or that his work is neglected, the Finance Committee will recommend his dismissal to the County Council"

Mr. Lynch's attention was called to the small number of premises visited by William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane (Inspector for No. 10 District).

In reply Mr. Lynch wrote as follows:-

"With regard to W. Carty, I doubt if you have a better man at his work. He is conscientious and goes to too much pains in examining herds and this accounts for his small



numbers. I have written to him and said that the approximate number of visibly affected would suffice."

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

"That as regards W. Carty, Warble Fly Inspector for No. 10 District, the Finance Committee are of opinion that by reorganisation of his methods of work he should be able to increase the number of his inspections. We recommend him to carefully examine the map of his district with a view to collating the townlands therein, to allow of the inspection of additional premises."

APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS - INCREMENTAL  
SCALE OF SALARIES

In connection with the resolution of the County Council adopted at the meeting on the 12th instant, referring back to the Finance Committee, the application of four Assistant Surveyors and asking the Committee to arrange a Conference between the Sub-Committee and the Assistant Surveyors, Mr. Courtney, Chief Engineering Adviser to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be in attendance, it was decided that the Sub-Committee be summoned to meeting to be held on 30th April, 1937, to consider what views they would submit to the Conference which it is proposed to hold on the 14th May 1937 at 3 p.m.

RE PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE - ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

Under date 14th April, 1937, the following was read from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin:-

"With further reference to this matter, we would like to confirm that the Ocean Insurance Company have been holding covered since the 25th September last, for a Fatal Benefit of £5000 : 0 : 0, and a Weekly Compensation of £6 : 0 : 0 (ref. our letter of the 25th September, 1936, addressed to the County Surveyor). For this reason the Ocean Company are most anxious for the immediate and final decision of the Council in connection with the exact type of Policy to be issued. So that you may be aware of the benefits, and relative premiums, we give you hereunder the information set out in our letter of the 23rd ultimo, addressed to the County Surveyor.



<u>Fatal.</u>	£5000 at 5/-%	<u>Premium.</u> £12 ; 10: 0
Loss of limbs, eyes or } one limb or one eye }	£5000 at 2/6%	£6 : 5: 0
<u>Disablement</u>	£6 per week at 10/- per £1.	<u>£3 : 0: 0</u>
Per Assistant Surveyor £21 : 15: 0		

The rates of premium quoted above apply to the five Assistant Surveyors and as regards the gangers, about half the premiums quoted would apply provided the gangers do not handle more than approximately one-tenth the quantity of explosives in the charge of Assistant Surveyors. We have already indicated that proportionate benefits can be covered at proportionate nett premiums, under any section of the Insurance, and by way of example, we give the following figures:-

<u>Fatal</u>	£2500 at 5/-%	<u>Premium</u> £6: 5: 0
Loss of Limbs, eyes, or } one limb or one eye }	£2500 at 2/6%	£3: 2: 6
<u>Disablement</u>	£3 per week at 10/- per £1.	<u>£1: 10: 0</u>
Per Assistant Surveyor. £10: 17: 6.		

Possibly the Council may consider benefits on this scale sufficient, but as previously intimated, the Ocean Company have, and are at present, holding covered for the higher benefits of £5000, and £6: 0: 0 per week.

Public Liability Insurance - Special Indemnity.

The Ocean Company are not on cover for this risk, but we would again repeat the quotation given you on the 23rd ultimo:-

To insure Legal Liability for personal injury or damage to property (excluding personal injury to Gangers or Surveyors) caused by the storing of explosives in their premises:-

<u>Indemnity</u>	£1000, per accident.	£10,000 per year.
<u>Annual Premiums</u>	£1: 0: 0 per Assistant Surveyor. 10/-d per Ganger.	

There are forty-five Gangers, and five Assistant Surveyors, making the premium £27: 10: 0.

If the Council desire cover under this heading, we shall be very pleased to make the necessary arrangements on receipt of your instructions. At the moment, however, the most pressing matter is to get a final decision on the Personal Accident Insurance.

Awaiting the favour of your early advices."

The County Surveyor said he intended to make arrangements by which this class of insurance would not be necessary.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County



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Surveyor to communicate with Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland, as consultation in connection with this Insurance had already taken place between their Representative and the County Surveyor.

#### WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

The following letter under date 12th April 1937, No. R/RB/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the proposed widening of a road at Rosslare and to inform you that the proposed scheme is approved. I am to point out, however, that the concrete slab, if over a recent sewer trench should be reinforced.

A communication regarding your application for sanction to the proposed loan of £1,500 will be addressed to you in due course."

#### PROPOSED REDEMPTION GROUND RENT COUNTY HALL

Under date 6th April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.14505/37 Loch Garman (Pg)) requesting submission of a detailed statement of the arrangements arrived at with the owners of the Ground Rent of the County Hall, the number of years' purchase of the rents which it was proposed to pay together with particulars as to how the sum of £4,151 which the Council proposed to pay, was made up.

Mr. Elgee stated he had furnished the requisite particulars to the Department.

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR - COURTHOUSE AND OFFICES

Under date 13th April 1937, the County Registrar wrote that there appeared to be outstanding four items to which he had called the attention of the County Surveyor:-



- (1) Levelling off entrances to the building.
- (2) Lavatory and wash up.
- (3) Judge's Room furniture.
- (4) Removal of panelling at Solicitors' table.

The County Surveyor said he intended levelling off the entrance to the building, and had also made arrangements for wash up and lavatory. As for the furniture in the Judge's room, the County Registrar appeared to think new furniture was wanted. He (County Surveyor) proposed to have the chairs recovered.

As regards the panelling at the Solicitors' table, if it was decided to have a second Court he (County Surveyor) could not see his way to pull out this panelling.

The meeting approved of the suggestions of the County Surveyor in this matter.

Under date 13th April, 1937, the County Registrar wrote that as they did not appear to be able to make any progress relative to Courthouse premises in correspondence, he asked that an interview with the Finance Committee should be arranged.

It was decided to inform the County Registrar the Finance Committee would be prepared to hear any representations he desired to make as regards the Courthouse premises at 2.30 p.m. at meeting on 30th April 1937.

#### PROPOSED PURCHASE OF FORD VAN

Under date 15th April 1937, the County Surveyor wrote as follows:-

"I shall be glad if you will bring before the Finance Committee, at their Meeting on 16th instant, the matter of the Ford Truck we have in connection with the Machinery Department. We have now had this truck for about four years, and it requires extensive overhaul and repairs. I have gone into the matter of cost, and find that approxi-



mately it will cost £50 to carry out necessary repairs, and, moreover, it being a 30 cwt. truck the tax is £30. I propose, with the approval of the Committee, to purchase a Ford Van in substitution of the truck. I shall have full particulars to submit to the meeting in regard to cost etc."

The County Surveyor submitted two quotations - one from Enniscorthy Motor Company and the second from Statham Ltd., Wexford.

The meeting referred the matter again to the County Surveyor as they were of opinion neither of the quotations gave sufficient allowance for the existing second-hand lorry. The County Surveyor was instructed to endeavour to procure amended quotations.

CHARGES FOR MACHINERY AND MATERIAL

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of the following charges for 1937/38 as suggested by the County Surveyor:-

Machinery and Quarry Charges:

Steam Drill.....	£3.	0. 0 per day.
Engine & Granulator (large).....	£3.	10. 0 per day.
Engine & Granulator (small).....	£2.	15. 0 per day.
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3.	0. 0 per day.
Compressor, Drill Plant and Lorry....	£4.	0. 0 per day.
Roller.....	£2.	2. 0 per day.
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1.	5. 0 per week.
Ballybrennan Plant.....	£4.	0. 0 per day.
Concrete Mixer.....	£1.	10. 0 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 B.S.....	6/6d per cubic yard.
Gravel.....	6/6d per cubic yard.



The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their Specifications.

It will be noted that the charges are exactly the same as last year, with the exception of the small increase in charge for rollers. This is on account of the necessity for providing for interest and sinking fund on Loan for purchase of new rollers."

WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

The following, under date, 15th April, 1937, was read from County Surveyor:-

"During the past, there has been difficulty in keeping full and sufficient records in connection with the Machinery Department. Recently, I have made arrangements for my Clerk, Mr. Kennedy, to attend one day each week at the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy to keep records written up. The Machinery Overseer has, during the past, had these records written up by a member of his own family, but this is not satisfactory, and I am transferring the local records from my Office in Wexford to Enniscorthy. I propose allowing Mr. Kennedy a small increase per week to cover this work and expenses, and this will be covered by the Machinery Account, and it will be more efficient and economical."

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

"That the County Council be requested to approve of the attendance of Mr. Kennedy, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department, at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, for one day per week for the purpose of writing up machinery records, and that he be allowed a sum of 10/- for each such day to cover travelling and subsistence allowance, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction this proposal."



### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Claims for refund of expenses incurred in attending Examination under above Scheme were submitted and dealt with as follows:-

1. James Furlong, Rosetown Cottage, Rosslare Strand.  
Claim 11s. 8d; allowed 6s. 8d.
2. Mark French, Moneylawn, Gorey.  
Claim 13s. 9d. allowed.
3. Mary J. Wafer, Kilmuckridge.  
Claim 17/-; allowed 15/-.

### LYRANE LANE

Application from a number of ratepayers for repair of Lyrane Lane was adjourned to await report of County Surveyor.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

The following notifications of applications, on 2nd April 1937, as to committal of children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

1. Margaret Martin, Adamstown, 4 years old, daughter of John and Bridget Martin. Mother died about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years ago, and the father, a farm labourer, was destitute.

Application was to be made under Section 58 (1) (4) of Children's Act 1908-1909.

2. Kathleen Fleming, Poulpeasty, New Ross, illegitimate child of Bridget Fleming, Poulpeasty, New Ross, who was in County Home. Child resides with grandfather at Ballindoney, Ballywilliam. He had only one leg. His wife died recently.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th April, 1937, be received and considered."

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

"That the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, be requested to bring into Bank Pass Book for 31st March in any year all lodgments made by Rate Collectors in Branch Offices on that date."

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE - ASSISTANT SURVEYORS: The County Surveyor and County Solicitor who had had the conference with the Representative of the Insurance Company in September last, stated they never gave any directions or instructions as regards cover and could not approve of payment of the amount claimed for it.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th April 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 30th APRIL 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th April, 1937.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

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

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3786. 14. 10d was examined and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. P. Kehoe, T.D., in the death of his wife, and to her brother, Mr. Stephen Hayes (Assistant in County Council Offices)."

The Chairman and Secretary associated themselves with the motion.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	93.7
J. Curtis	93.0
J. J. O'Reilly	88.5
J. Deegan	85.6
M. Kehoe	84.8
P. Carty	83.7
J. Flood	82.9
D. Kenny	81.9
J. Cummins	81.5
P. Doyle	80.3
S. Gannon	78.3
P. Nolan	76.7
M. McCarthy	73.5
A. Dunne	73.4



J. J. Sinnott	70.1
W. Cummins	69.2
J. Quirke	67.7
W. Doyle	65.8
M. Murphy	<u>63.1</u>

Average 78.0

Miss O'Ryan said there was no reason whatever to account for the fact that the Rate Collectors in New Ross district were so much better than those in Wexford district. As a matter of fact, taking into account the rate paying capacity of the two districts, she considered Wexford should be in advance. It appeared to her that the Rate Collectors for Wexford had dropped into a bad habit.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that as the Collectors were obliged to close their warrants by the 31st May, it would be inadvisable for the Finance Committee to take any further steps until that date.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 22nd April, 1937, the following letter No. G.32047/37 Loch Garman, was received 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 17th instant and to state that he has noted the resolution of the County Council regarding poundage of Rate Collectors P. Doyle, J. Deegan and P. Carty.

The Minister sees no reason why any assurance should be furnished as to the restoration of the deductions made in these cases. The Rate Collection position in Wexford is most unsatisfactory, and its position on the 31st ultimo as compared with other Counties constitutes a serious reflection on the capacity of the Collectors generally. It is clear that the modifications sanctioned last year in the scheme of remuneration have served no useful purpose, and the Council should now deal with the Collectors in such a manner as the position of the warrants justifies."

It was decided to send copy of this communication to the three Rate Collectors concerned.

INCORRECT CLAIM FOR ABATEMENT OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL

LAND: The following, under date 28th April, 1937, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-



Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

"The Finance Committee direct that a severe warning be conveyed by Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, to Joseph Somers, Oulartard, Ferns, in connection with his claim for abatement of rates on agricultural land. Were it not that the Committee believed Mr. Somers made a genuine error, they would not be prepared to adopt the recommendation of the County Solicitor, but would issue instructions for his prosecution."

NOTICE REFUSAL TO PAY RATES: Under date 26th April, 1937 James Dempsey, Mountain Ego, New Ross, wrote that last year he purchased 40 statute acres of marshes, on the Glascott estate, in the townland of Whitechurch, New Ross. As the river bank is broken down in ten places he was unable to keep the water out, with the result that the land was under water all the time. He stated he would not pay rates for the land as he was unable to use it.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, inform Mr. Dempsey that in the opinion of the Finance Committee he should pay his rates, as he should have been aware when purchasing this land it was subject to flooding. The County Council have no responsibility for maintaining embankments on rivers.

#### ROSSLARE COAST EROSION

Under date 29th April 1937, the following letter M.S.2821 was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce:

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 17th instant transmitting a resolution adopted by the County Council in regard to coast erosion at Rosslare, and to say that the Minister has no function in this matter, apart from the power to prohibit or restrict removals of beach material by persons, conferred on him by the Foreshore Act, 1933.



I am to say that the report made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by the Inter-departmental Committee of Inquiry into Coast Erosion, appointed in 1929, was published in 1931. The Committee were of opinion that the Saorstát Government should not assume any general responsibility for the defence of the coast.

In these circumstances, the Minister is unable to take any action in the desired direction."

Mr. Corish, T.D., stated he had put down a question in An Dail, to the Minister, in connection with this coast erosion.

Referred to County Council.

#### COUNTY REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

By arrangement, the County Registrar came before the meeting in connection with additional office accommodation. This, he stated, he wanted for the Sheriff's side. Mr. Dale, who was in charge of this portion of the work, had only one room in which three people were working at the moment. It was necessary that he should have another apartment, as a private office to meet people paying annuities, and also as regards other matters in connection with the business of the Sheriff. The County Registrar suggested he should be given at once the room now occupied by the typist in the County Surveyor's department, and which adjoined the office in which the Sheriff's business was at present dealt with, and later on he would ask for the old County Council Chamber. He was prepared to surrender the rooms for Barristers and Solicitors on the ground floor. He pointed out that according to the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, the County Council was bound to provide and maintain such Courthouse accommodation as the Minister should direct for the sittings of the Court, and for the transaction of business by law assigned to any



officer of such court and for the transaction of the business of the office of the under sheriff.

Mr. Elgee referred to Section 2 of the Act, from which it appeared that where part only of a building was maintained and used as Courthouse accommodation and the residue was maintained and used for other purposes nothing in the Act could apply to the residue of such building.

The County Registrar argued that this only applied to the question of control and not to accommodation.

The matter, having been discussed in full, the County Registrar thanked the meeting for having granted him the interview.

Subsequently, the following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee recommend the County Council to offer the County Registrar the old Council Chamber, to be divided into offices, provided the County Registrar is satisfied to surrender the office at present occupied by Mr. Dale for the business of the Sheriff."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter received from Mr. Jordan, Solicitor for Michael Kirwan, Killagoley, Enniscorthy, a selected applicant for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Kirwan wanted to change the site of plot and asked the consent of the County Council to this proposal.

Mr. Elgee stated he had asked Mr. Jordan to let him have the situation of the new plot, but so far had not received this.

It was decided to agree to the transfer of the site on condition that the proposed new site meets with the approval of the Assistant Surveyor of the district, and that County Council Solicitor certifies that the title is in order.

Under date 29th April 1937, Michael McGrath, St.



Senan's, Enniscorthy, to whom a loan of £180 was granted under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, wrote, asking for permission to transfer his interest in the house to Mrs. Eliza Shortall, Enniscorthy, subject to the repayment of the loan. He understood that it was a condition precedent that the instalments of rent due to date should be paid, but, as he was unemployed, he found it impossible to pay them as they became due.

Mr. Kelly said there was a possibility of a man purchasing this house, and taking over all liabilities connected with it, including payment of rent due and full amount of loan outstanding.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to adjourn consideration of Mr. McGrath's application to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Corish mentioned that he considered it would be most advisable in connection with the proposed transfer of houses the new applicant should be obliged to find two sureties to guarantee redemption of full amount outstanding in connection with the house.

It was decided that this matter be considered at next meeting of County Council.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Under date 16th April, 1937, Mary A. Bennett, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam, wrote she had been advised she was not eligible for a cottage under the Labourers' Acts. She had an income of £25 per year and her husband kept a motor car for hire. Between the two of them, she had no doubt they would be able to pay the instalments of the loan for the erection of house, the value of which was estimated at £280, and amount of loan at £100.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Bennett why she did not apply to the Health Board for a cottage, as in the opinion of the Finance Committee she is eligible for a Cottage tenancy.



SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Applications under University Scholarship Scheme received to date were submitted as follows:-

Breen James, 24, McCurtain Street, Gorey. In his application the course proposed to be taken at the University was stated as Arts (Clerical). Father, Carpenter.

The Finance Committee decided that if this applicant decided to enter the religious life they could not see their way to recommend him as eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

Brewer William J., Irishtown, New Ross (Father, Carpenter).

Recommended to County Council as eligible.

Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn. (Father, labourer) 7s. 6d per week given as only source of income from Health Insurance benefit.

Recommended as eligible.

Coffey Gerald, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.

In this case, it was stated the applicant's mother was not a ratepayer.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, pointed out that according to the Scheme Scholarships were confined to children, male or female, of ratepayers of the County Wexford, and therefore this applicant could not be regarded as eligible.

Referred to County Council.

Doran James, 73 Main Street, Gorey. (Father, Draper).

Recommended to County Council as eligible

Doran Peter, 73 Main Street, Gorey, twin brother of James Doran.

Also recommended to County Council as eligible to compete.

Doyle Patrick, Drimmagh, Rosslare. (Father, labourer).

Recommended to County Council as eligible.



Forde James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey, living with his brother, Press reporter.

Recommended to County Council as eligible.

Heaney, Henry M., Monageer, Ferns. (Father - National Teacher).

Recommended to County Council as eligible.

O'Rourke Laurence, Brownstown, Newbawn. (Father, farmer - Mother, National Teacher).

Adjourned for information as to salary of mother and how much of income of £306 is made from the farm.

Redmond Judith Teresa, 13, St. Michael's Place, Gorey. (Mother - Stationer's Assistant).

Recommended as eligible.

Scanlon Robert A., Brandane, Bannow. (Father, farmer).

It was stated that the father of applicant was a Pensioner from the R.I.C., and that he was also the owner of licensed premises which were let to a tenant.

It was decided to adjourn this application for further information as to means of parents.

Teehan John E., 101, Irishtown, New Ross. (Father, Insurance Agent and Rent Collector).

Reported to County Council as eligible.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 28th April, 1937, the Department of Education (Secondary Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, wrote approving of the transfer of Bursary of Edward P. Carty, from the Christian Brothers' School, Wexford to Christian Brothers' College, Baldoyle.

It was decided that payments for expenses in connection with attendance at Examination for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be paid as follows:-

Nicholas Lacey, Clohamon, Ferns.

Claimed 17/-. Allowed 14s. 6d.



Margaret M. Rossiter, Broadway, Co. Wexford.

Claimed 13/- . Allowed 8/- .

Joseph Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey.

Claimed 13s. 9d. allowed.

Matthew Pender, Milltown, Ferns.

Claimed 15/- . Allowed.

Claim of Francis Franklin, 17, Island Road, Enniscorthy, was adjourned for further information.

#### CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 26th April 1937, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, wrote he was making representations to the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the full cost of repair of above road being provided by State Grant, and would advise the County Council of result in due course.

#### TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

Proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in connection with the post of Telephone Attendant, the Finance Committee are of opinion the permanent appointment for this post would be more suitably filled by interview than by examination of candidates. We request the Minister to agree to the proposal that the candidates who answer the advertisement issued by County Council be interviewed by a Committee of the Council who should be empowered to select the most suitable. Owing to the nature of the duties of the office we consider this to be the most satisfactory method of filling the permanent appointment."

#### ROAD MACHINERY - MOTOR LORRY

At the last meeting of Finance Committee two tenders for the supply of a new Ford Chassis with cab, less allowance for present lorry were submitted, the net figure given by each firm being:-



Messrs. Statham Ltd., Wexford. £135. 10. 0.

Enniscorthy Motor Company £132. 17. 6.

The Finance Committee were of opinion that a larger allowance should be obtained for the present lorry, and consideration of the tenders was adjourned in order that the County Surveyor could interview the parties tendering. He now reported that the Enniscorthy Motor Company could not see their way to make any further concession, but Stathams were prepared to allow £60 for the present lorry. This would leave their quotation at £125. 10. 0 as against £132. 17. 6 for Enniscorthy Motor Company.

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

"That the quotation of Stathams Ltd., for supply of new Ford Chassis and cab in exchange for present lorry at £125. 10. 0 be accepted."

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
GENERAL MEETING

Mr. Kelly, nominee of Wexford County Council said that he found it impossible to attend the Eleventh Ordinary General meeting of the above Company, which would be held on Tuesday, 4th May, 1937.

It was decided to ask Miss O'Ryan who is the Nominee of the County Board of Health to look after the interest of the County Council at this meeting in addition to representing the County Board of Health.

PRINTING QUERY FORMS - CLAIMS FOR WORKMEN- RELIEF  
OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following tenders were received for the printing of 22,000 copies of Query Forms to be supplied to the National Health Insurance Commission in reference to claims by ratepayers for employment allowances:-

English & Co., Wexford. £10. 5. 0



Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy.	£10. 10. 0
"Echo", Enniscorthy.	£17. 10. 0
"The People", Wexford.	£18. 14. 6

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

"That the tender of English & Co., at £10. 5. 0 for printing Insurance Query Forms Employment Allowances - Rates on Agricultural Land be accepted."

#### COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

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

"That Account for £23. 16. 7d out-of-pocket outlay by County Council Solicitor for year ending 31st March last be paid."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application for the proposed committal of Richard Sheil, Clonjordan, Killanne, to Industrial School, under Section 58(b) of the Children's Act was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

The County Surveyor reported he had received notice from the Electricity Supply Board of their intention to reconstruct the low tension net work in Bundlody. In comparison with the existing network the total number of poles would be reduced.

The County Surveyor said he would see that the work was carried out to his satisfaction.

#### WARBLE FLY ORDER

Dermot E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway, (Inspector for Area No. 13) reported he had served Detention Notices under above Order on the following:-



J. Parle, Ballyhote, Kilrane.

T. Stafford, do. do.

J. Fitzhenry, Ballyreilly, Kilrane.

A. Parle, do. do.

on the 21st April last.

GRANT - RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT NEW ROSS URBAN  
DISTRICT

Under date 16th April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding copy of their letter of 8th March to Town Clerk, New Ross, stating that the Minister had sanctioned the raising by the Urban Council of a loan of £415, to defray portion of the expenditure on the proposed works in this district for the relief of unemployment. The loan is to be obtained from the National Bank and to be repayable over a period of 5 years with interest at the usual rate.



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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 30th April 1937 be received and considered."

ROSSLARE COAST EROSION: Mr. Corish said that he had not yet received an answer to the question he had tabled in the Dail in regard to erosion.

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

"That the Office of Public Works, as a favour to the Wexford County Council, and without assuming responsibility to deal with Coast Erosion, be requested to instruct their Chief Engineer, Mr. Candy, to visit Rosslare and report as to what steps he considers are advisable to take to prevent any further eroding of the coast at this point. The Wexford County Council view with grave concern the encroachment of the sea at this popular seaside resort."

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION: Under date 5th May, 1937, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

"Yours of the 4th instant herein conveying the decision of the Finance Committee on my application for Office Accommodation made at the recent interview. I am obliged for your conveying their decision so promptly. I would be obliged if you would convey to your Committee my thanks for giving me the interview and for their patient and courteous hearing of my application.

The proposal to give me the old Council Chamber is, as I explained, not suitable and the proposal is now more unsatisfactory owing to the condition, even if it were suitable. I could not agree to surrender the present Office as I am cramped all round for space, and would, in any event, require it.

I have no desire to disturb anyone and would regret it even as a necessity, but room asked for is essential, and I cannot have my Offices detached as I have too many important records to safeguard. You will appreciate my desire, apart from the necessity, to have my offices together. I can equally appreciate your desire and that of Mr. Barry not to be disturbed.

In the course of the interview Miss O'Ryan remarked that the rooms on the ground floor would be unsuitable for your staff to work in from the lighting point of view, but you will recollect that these were originally allotted for



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me and my staff by Mr. Barry and Mr. Barry saw no objection to them on that ground.

I have put my case in correspondence and personally, and I can do no more. Again, I wish to emphasise I do not want and never did wish to assert or challenge any rights. I claim no authority or jurisdiction over any part of the building save what I am in occupation of, and use for the Courthouse and Offices, and I don't want to interfere with any other body's rights or accommodation. My desire is to co-operate with the Council and their Staff and facilitate them in any way I can and that the friendliest of give and take should exist between us. The decision of the Committee is not fair to me in the circumstances, and is hampering the collection of the Annuities and is unsatisfactory to everyone concerned.

In the course of the interview, Mr. Allen mentioned Counsel's opinion. On looking up this I find that this opinion was obtained prior to the Act of 1935.

In my view, Section 3(1) makes it clear that the question of accommodation is a matter for the Minister. The words 'reasonably necessary' in Section 1 must also be a matter for him, as it is common sense. To put it another way, assume the position was reversed and you required the accommodation. Would it not be the height of absurdity that I should be in a position to tell you what Office Accommodation was 'reasonably necessary' for you? Who would be in the better position to say what accommodation you required than yourself? I regret exceedingly that the Committee cannot see their way to meet me amicably in this matter and grant my request."

It was decided to make no alteration in the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Mr. Elgee forwarded letter under date 5th May, 1937, from Messrs. O'Flaherty & Sons, Solicitors, relative to proposal of Mr. McGrath to sell house erected by him under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mrs. Alicia Shortall, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.

Mrs. Shortall was prepared to pay off loan and all indebtedness for rent in this case.

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

"That provided Mrs. Alicia Shortall discharges all liability to the County Council for loan and rent in connection with house erected by Mr. Michael McGrath, St. Senan's, Enniscorthy, and agrees to reside there, no objection be made to transfer of house to her.



That Mr. McGrath be released from his Mortgage of £180 to the Council and that the Seal of the said Council be affixed to the conveyance of the property from Mr. McGrath to Mrs. Alicia Shortall ~~and~~ when the County Solicitor has received all money due in this matter."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The Secretary explained it was advertised that all applications under this Scheme need not be lodged until 1st May. Only those which came in up to the 30th April 1937 were considered by the Finance Committee meeting of that date.

The following is a full list of the applications to date:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following is list of applicants for award of University Scholarships:-

1. Breen James, 24, McCurtain Street, Gorey.  
Father, Carpenter.
2. Breen Mary Anne, 25 North Main Street, Wexford.  
Father, Draper.
3. Brewer William J., Irishtown, New Ross.  
Father, Carpenter.
4. Browne Thomas, Rockshane, Wexford.  
Father, Baker.
5. Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn.  
Father, Labourer.
6. Coffey Gerald, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.  
Mother living in Baldwinstown.
7. Cummins Elizabeth, 2 McCurtain Road, Wexford.  
Father, Superintendent of Bacon Factory.
8. Devereux Alice, Grange, Broadway.  
Father, Farmer.
9. Doran James, 73 Main Street, Gorey.  
Father, Draper.
10. Doran Peter, 73 Main Street, Gorey.  
(Twin brother of James Doran).
11. Doyle Patrick, Drimmagh, Rosslare.  
Father, Labourer.
12. Ennis Kathleen, Drinagh, Broadway.  
Father, Farmer.
13. Forde James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey.  
Parents dead.
14. Hall Philip Dermot, 10 Cornmarket, Wexford.  
Mother, Saddlery Business.
15. Heaney Henry M., Monageer, Ferns.  
Father, National Teacher.
16. O'Connor Eileen, Ballygarvan, New Ross.  
Father, Farmer.
17. O'Neill Eileen, Bushville, Tagoat.  
Mother, Farmer.
18. O'Rourke Laurence, Brownstown, Newbawn.  
Father, Farmer.



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19. Redmond Judith Teresa, 13 St. Michael's Place,  
Gorey.
20. Ryan Patrick, Mulmintra, Taghmon.  
Father, Farmer.
21. Scanlon Robert A., Brandane, Bannow.  
Father, Farmer.
22. Teehan John E., 101 Irishtown, New Ross.  
Father, Insurance and Rent Collector.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

5th May, 1937.



James Breen: In connection with the decision of the Finance Committee that if James Breen intended entering the Religious life, they could not recommend the Council that he was eligible to compete for University Scholarship, Mr. Breen wrote, under date, 7th May, that the insertion of the word "clerical" in his application meant that he intended taking a course in that branch of the Faculty of Arts generally called Philosophy (Logic, Psychology, etc.) as an ordinary secular student.

The meeting decided that in view of this explanation Mr. Breen was eligible to compete.

Gerald Coffey: As regards the application of Gerald Coffey whose mother was not a ratepayer, Mr. Corish gave notice of motion for the next meeting of the Council that in view of the fact that this boy and his mother had resided in County Wexford with her brother for over five years the applicant be allowed to compete for University Scholarship."

Laurence O'Rourke: In regard to the inquiry of the Finance Committee as to how much of the income of £306 given in this case, was the salary of the Mother-a National Teacher - and how much Mr. O'Rourke, the father, made from his farm, letter was received from Mrs. O'Rourke stating that her salary as Assistant National Teacher was £246 per year, and it was, therefore, inferred that the balance of £60 was the income from the farm.

It was decided that Laurence O'Rourke be eligible to compete for Scholarship.

Robert A. Scanlon: In this case, it was stated that the father, Robert Scanlon, was supposed to have a pension from the R.I.C., and that he also held licensed premises.



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Under date 5th May, 1937, Robert Scanlon, wrote that he had no pension from the R.I.C., and as regards the licensed premises, the twelve months letting at £24 per annum would terminate on the 17th August next, when he intended taking up the place himself.

It was decided that the applicant be eligible to compete.

All the applications submitted, were examined in detail as regards means of parents or guardians, after which Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution:-

"That with the exception of Gerald Coffey we hereby agree that all applicants for University Scholarships are eligible to compete therefor."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 30th April 1937, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee of the 13th April, 1937, were, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer, received and approved:-

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A meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th April, 1937.

Present - Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., presiding; also, Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., E. R. Richards Orpen and Miss Kathleen A. Browne.

The Secretary to County Council was also in attendance.

The condition of a large number of ancient and historic monuments in the County was considered.

It was decided to ask the Office of Works to take over as National Monuments, Rathmacknee, Clonmines and Coolehull which are regarded by the Committee as of first class importance.

Other Monuments considered were the following, in respect of a number of which it was decided to seek for preservation and guardianship Orders:-

Slade Castle (in a good state).

Ferrycarrig Castle (requires door only).

Windmill on Vinegar Hill.

Stone Coffins in Garden adjoining Town and County Club, New Ross, and remains of ancient fortification still standing

Deeps Castle.

Mountgarrett Castle.

Cotts Tacumshane (Ogham stone and stone circle).

Templenacroha do.

Killabeg, Ferns. do.

St. Helen's, Kilrane.

It was decided to communicate with Office of Public Works and obtain information as to procedure to be adopted to secure preservation and guardianship Orders in these cases.

A resolution was adopted asking County Board of Health to endeavour to arrange with the caretakers of their vested



graveyards to trim or cut down ivy where this was found to be an injury to an Ancient Monument.

It was also agreed to call the attention of the Board of Health to the following Monuments in vested graveyards, and ask them if they would help in preserving them:-

(1) Grange, Kilmore. Whitty tombstone requires protection of wood and weeds cleared.

(2) St. Mary's, Taghmon. Eighteenth Century Tombstones 1742-1805 on which are represented Biblical scenes.

(3) Clone, Ferns. This has the only example of a Romanesque Arch and is worthy of preservation.

Other monuments referred to were:-

Dolmen at Ballybrennan, Bree.

Dolmen at Brittas.

St. Vaux Old Church.

St. Helen's, Kilrane.

The Chairman was requested to interest himself in securing information as to stone coffins in garden adjoining New Ross Club and also as to missing Ancient Charter of Town.



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In reply to query, the Secretary stated that in accordance with the wishes of the Committee application for preservation orders had been made to the Office of Public Works.

#### MACHINERY OVERSEER AND PERMANENT STAFF

Mr. Corish proposed the following, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be placed on the permanent staff of the County Council."

In moving the motion, Mr. Corish pointed out that Mr. Murphy was appointed to his present position in 1914. A former County Council had adopted a resolution asking him to be placed on the permanent staff, but the Department of Local Government and Public Health refused to sanction the proposal. Mr. Murphy was an excellent official and gave a good deal of overtime to the County Council without remuneration.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the annual meeting of County Council be held on Monday, 28th June 1937, and that monthly meeting for Monday, 12th July be cancelled."

#### AREAS OF CHARGE - WATER SUPPLIES

Under date 23rd April, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.22296-37 Loch Garman Pg) forwarding Sealed Order fixing Oulart Dispensary District as area of charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Ballynaclash.

Under date, 23rd April, 1937, the Department of Local



Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.22299-37 Loch Garman Pg) forwarding Sealed Order fixing Oulart Dispensary District as the area of charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Ballynadrishoge.

Under date 23rd April 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.22298-37 Loch Garman Pg) forwarding Sealed Order fixing Wexford Dispensary District as area of charge for providing and supplying water supply at Ballymorris.

COMPENSATION FOR BURNING OF BALLYNESTRAGH HOUSE

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

"The Wexford County Council hereby certify that they have no objection to the award of £31,000 (under Damage to Property Compensation Act 1923) in respect of the building of Ballynestragh, being employed in the following manner:-

In full discharge of the decree for £31,000 - any amount between the limits of £10,000 and £15,000 - to be erected upon the building of a suitable house on the site of the destroyed mansion and in addition, a sum equal to one half the unexpended balance of the award on approved houses in the neighborhood of Gorey."

The following resolution was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That as regards the balance of award of £31,000 for burning of Ballynestragh House, we strongly recommend that this should be paid to Mr. J. L. Esmonde, B.L., to be applied to the erection of houses in Gorey or in some portion of the County which is under the control of the County Council."

The Chairman said that the question of the payment of the balance of the award was a matter for the Department of Finance and Mr. John L. Esmonde.

Mr. O'Byrne said that it would appear from the figures



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that there was a balance of £8,000 of the award held by the Government and which, under the original award, would have been spent in the County. They should protest against its retention.

After further discussion, further consideration of Mr. O'Byrne's resolution was adjourned to next meeting.

#### CAHORE PIER

Mr. Corish asked if a certain amount of money had been set aside last year to do some temporary repairs on cleaning in the vicinity of Cahore Pier. Had any of the money been expended?

The County Surveyor said that he had an interview with the Engineer of the Office of Public Works, Mr. Doyle, who was in charge of the department concerned, during the past week, and he had arranged to try to get money for Cahore. The whole point was that in the first instance, the County Council had a bigger scheme, and then it was reduced. His estimate was £3,000 and the Council agreed to put up one-third of the cost. The Department then changed that, and practically asked them to put up half the cost, and he thought that on the motion of Mr. Smyth it was agreed that the Council should put up half the cost, £1,500. In the last letter they got, the Department said they would only give one-third, and wanted full particulars of what the Council proposed to do. He was at the Board of Works during the past week and went into the matter with Mr. Doyle, the Engineer, in charge of the matter. He would write to Mr. Doyle during this week giving particulars of what they proposed to do, but the Council would only get, from the last letter, apparently, one-third of the cost.

Mr. Corish - You are speaking now of the extension of the Pier, but wasn't some money allocated last year in



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order to so some cleansing in the vicinity of the Pier?

The County Surveyor said that they had an allocation for repairs to the surface of harbour piers, and these were seen to as occasion arose.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The following resolution was adopted at meeting of County Council on 12th April:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow Wexford County Council to expend £300 from grant for relief of Unemployment to supplement the State Grant of £600, and thus provide the £1000 which is necessary for the development of the Harbour at St. Helen's."

The following under date 23rd April 1937 (R/RU/203/32) was read from Roads Section of 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 submitting copy of a resolution, adopted by your Council, requesting permission to expend the sum of £300 from the Grant provisionally allocated for the Relief of Unemployment through the medium of road works for the purpose of providing funds for a scheme of development of the harbour at St. Helen's, and I am to inform you that the Minister could not agree to the proposal."

The Secretary pointed out that the following resolution had been under consideration at the meeting of 12th April 1937:-

"That in the event of the Minister for Fisheries providing a State Grant of £600 towards the cost of repair and improvement of St. Helen's Harbour the Wexford County Council agree to provide as local contribution towards the project a sum of £300."



The consideration of this resolution had been adjourned pending the reply of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to obtaining the local contribution through Grant for Relief of Unemployment. This was not feasible but if the Council decided on spending £300 on a pier which was unscheduled there would certainly be a surcharge. The names of those voting for and against the expenditure should be taken and recorded on the minutes.

The Chairman said this matter was still under the consideration of the Minister for Fisheries and proposed a further adjournment of the matter.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the motion was adopted.

#### DREDGING AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR

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

"That the Office of Public Works be requested to send their dredger with the least possible delay to Courtown Harbour to carry out the dredging of the ~~inner~~ basin in accordance with the proposals of the County Surveyor."

#### FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

Correspondence was submitted from Mr. T. J. Kelly, State Solicitor, New Ross, for the tenants at Great Island and Fisherstown, whose lands were flooded relative to a deputation from the Council interviewing the Land Commission in the matter.

Under date 26th April, 1937, letter (P.(A) 26538/37, Estate R.H. Hyland. Record No. E.C.8483, Co. Wexford. Estate E.M. Gallwey. Record No. S.855) from the Land Commission was read stating that the specification and estimate for the repair of the broken down embankments prepared by Mr. Flanagan, Engineer, Waterford, was under



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consideration and when enquiries had been completed the Land Commission would communicate further with the Council regarding the proposed interview of the Committee with them.

#### ARKLOW HARBOUR BOARD

Under date 18th May, 1937, Mr. Kavanagh, Chairman Arklow Harbour Commissioners, wrote:-

"I presume you are aware the right of the representative of Wexford County Council to sit and act on the Arklow Harbour Board has been challenged on the ground that his term of office was terminated on the expiration of five years from 1926, and also on the ground that Wexford County Council, having paid the charges in respect of the Baronial Guarantee, had no desire to continue any further appointment in respect of same.

The excuse offered by Mr. M. Tyrrell for remaining on and continuing to act on the Board was that neither he nor the Board had received official notification of the termination of his office from Wexford County Council.

In view of this, you would facilitate me by officially forwarding notification of the termination of the office in question at your earliest possible convenience."

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that when the Baronial Guarantee on Gorey Barony was paid the power of Wexford County Council to have a Representative on Arklow Board ceased.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, write Mr. M. Tyrrell Arklow and inform him that he no longer represents Wexford County Council on Arklow Harbour Commissioners, as since this Council have ceased to be responsible for baronial guarantee for the barony of Gorey, they have no power to have representation on Arkow Harbour Board."

#### NEW PUBLIC ROADS

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

"That the necessary advertisements having appeared in the three local newspapers, we hereby agree to take over



the following roads and declare them to be public roads:-

(1) The Road known as Levuka, from the Main Road near Ballintray Bridge to Street of Courtown Harbour, being 140 perches in length.

(2) The Road through Courtown Demesne between Mount Alexander and Kiltennel between end of Road No. 137 and Road No. 138, at Duffcarrig, being 360 perches in length.

(3) Roads in Gorey Garden City, from Main Road No. 2 through Corporation Lands, Gorey, to Road No. 129 in Clonattin Lower, with branches in Corporation Lands, being 220 perches in length."

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 22nd April 1937, Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Bunclody Town Improvement Committee wrote that at the meeting of this Committee on 4th April 1937 it was decided to communicate with the Minister for Local Government regarding his statement that various Boards of Health had returned sums of money which they had not expended and ask him to put - at the disposal of the County Council of Wexford - portion of this money and also to send an Inspector to inspect the streets of the town. It was expected that the Council would apply for amount of grant mentioned in the resolution adopted at the March meeting of the Council.

Under date 23rd April 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RGR/32):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 19th instant submitting copy of a resolution adopted by your Council, agreeing to raise by way of loan the sum of £1000 provided a grant of £3,000 is made available for the concreting the streets of Bunclody village, and I am to inform you that there are no funds available to the Department from which a grant could be made for the purpose."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer to await report received by Bunclody Improve-



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ment Committee from the Department of Local Government and Public Health re inspection of the streets by one of their Engineers.

The County Surveyor said he had made a special investigation of the place and did not agree with the out-and-out condemnation of the streets as given by the Improvements Committee. Of course, there were defects there and it would be well if they were remedied.

#### SHEEP DIPPING CAMPAIGN

The Secretary stated that, under date 26th February 1937, the Department of Agriculture had written (L.674/37) that the Sheep Dipping Order of 1915 was under revision, and in the circumstances, the County Council should not enter into any commitments or make any definite arrangements for the next dipping season, pending a further communication in the matter from the Department.

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

"That, should the occasion arise to re-appoint the lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors, we empower the Finance Committee to take such steps regarding these appointments as they may consider necessary to make in the light of any new communication relative to Sheep Dipping issued by the Department of Agriculture."

#### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

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

"That this Council approves of the proposal of the County Surveyor to close down road and quarry work for last week in May to allow of County Council workers securing their week's holidays with pay provided by the Conditions of Employment Act."



POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to John Fardy, Camolin, and renewal of licence under said Act to Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford, provided no objection be made by the Garda Síochána."

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE

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

"That permission be granted Department of Posts and Telegraphs to the placing of an overground telegraphic line from Inch Cross Roads to a point near Coolgreaney School."

ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 31st March 1937 was submitted. There were 203 foods, 42 drugs and 6 waters examined: Number adulterated, 2 New Milks and one whiskey: 2 waters sent by County Wexford Board of Health, one from Bannow and one from Baldwinstown, were condemned.

RAHEENFUNCH LANE

Under date 3rd May, 1937, Mr. J. J. Bowe, County Councillor, wrote asking that the Milltown-Rathduff Lane, locally known as "Raheenfunch" be put on list of Minor Relief Schemes.

Referred to County Surveyor for report which, with the application, will be dealt with by the Finance Committee.



WORKSHOPS FOR THE INDUSTRIOUS BLIND

Resolution was received from Dublin City Council asking the Minister for Local Government to initiate enquiries or take such other steps as he may deem necessary to bring about under the aegis of the State and independently of the powers conferred upon local authorities under Section 2 of the Blind Persons Act 1920, a modernised system of workshops for the industrious Blind and to provide the necessary technical training etc.

This resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

BLESSED OLIVER PLUNKETT

In connection with the representations made by Wexford County Council to His Holiness, the Pope, in conjunction with other public bodies relative to the canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, the following was read:-

"Monsignor Curran, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, and Postulator of the cause of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, gratefully begs to acknowledge the receipt of the Postulatory letter addressed to His Holiness, and will have much pleasure in transmitting it to the Holy Father."

n. o'ryan. 24.6. '37.



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 14th JUNE 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th June, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, William Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Roanan, and Myles Smyth.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Immediately after their confirmation, Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, attended and presided for the rest of the business.

#### THE LATE MR. JAMES HALL, BOOLAVOGUE

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a vote of condolence to Mrs. Hall, widow of the late Mr. James Hall, and to the family. Mr. Hall was a member of the County Council for years. He joined the Council in a stormy period and when it was not easy to secure members. He took great risks in 1920-21, but gave faithful and loyal service to the Council and to the ratepayers then as always. The Council had every sympathy with his widow and family.

Mr. Corish seconded and endorsed the remarks of Mr. O'Byrne. He remembered Mr. Hall being present when the meeting was surrounded by military, but he never flinched. Mr. Hall was a worthy representative of the people.

Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Keegan, Col. Gibbon, Mr. McCarthy, Col. Quin, Mr. Michael Redmond and the Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor also paid tribute to the many sterling qualities of the deceased.



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The Chairman said that Mr. Hall had been a member of various Public Boards since 1911 and since then was a constant attendant at their meetings. They never had a more courteous or painstaking public representative.

The vote was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE MR. R. A. LATTA, BALLYNAKILL, BALLYCARNEY.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Bowe a vote of condolence was adopted with the family of the late Mr. R. A. Latta, a prominent Agriculturalist and breeder of Shorthorn pedigree cattle.

STRIKING OF RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1937-38

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

"That we hereby allow and make the rates as agreed to at meeting of this Council on 8th March 1937, and as set out and assessed in Rate Books for each Collection District for this County, our Secretary having certified at foot of said Rate Books that the Rate in so far as the valuation of the hereditaments now in force therein is concerned, is in conformity with the valuation supplied by General Valuation Office and in accordance with instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and that occupiers of Agricultural Land be given such relief in respect of rates on agricultural land as has been provided by the Oireachtas for the financial year ending 31st March 1938, 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 8th March 1937, be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1936/37:-

Enniscorthy      £3396.   4.   8d



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New Ross	£3418.	6.	6d
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Wexford	£6876.	9.	5d
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(This was the special business of the meeting).

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 2

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That as recommended by Sub-Committee No. 2 (Old Age Pension Acts) James McDonald, Curraghmore, Ramsgrange, be appointed a member of said Sub-Committee vice Nicholas Howlett, Ramsgrange, deceased."

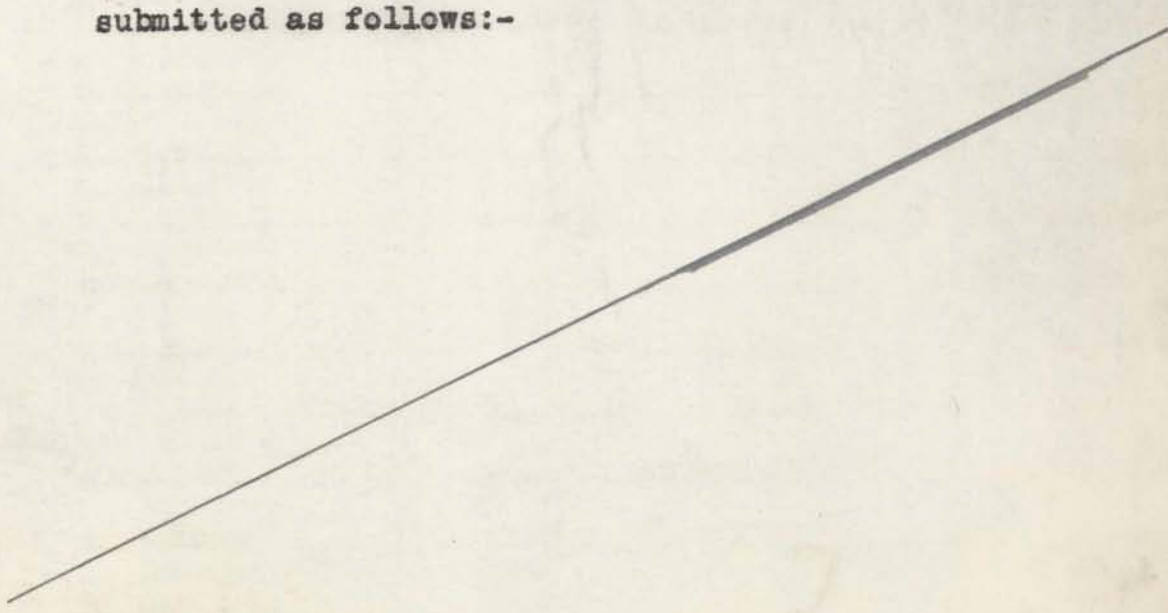
FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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

"That Garda Philip McLoughlin, 4581, Blackwater, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector to Wexford County Council under Food and Drugs Acts for the Administrative County of Wexford."

CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 14th MAY 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th May, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. William Cullimore, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Miss O'Ryan was moved to the Chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4744. 18. 9d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. ANDREW KINSELLA, KILANERIN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman of the County Council) in the death of his uncle, Mr. Andrew Kinsella, Kilanerin.

The Secretary associated himself with the vote.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

E. J. Murphy	94.9
J. Curtis	94.4
J. J. O'Reilly	91.3
J. Deegan	89.2
M. Kehoe	87.3
P. Carty	87.3
P. Doyle	85.8
D. Kenny	85.7
J. Flood	84.0
J. Cummins	82.8
S. Gannon	79.1
P. Nolan	77.6
M. McCarthy	77.0
A. Dunne	76.4
J. J. Sinnott	72.8
W. Cummins	70.6
J. Quirke	70.0
W. Doyle	68.2
M. Murphy	66.5

Average 80.5



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As compared with corresponding period last year, the improvement was .2 per cent.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE ETC.: The following under date 30th April 1937 (G.34730-37 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding the payment of poundage to Collectors J. Quirke, P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Flood, J. J. O'Reilly, A. Dunne and P. Carty, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as these Collectors have not complied with the conditions set out in this Department's letter of the 19th November last, he sees no reason to justify the payment of interim poundage as proposed. The unsatisfactory condition of the collection generally has already been brought to the notice of the Council, and the Minister must now request that the Collectors be instructed to close their warrants forthwith. As soon as this is done, the question of the payment of poundage on the entire second moiety collection can be raised."

Under date 30th April 1937 the following letter (G.34745-37 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 refer to your letter of the 23rd instant, and to state that he has deferred consideration of the payment of poundage to Collectors W. Cummins, M. Murphy and J. J. Synnott, pending the submission of information as to what steps the Council are taking to compel these Collectors to close their 1936-37 warrants."

Under date 6th May, 1937, the following letter (No. G.36479-37 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 28th ultimo, regarding the payment of poundage to Collector W. Doyle, and to refer you to this Department's letter of the 30th idem."

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



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"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be informed the Finance Committee are instructing Rate Collectors to have irrecoverable and temporary uncollectable Rate Lists completed and checked by the 31st May, 1937, on which date warrant for financial year 1936-37 will finally close."

#### OVERDRAFT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Under date 12th May, 1937, Miss Connolly, County Librarian, wrote she had been directed by her Committee to forward to Finance Committee of the County Council the amounts of overdraft and dates of lodgment of instalments of the County Council's contribution during the past year. On 5th May, 1936, contribution lodged to 30th June 1936: Overdraft at 30th June £221. 7. 10d. On 24th July contribution lodged to 30th September: Overdraft on 30th September £217. 4. 5d. On 13th November contribution to 31st December lodged: Overdraft £276. 4. 1d. On 3rd March 1937 ordinary contribution to 31st March 1937 lodged, also on 13th March 1937 special contribution of £60: Overdraft at 31st March £128. 16. 2d. In connection with Library overdraft letter from Manager, National Bank, Wexford, under date 27th February 1937 called attention to the fact that the Library Committee's overdraft was £400. 5. 9d and asked if it was with the authority of the County Council that the overdraft existed as the Bank did not appear to have any authorisation in regard to it.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee recommend that as the Library Committee are receiving quarterly Instalments of Demand in advance for the year 1937/8 the County Council should not take any responsibility for overdraft of Library Committee."



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### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with application of John Dunne, Kilagoley, Enniscorthy, for loan under above Acts, and which had been agreed to provisionally, it was pointed out that though it was provided by County Council regulation that the site of proposed house should be at least one mile distant from Urban boundary, the site of Dunne's house was under a mile.

Mr. Dunne had called to the County Council Offices and explained the position.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Dunne that the Finance Committee were not in favour of any variation in the distance of proposed houses from Urban Boundary.

### BALLAGH ROAD

Under date 12th May, 1937, the following letter (R/RGR/32) re above was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 10th March last applying for a grant of 50% of the cost estimated at £6,000 of improving the Ballagh Road (Nos. 502 and 416) and I am to inform you that it has been reported that this road runs in line with the main road L.30 between Enniscorthy and its junction with L.29 and that as the main road is so near and serves the same area it would appear that there is no necessity for a special grant for the road in question."

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

### HOUSING (FINANCIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1932/6.

The following, under date 12th May 1937, was read from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The Housing Section of Local Government Department have appointed me as Appointed Officer for district recently held by Mr. Jordan, and before accepting same, I shall be e



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glad if you bring the matter before the County Council for their permission.

The work pertaining to this office does not occupy much time and will not, in any way, interfere with the performance of my duties for the County Council."

The following, under date 10th May, 1937, was read from the Housing Section of 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 nominated Mr. T. Cullen, Garrylough, Screen, Co. Wexford, to act as Appointed Officer for the purposes of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts, 1932/6, for the Rural Areas of Enniscorthy and Gorey in room of Mr. Michael Jordan, resigned."

Referred to County Council.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

The following, under date 10th May, 1937, was read from Major John Barnewall:-

"On Wednesday, 28th ultimo, I paid under protest the sum of £6. 13. 4d Drainage Rate to your Rate Collector on a threat of Legal Proceedings for recovery of same.

Since, evidently, the County Council have no intention of taking any steps to remedy the cause of the matter complained of (So long as they can compel me to pay) I should be grateful if you would take action to have an Engineer from the Board of Public Works sent here at an early date to investigate the case, and report on what action (if any) should be taken.

Please notify me of the date and approximate time of his visit."

The County Surveyor said that the drain complained of was outside the scheduled drainage area.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of



Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, inform Major Barnewall, Kilmannock House, Campile, that as the Finance Committee are informed by the County Surveyor that the drain referred to by Major Barnewall is outside drainage area controlled by County Council the matter complained of is not one for the County Council."

PROPOSED ERECTION WOODEN STRUCTURE AT CLONHENRET

The following report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, relative to the application of Laurence Doyle, Main Street, Camolin, as to erection of wooden house at Clonhenret:-

"I have made inspection of above site and met owner when I informed him that as building (which is to be a wooden structure) when erected would be too near road, Council could not give approval. The site is moreover dangerous as owing to high fences surrounding it traffic approaching from either side would not be visible to anyone coming from house to road."

It was decided to inform Mr. Doyle that in view of report of Mr. Treanor, the Finance Committee could not recommend the acceptance of his application by the County Council.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Brother McGovern, Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy, came before the meeting and explained that owing to the death of his mother at the time when applications for University Scholarships should be lodged, the matter was overlooked in respect of the following three students attending his school:-

Timothy Murphy, Adamstown.

John Breen, Ballydonigan, Ferns.

Michael Prendergast, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.



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He regretted the omission and asked, in view of the injury which might be done to the prospects of the three students concerned, that the Finance Committee would accept the applications, although it was now outside the stipulated time.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, considered that, in the circumstances, the Finance Committee could comply with Brother McGovern's request.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to recommend the County Council to accept the application of the students concerned and to decide on their eligibility to compete at next meeting.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL: Claims for attending examination at Secondary and Vocational Scholarships Examination were submitted and the following orders made:-

Daniel J. Nolan, John Street, New Ross, claimed £3. The claim was for motor car each day for the examination from New Ross to Wexford and return.

The Finance Committee considered the claim excessive and agreed to allow railway fare and 3/- per day, which was the average charged by other students; total 14/-.

Martin F. Franklin, 17 Island Road, Enniscorthy, claimed 15/- . Allowed 12/6d.

Margaret M. Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway, claimed 13/- Allowed 8/-.

Mary Marley, Broadway, Co. Wexford, claimed 13/- . Allowed 8/-.

J. Fingleton, Shannon, Enniscorthy, claimed 16/- . Allowed 11/-.

John Cahill, Ballytra, Broadway, claimed 15/9d. Allowed 8/3d.

Maggie Murphy, Cosher, Kilmuckridge, claimed 17/6d. Allowed 12/6d.



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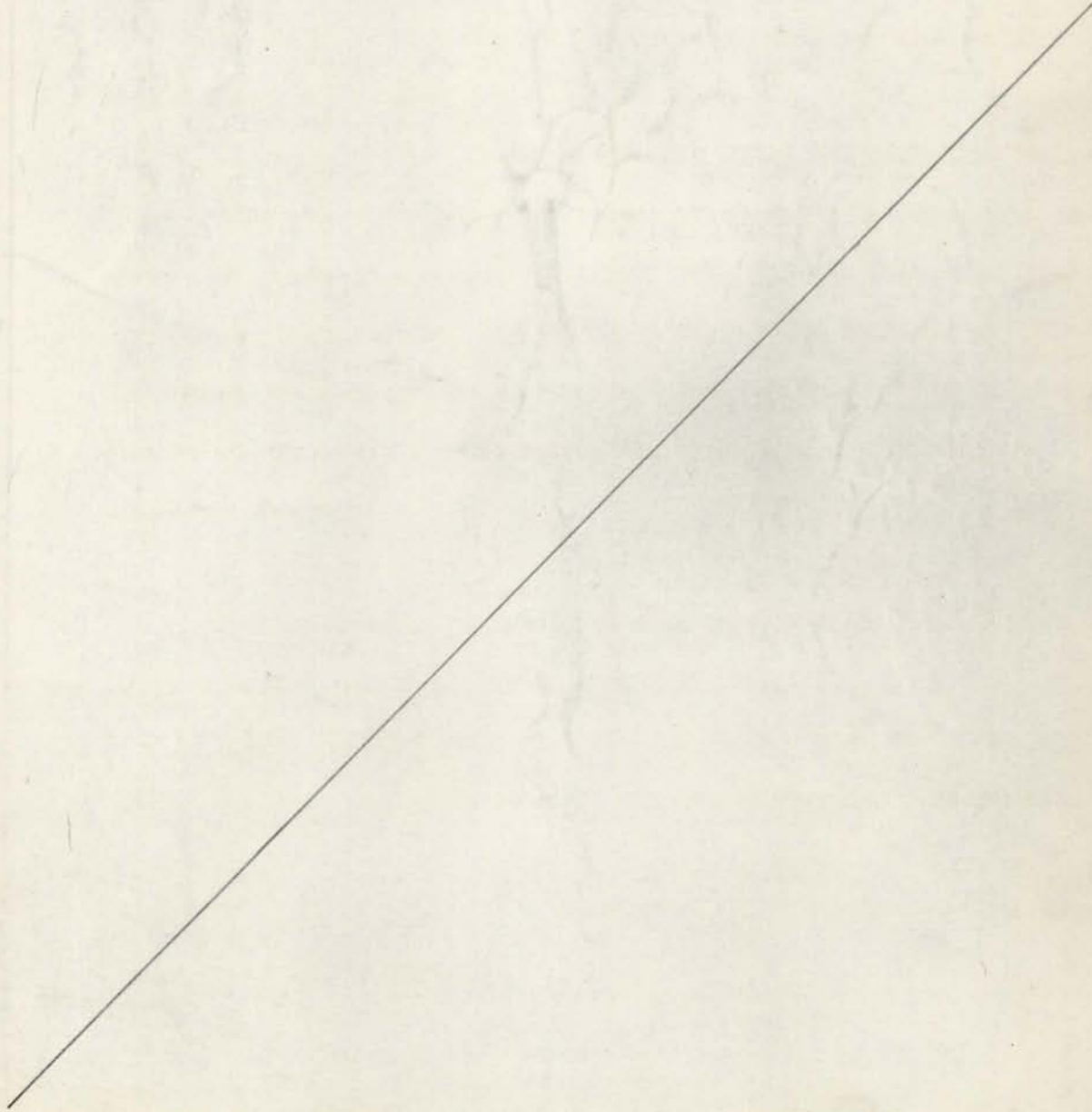
FLOODING AT BALLYWILLIAM, GOREY

Patrick Kinsella, Ballywilliam, Gorey, wrote, under date 6th May, 1937, relative to the flooding of his yard and house by water which came in from the County road. He wished the matter brought before the County Council.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

WARBLE FLY DETENTION NOTICE

Mr. D. E. Druhan, Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order for No. 13 Area, reported that he had served a detention notice on Nicholas Furlong, Iona Hotel, Rosslare Strand, on 28th April 1937.





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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th May, 1937, be received and considered."

BALLAGH ROAD: The County Surveyor said the principal portion of traffic - Blackwater to Enniscorthy - went over the Ballagh Road.

Mr. Kinsella said the road was very bad and there was no doubt it carried a great volume of traffic.

Mr. Kelly agreed with the statement of County Surveyor and pointed out that the Ballagh road was also the main road to Ballyconnigar seaside resort.

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

"In view of the fact that the road through the Ballagh (Nos. 416 and 502) carries a bigger volume of traffic than Road L30, and its junction with L29, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision refusing his consent to the provision of a State Grant of 50 per cent towards the cost of improving the Ballagh Road."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee for 14th May, 1937, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 28th MAY 1937: 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 28th May, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) 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 and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4950. 16. 6d was examined and signed.

#### REPLY VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That the following reply from Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council, to vote of sympathy adopted in the death of his uncle, Mr. Andrew Kinsella, Kilanerin, be inserted on this day's minutes:-

'Please convey to the members of the Finance Committee my sincere thanks for their kind vote of condolence with me on the death of my uncle. I desire also to thank yourself for your kind expression of sympathy.'"

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following gives the position of Rate Collection to date of meeting:-

E. J. Murphy	95.1
J. Curtis	95.1
J. J. O'Reilly	91.9
J. Deegan	90.3
P. Carty	89.0
M. Kehoe	88.8
D. Kenns	87.7
P. Doyle	87.6
J. Flood	84.0
M. McCarthy	83.2
J. Cummins	82.8
S. Garry	79.7



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P. Nolan	79.5
A. Dunne	77.5
J. J. Sinnott	74.7
W. Cummins	72.4
J. Quirke	71.2
W. Doyle	69.5
M. Murphy	<u>66.7</u>

Average 82.0

As compared with the corresponding period last year the decrease is .4 per cent.

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

"That the Temporary Uncollectable Rate List be not accepted from any Collector until he has lodged a sum equivalent to the amount of the warrant for 1936/37 plus a sum equivalent to 10 per cent of the arrears carried forward in respect of 1935/36 assessment.

That Temporary Uncollectable Lists be considered and ruled on at next meeting of the Finance Committee on 11th June, 1937. Collectors will be obliged to lodge any sums which the Finance Committee consider should have been collected."

After considerable discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this resolution to next Finance Committee meeting.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that next meeting of Finance Committee be held at 10.30 a.m. on 11th June 1937, to allow of temporary uncollectable rate lists being examined in detail.

The Chairman considered some arrangement should be made by which County Solicitor could appear for all Rate Collectors.

The Rate Inspector suggested that the backward arrears should be handed to a special collector to deal with.

The Chairman believed it would be an advantage if the name of the Rate Inspector, County Solicitor or the County Secretary, the latter for preference, were included in the



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warrant of the Collectors and this officer given full powers to take what <sup>he</sup> steps considered necessary to deal with items for collection without waiting for a meeting of the Finance Committee or County Council. They could ask the Department of Local Government and Public Health to make regulations dealing with this. He proposed a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted.

In the course of discussion Miss O'Ryan stated the ratepayers were certainly in a far better position this year than last as regards paying their rates, and yet there was no improvement in the collection. Collection through the post had been found fairly satisfactory in other counties, but the difficulty there was how to deal with "hard" cases.

Under date 24th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.42789/37 Loch Garman as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and to state that the time within which the Council are empowered to consider and rule upon the Collectors Schedules of Uncollected Rates for the financial year 1936-37 has now expired, and the only remedy for the present position is for the Collectors to lodge the outstanding rates. The Minister must insist on this course being taken immediately."

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

"That in reply to letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th May 1937 (G.42789 - 37 - Loch Garman) the County Secretary inform the Minister that the extension of the time for ruling on temporary irrecoverable and uncollectable Rates is necessitated through the County Council having extended the period for the close of the Rate Collection of 1936-1937 to the 31st



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May, 1937, owing to the large amount of Rate outstanding at the close of the financial year. Such extension will not be granted in any future year by the Finance Committee.

That the Minister be further informed the Finance Committee will, at their next meeting, rule finally on the temporary irrecoverable and uncollectable Rate Lists, if he will be good enough to grant such extension as will enable this to be done. The Finance Committee give an assurance to the Minister that the extension will not result in any delay in beginning the Rate Collection for financial year 1937-38."

#### RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS

The following letter under date 26th May, 1937, was read from Mr. Denis C. Radford, Branch Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Officials' Union to bring to the notice of the County Council the heavy cost involved by each of the Rate Collectors in providing a Fidelity Guarantee Bond each year, viz., £5. 12. 6d.

Last year, we made application to your Council for a refund of this amount to each Collector. The Council granted 50 per cent in each case.

The Branch are very grateful, but, in view of the reduction in each Collector's warrant through the application of the Agricultural Grant, we respectfully ask your Council to extend their generosity this year to the full amount."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to adjourn this application until Rate Collection for 1936/37 had been closed."

#### ROSSLARE COAST EROSION

Under date 27th May, 1937, the following was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-



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"The Commissioners have carefully considered your letter of the 12th instant and the resolution passed by your Council asking that the Chief Engineer be allowed to visit Rosslare and report on the coast erosion there.

Whilst the Commissioners would be anxious to do anything possible to facilitate your Council they regret that it is not possible for them to arrange to let their Chief Engineer Mr. Candy, visit Rosslare.

We understand that the examination of the particular problem at Rosslare is one that will involve prolonged attention and a great deal of work.

As you can understand, the Engineering Branch of this Department is at present working under great pressure in the laying out of the two Airports in addition to maintaining their normal work.

Apart from this, we have not, as you know, any function or responsibility in the problem of coast erosion."

Referred to County Council.

#### IMPROVEMENT CURRACLOE ROAD

Under date 19th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RG/32) relative to proposed loan of £2500 to meet the Council's share of the cost of improvement of Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road and suggested that the local contribution of £500 towards the improvement of the road between Curracloe Village and Curracloe Strand should be included in the application form for sanction to loan.

The Secretary stated he had pointed out to the Minister that the County Council had requested the Tourist Development Association to approach him with a view to securing the full amount of the expenditure for the Curracloe Road, viz. £1000 by way of State Grant and the Council were awaiting a communication from the Tourist Association in the matter.



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In reply to this, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 26th May, 1937, (R/RG/32) that it was not possible to increase the £500 grant for the improvement of the Curracloe Road and the second moiety would have to be raised through local contribution.

Miss O'Ryan stated she would give the usual notice of motion in connection with the raising of the £500 local contribution for this road by loan, and which could be considered at the August meeting of the County Council.

#### INSURANCE OF CARTERS

Under date 22nd May, 1937, letter (with agreement) was read from Secretary, County Councils' General Council as to insurance of Carters under National Health and Unemployment Insurance Acts. Any Carter working strictly under the terms of form of agreement enclosed would not be regarded as being employed within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts or Unemployment Insurance Acts. The County Surveyor was empowered under Article 56(1) of the Public Bodies Order 1925 to enter into the form of Contract referred to in the Agreement.

In regard to Carters who did not come within the scope of the agreement the Department of Local Government and Public Health suggested that in order to clarify the position of all Carters employed by County Councils, the General Council should take steps to ascertain whether it would be possible to divide these Carters into well defined classes according to the varying conditions under which they were employed. If so, it might be possible for the Department to give an opinion in respect of each such class and which would be helpful to the various Councils.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the agreement referred to would cover only what could be described as casual carters in whose cases about £20 or £30 per annum would be involved. Carters whose tenders were accepted by



Tenders Committee and who could work when it suited them were not insured.

It was decided that the County Surveyor consult with the County Solicitor relative to the agreement referred to in the letter from County Councils' General Council.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CARTERS

Mr. Keegan stated that lorries of Great Southern Railways Company were being employed in Gorey District for haulage while ordinary carters were idle.

The County Surveyor said that where possible horse haulage was employed, but sufficient carters were not always available. They had to take the Roller away from Ballycanew because they could not get carters.

The Chairman said the Council wanted the money for this work distributed in the County and he believed this could be done if road work was organised earlier in the season. Everybody knew that in April horses were required on the land.

Mr. Keegan said it appeared as if all the tar for the roads in Gorey was being delivered by railway lorry. If this was covered in the contract with Tar Suppliers the condition should be changed as soon as possible and provision be made for utilising horses.

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

"That no arrangement for the employment of mechanical haulage for roads be recognised without the previous permission of the Finance Committee."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL: Under date, 25th May, 1937, the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, wrote requesting that the following regulations should appear in the County Council Scheme for Secondary and Vocational



- (a) Irish and English versions of the question papers will be set in each of the following subjects, Arithmetic, History, Geography, Needlework, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study, but only one version, either Irish or English, will be supplied to candidates. Candidates will be required to indicate on their application forms which version they desire to take, but they will not be obliged to adhere to the preference indicated.
- (b) Candidates who answer all the questions in any subject wholly in Irish from the Irish version of the paper, will get a bonus of not more than 10 per cent., except in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Needlework and Drawing, in which the bonus will be not more than 5 per cent. No bonus will be awarded to a candidate who answers in Irish from the English version of the paper.

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

"That we recommend the County Council that regulations suggested in letter of the Department of Education under date 25th May 1937, and as submitted to this meeting, be inserted in Scheme of Scholarships for Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1938 instead of third paragraph under heading of "Subjects of Examination" in last year's Scheme."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Patrick F. Hanrick, son of the Court-keeper, New Ross, wrote asking if he would be eligible to compete for University Scholarship. His mother was not a ratepayer, but had been one for a considerable number of years.

The Secretary stated, according to the University Scholarship Scheme, Scholarships were confined to the children of ratepayers of the County Wexford who had resided in the County for the previous period of five years. Occasionally a case of hardship arose and certain people were debarred from competition.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to insert in University Scholarship Scheme the following words following the first paragraph:- "and all who have resided for five



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years in premises in County Wexford in respect of which rates are payable or for the same period as caretaker of a Public Institution".

#### ROAD FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Correspondence was read from the County Councils' General Council relative to the setting up of a Committee to consider the whole situation and to make recommendations as to roads and road administration generally. Failing this, to arrange for the issue of a long term loan financed by the Road Fund and to be expended at a rate not exceeding £2,000,000 per annum. This expenditure is to be without contribution from local funds but with provision for future maintenance.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to take no action in the matter.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 24th May, 1937, Mr. Michael O'Reilly, Kilmichael, Clonevan, wrote asking permission to sell new house erected by him at Kilmichael under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, as his wife had completely lost her health at the seaside and the Doctor had ordered her to reside inland.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the request of Michael O'Reilly, Kilmichael, Clonevan, as to sale of his house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts provided the full amount of outstanding loan advanced to Mr. O'Reilly be repaid to the Council."

Under date 24th May, 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter from Nicholas Breen, Milltown Hill, Ferns, stating that he never intended at any time, not living in his house at Killoggy, erected by him under the Small



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Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He meant always to live there but as he was alone he intended to take in as lodgers a Civil Guard and his family. He was a poor man and the amount paid by lodgers would help to pay off his indebtedness to the Council.

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

"The Finance Committee recommend the County Council that as regards loan advanced to Nicholas Breen, Milltown Hill, Ferns, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, no objection be made to lodgers residing in house with him."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Notification was received from the Garda Síochána as to application to be made at Ballycullane Court for the commitment to an Industrial School of Mary Agnes Cowman, Ramsgrange.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### WARBLE FLY DETENTION ORDERS

Patrick Lawlor (Warble Fly Inspector No. 6 Area) reported that he had served detention notice for four heifers on Thomas Kennedy, Wexford Street, Gorey, the animals being located at Ballywalter, Ballycanew.

T. Kenny (Warble Fly Inspector No. 5 Area) reported the service of detention Order for 16 cattle on Thomas Byrne, Clugga, Arklow, the animals being located at Scarnagh, Co. Wexford.

#### DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That, as Original Pay Order for £2. 10. 7 (Subsidiary Account) issued on 5th March 1937, to Vincent R. Doyle, Ballyconnor, Kilrane, appears to have gone astray in course of post, duplicate Order for this amount be issued Payee."

The Secretary stated that estoppel had been placed on the original Order.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 28th May be received and considered."

ROSSLARE COAST EROSION: Mr. Kinsella said that although the sea was washing away considerable land and property, it appeared to be no one's business to deal with it. The State should take up the matter as it was entirely too big for local effort. People who lived inland did not bother, but it was a very serious problem for people living on the south-east sea coast.

Mr. T. Redmond supported the suggestion of Mr. Kinsella that representations should be made to the State.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Bowe:-

"That, as a considerable amount of valuable property is endangered in certain parts of Wexford coast, we believe the State should assume responsibility for the necessary measures to cope with coast erosion."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee for 28th May, 1937, be, and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 11th JUNE 1937: Minutes 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 11th June, 1937.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council), presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, 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 £3203. 4. 9d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. JOSEPHINE KEHOE

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, it was decided that the following reply from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Kindly convey to the members of your County Council and Finance Committee my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my sister, Mrs. Josephine Kehoe.

I wish also to express thanks to yourself and the other members of the County Council staff for their sincere expression of sympathy."

#### RATE COLLECTION

CLOSE OF: The following table shows the close of the warrants of Collectors for year 1936-37:-



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<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Warrant 1936/37</u>			<u>Lodgments and Dis-count to 11/6/37.</u>			<u>Irrecov-erable Rates.</u>			<u>Temporary Uncollec-table Rate out-standing.</u>		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	9107.	9.	5	6962.	8.	4	102.	2.	1	2042.	19.	0
W. Doyle	5719.	8.	6	4012.	7.	7	82.	11.	2	1624.	9.	9
P. Doyle	5824.	18.	11	5206.	14.	9	53.	2.	1	565.	2.	1
M. McCarthy	5684	15.	8	4829.	11.	7	95.	1.	0	760.	3.	1
P. Nolan	7652.	17.	6	6123.	5.	3	68.	11.	5	1461.	0.	10
S. Gannon	7516.	4.	8	6028.	0.	7	48.	4.	4	1439.	19.	9
J. Deegan	7154.	16.	9	6569.	7.	8	52.	12.	9	532.	16.	4
J. Cummins	5670.	11.	9	4776.	0.	6	183.	9.	5	711.	1.	10
J. Flood	3943.	3.	0	3431.	13.	5	20.	1.	3	491.	8.	4
W. Cummins	5511.	12.	8	3999.	16.	8	25.	14.	6	1486.	1.	6
M. Murphy	4124.	9.	3	2915.	0.	5	53.	17.	5	1155.	11.	5
J.J.O'Reilly	5751.	0.	9	5299.	7.	2	11.	6.	3	440.	7.	4
D. Kenny	4906.	17.	4	4324.	3.	0	8.	15.	11	573.	18.	5
A. Dunne	9302.	5.	1	7401.	5.	11	133.	3.	7	1767.	15.	7
J. J. Sinnott	7093.	17.	2	5429.	3.	4	9.	1.	2	1655.	12.	8
E. J. Murphy	5115.	8.	11	4868.	4.	8	5.	18.	3	241.	6.	0
M. Kehoe	4414.	16.	10	3949.	5.	10	13.	17.	0	451.	14.	0
J. Curtis	5462.	6.	2	5249.	11.	1	18.	17.	1	193.	18.	0
P. Carty	4696.	17.	3	4366.	2.	9	53.	15.	4	276.	19.	2
Total	114653.	17.	7	95741.	10.	6	1040.	2.	0	17872.	5.	1

The amount of arrears was £17872 as against £17240 for last financial year - an increase of £632.

Special report sheets giving each individual item of arrears and the recommendations of Rate Collectors were submitted and examined by the Committee.

The Secretary advised that the full amount of arrears on land should be carried forward, as the Council had not authority to take off as irrecoverable rates levied on land.

The Chairman pointed out that the arrears were mounting up and as such a large amount of them could be regarded as



dead the collection for the County looked very poor in the eyes of the public on that account. He advocated the Finance Committee should recommend the striking off of monies which they were perfectly certain could not be recovered. Some steps would have to be taken to have the irrecoverable amounts included in the warrants cleared off as bad debts.

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

"That arrears of Rate over and above two years, which in the opinion of the Council, are temporarily uncollectable be included in special warrant for collection and that separate demand notes and receipts therefor be prepared. That arrears of rate for past two years be included in Collectors' ordinary warrants."

PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATE COLLECTION SYSTEM: The Chairman stated he was of opinion that an improvement would be effected by keeping the actual work of collection clear of the County Council and having the Secretary in charge to direct the Rates Inspector and the Collectors as to the steps they should take to improve the collection or for the recovery of the Rates in individual cases. The present control by the Council was too loose and they were not getting anywhere with it. Referring to the special arrears sheets it was manifest that on a number of holdings returned as derelict or partly derelict stock had been grazing at the end of the Summer and seizures could have been made by the Collectors. Then again several Collectors considered once they had obtained a court decree there was no obligation on them to follow it up.

After further discussion, the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Keegan:-



"We recommend that the Public Bodies Order be amended so as to allow of the inclusion of the name of the Rates Inspector jointly with the Rate Collectors in Rate Warrants. That all legal work in respect of Rate Collection be carried out by the County Council Solicitor from County Council office. Further, that the County Secretary be responsible to the County Council for the direction of the Rate Collection and the work in connection therewith."

It was decided that a decision on this resolution be dealt with at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

It was decided that Rate Collectors be directed to furnish list of decrees obtained by them for payment of rates setting out separately those which have been lodged with the Sheriff and the result of any action taken by this Official for the recovery of the rates. The County Solicitor will be instructed to take steps to have these decrees made effective and to follow up same by Examination Orders or by such other legal process as may be considered advisable. That the question of securing judgment mortgages on lands in respect of which substantial arrears of rate are outstanding be also considered by the Council's Solicitor.

EXTENSION DEALING WITH UNCOLLECTED RATES: Under date 10th June 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.48426/37 - Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 102(3) of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as would enable the County Council to examine and rule upon the Rate Collectors' Schedules of Uncollected Rates by a date not later than 11th June, 1937.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES: 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 sanction payment of balance of poundage to all Collectors and also to reinstate amount of "cuts" in the case of the following six Collectors:- J. Quirke, P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Deegan, J. Flood and P. Carty."

NEW SURETY FOR RATE COLLECTOR: On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr. John J. Sinnott, Rate Collector for No. 15 District, offering Mr. Michael Hughes, Farmer, Castlelands, Kilanerin, vice Andrew Wafer, Ballygarrett, be recommended for acceptance to the County Council.

That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to prepare new Bond for Collector Sinnott."

PAYMENT TO RATE COLLECTORS - WORK AT ABATEMENT FORMS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That £106. 19. 0 being at the rate of 6d per form, be paid Rate Collectors for work in connection with examination of data on Abatement Forms (Rates on Agricultural Land) as per Schedule submitted by County Secretary to this meeting!"

RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 17 DISTRICT

The following, under date 9th June, 1937, was read from Rate Collector Matthew Murphy:-

"I beg to state that I am resigning my position as Rate Collector for No. 17 District.

The District, being so small and so much arrears, I could not carry on on what I receive in poundage for same. And, also, I may state I expect a better job in the near future.

Thanking you for your kindness in the past. Hoping this, my resignation, will be accepted by you and your Committee."



The following, under date 8th June, 1937, was read from Rates Inspector:-

"I wish to inform you that on Saturday, 5th June 1937, Collector M. Murphy attended here to close his warrant for the year ended 31st March 1937.

I found that a lodgment of £154. 10. 11 would have to be made to close the warrant and informed the Collector of this.

He said the amount would be lodged on the following Monday, the Bank being closed when his checking was completed.

The amount was not lodged on Monday. The Collector sent me a wire saying he would present the Bank receipt on to-day, Tuesday. So far, he has not done so."

The Secretary stated that the amount in question was lodged on Tuesday, the 8th June 1937.

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

"We recommend the County Council to accept the resignation of Rate Collector M. Murphy (No. 11 District) subject to his lists of temporary uncollectable and irrecoverable Rates being certified correct by Rates Inspector."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to allocate temporarily in respect of 1937/38 Warrant and arrears, the four district electoral divisions in No. 11 district as follows:- To Collector W. Cummins (No. 10 District) Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castle Talbot, and to Collector J. Cummins (No. 8 District) Bolaboy, provided these Collectors agree to take over said divisions and that this proposal meets with the approval of Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

This arrangement is to be regarded as of a temporary character and to be open to further re-adjustment after the close of Warrants for current financial year should the Council so decide."



RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS

Adjourned application from Wexford Branch of Irish Local Government Officials Union as to the County Council paying the full amount of premium on Fidelity Guarantee Bond, viz., £5. 12. 6d for the nineteen Rate Collectors, was considered. The Council paid half the amount of this premium last year.

The Secretary stated that a sum of £106. 17. 6d was involved.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That the County Council be recommended to grant the same contribution towards the cost of Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds as obtained last year viz., 50 per cent in each case; this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Passed.

MECHANICAL HAULAGE V. HORSE

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee a resolution was adopted that the previous permission of the Finance Committee should be given for Assistant Surveyors to employ mechanical haulage in future.

In connection with this matter, the following letter was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, under date 9th June, 1937:-

"In reply to your recent circular, I wish to notify the Finance Committee that I propose to use a Railway tractor at Carrigfoyle Quarry in connection with R.R. Grant on Barntown Wexford Road.

I propose to do the same in the near future on the completion of the Carne-Killinick Road. Also on the R.R. Grant at Rosslare Strand.

These works cannot be carried out by horse hauliers for many reasons the principal of which are:-



- (1) Distances in cases are too great.
- (2) Machines and Labour Exchange Workers must be kept going.
- (3) Sufficient horses not available in any part of my area to keep such work going.
- (4) All carters in my area have sufficient work. There is no complaint, and in no case are horses dispensed with where it is at all possible to use them."

The County Surveyor said that where they were mixing tar material it was absolutely necessary it should be taken away and put on the road at once. By using horses for this class of work they would not have as good a job and the expense would be increased.

The Chairman said that looking at the matter from the economic point of view he could not see that a grant could be accurately described as a relief grant if a large amount of it went in hire of Railway lorries.

Mr. Colfer said what was wrong was the stuff was not put out on the roads in time and then when the resultant rush came horses were not able to deal with it. But there would not be any difficulty in employing horses if the material was provided in good time.

The Chairman said that by employing lorries they might be doing injury to a large number of people and not doing the County Council any good. If Railway lorries were employed they were really evading the purpose for which relief grants were given.

In reply to Mr. Keegan the County Surveyor said that excluding carters and gangers about 60 per cent of the expenditure under these grants went in wages.

Miss O'Ryan said that with a long distance haulage, a lorry might be justified, but in the first road mentioned in Mr. Birthistle's letter the distance was only a couple of miles.

The County Surveyor said that where the work had not to be carried out in a definite time provision could be made



for horse haulage.

The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan were under the impression that if Road work under these grants was organised at an earlier period of the year than now obtained, it would be possible to employ horse haulage.

The County Surveyor said that as regards haulage from Tinnacree quarry near Kilmuckridge carters were asking a prohibitive price and at the start the Railway Company were not inclined to take up this class of work.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor could fix what he considered a fair rate for haulage, and if carters did not see their way to accept that it was their own look out.

The County Surveyor said the average cost for horse haulage was 10d per mile and for mechanical haulage 6d.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the Railway lorry was loaded by County Council men at the breaker, while the carter had to load himself. He suggested the Finance Committee should adopt a resolution putting the two classes on the one level as regards the loading of their vehicles, and let the Railway Company provide workers to load their lorries.

Mr. Birthistle said that the stuff was discharged into lorry by means of a chute. Continuing, Mr. Birthistle stated he would always favour horse haulage where it was available and effective. He gave the names of the carters in Barntown area with the amount of haulage already secured by them from Tenders Committees and otherwise, and pointed out that several of these men were also road contractors. He had 17 men employed in the quarry and he would not be able to keep them going with horse haulage. He strongly held to this statement that horse haulage was not available to the necessary extent in the Barntown area. He had experience of the failure of two or three carters in a



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section of ten not turning up on certain occasions, with the result that the work was dislocated. He had £1000 for the Barntown job. £500 would be spent in wages. The haulage by Railway Company would come to about £100, and the balance would go for bitumen and for hire of roller and breaker.

The Chairman said it was probably natural that the Surveyors were allowing mechanical haulage to creep in for road work. It was easier dealt with and would not call for the same amount of organisation. But they should not forget the economic side of it and as he had already pointed out there was not much relief in the employment of a Railway lorry.

Mr. Birthistle was positive that the carters in his area had all the work they could carry out and that the mechanical haulage he proposed employing would not, in any way, interfere with them. He suggested he should be allowed to put his case before the Councillors for Wexford County Electoral area as he was confident he would be able to prove to them that what he proposed was in the interests of the Council and in the interests of the road and would do no harm to the local carters.

This was agreed to.

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

"That when Assistant Surveyors consider it absolutely necessary to employ mechanical haulage they should obtain the previous permission of the County Councillors for the County Electoral area in which the work is located."

#### RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT LOAN

Under date 7th June, 1937, S. Wexford, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote approving of the raising of loan of £950 for the relief of



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Unemployment - £125 to go to the improvement of Main Roads and £825 to the improvement of County Roads - the loan to be obtained from the National Bank and be repayable over a period of three years with interest at the usual rate.

Sealed Order of the Minister consenting to this Loan was also received.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

INSTALMENT OF LOAN: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the payment by the Office of Public Works of the sum of £3500, balance of loan (No. 8547 - £10,000) obtained for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

APPLICATION FROM ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Edward Hawkins, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, forwarded application for loan of £200.

It was decided to point out to the applicant that, as the proposed dwellinghouse was only a quarter of a mile from the Urban Boundary, while the County Council regulations prescribed that loans would be advanced only in respect of houses to be located at least a mile from the Town of Enniscorthy, the Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to advance loan in this case.

PROPOSED SALE OF HOUSE: Under date 4th June 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that in regard to proposed transfer of house erected by Michael McGrath, Enniscorthy, to Mrs. Alicia Shortall, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, he had returned draft conveyance and release to Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, who are acting for Mrs. Shortall, and asked for an engrossment of the deed and cheque for £183. 15. 0 to clear off McGrath's indebtedness to the County



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Council, but had heard nothing further in the matter to date.

Miss O'Ryan said she had received a letter from Mrs. Shortall stating that Mr. McGrath did not intend selling the house as he decided to reside in it himself.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to take steps to recover from Michael McGrath any accrued rent.

TRANSFER OF LOAN: 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 sanction transfer of loan of £155 approved to Patrick Byrne, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, (H - 5th March 1936 - 40235/36 - Loch Garman) to Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, as Patrick Byrne has left the country. That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, take the necessary steps to see that this arrangement will not result in Wexford County Council having to assume any responsibility for payment to Building Contractor, Builders' Providers or any other person concerned in the erection of this house."

HOUSE OF JOHN EUSTACE, CLONLEIGH - NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Under date 26th May, 1937, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had called on Mrs. Eustace, Clonleigh, a week ago in connection with having the house - for which a loan had been granted by the County Council - completed. She informed him that the mason would not complete the house unless Mrs. Eustace would be responsible for the payment of his wages. The mason, later, told the Road Ganger that if Mr. O'Neill agreed to pay his wages he would finish the house, and Mr. O'Neill considered that unless some agreement to this effect is made with the mason there would be small chance of having the work completed.

The Secretary stated he had written to Mr. O'Neill asking him to call on Father Murphy, C.C., Poulpeasty, who



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was interested in the erection of this house and endeavour to enlist his good offices to have the mason concerned finish the building.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Patrick Merriman, Forth Commons, Murrin-town, Wexford, applied for loan of £70 for erection of house (Plan H.4). He stated he would be able to provide building stones and with his own labour he believed he could erect the house for £140.

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

"That provided he be able to satisfy the regulations made by the County Council governing advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and to make title, the County Council be recommended to agree to loan of £70 towards the cost of erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to Patrick Merriman, Forth Commons, Murrintown."

#### COMPLAINT OF GANGER AND WORKMEN

The following was read from Patrick Waters, Loftus Hall, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"I would like to know is the ganger on Loftus Hall Road allowed to kick and box me on the Road on Wednesday, 18th of May, as I was doing my best with the stones. Please, sir, do something in the matter, so I hope you will cool him down."

Under date 5th June, 1937, the following letter from Ganger P. Fitzpatrick was read:-

"I wish to inform you that Patrick Waters of Loftus Hall is giving me considerable trouble since I started him to break the material under Grant, and is now causing dissension amongst the other workers. I have warned him several times, and on one occasion, had to send him home. He aggravated me to the utmost, and finally, went about using the hammer on me. I am giving him the usual week's



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notice, and subject to your approval, will deal with the matter. I hope to see you early in the week, He will only break about half a cubic yard per day, and some days not that much. The other men now complain that if he is to break only this amount and be paid 5/- per day they are entitled to do likewise. I am told he has sent a complaint to the County Council, consequently, I will leave the matter stand until I see you."

Under date 9th June, the following was read from Patrick Waters:-

"Just a line to let you know that I cannot stand the Road Ganger. He got a great big box to throw the stones in for me as I am willing to break them if I was let alone, and is breaking with Philip Walshe, and then he would expect me to have as much broke. He have his eye on me all the time and I am doing my best all the time. So if you please do something in the matter for me. He don't want to have me on the Road at all."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, regarding dispute between P. Fitzpatrick (Road Ganger) and Patrick Waters as to employment on Fethard Road.

That the Finance Committee desire to call to the attention of the County Surveyor the resolution that workmen were to be employed and discharged by the Assistant Surveyors and not by Road Gangers. If the Ganger has any complaint of workmen he should report to the Assistant Surveyor for the district who will investigate the matter immediately and report to the County Surveyor."



SANCTION OF NEW SALARY - MR. DONOHUE

Under date 8th June 1937 the following letter (No. G.32529/37) 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 on the subject, and to state that he has sanctioned Mr. P. M. Donohoe being placed on a salary scale of £156 per annum, and proceeding thence by annual increments of £7. 10s. to £201, and thence by increments of £10 to a maximum of £234 per annum, the new scale to have effect from the 12th April, 1937."

MILLQUARTER LANE

A Memorial signed by Rev. E. Kehoe, C.C., Monaseed, and a large number of ratepayers asking the County Council to take over the maintenance of Millquarter Lane, Monaseed, as a public road, was read.

It was pointed out that 48 families used this lane to attend Mass at Monaseed every Sunday, and their children for attending school at Monaseed.

The Chairman gave notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 9th August 1937 to ask the County Council to take over Millquarter Lane as a public road.

It was also decided that the usual advertisements in connection with this proposal be issued in the three local newspapers.

AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

Eleven ratepayers forwarded representations as to repair of this lane, and pointed out that the Council had approved of its repair six years ago, but nothing had been done. The Council's attention had been drawn to it several times without avail.

It was decided to point out to the memorialists that



repairs to this lane had been submitted to the Office of Public Works after approval by the County Council, but the Office of Public Works did not accept the recommendation, and hence no action was taken as the County Council had no power to expend any of their own funds on the repair of private lanes.

It was decided to again call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the fact that the County Council had already recommended that the repair of this lane should be carried out under Minor Relief Scheme and they requested Office of Public Works to give it favourable consideration.

#### TAGHMON STREET

Under date 9th June 1937, the Secretary, Taghmon Development Association, wrote that at the monthly meeting of the Association, the present bad condition of the street leading from the National Bank to the Catholic Church had been considered and he had been instructed to ask the County Council to have it put in proper repair. The Council's steam roller was engaged locally and the time to have this work done at little cost was opportune.

The County Surveyor said he would be able to carry out some repairs at the place mentioned, but he feared that the full section could not be dealt with until more money was available.

#### KILCORKEY LANE

Messrs. W. Tomkins, Curratubbin and A. Hughes, Kilcorkey, attended the meeting of the Finance Committee in connection with repair of Kilcorkey Lane.

This matter was before the County Council on 14th December last when the County Council pointed out that a proposal had been agreed to by the Office of Public Works for the repair of lane at Seamount, near Courtown, but as one of the adjoining land owners would not sign the usual



agreement in connection with the repair, the project had to be dropped.

The County Surveyor then suggested that the money should be applied to Kilcorkey Lane and this was agreed to.

The County Surveyor stated that representations had been made to the Board of Works regarding the transfer of the amount set aside for Seamount to Kilcorkey. He said he had been informed at Office of Public Works that the application for the transfer would have to stand over until there was more necessity for work in the area. On his next visit he would ask that this application receive special consideration.

Mr. Tomkins said the farmers concerned would give assistance so far as horse work was concerned, and the men who had land adjoining were prepared to sign an undertaking that they would offer no objection to the lane being repaired and widened.

The Chairman said the County Council would do what was possible to have some money from Minor Relief Schemes Vote provided for the repair of this lane.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

The following letter under date 7th June, 1937, (No. G.30326/37, Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of a Telephone Attendant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that if at the end of the experimental period the post of telephone attendant is continued it should be filled by way of competitive examination open to female candidates who have had at least three months experience as telephone operators. The procedure in connection with examinations is set out in Circular Letter of the 25th May, 1936.

The age limits might be 18 -30, the standard National School Sixth Standard, the subjects Irish English, Arithmetic and General Knowledge or, instead of the last mentioned subject, Typewriting if the person appointed is likely to be called on to assist at office work. It should be a condition of appointment that the candidate appointed may be required to do office work of a routine character (filing &c.) in addition to attending at the switchboard. Provision should be made for resignation on marriage and



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candidates may be confined to residents in the County or the children of such residents. A medical certificate will be required if the post is permanent. The Conditions of Appointment should be submitted to Department before publication."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to establish on a permanent basis telephone switch board for County offices as it has given satisfaction in the experimental stage."

On the motion of Mr. Cullimore, seconded by Mr. Colfer it was proposed that the age limits for this position be fixed at 25 to 40 and that competitive examination be open to female candidates who have had at least three months' experience as telephone operators. Candidates must be residents in the County or the children of residents on 1st June 1937.

It was decided that County Secretary submit draft advertisement to the Department of Local Government and Public Health in accordance with letter under date 7th June 1937 (G.30326/37 Loch Garman) with change in age limit.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Miss O'Ryan that Miss B. Moran be continued as Telephone Attendant in County Hall, Wexford, until the permanent officer for this position takes office. That Mr. A. K. Killeen, C.E.O., County Wexford Vocational Education Committee be asked to act as Examiner and Superintendent in connection with examination for permanent appointment of Telephone Attendant.

Passed.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

John Breen, Ballydonegan, Ferns, and Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, applicants for award of University Scholarships, came before the meeting and were questioned by Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman as to their practical knowledge of Agriculture, it being provided by University Scholarship Scheme that students taking Agriculture for Degree should



be able to produce evidence of this character.

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

"That, in the opinion of the Finance Committee John Breen, Ballydonegan, Ferns, and Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, have a sufficient practical knowledge of agriculture to be considered eligible to compete for the University Scholarship set aside for Agriculture and to proceed to a Degree in that subject in the event of being recommended for Scholarship by the University Authorities, award to be made to student securing the highest marks."

#### WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

Under date 28th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RB/32) that the Minister had authorised such departure from the Public Bodies Orders as would enable the County Council to raise a loan for the purpose of carrying out the work of widening road at Rosslare.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, wrote that application would be made at Enniscorthy Court on 10th June 1937 for committal to an Industrial School of James Hayden, Kilcormack, Oulart, aged 13 years and one month. The boy was being charged with housebreaking and larceny (Kilcormack National School) in May 1937 and case would be heard on 10th June.

Under date 1st June 1937, the Inspector National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, wrote that application would be made at Children's Court, Wexford, on 9th June 1937 for committal of Mary Fenlon, Kilsoran, Tagoat, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, illegitimate child of Mary Anne Fenlon, aged 6 years.

Sergeant O'Connor, Garda Síochána, Campile, wrote under



date 31st May 1937, that an application would be made at New Ross Court on 8th June 1936 for the committal of John and James Phelan, Ballykerogue, Campile, to an Industrial School. They were both accused of breaking into the house of Bernard Mulhern on 17th May, 1937.

These applications were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### PROPOSED BUILDING AT HALSEYRATH, BALLYMITTY

In connection with application of P. Martin to erect a building on his farm at Halseyrath, the site of which was within 30 feet of the centre of the road, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, furnished rough sketch and stated he did not see any objection to the construction beyond the fact that it came within the statutory 30 feet of the road centre. The building appeared to be 19 feet, 3 inches, from the centre of the road.

It was decided to make no order on the application.

#### INSURANCE OF CARTERS

The County Surveyor said he would consult further with County Solicitor in connection with agreement suggested by the County Councils General Council to be entered into with carters and by which contributions under Insurance Acts would not be payable to these workers.

#### WARBLE FLY ORDER

Dermot E. Druhan, Inspector (No. 13 Area) stated he had served detention notices on the following:- J. Barry, Rackardstown, Kilmore; P. Doyle, Ballyharty, Kilmore; W. Jones, Park, Wexford; P. O'Toole, Park, Wexford; W. Joyce, Butlerstown, Cleariestown; Fintan Murphy, Churchtown, Kilrane and John Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford.



RATE LEDGER

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer, the tender of Messrs. J. English & Co. to supply a Rate Ledger at £2. 15. 0d was accepted.

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Under date 3rd June 1937 letter was read from Secretary County Councils' General Council, that the Annual Meeting would be held during Horse Show Week (August 3rd to 7th). Notice of any matter which the Council desired to have placed on the agenda should be furnished on or before 20th July 1937.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th June 1937 be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - CARRYING FORWARD ARREARS: Mr. T. Redmond proposed:-

"That we dissent from the proposal of the Finance Committee and direct that instead of two years' arrears being brought into ordinary warrant only one year be so dealt with and the balance of the arrears included in special demand notes."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Col. Gibbon supported the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as did other members.

After further discussion, Mr. T. Redmond withdrew his motion and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

MECHANICAL HAULAGE: Under date 11th June 1937, the following was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In connection with haulage I follow the principle adopted by the Tenders Committee of the County Council. Where possible I use horse haulage, provided the difference in cost is not too great. For some grant jobs in my district horse haulage would not be suitable e.g., from Carrigbyrne to New Ross, and from Burkestown to Fethard. The distance is too far, and the use of horses is impossible. It would not be possible to keep a mixing plant going with a number of carters working over a long distance - any delay with a cart would throw the whole staff out of work as well as waste material. In shorter haulage I have used carters with lorries for haulage of rough material e.g., at Campile. I would find it impossible to get sufficient carters to keep a roller going, and it is not desirable, on narrow roads, to have material lying for a considerable time waiting for horse haulage to put out enough material to start a roller. In case of haulage of tar it is usually impossible to leave a consignment lying for days at a railway until the haulier is able to move it."

Under date 11th June 1937 Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote:-

"With reference to above, I beg to report that I have had very little mechanical haulage in my area until recently when I found I could not proceed with work if I were to



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depend on horse haulage, particularly on Grant Work. For instance, when arranging for Rolling Work on Ballycanew Road I wanted at least twenty four carters per day, and after a canvass of area was promised twenty - out of this number eight turned up, but not regularly, with the result that instead of twenty four hourses being available I only had an average of four or five per day. Because of this I was obliged to shut down work, and move Rolling Plant to another job so as to enable me to make such arrangements as would make it possible to proceed with the work.

Where sufficient horse help is available I have used same in all my haulage work, but must say I find it increasingly difficult to obtain carters for some time back owing to increased tillage and other public works now in progress.

At last Meeting of Tenders Committee for Haulage Tenders held in Gorey in February out of a total of one hundred and thirteen roads put up for tender only eighty three were taken by fifty one individual carters, and since then I have not had any inquiries from hauliers as to setting of untendered roads. In previous years it will be remembered there was keen competition for this work so much so that it was limited to land holders up to a certain acreage, and it was quite an easy matter to get any untendered roads taken up. In one Section where fourteen roads were for tender only four roads were taken and these by two people.

I have since endeavoured to get hauliers to undertake carting where same was on hands, but so far have not succeeded. In cases even where work allotted on some of Main Roads tar patching is being held up as those who got this haulage work say they cannot reach on it.

With regard to distribution of tar drums I have had somewhat similar difficulties to contend with, and having in view the scarcity of hauliers had my consignments booked direct from depot to Road. In this way I had all my material delivered quickly and as drums were rolled from lorries on skids they were deposited without breakages thus saving considerably from avoidance of waste through leakages from damaged casks."

Miss O'Ryan said that several carters in the Barntown district who stated they spoke for all, were quite satisfied that Mr. Birthistle should employ mechanical haulage, as they had in hands as much work as they could carry out. The seventeen men in the quarry had to be kept going, and at the present stage this could be done only by mechanical haulage. If the material could have been put out on the road six months ago horse haulage could have been arranged for.

The County Surveyor said this could not be done under a Relief Grant. Relief men were working in the quarry, and in consequence, the stuff could not be put on the road at



an earlier period.

Mr. Birthistle said he would not stand for mechanical haulage unless its employment was absolutely necessary. It would be impossible to provide for 1200 yards of material on the road within a very limited period unless with mechanical haulage. It was economic to employ mechanical haulage for long distances, but on short draws it might not be as cheap as horse haulage. Besides the seventeen workers in the quarry there were six other men employed on the road. If they were to cart out the material there would be a big gap in the work. All the tenders Committees have recommended that mechanical haulage be adopted over long distances. There would not be the discrepancy of as between 6d and 10d over short distances.

COMPLAINT GANGER AND WORKMAN: In reply to Mr. Ronan, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said he did not obtain a statement from Waters.

Mr. Ronan said if Mr. O'Neill had dealt with the two men face to face it would have been more advisable.

The Chairman said that they would not be able to secure as good an output from men supplied by the Employment Exchange as from their own staff. These men were employed only for four days a week and there should be a little give and take in accordance with circumstances.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col. Gibbon it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

TELEPHONE ATTENDANT: Mr. O'Byrne moved and Mr. Lawlor seconded the following resolution:-

"That we dissent from the resolution of Finance Committee fixing ~~the~~ limits of age for Telephone Attendant at from 25 to 40 and fix same at from 18 to 40."

Passed.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th June 1937, as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved, unless where dissented from or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Report of meeting of Scholarship Committee held on 15th May, was presented with drafts of Secondary & Vocational and University Scholarships Schemes.

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

"That report of Scholarship Committee relative to Secondary & Vocational and University Scholarship Schemes for 1938 be received and considered."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEME: Under date 12th June, 1937, (No. OI.2/48582) letter was read from the Office of National Education, Dublin as follows:-

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th instant relative to the scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, which Co. Wexford desires to introduce for the year 1938, and I am to convey the Department's formal approval of the scheme.

In connection with the printing of the scheme, I am to make the following observations and suggestions:-

Clause 6, line 2, word "if" should read "of".

Clause 8. As previously notified to your Council, should any case arise in connection with the award of a scholarship to a Preparatory College student, it will be open to full consideration by the Department. I am to add, however, that as the Pupil Teacher Scheme is now being discontinued, the words "pupil teacherships or" should be omitted from line 2 of this section.

It is suggested that the three paragraphs immediately



following Clause 13, headed "Programme and Examination Conditions", could now be omitted; also that the sections "Subjects of Examination" (amended in accordance with the terms of the recent circular relative to the Irish and English versions of the examination papers) and "Conditions for Passing the Examination" be inserted after Clause 7, and be numbered 8 and 9.

The addition to Clause 9 (which now becomes Clause 10) regarding the rate of refund, is noted.

Clause 8 - now becomes Clause 10.

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"	12	"	"	"	14
"	13	"	"	"	15.

A copy of the scheme, setting out the suggested amendments, is enclosed.

Kindly submit, for use in the Department, twelve copies of the scheme when printed."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the meeting accepted the following alteration in this Clause of the Scheme:-

"In the case of applicants from Urban and Rural districts, the means of the family with number of children as at

- (a) must not exceed £360 per annum from all sources:  
six children or more.
- (b) " " " £310 per annum from all sources;  
four or five children.
- (c) " " " £270 per annum from all sources;  
two or three children.
- (d) " " " £226 per annum from all sources:  
one child.

Children referred to in this clause must be under 18 years of age."

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



"That the Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Scheme as furnished by the Office of National Education in letter under date 12th June 1937 (O11.2/48582) be and the same is hereby approved with the alteration covered by the resolution of the Chairman fixing the means of all parents or guardians of applicants on the same level."

UNIVERSITY SCHEME: The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That, in view of the fact that Gerald Coffey and his mother have resided at Baldwinstown, County Wexford, with her brother, for over five years, he be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship even though Mrs. Coffey cannot be described as a Ratepayer."

Mr. Corish, in moving his motion, said that the Finance Committee had recognised the fact that the residence qualification to enable students to compete for University Scholarship was too rigid, as they had recommended that in addition to the children of ratepayers who were residing in the County for five years, the children of persons residing in premises in respect of which rates were payable for the previous five years or the children of parents who were caretakers of public institutions should be allowed to compete for Scholarships. In the case of Gerald Coffey, his mother had been residing at Baldwinstown, with her brother, who was a ratepayer, for a number of years past.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

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

"That we hereby regard John Breen, Ballydonegan, Ferns, Timothy J. Murphy, Knockreigh, Adamstown, and Michael Prendergast, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, as eligible to compete for award of University Scholarships."



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

"That, as recommended by Finance Committee, the following addendum be inserted in line 2 of University Scholarship Scheme after the word Ratepayers - "And all who have resided for five years in premises in County Wexford in respect of which Rates are payable or for the same period as caretakers of public institutions".

And that as recommended by Scholarship Committee <sup>other</sup> the provisions be approved.

#### LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD ROLLERS

The following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 14th June, 1937, that the said County Council agree to borrow the sum of £2050 for the purpose of purchasing two Road Rollers and living vans for same, period of repayment to be ten years or such shorter period as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is prepared to sanction."

This motion was circulated to County Councillors on 1st May, 1937.

Miss O'Ryan moved the motion which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the charge for the use of rollers had been increased so that they could realise through the hire of Machinery the amount of instalments on the loan now proposed to be borrowed.

#### MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. FUNGE

Under date 19th May, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.39512/37 Loch Garman) that as regards the proposed marriage gratuity of £80 to Mrs. Funge (nee Doyle) as her permanent appointment could only be regarded as dating from 4th August, 1928, the



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maximum gratuity to which she would be entitled was £76. 11. 1d, and accordingly, a fresh resolution granting a gratuity not exceeding this amount was necessary.

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, and which appeared on agenda paper for meeting was moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, in consequence of the decision of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to date of permanent appointment of Mrs. Funge (former Assistant Librarian), marriage gratuity voted to her be fixed at £76. 11. 1d vice £80 agreed to by the County Council."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and the motion was adopted.

#### SEALED ORDER - WATER SUPPLIES

Under date 5th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. P.H.22302/37 Loch Garman)(Pg), forwarding copies of Sealed Order for supplies of water and maintaining same at St. Senan's, Enniscorthy, and Bellefield, Enniscorthy, Area of Charge being Enniscorthy Rural District, as constituted immediately before 1st day of October 1925.

#### WIDENING ROAD ROSSLARE

Under date 4th June 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote S. that notice of the intention of the County Council to raise a loan of £1,500 for the widening of road at Rosslare should be advertised once in some newspaper circulating in the district, after which application for sanction to the loan will receive early attention.

The Secretary stated the advertisement required by the Department had been published in the three local papers, and copy had been supplied to the Department.



NEW SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Under date 12th May 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.6111-35) that a new Sheep <sup>Dipping</sup> Order to replace the Order of 1915 was about to issue. Under this, the Summer and Autumn dipping periods would be replaced by one double-dipping period in each year extending from 1st August to 31st October inclusive. For the former "Market periods" there would in future be one such period extending from 1st September to 31st October in each year.

Draft copy of specimen Regulations for Counties in which dipping stations etc. existed, were enclosed.

The Minister, in view of the modification of the obligations hitherto imposed on sheep owners and Local Authorities expected a more general co-operation on the part of owners and Authorities in the work of organised dipping, which is of paramount importance to the welfare of the sheep industry.

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

"That advertisement in connection with new Sheep Dipping Order be issued in the three local papers, and that the question of the appointment of the lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors be referred to Finance Committee meeting of the 25th June 1937 which is also asked to report relative to the general administration of the Order to the Annual Meeting of the County Council to be held on 28th June, 1937."

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to re-appoint present Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors, and should they consider it necessary for the proper administration, they be empowered for this year to appoint further Inspectors."

"That our Secretary submit Draft Advertisement to Department of Agriculture for sanction."



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FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

Under date 1st June 1937 (P.A.26538/37 - Estates R.H. Ryland Record No. E.C.8483 - E.M. Gallwey Rec. No. S.855), the Irish Land Commission wrote they did not consider any useful purpose would be served by the suggested interview of a deputation from Wexford County Council relative to the flooding of lands at Fisherstown and Great Island.

Mr. Redmond asked could nothing further be done.

Miss O'Ryan said that although the Land Commission would not receive a deputation they might not have turned down the application.

Mr. T. Redmond then proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was passed nem.con.:

"That the Irish Land Commission be requested in connection with flooding of lands of Fisherstown and Great Island to increase their contribution towards repair of embankment on the River Barrow from £250 to £400, the last named figure being based on the estimate of a competent engineer. That this money be furnished by State Grant and that no contribution be asked from the landowners concerned in the flooding!"

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

Under date 19th May, 1937, the Office of Public Works wrote (C.87.60/1/36) enclosing Agreement for hire of their Dredger "Saxifrage" for execution and completion in respect of dredging at Courtown Harbour.

The Grant of £450 available for the works at Courtown is intended to cover cost of the works already carried out by the Council in preparation for the operations of the dredger as well as the actual cost for dredger, and only such dredging work as will be covered by the balance of the £450, after deducting the cost of the preparatory works already carried out, can now be done. A certified statement of the cost of the preparatory works so that the



balance available to meet the cost of dredging may be determined, was asked for.

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

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to the agreement between the said Council and Office of Public Works in connection with hire of dredger "Saxifrage"."

The County Surveyor stated he had supplied information as to the cost of the preparatory works.

REPRESENTATIVE - IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Under date 26th May, 1937, the Irish Tourist Association wrote asking that the County Council should nominate a Representative on the Board of Directors of the Association.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Councillor Corish, T.D., and Mayor of Wexford, be re-appointed as Representative of this County Council on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1938."

URBAN DISTRICTS DEMANDS

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

"That the Finance Committee report from next meeting as to the payments and outstanding amounts for the three Urban Districts of the County on foot of County Council demand."

WORKMENS' HOLIDAYS

Mr. Lawlor said it was a hardship on some workmen to find when work was shut down for the week's holidays to comply with the Conditions of Employment Act that they got only a day's pay and some other men nothing at all.

The County Surveyor said that all workers received a



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day's pay for every two months they were in the employment of the County Council. That was the legal position and the Council had no power to alter it.

#### CURRATUBBIN ROAD

The following, under date 11th June, 1937, was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, relative to above:-

"The portion of this road complained of is not a part on which improvement work is in contemplation, but a part on which such work is actually in progress. I was notified of two grants last September, one on this road, and another near Killealy. The Killealy Grant was almost completed before the Winter, while on this road the foundation was put in. This foundation gave a much improved road for the Winter. I had intended to put on the top course and finish the job during April and May. Shortly before Christmas I was notified of five Relief Grants to take priority of everything else. Consequently, all preparations for finishing this grant on Road No. 29 were held up, and it will not now be finished until August. The foundation which had been put in, while good enough for Winter wear, was never intended to stand dry weather. It became loose during May. I instructed the foreman to get it raked and covered down. On account of the weeks holidays this was not done until the first week of June. Incidentally, the foreman was laid up with pleurisy for two months previous to the middle of May.

I may say I resent very much the tone of the letter from the Finance Committee. It is founded on an entire misconception of the facts. With the amount of machinery at our disposal and the amount of small scattered grants we are now expected to carry out, it is impossible to have things as we would like."



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The County Surveyor said that the Finance Committee had not written to Mr. Ennis; the letter relative to this road was issued by him (County Surveyor).

Miss O'Ryan said the condition of this road was a disgrace to their road administration.

The Chairman said that for years four miles of it had been extra bad.

The County Surveyor said he would look into the matter again with Mr. Ennis.

#### SEA "GAPS" IN BLACKWATER DISTRICT

Miss O'Ryan said that in reference to coast erosion at Ballyconnigar, she had been told by a man from Blackwater, that two gaps had been stopped by barbed wire. Was that right?

The County Surveyor said this had been done for protection of people walking there. Cush Gap, with a sheer drop of 40 feet was even worse.

Miss O'Ryan said her information was that visitors could not get down there, even walking, without great difficulty owing to the wire there. She wondered if they had the right to stop people.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that there was a sheer drop of 40 feet, and a strange motorist might go over the cliff. People could not get down there at the moment, it was too steep.

Miss O'Ryan thought the fences should have been put further up the road, and notices put up. Then, if people wanted to get down, let them. It was a favourite bathing place.

The County Surveyor said he would make some temporary arrangement, but it would be washed away by the first storm.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting, and that the County Surveyor see the place



in the meantime. If only minor alterations would meet the case the County Surveyor be directed to carry them out.

Miss O'Ryan said they should see that the fence would not prevent people from bathing.

The Chairman said that the Summer season was in now, and it was reported to him that residents who were in the habit of keeping visitors, would lose them if something were not done.

The County Surveyor said they could do something to provide for ordinary active people.

Mr. Kelly seconded Col. Gibbon's motion which was adopted.

#### FETHARD DOCK

Mr. T. Redmond said that two men had been with him to know if Fethard dock had been forgotten altogether, or if the Council could do anything with it.

The County Surveyor said that what the local people wanted there was too big a job.

Mr. Redmond - Haven't we £250 allotted for the cleaning out of the dock?

County Surveyor - No; there is no money allotted for that. It was suggested to make application to some of the Departments. The men said they did not want that. There is a rock in the bottom there, and if we cleaned the sand out without maintaining a sufficiency of water in it, they would be worse off.

Col. Gibbon - It would be better to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Mr. Redmond said the trouble was that the dock was no protection for boats.

The County Surveyor said the cost of what the fishermen wanted would be anything up to £1,000.

Mr. Redmond suggested that the Chairman would very



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likely be in the district in the next couple of weeks, and the people could show him the place. There was no doubt that what they expected would mean considerable expenditure—much more than twice £250. What they wanted was the building of an arm like a breakwater to prevent the rush of the tide when there was a storm. There were surely twenty boats at the place, and they had to be brought a mile away from the dock when there was a storm.

Mr. Colfer said that some of the people down there had bought new boats.

It was decided that the County Councillors for New Ross Electoral Area, with the County Surveyor, inspect the place and report to the Council, the Chairman to attend if possible and the County Surveyor to furnish report to Finance Committee.

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

It was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. M. Redmond and adopted:—

"That renewals of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Denis Lennon, Merchant, Bunclody; James S. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross ~~and~~ John Roche, Camolin, James J. Codd, 26/27 Court Street, Enniscorthy, Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross (P. Tierney & Co.) and Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford."

#### OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES

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

"That, as requested by Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Wexford County Council offer no objection to the erection of overground Telegraphic Lines (1) along Irish Street and County Road from Market Square to a point 740 yards south in Bunclody ~~and~~ (2) along Station Road, Rosslare Strand and (3) from Campile Post Office to Piltown House."



COMPENSATION RE BURNING OF BALLYNESTRAGH

The following resolution was held over from last meeting of County Council on 10th May, 1937:-

"That, as regards the balance of award of £31,000 for burning of Ballynestragh House, we strongly recommend that this should be paid to Mr. J. L. Esmonde, B.L., to be applied in the erection of houses in Gorey or in some portion of the County which is under the control of the County Council."

The Chairman said that the question of the payment of the balance of the award was a matter for the Department of Finance and Mr. John L. Esmonde.

Mr. O'Byrne said it would appear from the figures that there was a balance of £8,000 of the award held by the Government and which under the original award would have been spent in the County. They should protest against its retention.

The Chairman said the Council had no grievance in the matter. The decrees in these cases were all subject to amendment by Department of Finance. The compensation in this instance was for the burning of a residence, and so far as applicant was prepared to carry out reconstruction sufficient money was being provided by the Government.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL AND NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION.

Under date, 13th May, 1937, letter was read from the Gaelic League, Dublin, asking the Council to adopt the following resolution passed by the County Councils' General Council:-

"That we recommend to the Minister for Education to hold an Inquiry into how far the Universities and Constituent College have adjusted their educational programme so



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as to ensure the greatest possible services from them in the policy of national reconstruction."

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £983l. 0. 5d was examined and signed.

W. O'Byrne . 28<sup>th</sup> June 1937



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING 28th JUNE, 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Annual Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th June, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, William Cullimore, Col. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, and County Surveyor were in attendance.

Miss O'Ryan was moved to the Chair on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond.

After confirmation of the Minutes, the Chairman (Mr. D. Allen) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £12050. 6. 0d (Ordinary Payments) and £23007 (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

"That Mr. Denis Allen be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for year 1937-38 and to hold this position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

Mr. Allen, having returned thanks, subscribed the usual declaration of office.

#### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

"That Mr. Corish be re-elected Vice-Chairman of this County Council to hold this position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."



CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th June 1937 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th June, 1937.

Present: Messrs. P. Colfer, 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 present.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) subsequently attended, and presided for the remainder of the business.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4298. 8. 7d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, SOLICITOR

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Michael J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, and particularly with Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, son of deceased, and Coroner for South Wexford. The late Mr. O'Connor was very prominent in the industrial and social life of Wexford, in fact, he was one of the best known and most popular men in the whole country.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

The motion was spoken to by Mr. Kelly, the County Secretary and County Solicitor, and adopted in silence.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following joint report from the Secretary and County Solicitor, was submitted in connection with the proposed change of dealing with Rate Collection:-



"As regards handing over the control of the Rate Collection to the County Secretary and County Solicitor, the latter does not consider it advisable that the name of the Rate Inspector should be included in Warrant jointly with the Rate Collector.

For all purposes for which a warrant is needed the name of the Collector is entirely sufficient.

Under the new arrangement it is to be understood that the Secretary will have full discretion to direct Rate Collectors and see they carry out their duties according to their obligations.

It is the intention to set a certain percentage of rates for collection each month. If that be not reached, the Collectors in default must attend at County Council Offices where their outstanding items will be closely examined and directions given them after consultation with County Solicitor, to proceed against all who appear to be in a position to pay.

The County Solicitor will secure registration of Judgment Mortgages in suitable cases, and in which the arrears are substantial. The costs of these may run to £8 or £10, as the costs of Solicitor holding decrees must first be discharged.

It is suggested that no alteration be made in regard to procedure of Collectors for recovery of current Rate and they be allowed to employ their own Solicitors.

The County Solicitor will take charge of recovery of arrears over two years. The costs allowed by Court to be retained by County Solicitor; in the event of non-recovery of costs the County Council are to be liable to the County Solicitor for the amount.

It will be necessary that a Rates Clerk with some years experience in a Solicitor's office be appointed to cover



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extra work of County Solicitor, etc.

Salary to be fixed at £3 per week and appointment to be for a provisional period of six months.

It is not considered desirable to make any further changes for the present.

It is understood that nothing will be done until these proposals receive the sanction of the Minister."

The Chairman considered it would be more advisable if the suggestion he made at last Finance Committee was carried out in full and that the County Solicitor would take over all legal business in connection with the current rate and full amount of arrears. In this connection, he pointed out that if an outside Solicitor was dealing with rate cases he would have to supply his own staff and possibly be satisfied with the amount of Court costs as remuneration. It might be difficult to convince the Council that they should supply Mr. Elgee with an extra clerk and that also he should be entitled to receive all fees and costs in connection with the full amount of the collection. He would be prepared to move the adoption of this proposal but considered that probably it might be necessary for Mr. Elgee to submit a memo to the next meeting of the Finance Committee as to how he would be affected by the suggestion which he made and by the system generally. When the Finance Committee considered this they would probably be in a position to make a final recommendation to the County Council.

The Chairman's suggestion was agreed to.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Letter under date 12th May 1937 No. E.6111-35 from Department of Agriculture relative to new Sheep Dipping Order and which was before the meeting of the County Council on 14th June 1937 was read.

Letter under date 19th June, 1937, with same number, forwarding copies of New Order etc., was also read.



The Finance Committee had been empowered by that meeting to re-appoint Sheep Dipping Inspectors and to make any other recommendations which they considered advisable, for the proper administration of the work of dipping.

The Secretary stated he had submitted draft advertisement to the Department of Agriculture calling attention to the new double dipping period extending from 1st August to 31st October, which replaced the old dipping periods, running from 1st June to 15th November. Under the new Order, the Dipping Period covered 92 days and the old dipping periods covered 168.

In reply to queries, the Secretary stated that the Inspectors were paid at the rate of £1 per week for the full period plus postage, being approximately £125. Under the new dipping period, if the Inspectors were paid at the same rate the amount would run to about £70. The Finance Committee were of opinion that there was a possibility of stimulating the interests of the Inspectors by a small increase in the amount of their remuneration.

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

"That Messrs. James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, and Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, be re-appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Enniscorthy District."

"That Mr. Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew and Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, be re-appointed for Gorey District."

"That Mr. M. J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure, be re-appointed for New Ross District."

"That Mr. James Hayden, be re-appointed for Wexford District."

"That remuneration in each case be £20 for the period, plus actual outlay for postage."

It was decided that draft advertisement submitted by



the Secretary be inserted in the three local papers for the information of sheep owners when sanction to same had been received from Department of Agriculture.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy, Solicitors for John Dunne, Killagoley, Enniscorthy, wrote that the loan of £200 in this case was approved in October 1934. The location of site was very little short of the requirements of County Council that it should be situate more than a mile from Urban boundary. Dunne might be able to obtain an alternative site, but this would still be a few yards inside the Urban boundary. In the circumstances, the Council were asked to waive the condition of distance from the Urban boundary.

The meeting considered it inadvisable to vary the regulations referred to in Solicitor's letter on behalf of Mr. Dunne and recommended he should endeavour to secure a new site at least ~~to be~~ one mile outside Urban District Boundary.

Under date 16th June 1937 Mr. William F. O'Regan, National Teacher, Caim, wrote stating he had built a residence two years ago for which he had received Government Grant. He now applied for loan of £100 from County Council.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Regan the Committee regretted they were only empowered to advance loans for houses which had been erected under the supervision of the Officers of the County Council.

APPLICATION NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Francis Browne, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange, applied for loan of £165 on a £250 house. This application is in substitution of application for loan from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Howlett, Shelbaggin.

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



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"That subject to compliance with regulations governing advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and also to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a loan of £165 be advanced to Francis Browne, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange."

HOUSE OF JOHN EUSTACE, CLONLEIGH, NEW ROSS: Under date, 17th June, 1937, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the mason who was formerly at work at Eustace's house promised him he would see Eustace and make some agreement about finishing the building. He (Mr. O'Neill) found the mason working at the house on 15th June and there was now a possibility of getting the work completed.

It was decided that the allocation of outstanding credit balances of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for the Districts of New Ross and Wexford be allocated to applicants in Enniscorthy and Gorey at next meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 9th July, 1937.

#### APPLICATIONS REVISIONS OF VALUATION

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

"That the several applications presented to this meeting by our Secretary from Rate Collectors and others, be agreed to and forwarded General Valuation Office."

#### GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND ENCLOSURE OF SMALL PLOT OF GROUND

Under date 11th June, 1937, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote asking for permission to enclose a small portion of the entrance to the Stream at Gorey Town Hall so that the front wall and the line of new houses will run parallel at this point.

Under date 18th June 1937, the County Surveyor forwarded the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-



"I made inspection of above on 12th instant with Town Clerk and found that, as same does not interfere with road permission may be granted."

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

"That, in view of report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, no objection be offered to the Gorey Town Commissioners enclosing small portion of the entrance to the stream at Gorey Town Hall, in order that front wall and line of new houses will run parallel to this point."

#### RECONSTRUCTION BUNCLODY STREETS

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 21st June, 1937, RGR/32, stating that an effort should be made to provide for the streets of Bunclody, a dust free surface of a much cheaper character than concrete. This re-surfacing should be carried out as soon as possible and not deferred until money<sup>was</sup> available for concrete work.

The County Surveyor said he would lay down tar macadam at Bunclody with the next Improvement Grant.

This was approved.

#### WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

Under date 8th June 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RS/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the arrangement for writing up records of Enniscorthy machinery yard as approved by the County Council on 10th April being adopted for six months.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER AT RAILWAY BRIDGE, GOREY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the District Engineer's Office, Waterford, Great Southern Railways, in connection with the proposal for the improvement of corner at Gorey Railway Bridge:-



"With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, and your interview with my assistant, Mr. Meleady, I enclose herewith tracing setting out the proposed alterations which you wish to carry out at Bridge No. 280 Harcourt Street / Wexford Line. I should be glad if you would let me know if the tracing sets out fully the work which you wish to carry out.

Permission to carry out the alterations will be granted subject to the following conditions. I shall be glad to know from you if your Council will agree to the conditions before I take up with my head-quarters:-

1. The Council to carry out the work in so far as it effects the Railway Company to the satisfaction of the Company's Engineer, and relieve the Company of all responsibility for any accidents or injuries to persons or property as a result of the required permission being granted.
2. The Council to erect a concrete retaining wall to replace the loose stone wall which they intend taking down. Said concrete wall to be maintained afterwards by the Council.
3. The Council to erect and maintain afterwards reinforced concrete posts and 7 wire fencing to replace the Company's boundary walls where same are to be removed.
4. The Council to dress back the Railway slopes where necessary and to the satisfaction of the Company's Engineer and to agree to under-pin any foundations which may be exposed as a result of the said dressing back.
5. The Council to extend and cover in the Railway Company's gullet and afterwards maintain the covered-in portion.
6. The Council to bear the cost of the work carried out including the cost of the necessary agreement with the Railway Company."

Some members of the Committee considered that the Railway Company should be responsible for the maintenance of any



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portion of the place previously in their possession, and that the County Council's responsibility should be limited to the particular section previously maintained by them.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the maintenance referred to in the letter would probably mean only a few shillings in the year and he recommended the acceptance of the conditions laid down by the Railway Company.

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

"That, in view of the recommendation of the County Surveyor as to easement of corner at Gorey Railway Bridge, we recommend the County Council to agree to the conditions laid down in letter from the Engineer of the Great Southern Railways under date 22nd June, 1937."

#### CINEMATOGRAPH ACT 1909

The Secretary, Department of Justice, wrote under date 18th June (98/10) that the Minister for Justice had given consideration to the question of fuller co-operation of the Garda Síochána in the enforcement of the Cinematograph Act and proposed to issue instructions to the Garda to prosecute in future for any offences under the Act which they may detect.

For this purpose it was necessary that the Garda should be furnished with copies of all Cinematograph Licences issued under the Act and to have a copy of every new licence or renewal of existing licences furnished to them. Licensing Authorities were requested to make this arrangement.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That Wexford County Council are prepared to offer all possible facilities such as furnishing copies of Cinematograph Act Licences etc. to the Garda Síochána in effecting the more efficient administration of the Cinematograph Act,



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL DEMANDS

In compliance with resolution adopted at last County Council meeting the following statement as to the payment of County Council Demands on Urban District was submitted:-

Enniscorthy	£1605 (half-year)
New Ross	£237 Roads (half year)
" "	£737 Ordinary Demand (quarter)
Wexford	£3162 (half-year).

DRAINAGE FERNS DISTRICT

The Boolavogue Fianna Fail Club, under date 23rd June 1937, wrote asking for a Minor Grant under Drainage Scheme to have main drain from Kilcoilshy Bridge to Kilcormack Bridge a distance of about four statute miles opened and cleaned. The lands were heavily flooded and dangerous for live stock.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

REDEMPTION COUNTY HALL RENTS

With reference to proposal for the redemption of rents of County Hall, Wexford, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the amounts proposed to be paid (based on 20 years' purchase) appeared to be somewhat excessive. It was suggested that instead of present proposals the Council should arrange with the landlords for the acceptance of amounts based on 15 to 18 years' purchase.

Mr. Elgee said that a lesser number of years' purchase had been offered and refused by the vendors. Even with 20 years' purchase taking the present rate of Interest into account there would be a drop of 20% as compared with the existing rent and a cut of 27% on an 18 years' basis.

It was decided to inform the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the County Council had offered, without success, a lesser amount than what would be realised by 20 years purchase of County Hall rents.



### WARBLE FLY ORDER

Under date 10th June 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L/651/37) stating that on the 5th instant a Departmental Inspector, while on duty at North Wall, Dublin, examined a lot of 17 cattle which it is alleged, were purchased on that date by Mr. J. O'Reilly, Prussia Street, Dublin, from Mr. J. Webb, Gorey. Though 12 of the cattle were heavily infested with warbles, as far as could be ascertained, there was no evidence of their having been dressed as prescribed by the Warble Fly Order. The Department directed that the matter should be investigated. The local Warble Fly Inspector should furnish his full observations in the matter.

Patrick Lawlor, Camolin, Inspector, wrote that when he called on Mr. J. Webb on the 14th June, he was informed by him that he sold three cattle on 5th instant at Gorey fair, one to Mr. Lyons, Cabra, Dublin, one to Mr. Counihan, Dublin and one to Mr. O'Reilly, Dublin. The Inspector then saw Mr. John Webb, Beech Lodge, Gorey, who said he had sold five cattle to Ignatius Byrne, Dublin and four to Mr. Counihan, Dublin. He next called on Mr. John Webb, Junior, Coolishall Gorey and he stated he had sold three cattle to Mr. A. Lyons, Cabra, Dublin, and one to Mr. Laing, Belfast. The people that Mr. Webb mentioned were all cattle dealers and are constantly buying and selling cattle in different fairs.

The Secretary stated a report would be furnished by Mr. Mernagh, Veterinary Surgeon for the district.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until this report was at hand.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from the Inspector for the N.S.P.C.C. as to application to be made under Section 58(1) (H) Childrens Acts 1908-24 for the committal to an Industrial School of Teresa Anna Mary and Margaret Doyle, of Bally-



eland, Davidstown, to St. Michael's Industrial School. The father, John Doyle, was a labourer with Mr. Stafford of Ballyeland and in receipt of 10/- per week as wages. He had to maintain himself and six children on this amount. The mother died in January 1935.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

RENTS OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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

"That the County Solicitor submit report to next meeting of Finance Committee giving particulars of the unredeemed rents of Old County Courthouse."

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS  
FOR WORK AT REGISTER OF ELECTORS

In connection with query by Mr. T. Redmond, County Councillor, at last County Council meeting as to why Rate Collectors had not been paid for work of preparing Register of Electors up to then, as the main portion of the work had been carried out in November last, Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar, wrote that no complaint in the matter had been received by him from any Rate Collector. He had to wait for the money from the County Council to make payment. The accounts were very detailed and had to be very carefully prepared for submission to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for checking. The Department took weeks and some times months to carry out this work and he had never been in the position of being able to pay until the lapse of some months after 1st June. At the moment, he could not put aside the work in connection with the General Election to attend to anything else.

It was decided to send copy of letter to Mr. T. Redmond.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES

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



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"That we agree to provide the various articles for use of Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts set out in requisition of Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, and that small articles referred to therein, such as twine, sealing wax, ink, envelopes (ordinary) and blotting paper etc. be - where possible - purchased locally."

#### COMPLAINT OF PATRICK WATERS, ROAD WORKER

In connection with complaint of Ganger Fitzpatrick, by Patrick Waters, who was working on Fethard Road, the County Surveyor said he had investigated the statement made by Waters. The Ganger had every reason to complain of Waters as he took  $2\frac{1}{4}$  days to break  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cubic yards of material while other men working alongside were producing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  yards.

It was decided that the County Surveyor take what steps he considered most advisable in the matter.

#### INSURANCE OF CARTERS

The County Surveyor stated he had not yet completed consultation with County Solicitor as to insurance of carters but expected he would be able to present a report in the matter to next meeting of Finance Committee.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation to a limit of £35,000 for the three months ended 30th September 1937."

#### EXPENSES COUNTY SURVEYOR

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

"That expenses of County Surveyor for various visits to Dublin on County Council business from 23rd September 1936 to 7th May 1937 amount £11. 5s. be passed for payment."



PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT KILMORE PIER

Mr. Carson, Engineer to the County Board of Health, came before the meeting relative to keeping Public convenience at Kilmore Pier in proper order. He said its condition some time ago was very bad. In order to maintain the place in a proper state it was necessary to have the tank cleared out once a month, as grit and dirt was carried in by the pipes from the sea when the latter was turbulent.

The County Surveyor said that the real cause of the damage he found was small whisky bottles etc., being thrown into the place, but Mr. Carson mentioned that he had so altered the lay out that this could not happen again.

The County Surveyor stated when this convenience was erected the Finance Committee and County Council had considered what responsibility the Harbour Master had for its care. They came to the conclusion that he was responsible for the sanitary arrangements of the Pier.

Mr. Carson said that three things were necessary with this place:-

- (1) The pumping of water to keep the tank full.
- (2) The cleaning out of the premises, and
- (3) cleaning of the tank.

The Harbour Master considered that while he was obliged to attend to the first two operations, he had no responsibility for the cleaning of the tank, although this would only take about half an hour, about once a month.

The Finance Committee considered that the Harbour Master should be responsible for this work, the County Surveyor to arrange accordingly.

HOLIDAYS OF OFFICIALS

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

"That the Secretary and County Surveyor be granted their usual Summer holidays and that they arrange the holidays of their staffs in accordance with the exigencies of the work in their departments."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 25th June 1937 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

THE LATE MR. M. J. O'CONNOR: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon, it was decided that the following letter from Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, (son of deceased) be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"We are all deeply grateful to you and the County Council for your kind and sympathetic resolution, and for your own personal condolence in the death of my father. He often told me of his early association with you in his first days at the Petty Sessions Courts, and spoke highly of your ability and energetic efficiency."

RATE COLLECTION NO. 11 DISTRICT: Under date 25th June, 1937, Rate Collector Joseph Cummins wrote that he would accept the collection of the Electoral Division of Bolaboy as suggested by the Council.

Under date 25th June, 1937, Collector W. Cummins wrote that he was prepared to undertake the collection of rate for next financial year in the Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, and Castle Talbot, as suggested by the County Council.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Veterinary Inspectors be requested to pay particular attention to the manner in which the lay Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping Order carry out their duties and in specific cases in which they consider sheepowners are neglecting to carry out the Order, with efficiency, to



call the attention of the County Council to the matter. That it be pointed out to the lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors that the Council, in view of the proposed increase in their remuneration, will expect their duties will be carried out most efficiently in the future. Steps should be taken by them to deal with Sheep Owners who, during the previous dipping periods, failed to carry out the Order or carried it out in a haphazard and inefficient manner."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Mr. T. Redmond proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution, which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee providing for the allocation of unused balances of loans in New Ross and Wexford districts to applicants in Enniscorthy and Gorey districts at meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 9th July, 1937, and that consideration of this proposal be dealt with at meeting of the County Council on 9th August 1937."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 25th June, 1937, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved unless altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

THE LATE MR. HILLOCK, INSTRUCTOR IN HORTICULTURE

A vote of condolence with the family of Mr. W. Hillock, for many years Instructor in Horticulture and Bee-keeping for County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. <sup>M.</sup> Redmond.

POSTPONEMENT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

Under date 10th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. F.80/37)



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forwarding copy of Local Elections Act, 1937, which pointed out that the Election of Local Authorities would be held on an appointed day not later than 30th September, 1940."

SANCTION MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. FUNGE

Under date 25th June 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.53650/37) Loch Garman, that in pursuance of Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act 1925, the Minister had sanctioned the payment of Marriage Gratuity amounting to £76. 11. 1d to Mrs. E. Funge (nee Doyle) formerly employed as Library Assistant, under the Wexford County Council Library Committee.

TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

Under date, 25th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.52612/37 Loch Garman) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 16th instant, containing suggested draft conditions for the forthcoming examination for a Telephone Attendant, and to forward herewith an amended draft which is considered suitable for filling this post. It is suggested that the advertisement might be brief, indicating the nature of the post, the salary, the method of recruitment and the latest date for the receipt of applications. A copy of the detailed conditions could be furnished to any persons applying for forms of application."

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

"That, in connection with the post of Telephone Attendant, we approve of draft advertisement submitted to this meeting by the Secretary, also the conditions governing the



appointment as laid down by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, examination to be held on 20th July 1937, the paper to be prepared and examination to be superintended by Mr. A. K. Killeen, C.E.O., County Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE (ROADS RURAL)

Under date 12th June 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RW.204/201) that a grant of £4,125 for the provision of employment during the current financial year had been allocated to the Wexford County Council subject to a local contribution of £1375, making a total of £5500 for which sum the County Council were asked to furnish a Scheme to the Department.

In order to avoid the disemployment of large numbers of workers in March 1938 arrangements were being made to provide for supplemental Schemes and County Councils would be informed in time to enable them to make provision in their estimates for local contribution which, in the case of Wexford County Council would be £229 and for which it was expected a proposed grant of £688 would be available.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be informed the Wexford County Council have already agreed to provide £1,375 to supplement State Grant of £4125 for relief of unemployment during current financial year. They hereby also agree to include in Estimates for next financial year provision for local contribution of £229 to supplement proposed State Grant of £688."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE (ROADS) (URBAN)

Under date 12th June 1937 (RU/204/201) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that for the



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current financial year a grant of £1450 had been allocated for employment in New Ross Urban District subject to payment of a local contribution of £200. To keep workers in employment after March next it was proposed to provide a grant of £870 subject to payment of a local contribution of £120.

The Secretary stated that the New Ross Urban Council had agreed to provide the £200 local contribution for the scheme of current financial year, and the Town Clerk had been informed of the intention of the Department to provide for next financial year supplemental grant of £870 subject to local contribution of £120.

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

"That New Ross Urban Council be requested to inform Wexford County Council if they will be responsible for local contribution of £120 for employment Scheme for next financial year, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) providing £870 by way of Grant."

#### NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT 1936

Under date 26th June 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.5853/37) forwarding notice relative to the principal provisions of the above mentioned Act and which had appeared in the Press. The Act was now in operation in every County in the Saorstát and the necessary inspection under it would be undertaken by the Garda Síochána. It was anticipated by the Minister that the destruction of noxious weeds would be effectively and generally carried out, and he trusted the Council would co-operate in the matter by having special instructions issued with a view to having any noxious weeds on lands (including roadsides) for which the County Council was responsible, destroyed in good time this year, so as to prevent their producing seeds.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer



the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as regards the effective administration of the Noxious Weeds Act 1936, advertisement be inserted in the local papers directing attention to its principal provisions, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to direct his Assistants to comply with the wishes of the Department in this respect, particular attention to be paid to the habit of dumping weeds on roadsides by adjoining land owners. This practice should be discountenanced, and Assistant Surveyors should take steps to secure its discontinuance."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

Under date 22nd June, 1937, (Oil. 11/48582) the Secretary, Office of National Education, wrote, conveying official approval of the proposed alteration in Clause 2 of the above Scheme.

It was decided that the Scheme be printed and circulated as soon as possible.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

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

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement between them and the Irish Tourist Association as to Rate Contribution."

BALLAGH ROAD

Under date 25th June, 1937, (No. R/RG.R/32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote in reference to resolution from the Council relative to the application for a grant of 50 per cent of the cost, estimated at £6,000, of improving the Ballagh road, stating that having regard to the proximity of an existing main road, the proposal could not be entertained. In view, however, of the heavier traffic on the Ballagh road the Department requested



a report from the County Surveyor on the question of substituting this road for the existing main road.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to include in Main Road Class, roads Nos. 416 and 522, vice roads Nos. Part 39 and all of Road No. 40."

Mr. Smyth stated that the Oulart people would be up in arms if the Council decided to de-class their main road.

The County Surveyor pointed out at present they were spending £80 or £90 per mile on the Oulart road and if it were put into the third class, maintenance would be from £9 to £12 and on this figure it was bound to deteriorate.

The Secretary suggested that consideration of Mr. O'Byrne's motion should be adjourned for the present and in the meantime advertisement be issued asking persons affected by the proposal to forward any representations they desire to the County Council. These could be considered when the proposal came up again.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman that advertisement issue in the three local papers pointing out to all concerned that Mr. O'Byrne's motion for the substitution of Roads Nos. 416 and 522 vice Oulart Main Road (Part 39 and all of No. 40) will be considered at the meeting of the County Council on the 9th August, and that all persons desiring to make representations in the matter should furnish their views to the Council previous to that date.

#### LOAN - WIDENING ROSSLARE ROAD

Under date 16th June 1937, the following letter (S. Loch Garman,) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-



"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant and previous correspondence, 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 £1500 to defray expenditure on the widening of road at Rosslare, the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Limited and to be repayable over a period of ten years with interest at the usual rate."

ENNISCORTHY-KILTEALY ROAD - PROPOSED LOAN OF £2500

Under date 16th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (5) that the proposal to raise loan of £2500 to defray portion of the cost of improvement of Enniscorthy-Kiltealy road, should be duly advertised in some newspaper circulating in the district.

The Secretary stated that advertisement had appeared in the three local papers and copy furnished Department of Local Government and Public Health for their information.

CURRACLOE ROAD

Mr. Kinsella inquired from the County Surveyor if anything would be done towards the improvement of the road between Fahy's Cross and the improved portion of the Curracloe road.

The County Surveyor pointed out it was only recently this road was included in the Main Road Class and they were making a beginning towards its improvement. Men were actually at work on this road.

BALLINDAGGIN-BALLYCARNEY ROAD

Mr. Keegan referred to this road and said it was the "rottenest" road in Ireland.

The County Surveyor disagreed and considered it a very fair road. Part of it required drainage and he intended to schedule it for an Employment Grant.



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Mr. Keegan considered this road could be kept very easily by using a small amount of tar.

Mr. Bowe said that this road was bad near Ballyhamilton, but the rest of it was fair.

Referred to County Surveyor.

#### RIVERCHAPEL - KILMUCKRIDGE ROAD

Mr. Smyth referred to the condition of the surface at corners on the Riverchapel-Kilmuckridge road, and said very few people were aware of the volume of motor traffic passing over this road section.

The County Surveyor said the surface loosened up in dry weather.

Mr. Smyth mentioned that 15 motor cars passed him in less than half an hour on this road, and when rounding corners these cars shot the surface gravel into the ditches.

The County Surveyor said this road had been scheduled for an Employment Grant. He would try and deal specially with the corners by spraying them with bitumen. He agreed with Mr. Smyth that when motor cars negotiated the corners they dashed the sea gravel into the sides.

Mr. Keegan believed it was a scandalous waste of public money to be spreading sea gravel on roads carrying motor traffic.

#### MISTERIN LANE

Memorial was received from ten ratepayers asking for the repair of Misterin Lane, Adamstown, under Minor Relief Scheme.

Referred to Finance Committee and to be considered with report of County Surveyor.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE 1908

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



"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mr. Myles Byrne, Market House, Gorey, provided no objection be received from the Garda Síochána."

M. O'Ryan ,

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 9th AUGUST, 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th August, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, John Day, Col. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan, who stated that Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Council, was ill in a Dublin Hospital. He was, however, progressing favourably, and they all wished him a speedy return to the County and complete recovery.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £11482. 4. 11d, Ordinary Payments, Payments to Road Contractors, and Transfers to Subsidiary Account and £336. 3. 4d Salaries for August were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE DEAN ROSSITER, P.P., GOREY

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed a vote of condolence with the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and with Mr. T. J. Meyler, M.C.C., and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, on the death of Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, P.P., V.F., Gorey.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the deceased was a great ecclesiastic and would be a big loss to Gorey.

Mr. Smyth seconded.

Col. Quin supported the motion.



Secretary - I have known Dean Rossiter for a very long number of years. I believe he was one of the finest Churchmen in the diocese, a gifted organiser, and an extraordinary pleasant man to meet, full of commonsense and tolerance, and most anxious for the welfare of the people over whom he ruled.

The motion was adopted in the usual manner.

#### REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the following replies to votes of condolence adopted by the County Council should be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

From Messrs. A. and E. Hillock (vote of condolence on death of Mr. W. J. Hillock, Instructor in Horticulture and Bee Keeping County Wexford Committee of Agriculture):-

"That Brothers and Sisters of the late W. J. Hillock wish to convey their heartfelt thanks to Mr. O'Byrne and all the members of the Wexford County Council, for their kind expression of condolence in their recent bereavement."

From Mr. Robert A. A. Latta, Ballinakill, Ballycarney, Ferns (on the death of his father, Mr. R. A. Latta):-

"Permit me on behalf of the other members of our family and myself to thank the members of the Wexford County Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on our recent sad loss. And we also wish to thank you personally for your own kind remarks."

#### DRAINAGE RATES

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond:-

"We hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of year ending 1st March 1938 in accordance with



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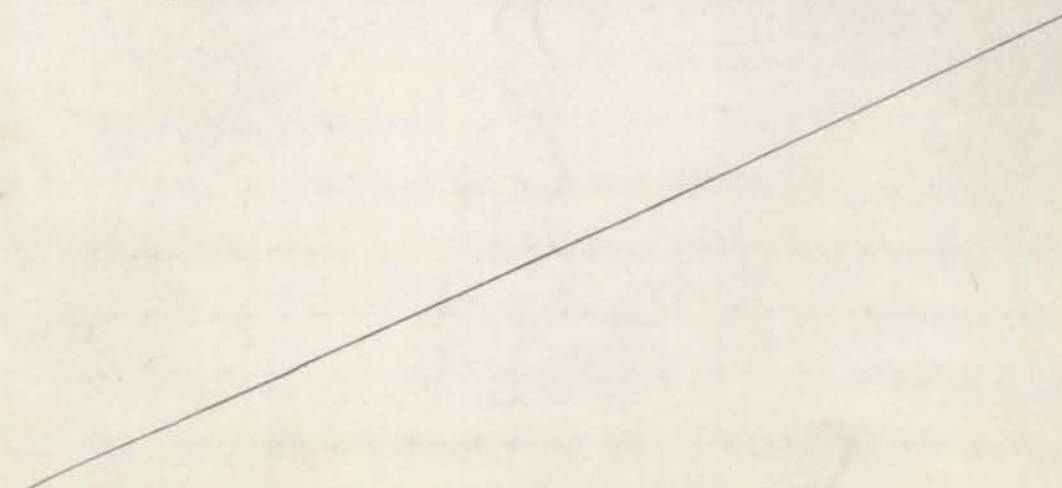
amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January 1927, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May 1934, No. 9/94/34, amount £83. 7. 10d, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended or their successors in Title."

SOW DRAINAGE AREA: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond:-

"We hereby strike Rate for Sow Drainage Area for year ending 1st March 1938, in accordance with Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 16th January, 1929, and amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 22nd March 1933, No. 4672.31, Amount, £263. 4. 4d, to be levied on the persons named in Charging Order or their Successors in Title. In addition, that a sum of £120 be raised towards cost of maintenance of Sow Drainage Area; said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above-mentioned Charging Order or their Successors in Title, in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the Charging Order."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 9th JULY, 1937: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th July, 1937.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided and there were also present Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, 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. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4625. 7. 2d was examined and signed.

#### DEATH OF MRS. O'REILLY, KILANERIN - VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That vote of condolence be adopted to Mr. Keegan, County Councillor, on the death of his sister, Mrs. O'Reilly, Kilanerin, Inch."

The Secretary expressed his personal sympathy with Mr. Keegan in his loss.

#### RATE COLLECTION

In connection with the proposed changes in regard to Rate Collection, the Chairman said that the discussion in the matter had been adjourned for the production of memo from County Solicitor relative to carrying out all the legal work involved in the collection.

Mr. Elgee said he had been very busy since last meeting and was unable, in consequence, to prepare memo, but he would have it for next meeting. He was prepared to drop the proposal for the appointment of a clerical assistant, and would be satisfied with the ordinary court fees. In cases in which he was successful he would recover the fees



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from the ratepayer against whom proceedings were taken; if unsuccessful he would look to the County Council for payment.

The Chairman said that up to the present the legal end relative to collection of rates had broken down. When decrees had been obtained and a return of "no goods" made the proceedings were allowed to drop. Under the new Order they would have to seek for a higher moral effect regarding payment of rates. They would follow up decrees by Examination Orders and by the Registration of Judgment Mortgages in suitable cases. They could give the new system a trial for a year and if they found it did not work they would seek other ways and means which might be more successful. The proposals which the Finance Committee had discussed were worth consideration by the County Council and by the Minister.

He then proposed the following:- "We recommend that all legal work in respect of Rate Collection including proceedings by Rate Collectors be carried out by County Solicitor. That the latter be reimbursed by costs received from ratepayers against whom proceedings are successful; in the event of the failure of proceedings or non-award of costs the County Council be liable for same. That should this proposal be approved by County Council and by the Minister the County Solicitor is to take steps to have decrees obtained by Collectors made effective and followed up by Examination Orders and by such other legal process as may be considered advisable. That list of decrees - setting out those which are at present in the hands of the Sheriff and those in which returns (and if so the nature of these returns) have been made by this Officer - be furnished to the Council by the County Solicitor. That, in cases in which arrears of rate outstanding are substantial, Judgment Mortgages in respect of the lands be registered. The procedure outlined in these proposals to have effect for



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current Rate Collection, and, to be renewed, if found effective."

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: Under date 25th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. G.51238/37 Loch Garman) asking for Schedule showing how far each Collector had complied with the conditions in relation to interim lodgments of rates in accordance with letter of the Department of 19th November last. Pending receipt of this statement the Minister would not raise any objection to the payment of poundage to the Collectors at the rate of 6d.

The Secretary stated that the Schedule asked for by the Department had been supplied and the Collectors had been paid 6d in £ in accordance with the Department's communication.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 11:

Under date 6th July, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.56894/37 Loch Garman) that with reference to the allocation of rate collection district of Collector Matthew Murphy (No. 11) to Messrs. J. & W. Cummins, while the suggested scheme was in the main satisfactory it would not be possible to deal with the appointments of these Collectors until the question of Collector Murphy's resignation had been dealt with. The Minister raised no objection to the redistribution of the area and the procedure set out in Article 94 of the Public Bodies Order might be followed if it had not already been done. A further report should be furnished the Department as soon as the position of Collector Murphy had been cleared up.

The Secretary explained that the proposal for redistribution of District No. 11 was temporary - for a year only - as the County Council wanted to ascertain definitely if the arrangement would be satisfactory.



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

"That the Minister be requested to sanction temporary arrangement for the collection of rates in District No. 11 by Messrs. J. & W. Cummins for current year. The Finance Committee desire to point out that it is necessary in all districts that demand notes in connection with rates for small dwellings should be issued at once. In the event of the County Council finding that Messrs. J. & W. Cummins are able to satisfactorily discharge their duties with the added district the procedure set out in Article 94 of the Public Bodies Order will be followed."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Under date 25th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. H.54086/37 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned an advance of £100 to Sylvester Murphy, Grange Lower, Killanne.

In the case of Nicholas Carr, Killanne, Enniscorthy, it was considered that the amount proposed in this case should be reduced.

The Secretary stated that the value of the house in the case of Carr was given by the Assistant Surveyor as £170. The Finance Committee had adopted the principle of advancing loans equivalent to 90% of the value of house less half the Government Grant.

Under date 25th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that in the case of Laurence Hanrahan, Main Street, Ferns, the amount of the advance should be reduced, in view of the Department's communications of 19th September 1936 and 28th January 1937. The amount of the advance for which sanction had been requested was £120. According to estimate by the Assistant



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Surveyor of the district the dwelling etc. was valued at £185.

In the letter of the 19th September 1936 (H.175529/36 Loch Garman) the Department stated that the loan should not exceed the figure calculated at the rate of 90% of the value of the house less full amount of Government Grant payable. The following is an extract from letter of the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 28th January 1937 (No. H.7645/37 Loch Garman):-

"He (the Minister) will raise no further objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to allow the value of the site up to £20 to be taken into consideration when assessing the value of the premises for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

In the case of leasehold property the basis of calculation should be restricted to the estimated value of the house only."

After considerable discussion it was decided that the following procedure should govern all future advances in connection with loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: amount of loan to be 90% of the value of house plus 90% of a sum up to £20 maximum as the value of the plot certified by the Assistant Surveyor concerned, less the full amount of Government Grant.

It was decided that sanction to loans to Nicholas Carr and Laurence Hanrahan calculated on the basis laid down by Finance Committee at this meeting be sought.

That all future applications for advances be dealt with on same basis.

Under date 8th July, 1937, John Dunne, Killagoley, Enniscorthy, whose application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been rejected owing to the fact that the selected site at Clonhaston was less than one mile from Enniscorthy Urban Boundary, wrote in reference to an alter-



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native site which he stated he could procure, and which was only within a very short distance - 100 yards - inside the mile distance. As he was very anxious to build a house, he asked the Committee to overlook this small space, particularly as there were no building sites on the road on which the site was situate and the Urban Boundary. It was unlikely that any more houses would be built there.

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

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to alter the decision already arrived at declining to approve of any site for dwellings to be erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts which is not at least one mile from Urban Boundary."

GOREY DISTRICT: Under date 25th June 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. H.54728/37 Loch Garman) conveying the sanction of the Minister to the making of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John and Annie Doyle, Ballinacoola, Graanford, £200; William O'Brien, Ballymoney, Gorey £200 and Charles Willoughby, Esmonde Street, Gorey, £130.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Under date 25th June, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. H. 54087/37 Loch Garman) stating that an advance to Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, of £100 had been sanctioned.

Mrs. Stasia Wallace, Coleman, Arthustown, applied for loan of £150 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for house valued at £200.

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

"That the maximum amount of loan calculated on the value of house as ascertained by Assistant Surveyor, and in accordance with regulations, be granted to Mrs. S. Wallace,



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Coleman, Arthurstown, provided the necessary documents etc. are forthcoming and are approved."

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Under date 25th June 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. H.54087/37 Loch Garman) that an advance of £150 to Thomas O'Brien, Allenstown, Broadway, had been sanctioned.

The Chairman said it would be well if County Surveyor would consult with the Assistant Surveyors with the view to arriving at a standard method by which the value of houses proposed to be erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts could be ascertained.

COMPLAINT BY APPLICANT UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS  
ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 25th June, 1937, (H.52996/37, Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding copy of letter from Philip Jackman, Johnstown, Clonegal, relative to his application for loan of £50 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Jackman wrote to the Minister stating that he was led to believe from the County Council that he would get a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He had now his house finished and had been informed he was not entitled to the loan. This was surely unfair to him. If he was informed at the start it would not have been so bad, but after putting his small savings into the house, he considered he had been badly treated. Mr. Jackman enclosed copies of letters which he had received from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, in the matter.

Under date 24th May, 1937, Mr. Elgee, wrote that the Council had sanctioned the loan to Jackman and asked him for particulars as to how he held the premises on which it was proposed to build. He also warned Jackman not to enter into any commitment regarding the building of the house



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until he was informed that the Council had received the sanction of the Minister to the advance.

Under date 7th June, 1937, Mr. Elgee wrote to Jackman that after full consideration the County Council had decided not to make any advance to him in connection with the above Acts.

Mr. Elgee stated he had received a list from the County Secretary of the names of applicants who had been granted loans and also a list from the County Surveyor as to persons who had supplied maps. Unfortunately, his typist, in communicating with applicants used the latter list. Jackman had supplied maps to the County Surveyor, but he had never been sanctioned for loan.

The meeting, in the circumstances, adopted the following resolution on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

"That, in the special circumstances existing in connection with application of Philip Jackman, Johnstown, Clonegal for loan of £50 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, his application be granted."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 25th June, 1937, Father D. Liston, Blackrock College, Dublin, wrote in reference to the application of Henry Maurice Heaney, Monageer, Ferns, for award of University Scholarship, that Mr. Heaney did not comply with Rule I of the University Scholarship Scheme, as he had not taken the higher course in Irish at the Leaving Certificate Examinations, 1937, though he followed this course for the previous two years. This was due to an error in transcription of a list at the College, and which Mr. Heaney tried to have rectified at the Examination Hall without success.

Under date 3rd July, 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor,



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wrote that the County Council had no power under the Provisions of the Scheme to allow Mr. Heaney to sit for the Scholarship Examination, as he did not comply with the terms in as much as he was taking the lower course in Irish and not an Honours course. This being so, the Council were unable to accept a Pass in that subject as the Scheme provided otherwise.

The Secretary stated he had sent copy of Mr. Elgee's letter to Father Liston who wrote that he understood the position in which the County Council stood and was thankful for the manner in which his request had been met.

It was decided to inform Father Liston that the Finance Committee were bound to act on the opinion of their legal <sup>adviser</sup> and regretted it was not possible to agree to his request.

Report as to the passing of Miss Nora O'Sullivan, University Scholarship holder, Cork University, in History was received. Report as to the remainder of Examination to be held in Autumn would be forwarded in due course.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

At a previous meeting of the Finance Committee letter from the Department of Agriculture under date 10th June, 1937 (L/651/37) was submitted and in which it was stated that Mr. J. O'Reilly, Prussia Street, Dublin, alleged that he had purchased 17 cattle from Mr. J. Webb, Gorey, of which 12 were heavily infested with warbles. As far as could be ascertained there was no evidence of their having been dressed as prescribed by the Warble Fly Order.

The local lay Inspector under the Order, Mr. Lawlor, forwarded report for the above meeting in which he stated he had called on J. Webb, Gorey; John Webb, Beech Lodge, Gorey and J. Webb, Junior, Coolishal, Gorey, and ascertained that one beast only had been sold to Mr. O'Reilly of Prussia Street, Dublin, by Mr. J. Webb, Gorey. John Webb,



Beech Lodge, Gorey, and J. Webb, Junior, Coolishal, Gorey, had not sold any cattle to Mr. O'Reilly.

Under date 26th June, 1937, the following report was read from Mr. T. A. Mernagh, M.R.C.V.S., Gorey:-

"In reply to yours of the 18th instant re cattle found at the North Wall, Dublin, affected with warbles, the cattle being the property of Mr. O'Reilly, I wish to state I have gone very carefully into the matter and the conclusion I have come to is that the information supplied by Mr. O'Reilly is not correct. J. Webb sold only one beast to Mr. O'Reilly. I examined all Webb's cattle on the farms and found them to have been dressed. The report supplied to you by Inspector Lawlor is correct."

The Secretary stated that copy of Lawlor's report and also that of Mr. Mernagh had been furnished the Department.

#### MISTERIN LANE

Ten ratepayers using above lane asked to have it scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Grant.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the request until report of the County Surveyor in the matter had been received and considered.

#### BLEACH LANE, MONASOOTH

Under date 7th July, 1937, William Murphy, Monasootha, Camolin, wrote on behalf of James Byrne, John Murphy and himself asking the Finance Committee to consider the urgent need of putting Bleach Lane, adjoining Monasootha, into repair. If not, it would soon be impassable for vehicles.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for report.



NON-INSURANCE OF CARTERS

The County Surveyor stated he was not yet in a position to present a report as regards the non-insurance of carters but would do so at next meeting.

IMPROVEMENT OF CORNER

Mr. John P. Kelly, M.C.C., Kilpierce, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 5th July, 1937, that William Conway, St. John's Street, Enniscorthy, had cut down a nine feet thorn hedge which was a serious danger on the corner near St. John's Mills, for people travelling the Main Road from Enniscorthy to New Ross and he wished to know if the Council would allow him some compensation for this work.

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

"That William Conway, St. John's Street, Enniscorthy, be informed that the County Council are not empowered to pay compensation for easement of corners unless the work has been carried out by the directions of the County Surveyor."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application from the District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to proposed committal to Industrial School of Christina Boyle, illegitimate child of Mary Doyle, domestic Servant, Knockstown, Clonroche, aged 3 years, was referred to County Solicitor.

RENTS OLD COURTHOUSE

In connection with resolution passed at last Finance Committee meeting that the County Solicitor should furnish particulars of rents of old County Courthouse, Mr. Elgee stated that he was unable to furnish the information at the moment, but would present it to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.



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APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

William Doyle, Clonroche, who wrote that he was anxious to be re-employed by the Council as a roller driver, said he had been employed in their service from October 1924 to October 1932 until he met with an accident. He was now certified as fit for work.

The County Surveyor submitted, under date 2nd July 1937 letter from the Branch Manager of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Ltd., 34 Dame Street, Dublin, as to accident to William Doyle. This letter pointed out that the man had sustained a compound fracture of the leg on 18th October 1932, and the Insurance Company had obtained several reports from Dr. O'Brien, from the County Hospital, Wexford. The last, dated 14th July 1936, certified that there was grave danger that when Doyle put his leg to task, disease may develop in the bone. Doyle was totally incapacitated and judging by his present condition, Dr. O'Brien said he was not prepared to offer any prognosis as to his ultimate fitness for work. He (Dr. O'Brien) believed there was disease still lurking in the bone.

In view of this report the Insurance Company agreed to a settlement for £700. They held it was obvious from this report that it would be nothing more than exposing Doyle himself to the risk of further injury if he was re-employed. Moreover, he could be regarded as a source of danger with anyone with whom he might be working. It was clear from the Medical report that even if the man's leg, permanently damaged as it was, could be healed in process of time, there was always the liability that it might break out again. In the circumstances, they asked the County Council not to employ Doyle.

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



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"That William Doyle, Clonroche, be informed that as regards his application for re-employment by the County Council, any vacancies which occur as engine drivers are recruited from the existing staff, and as he has ceased to be a member of same for some years, the Finance Committee regret his application cannot be entertained."

#### PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION OF MAIN ROAD

In connection with the proposal of the County Council to consider the substitution of road from the Ballagh (Nos. 416 and 522) as Main Road instead of (Road No. L.30 Part 39 and all No. 40) Oulart road, the Secretary explained that the County Council had at last meeting decided to issue advertisements asking those who were concerned with both roads to make their representations to the County Council, which would be considered when the resolution for substitution was being dealt with.

Under date 2nd July, 1937, the County Surveyor wrote that the Oulart Main Road had never been properly reconstructed although now very much improved it could not be maintained at the price of third class County roads. In these circumstances, he considered it would be most inadvisable to make the suggested alteration and believed there would be strong objection to the change by the residents on the present Main Road.

The existing Main Road is now subject to considerable traffic owing to establishment of Grain Store in Oulart Area, while a similar store had been established in Blackwater entailing heavy traffic on the Ballagh Road.

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

"That, in view of communication from the County Surveyor under date 2nd July, 1937, as to inclusion of Ballagh Road in Main Road Class, in substitution of road through



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Oulart, the County Secretary be instructed not to issue - for the present - advertisements asking for representations relative to the proposed substitution and that, in view of the opinion of the County Surveyor, the Finance Committee recommend that no change be made in regard to the present status of these two roads."

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

The following Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors wrote accepting appointments made at last County Council meeting:-

Enniscorthy: James Murphy, Johnsville, Ferns; Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.

Gorey: Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; and Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.

Wexford: James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

No reply had been received from M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, appointed Inspector for New Ross District.

It was decided that the Secretary again communicate with him.

#### OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES

Under date 4th July, 1937, the Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs wrote (W/L.31) that if the way leave application for telegraphic line from Tomanine Bridge to Ballybawn could not be dealt with until the meeting of County Council on 9th August considerable delay would be entailed as after the formal consent of the County Council had been obtained the matter had to be advertised twice and the Department were obliged to wait 21 days after the publication of the second advertisement before they could put the work in hand. It would, therefore, be the middle of September before the line in question could be laid. It was suggested that a small Committee might deal with the application. Wicklow and other County Councils had delegated authority to the County Surveyor to grant way leave applications for



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telegraphs and perhaps a similar arrangement might commend itself to Wexford County Council.

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

"That wayleave for the erection of overground telegraphic line from Tomanine Bridge to Ballybawn be granted the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. We recommend the Council in regard to similar applications to delegate their authority to the County Surveyor."

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date, 2nd July, 1937, the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody:-

"Referring to your communication of 14th May, 1937, it was not likely that the Department would trouble to send down an Inspector to inspect and report on the state of the streets of Bunclody when they did not propose to advance a grant for the purpose of re-surfacing them.

After all this is the business of the local body.

It is not to the purpose to say that the streets are no worse than ever they were. Twenty years ago there was not the continual rapid and heavy traffic of motors, lorries, and buses which prevails to-day, raising clouds of germ-laden dust and which enters shops, contaminating meat and other food exposed for sale, forces the residents to keep their windows closed in this summer weather to prevent the interiors of their houses and their furniture from being overlaid with layers of this germ-laden dust, and which is, in other ways a menace to the public health.

The Town Improvement Committee contend that the streets should have been properly surfaced at the same time - if not prior to - as the roads leading into the town. They believe that Bunclody is the only town in the County in



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which such a shocking state of affairs is allowed to continue, and they are resolved not to cease agitation until it is remedied."

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

"That Bunclody Town Improvement Committee be informed that the Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health had inspected their streets recently and had recommended that a dust free surface cheaper than concrete might be provided. The County Council had the work in hands and it would be carried out in due course."

#### DRAINAGE - BALLYGULLEN BRIDGE TO CAMOLIN

Thomas Brien, Tullabeg Mills, Camolin, wrote applying to have drain from Ballygullen Bridge to Camolin cleaned up in consequence of the flooding of the adjoining lands, and the backing up of the water to the Mill on his holding which prevented the mill working in heavy rain.

The County Surveyor said that there were not enough unemployed in E.D. Balloughter to warrant the Office of Public Works scheduling any work there under a Minor Relief Scheme. For a relief grant the Department of Local Government and Public Health stated that there should be 12 unemployed men in the Electoral Division and he could only find six.

The Chairman said it would be a public benefit if the work could be carried out, and suggested that there should be a grouping of the neighbouring Electoral Divisions with Balloughter to enable it to be carried out.

It was decided that the following grouping should be made for the purpose:- Electoral Divisions of Kilcomb, Ballycanew, Ballymore, Huntingtown and Rossminogue, with Electoral Division of Balloughter.



### NEW ROAD ROLLERS

The County Surveyor reported that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned the purchase of two Diesel Engine Road Rollers from Messrs. Marshall & Co. The agents of the latter recommended that Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, should pay a visit to the Works and see for himself Rollers in course of construction.

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

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be detailed to visit the Machinery Works of Messrs. Marshall, Brittonia Works, Gainsborough, England, for a period of ten days to enable him to see Diesel Road Rollers of the County Council in course of construction. That he be allowed actual out-of-pocket locomotion expenses and a subsistence allowance of 15/- per day during his absence from the County.

That this proposal be subject to the sanction of the Minister."

### COMPLAINT OF STATE OF ROADS

Miss O'Ryan said there was general complaint of the state of the road from Bree to Enniscorthy.

The County Surveyor said he was grouping the Electoral Division of Enniscorthy Rural, Bree and Ballyhogue, for an unemployment grant with which he hoped to do some improvement on this road.

Mr. Colfer said the road from Poulfur to Ballycullane was worse even than Bree Road.

The County Surveyor said he thought he would be able to bring in the adjoining Electoral Division into a Scheme for improvement of this road, but from a new circular received that day, he could not do so. However, he would group Templetwon and Fethard and see what could be done.



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Mr. Colfer said the road leading to Duncannon on the new line from the village was in a very bad condition and should be seen to.

The County Surveyor said this was not a main road, and was not eligible for an Unemployment Grant. They were doing what they could with the money allowed.

#### DUNCANNON QUAY WALL

Mr. Colfer said there were reports that the quay wall at Duncannon pier had gone out of plumb and required examination. The local people believed that timber loaded some years ago at the pier injured the wall.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### APPLICATIONS HOLIDAYS

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: The following application under date 1st July 1937 was received from Dr. Bastible:-

"I wish to apply for a fortnight's annual leave from July 16th to July 30th 1937 and I nominate Dr. Courtney, Mental Hospital, Mullingar, as my locum for this period."

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

"That Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, be granted a fortnight of his annual holiday and that the County Board of Health be requested to deal with the question of a substitute for the period. This proposal to be subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

VETERINARY SURGEON LYNCH: Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., Bridge Street, New Ross, wrote that he was commencing his annual holiday on 14th and ending it on 30th July. He had arranged with Mr. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., to do duty in his absence and expected the County Council would pay Mr. Taylor for the fortnight.



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

"That Mr. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, be granted a fortnight's Holiday and that Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, be appointed to carry out the duties in the district during Mr. Lynch's absence, remuneration to be calculated at the rate of £2 per week."



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 July 1937 as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

MISTERIN LANE: The County Surveyor said he had been informed by the Office of Public Works that the whole question of funds for Minor Relief Schemes and also the allocation of the funds already agreed to for the Employment Scheme would have to be considered to prevent overlapping. There would be a meeting of himself and the Assistant Surveyors on 12th August 1937 with Mr. Finnegan of the Office of Public Works to consider these and other matters in relation to the Schemes.

BALLAGH AND OULART ROADS: The County Surveyor said that they were gradually bringing up the Oulart road, but if it were de-classed and they had only £9 or £10 per mile to spend on it there could be no question but it would deteriorate rapidly. If they changed the class of this road they would have to put a special price on it unless they wanted it to get into very bad condition.

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

"That the County Surveyor explain to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health why it was inadvisable to exclude the Oulart road from the Main Road class and that the Minister be requested to provide a grant of 50 per cent of the amount necessary to bring the Ballagh Road up to a reasonable standard."

BUNCLODY STREETS: Mr. Ronan asked if the £400 would do very much.

The County Surveyor said that it would put on a dust-



free surface, and what work they would do would be useful in a bigger improvement job later.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that they would put in some tarred stones. He could spend £1,000 on it, but the idea of getting £400 now was that he must do the work in the dry weather. It was a big job. The width of Bunclody's streets was amazing. Part of them was over 100 feet wide.

The County Surveyor said that if they brought on the matter under the maintenance proposal in the Autumn they would get 40 per cent as it was a question of a main road.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th July 1937, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 23rd JULY, 1937: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd July, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6271. 19. 5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The Assistant Secretary reported that the Collectors had all received their Collecting Books for the 1937/38 warrants. A sum of £926. 7. 3d had been lodged to the date of the meeting.

POUNDAGE: Under date 15th July 1937 the following letter, No. G.56304/37, Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo, and enclosure, regarding the payment of poundage to the Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in regard to the second moiety he has sanctioned payment at the rate of 7d to each Collector who has lodged to the credit of the Council 87½ per cent of the assessment for 1936-37, plus the full arrears applicable to the 1935-36 collection. Any cases not complying with the above condition may be paid at the rate of 7d less 5 per cent.

In regard to the first moiety I am to state that in view of the percentages carried forward, the Minister will raise no objection to the reduction of 5 per cent already made in the poundages of Collectors P. Doyle, J. Deegan and P. Carty being remitted. A similar course may be followed in the cases of Collectors M. McCarthy and J. Flood. In regard to Collectors J. Quirke, W. Cummins, J. J. Synnott and W. Doyle, the amounts carried forward are heavy, and in addition the dates on which the first moiety and arrears were closed were later than those ruling in other cases. A penalty of at least 5 per cent of the poundage on the



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moiety and arrears is not considerable in all the circumstances, and payment may accordingly be made at this rate. In the case of Collector Quirke the effect will be to halve the deduction already imposed. In any other cases of late first moiety closing which have not so far come to notice, payment at a similar reduced rate can be made.

In regard to Collector M. Murphy, it should be noted that payment at the rates applicable as above is conditional on the results of the checking at present in progress being satisfactory."

The Assistant Secretary stated that the following deductions would be made from the poundage of Rate Collectors in the terms of the Department's communication:-

J. Quirke, £6. 6. 6d; W. Doyle £5. 17. 2d; W. Cummins £3. 11. 8d; M. Murphy £4. 5. 0d; J. J. Sinnott £7. 18. 9d; total £27. 19. 1d.

ABATEMENT FORMS: List of cases in which the name of the same workman was returned on abatement forms by two rated occupiers as having worked on their holdings for the whole of the year 1936 or part thereof was submitted to the meeting.

It was decided that steps be taken to have the abatement forms in these cases reported on by the Garda Authorities and that a further statement be submitted to the Finance Committee when this has been done.

Under date 22nd July 1937, circular letter No. 27/4/37 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has given a general sanction to poor rate collectors being remunerated in the current financial year in respect of services in connection with rate relief to occupiers of agricultural land at amounts not exceeding those allowed by Circular Letter of 19th September, 1934, (No. 24/18/34).

The rates of remuneration sanctioned in the Circular Letter referred to were:



- (a) For preparation of lists of holdings under and over £20 valuation and identifying occupiers of multiple holdings .. .. 5s. per 100 ratings.
- (b) For certification of claims to employment allowances .. .. 6d for each claim certified or in which a report was made."

COLLECTION OF NO. 11 DISTRICT: The following letter, under date 14th July, 1937, No. G.59332/37, 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 in view of the urgency of the case, he will raise no objection to the arrangements proposed for the collection of the current rates in the No. 11 District.

I am to add that Collector Murphy's sureties should not be relieved from their obligations under the bonds unless the outcome of the inquiries being carried out justify this course."

The following communications from the sureties of Rate Collector W. Cummins and Rate Collector J. Cummins were read:-

"We, the undersigned Personal Sureties of Walter Cummins, Rate Collector, Ballylucas, Ballymurn, hereby give our approval to his taking over the Collection in the District Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castle Talbot, which have been added to his area for the 1937/38 Rate Collection." (Signed) Michael Cummins and James Cummins.

"We, the undersigned, being personal sureties for Joseph Cummins, Coolamain, Oylegate, Enniscorthy, Rate Collector for No. 8 District, do approve of his taking over the collection for the District Electoral Division of Boolaboy which is being added to his area."

(Signed) Matthew O'Connor and Laurence Cummins.



The following communication from the New Ireland Assurance Company, Ltd., under date 9th July, 1937, was submitted:-

"I thank you for your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing list of the Electoral Divisions in charge of each Rate Collector.

We observe the divisions formerly collected by Mr. Matthew Murphy have now been divided between Collectors J. Cummins and W. Cummins.

The only point which now arises is whether it will be necessary to increase the bonds of these two collectors by reason of the increase in the rates."

The meeting did not consider that any increase in the amounts of the bonds of Collectors J. Cummins and W. Cummins was necessary.

It was decided to point out to the Company that a number of Collectors who had bonds from them for £900 each had larger warrants than Collectors J. Cummins and W. Cummins.

RATE COLLECTOR A. DUNNE: The following letter from Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, under date 13th July, 1937, was read:-

"Our client, Mr. Laurence McGuinness, has received a Paying Order from the Department of Finance in respect of D.P.C. Award.

A sum of £8. 2. 1 has been deducted on foot of arrears of rates and we shall be glad to have particulars of how this amount is arrived at, as our client instructs us that on the 3rd November last he paid a sum of £2 on account of the rates due to Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector's Solicitor and he wants to see where credit for this amount has been given.

Will you please let us hear from you."

The following explanation, under date 21st July, 1937, from the Rate Collector, was submitted:-



"I got a decree against McGuinness for rates to 31st March 1935, and lodged it with the Sheriff. As no return had been made on the decree, I visited the place on my own warrant about May 1936 accompanied by two court messengers. I didn't find anything on the lands that I believed worth seizing, but McGuinness stated he would pay all due when he got paid a criminal injury claim.

Some time later, he paid £2 to Mr. E. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, who, after deducting £1 as his costs, handed me £1. As McGuinness owed me personally 13s. 1d and I had to pay the court messengers 12s. 6d each when I visited the place, I believe I was entitled to keep the £1 paid.

Trusting this explanation is satisfactory.

With regard to the word "personally" in connection with the 13s. 1d mentioned in my explanation, I should mention that this sum was due as an arrears of rates on one of McGuinness's holdings, and I had lodged that amount.

At the moment, I cannot recollect any more similar cases, but, I am confident, I shall be able to give a satisfactory explanation to anything that may arise in such cases."

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the explanation of the Rate Collector in the matter be accepted.

It was also decided that Rate Collector Dunne be informed that in any case in which he receives monies for rates, which he has already lodged on behalf of a ratepayer he should submit statement in respect thereof to the Rates Inspector immediately he receives payment.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

DENIS REDMOND, BLACKSTOOPS: Under date, 9th July, 1937, the following letter No. H.57052/37, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo 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 an advance of £155 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Denis Redmond, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, in respect of a house for which a similar amount was approved for Mr. Patrick Byrne."



JOHN MURPHY, KNOCKAREE: Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor,  
reported as follows:-

"For your information I send you copy of a letter written by me to John Murphy as to his Title to the Plot on which he proposes to erect a House under the above Acts, and copy of his reply thereto."

To John Murphy:-

"I have inspected the Folio 8503 in respect of your Holding at Knockaree, and I find there is a charge for £50 with Interest at 6% registered against same, and this being so, until this £50 has been cleared off the Folio I cannot certify to the County Council that your Title is in order."

From John Murphy:-

"I agree I owed the debt of £50 and interest, it is not £50 as the yearly instalments have reduced it something. I pay £3. 8. 7d half yearly. I did not pay the last two gales as I was stuck with the house and had not a penny for any one. What am I to do now about the new house. Is it to remain not paid for. I could pay half yearly instalments when I cannot make £180 to pay I promise I will pay of my debt as soon as I possibly can. Trusting you will let the County Council know the circumstances.

I got the Loan of the £50 to buy stock when I had none. I will pay off the coming gale as they come due. I would have £7 a year to pay that loan and £6. 1. 8d on the County Council loan, £5 rent and about £3 rates, something about £21 a year in all. I would manage to pay it alright if I can hold on as I am, and if the land should have to let annually it would make more than that. Please put it to the County Council as it will be the means of me holding my place."

LAURENCE HANRAHAN, FERNS, AND NICHOLAS CARR, KILLIANNE: The following letter, under date 14th July 1937, from Mr. P.D. Jordan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, regarding application for loan from Laurence Hanrahan, Ferns, was submitted:-



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"I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant stating that the Finance Committee have decided to reduce the advance in this case from £185 to £100.

Since the advance was first sanctioned in this case my client had a considerable amount of trouble in securing tenders for the erection of this house. He approached several builders in connection with the matter, some of whom refused to make any tender, and one of whom supplied him with a tender of £330. He eventually succeeded in obtaining a tender for the sum of £185 provided that he would allow the builder to start the work immediately. I may also add that my Client purchased the site on which he intends to build for the sum of £15, which together with the costs and expenses of the purchase including redemption of Land Commission annuity amounted to £24. I think that you will appreciate from the above that it would be impossible for my client to carry out this building if his Loan is to be reduced to £100. Apart from the actual tender itself there would be other miscellaneous expenses, and he estimates that the lowest amount which would be of any use would be £140. I would be glad if you would kindly place these facts before the Finance Committee and endeavour to have the advance of £140 sanctioned as my client has for some time past been in a position to start the building immediately the necessary approval is received, and he is also in every way a very desirable applicant. I shall be glad to hear from you as early as possible."

It was decided to ascertain from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, if the £185, estimated value of house, in the case of Laurence Hanrahan, represented the full market value including value of site.

It was also decided to ascertain similar particulars regarding house proposed to be erected by Nicholas Carr; the estimated value of which was given as £170.

#### RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS 1937/38

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The following report regarding University Scholarship Holders, was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, under date 9th July 1937:-

"The following are the results of the recent Examinations of Students holding Scholarships from your Council in this College in Session 1936-37:-

John Flynn

Passed the First University Examination in Arts with Second Class Honours in English. Renewal recommended.

John P. Kehoe

Passed the First University Examination in Arts taking Honours Papers in Latin, Greek, Irish and History. Renewal recommended.



Anne Hickey	Passed the First University Examination in Science taking the Honours Paper in Chemistry. Renewal recommended.
James J. Meyler	Passed the First University Examination in Engineering with First Class Honours. Renewal recommended.
William J. Lambert	Absent in subjects necessary to complete Part I, exempted from further examination in all subjects except Organic Chemistry of Part II at the First University Examination in Agricultural Science.
William A. Murphy	Exempted from further examination in all subjects except Theoretical Chemistry at the B.Agr.Sc. Part I. Examination. Renewal recommended.
Thomas Cullimore) James G. Delaney)	Passed in Mathematics Subsidiary Subject for the B.A.(Honours) Degree Examination. Further report in Autumn.
Thomas Walsh	Passed the B.Agr.Sc. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours.
James J. Donnelly	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly that explanation be obtained regarding the absence of Mr. William J. Lambert from examination in subjects necessary to complete Part I of first University Examination in Agricultural Science.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, renewal of Scholarships for academic year 1937/38 was agreed to in the cases of the following students:-

John Flynn (2nd year); John P. Kehoe (2nd year); Anne Hickey (2nd year); James J. Meyler (2nd year); William A. Murphy (4th year)(Agriculture).

SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES: It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer that Scholarships and Bursaries, tenable at Secondary Schools be renewed for ensuing school year 1937/38 as follows:-



SCHOLARSHIPS

<u>1937/38</u>	<u>Year Awarded.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>School</u>
4th	1934	E. F. Todd	The Bungalow, Kilrane.	C.B.S., Wexford.
"	"	Mary T. Mulligan	Craan, Craanford.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
"	"	B. F. Doyle	Drimmagh, Rosslare.	" " "
"	"	Gerald W. Fenelon	Church View, Tagoat.	C.B.S., Wexford.
3rd	1935	Mary A. O'Neill	Bushville, Tagoat.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
"	"	Margaret O'Leary	Lady's Island.	" " "
"	"	Mary A. Carroll	Streamstown, Tagoat.	" " "
"	"	Elizabeth Carty	Donard, Clonroche.	St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.
"	"	Laurence Jordan	Ballinvelig, Campile.	St. Peter's College, Wexford.
"	"	John K. O'Leary	Ballyboro, Clonroche.	" " " "
2nd	1936	John A. O'Brien	Ballycowan, Tagoat.	" " " "
"	"	William F. Doyle	Drimmagh, Rosslare.	" " " "
"	"	Elizabeth Devereux	Grange, Broadway.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
"	"	Annie Foley	Rathimney, Gusserane.	" " "
"	"	Peter Lawless	Camalini	C.B.S., Gorey.
"	"	Maire O'Brien.	Ballymoney, Gorey.	St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.

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BURSARIES

<u>1937/38</u>	<u>Year Awarded</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>School</u>
4th	1934	Patrick J. O'Byrne	12, Pearse Street, Gorey.	C.B.S., Gorey.
"	"	Joseph Finn	16, Main Street, do.	" "
"	"	Edward Kelly	10, Grattan Terrace, do.	" "
"	"	Hubert Sheil	5, Pearse Street, do.	" "
3rd	1935	Margaret Donovan	High Street, Wexford.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
"	"	John Breen	Coolishal, Gorey.	C.B.S., Gorey.
"	"	Edward Carty	Bride Street, Wexford.	St. Joseph's, Baldoyle.
"	"	James A. Leeson	Parnell Street, do.	C.B.S., Wexford.
"	"	Matthew Treacy	Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.	C.B.S., Enniscorthy.
"	"	Richard McConville	Station House, do.	" "
2nd	1936	Samuel Jordan	Market Square, do.	" "
"	"	Thomas P. Cullen	61, South Main Street, Wexford.	Blackrock College.
"	"	Edward Rutledge	5, Parnell Street, do.	C.B.S., Wexford.
"	"	Maurice Treacy	2, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy	C.B.S., Enniscorthy.
"	"	Michael A. O'Hanlon	7, Friary Place, do.	do. do.
"	"	Timothy T. O'Leary	31, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.	C.B.S., Wexford.



RESULT OF EXAMINATION - TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

The following report from Mr. A. K. Killeen, M.Sc., Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, on examination held by him for post of Telephone Attendant, was submitted:-

"As requested by you, I held examinations in Irish (written and oral), English, Arithmetic and General Knowledge for candidates for the post of Telephone Attendant, in the Council Chamber on the 20th instant.

Only one candidate, Miss Bridget Josephine Moran, presented herself, and the marks awarded to her are as follows:-

IRISH (written and oral)	....100	marks
ENGLISH	... ..150	"
ARITHMETIC	... ..160	"
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE	... ..120	" ."

The Chairman stated that the appointment would be made at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 9th August 1937.

LOAN £2500 - ENNISCORTHY-KILTEALY ROAD

Under date 14th July, 1937, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st ultimo and previous correspondence, 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 £2,500 to defray expenditure on the improvement of the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy Road; the loan to be obtained from the National Bank, Ltd., Wexford, to be repayable over a period of seven years with interest at usual rate."



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LOAN £2050 - ROAD MACHINERY

Under date 21st July 1937, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting 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 £2050 to defray expenditure on the purchase of road machinery, the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, and to be repayable over a period of seven years with interest at the usual rate."

LOAN - GROUND RENT, COUNTY HALL

Under date 16th July 1937 the following letter No. S.58189/37, Loch Garman (Pg) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant forwarding the extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council on the 25th ultimo in regard to the proposed redemption of the ground rent of the County Hall, Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in the circumstances, no further objection will be raised to the redemption of the rent on a figure based on 20 years' purchase.

Before the matter is further proceeded with, however, notice of intention to raise the loan should be given in the Public Press. The attached form of notice may be followed. One insertion is sufficient. A copy of the paper in which the notice appears should be forwarded to the Department."

The Assistant Secretary stated that the necessary advertisement had been inserted in current week's local newspapers, copy of which had been forwarded to the Department.

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES

Under date 9th July 1937, application was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the County Council to the placing of an overground telegraphic line from Railway Station Road, near Ferns, via Doran's Bridge, to Rockmount House.

Under date 16th July 1937, application was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the County Council to the placing of an overground tele-



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graphic line from Bellevue Gate to Stokestown House Gate Lodge, New Ross.

Referred to County Surveyor who was authorised to give the necessary approval if he considers such a course desirable.

#### PRINTING LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES

Tenders were submitted as follows for the printing of outstanding rates:-

	£.	s.	d.
Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy	12.	0.	0
The People Newspapers Ltd., Wexford	14.	0.	0
The Echo Co., Enniscorthy.	15.	15.	0

The tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, at £12, being the lowest, was accepted on the motion of the Chairman.

#### HARBOUR MASTER - KILMORE

The following letter from Mr. Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, under date 16th July, 1937, was read:-

"In reference to yours of the 6th instant regarding the proper sanitation at Kilmore Pier I would like to make it known to the Wexford County Council that if they want the urinal properly kept they had better send on the appliance for the cleansing of tank and premises which has several times been requested. Before they make complaints they should pay the wages agreed to."

Referred to the County Surveyor who stated that any request received by him from Kehoe had been attended to.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 10th July 1937, the following letter No. G.56302/37, Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-



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"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Financial 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 30th September next."

#### OLD COURTHOUSE RENTS

Under date 21st July 1937, the following letter from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, was read:-

"As directed, I beg to report that the position with regard to the above Rents is as follows:-

The Rents payable to Captain Redmond and Mr. John Codd out of the above Premises were purchased up in the year 1931.

The Premises are still subject to the following Rents, viz:-

(1) Miss Sandwith - Yearly Rent of £71:3:10 - The Solicitors for the Owner offered to sell part of this Rent amounting to the sum of £12:0:0 odd, to the Council, but stated, they were not prepared to make Title to, or sell, the balance of said rent, and this being so, nothing further was done with regard to the Purchase of Miss Sandwith's Rent.

(2) Repts. Devereux - The St. Vincent de Paul Society - Yearly Rent £13:16:8. - The Solicitors for the St. Vincent de Paul Society inform me, that they have been unable to trace the Title Deeds to the above Rent, and consequently, they are not in a Position to sell the property - I have since then interviewed some of the Officials of the Society on the matter, but I have not been able to get anything done as to the Redemption of this Rent.

(3) Repts. Hatchell - Yearly Rent of £18:9:0. This portion of the Premises is now the part used as the Boy Scouts Club - The Landlord pays a Rent of £5 out of these Premises, and also out of Mr. Kinsella's Yard which adjoins



same. The Parties to whom the £5 is payable are also unable to find the Title Deeds to the Property, and in addition the Premises are subject, with others, to a Mortgage for £1,500, and this being so, the Reps. Hatchell are not disposed to sell the Rent.

Counsel's Opinion has been taken on the question as to whether the Council has any power to compel the Landlords to sell the Premises to the Council, and he has advised that they have no such power.

This being so, there is nothing further that I can do to complete the Purchase of the Premises."

The Assistant Secretary stated that the rents formerly paid amounted to £180. 16. 0 per annum. Rents of £77. 6.6d had been purchased leaving the present annual rent £103.9.6d

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, request permission from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Council offering the old Courthouse for sale.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following reports from four of the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the working of the above Order for season 1937 were submitted:-

REPORT OF T. A. MERNAGH, M.R.C.V.S., GOREY: Herewith my report on the working of the Warble Fly Order in my district (Gorey) for year 1937. The work has been carried out to my satisfaction. The three Inspectors did their duty very well and in cases where farmers were inclined to neglect dressing they were in each case very careful to see the work carried out. In accordance with the Order I made periodic visits to each Inspector and in all cases found them carrying out their duties to my entire satisfaction. I found that having the Inspectors in every fair inspecting the cattle present was a great help to keep their responsibilities before the



public.

Dates and places where Inspectors were interviewed:-

P. Ryan	at W. Boggan's, Kilmuckridge	2nd April
"	" L. Graham's, Boolavogue	15th April
"	" Ballycanew Fair	23rd April
"	" J. Dowling, Parknashogue	5th May
"	" Simon Brien, Ballycanew	18th May
"	" Edward Kinsella, Ballieffin	7th June
P. Lawlor	at J. Kinsella's, Balliegullen	7th April
"	" Miss Doyle's, Ballinamona	26th April
"	" J. Hill's, Ballybanogue	10th May
"	" J. Howell's, Ballyduff	1st June
"	" James Byrne's, Monasootha	30th June
P. Kenny	at James Carty's, Tubberduff	20th March
"	" Patrick Doyle's, Buckstown	2nd April
"	" Mr. Fanning's, Monaleen	25th May
"	" Mr. Byrne's, Knockbrandon	7th June.

also all three Inspectors at Gorey Fairs during period."

REPORT OF F. S. RINGWOOD, M.R.C.V.S., ENNISCORTHY: "Enclosed please find Forms for completion of Period of above Order. The dressing of Cattle has been well carried out in my district. In my opinion, it would be better if the opening of the period was delayed a fortnight. This year, probably owing to the cold weather, the warbles did not appear until well into the month of April.

I had occasion to report one of the Inspectors (James Doyle) for negligence, but since he got a warning from the County Council his work has been entirely satisfactory.

The other three Inspectors have given every satisfaction

I was in touch with the Inspectors every week by letters and interviews and explained errors in filling up Forms etc. (I consider the issue of Form W.F.4 simplified the reports).

I paid numerous surprise visits and am convinced that the Inspectors were constant in their work. Two of them never missed a day. James Doyle took one day off to get married. David Crean had to attend one day in Dublin in connection with his pension, and also took Election Day off, but I must add that the amount of work Crean got through shows that he put in very long days at his work.

No complaint has been made this year of any animal suffering any ill effects from the dressing. This, I believe, is due to the practice of squeezing out the warbles being discontinued.

In conclusion, I may add that my postage account in connection with the working of the Order averaged 1/- per week. (The postage of Weekly Forms alone was 6d per week). I would be obliged if this was refunded to me."

REPORT OF J. LYNCH, M.R.C.V.S., NEW ROSS: "The dressing was done somewhat better than last year, but there is much still to be desired.

Some do things very well, but there are many indiffer-



ent, and one cannot have much faith in what they say.

If it could be done it would be well to have definite days and hours for each townland and have Inspectors present at these times."

REPORT OF F. W. TAYLOR, M.R.C.V.S., NEW ROSS: "Herewith I beg to submit my report as to the working of above in my area.

Mr. Flynn of Ballindoney was the Inspector for my district and carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner, sending in his reports regular for checking at the end of every week and not missing a single working day from duty during the time the Order was in force. The average number of cattle found infested was 35 per cent, the great majority being = young-under two years old.

The first dressing was finished on the 3rd of April and almost all cattle in this area have been treated. In a few cases where the owners were not able to dress the cattle on the day appointed, these cases were picked up by the Inspector on his second round May 8th. The Inspector finished the second round of dressing on above date.

June 5th. During the week I called on the following owners:- J. Roche - Dressed twice and will dress again in a few days; J. Cleary, Ballyanne; James Murphy, Ballycohan; Thomas Murphy, Ballycohan; John Murphy, do.; Mr. Lynch do; Patrick Murphy do.; Mrs. Bailey, Ballywilliam. All above have dressed twice and are now about applying the third dressing. Andy Murphy, Balnacoola, had only dressed once, will apply the second dressing at once and the 3rd and 4th in due course. Mrs. E. Kehoe dressed twice, 3rd time during the week 5th June 1937. Mr. John Brennan dressed twice, 3rd dressing to-day 5th June 1937. John Fogarty dressed twice 3rd dressing during the week.

June 10th. I attended the third dressing at the following:-

J. Ronan, Knockmullen.  
Tim Gannon, Arnestown.  
J. Travers, do.  
Mr. Roche, Talbot Hall.  
Pat Hickey, Knockmullen.

There was no difficulty in getting the dressing carried out and the great majority of the owners appear to approve of the Order. It would have taken three more days to complete the fourth dressing in my area."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that copies of the reports of the Veterinary Inspectors be furnished to the Department of Agriculture.



SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture under date 10th July 1937 (No. L.2580-37) was submitted:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, and its enclosures indicating the arrangements proposed to be made to give effect to the provisions of the above Order during the dipping period of the current year, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to the appointment of the under-mentioned persons as Sheep Dipping Inspectors with remuneration in each case of £20 for the dipping period, plus actual expenditure on postage, viz:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns,  
Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy,  
Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew,  
Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart,  
M. J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure,  
James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, Wexford.

It is presumed that the selected candidates complied with any conditions that may have been imposed by the Local Authority in connection with such appointments. I have to point out that the approved remuneration for the forthcoming dipping period represents a considerable increase on the weekly rate of remuneration approved last year. It is, accordingly, expected there will be a corresponding increase in the numbers of sheep dipped under the supervision of the Inspectors.

I have to inquire whether the Local Authority propose to adopt Regulations for securing the compulsory dipping of sheep under the supervision of their Inspectors at specified times and places as recommended in this Department's circular letter of the 12th May."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to inform the Department of Agriculture that the Council do not propose to adopt regulations requiring compulsory dipping of sheep at public swim baths.

It was decided to instruct Sheep Dipping Inspectors to send particulars of notices of intention to dip received by them each day to the Veterinary Inspector for their district.

It was further decided to inform the Department of Agriculture that the Finance Committee consider it advisable that arrangements be made requiring that copies of notices of intention to dip should, in addition to being sent to the Garda Authorities, be sent at the same time by the sheep-owner to the Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority for the area.



### BUNCLODY STREETS

The County Surveyor stated that an allocation of £400 would be necessary to surface dress Buncloody streets so as to make them dust free.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, to allocate a sum of £400 for the surface dressing of the streets of Buncloody, and that this amount be included in Roads Works Scheme for 1938/39, the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the allocation under Article 51 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, to be obtained when recommendation has been approved by the County Council.

### INSURANCE OF CARTERS

The following report from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, was submitted:-

"I have now looked into the question of stamping Insurance Cards for the carters employed by the County Council.

The position with regard to the carters appears to be:

1. A certain number of the carters tender for the carting required by the Council for anyone year, and if these tenders are accepted by the Council then the Carters so tendering are in the position of contractors, and this being so, the Council are under no liability to stamp the cards, and do not do so.
2. Then there are what I may call "casual carters", who are engaged for certain specified jobs, such as carting material for steam rollers when working, and these men are paid weekly, maybe for a month or less, but not for any definite period, and in these cases the County Council stamp the carters' cards.

With regard to the Draft agreement sent by the County Council's General Council, for consideration, and if considered advisable, approval by the Council, I do not think that this agreement meets the case of the class of carters em-



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ployed by the Council; who are in the most part drawn from the small farmer class; and do the carting themselves, but rather deals with the hiring of carts from a large contracting firm; for a number of years, and not for weekly work, and this being so I *do* not think it would be advisable for the Council to adopt the proposed draft agreement."

WATER CHANNEL AT ESMONDE STREET, GOREY

Mr. Keegan complained of the condition of the water channel from Byrne's Corner, Esmonde Street, Gorey, for the improvement of which he stated an allocation had been made.

The Chairman stated the work should be carried out.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor who was directed to have the necessary work carried out without delay.

ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 30th June 1937 was submitted showing that the following samples had been analysed:-

Foods, 220; Drugs 67; Water 5; total 292. Number adulterated:- 6 new milks; 3 waters condemned.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation *for* £15 for Criminal Injury was received from Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Francis Gibbons, St. Anne's Cottages, St. Anne's Road, Dublin, in respect of damage to dwellinghouse etc., at St. John's Street, Enniscorthy.

Referred to Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July 1937, be received and considered."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 5th August, 1937, the Office of National Education wrote (Trg,2-45470) enclosing statement giving full particulars (1) of the pupils who passed examination for above Scholarships and Bursaries (placed in order of merit on the basis of the programme and examination conditions of the Scheme). (2) of those who failed the Examination and (3) of those who failed to attend.

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

"That in accordance with report of Office of National Education Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be awarded the following placed in order of merit:-

1. Elizabeth Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway. (748 marks).
2. John Joseph O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat. (743).
3. Mary Bridget Power, Ballyvelig, Campile. (692).
4. Patrick Joseph O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat. (673).
5. Mary Ellen Devereux, Grange, Broadway. (660).
6. Donal O'Donnell, The Fort, Duncannon. (631).

and Bursaries be awarded the following:-

1. Anne Doran, Loreto Convent, Gorey. (725 Marks).
2. Michael Marcus Lennon, 1 South Main Street, Wexford. (706).
3. Laurence J. McCrudden, John Street, Wexford. (699)
4. William Francis Ryan, 17 High St., Wexford. (661)
5. Peter McDonald, Lower John St., Wexford. (642).
6. Annie Donovan, 18 High Street, Wexford. (634).

That the question of amount of Scholarships to John



Joseph O'Neill and Patrick Joseph O'Reganbe dealt with on recommendation of Finance Committee.

Chairman - We have always Lady's Island and Broadway at the top. Great credit is due to these schools, and extra credit due to Horeswood and Duncannon for the reason that they have only two teachers.

Mr. O'Byrne - How many schools competed?

Chairman - A very big number. It is a great thing to see them coming in. Some time ago, I think we complained that we had not enough schools taking an interest in the Scheme, and it is a great thing to see so many to-day. We hope that the schools that were not successful this year will be successful next year.

KILMORE HARBOUR MASTER AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE: The County Surveyor said he would interview Mr. Carson, Engineer County Board of Health and the Kilmore Harbour Master in the matter.

APPOINTMENT TELEPHONE ATTENDANT: In connection with the above position, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That in accordance with report of Examiner, Mr. A. K. Killeen, M.Sc., Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, Miss Bridget Josephine Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford, be appointed Telephone Attendant for County Council and other offices connected with Telephone Exchange in County Hall, Wexford. Salary £65 - £6. 10. 0 - £91. The appointment is subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and will be on a probationary basis for twelve months. It is terminable on marriage. The officer will be required to carry out duties of a clerical nature when time permits. Resignation must be submitted at 65 years of age.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd July, 1937, be and the same are confirmed and approved."

MEETING 6th AUGUST, 1937: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 6th August, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. 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.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4527. 11. 4d was examined and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, a vote of sympathy was adopted to Mr. P. Carty, Rate Collector, on the death of his father, John Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane

The Secretary expressed his personal condolence with Mr. Carty in his bereavement.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to 5th August 1937:-

		£.	s.	d.
1.	Sean Gannon	515.	5.	4
2.	W. Cummins	308.	2.	0
3.	A. Dunne	298.	15.	9
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	273.	2.	6
5.	P. Nolan	262.	13.	6
6.	J. Cummins	250.	8.	1
7.	D. Kenny	210.	8.	10
8.	J. Quirke	192.	1.	2
9.	J. Deegan	168.	18.	4
10.	W. Doyle	161.	5.	1
11.	J. J. Sinnott	135.	15.	8
12.	Philip Doyle	123.	3.	11
13.	J. Curtis	77.	0.	11
14.	E. J. Murphy	39.	4.	8
15.	M. Kehoe	35.	11.	8
16.	P. Carty		Nil	
17.	J. Flood		Nil	
18.	M. McCarthy		Nil.	

Total £3051. 17. 5d.



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It was decided to ask Collectors J. Flood and M. Carthy for an explanation as to why they had not collected any rates to the present.

POUNDAGE DRAINAGE RATE: It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of poundage on amount of drainage rate lodged for Sow and Kilmannock drainage areas to the Rate Collectors concerned.

ATTEMPTED SEIZURE FOR RATE ARREARS: Under date 23rd July 1937 report was read from the Rates Inspector that on 22nd July he had visited the farm of Arthur Kavanagh, Templederry, Clonevan. The holding was derelict and the owner left the country a number of years ago. There were up to 20 head of cattle grazing on the land. Arrangements were made with the County Solicitor for a seizure and he (Rate Inspector) with the Rate Collector J. J. Sinnott, attended on the lands at 5 a.m. on the 23rd to seize the stock, but found they had been removed in the meantime.

Receipts for payment of £1. 17. 6d to the three drovers made by Rate Collector Sinnott were submitted.

It was decided to allow £1. 10. 0 - ten shillings in each case - in accordance with decision of County Council at their meeting of 12th April last, payment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 4th August 1937, the New Ireland Assurance Company wrote that they had no objection to the bonds of Rate Collectors J. Cummins and W. Cummins applying in respect of the increased amounts of their warrants in view of allocation of Collection District of Ex-Collector M. Murphy to these Collectors.



SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the application of Edward Carty to avail of his bursary under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme at St. Ciaran's, Bray, a continuation institution of St. Joseph's College, Baldoyle, Dublin, at which bursary had been previously held.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That Duplicate Pay Order No. 5888 (Subsidiary Account) for £2 issue to James Magher, Cumber, Tinahely, as original issued on 25th June last, does not appear to have reached Payee."

LEAVE OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

The following under date 27th July 1937 was read from the Assistant Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"I wish to inform you that at the Board's meeting on the 19th instant, Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health applied for the balance of his holiday leave from the 31st instant to the 13th August. The Board granted the leave subject to approval by the County Council. During his absence his duties will be performed by the temporary Assistant Medical Officer of Health - Dr. M. Courtney."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to holiday leave of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, from 31st July 1937 to 13th August, 1937, as recommended by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance."



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MACHINERY OVERSEER AND NEW DIESEL ENGINE TYPE ROLLERS

Under date 30th July 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote stating the Minister would not raise objection to the payment by Wexford County Council of locomotion expenses and a subsistence allowance of 15/- a night in connection with the proposed visit of Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, to Messrs Marshall's Britannia Works, Gainsborough, England, to see Diesel type of Road Rollers in course of erection. The Overseer's absence from duty should not exceed ten days.

The County Surveyor stated he was arranging for the visit of Mr. Murphy to Marshall's in accordance with the letter from the Department.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ALLOCATION OF BALANCE OF LOAN: The Secretary reported that the unallocated amounts of loan in New Ross and Wexford Districts were £1375 and £1800 respectively. Total £3175.

It was decided that the following applications from Enniscorthy District be agreed to, the amount of loan to be granted in each case to depend on the estimated value of the house certified by the Assistant Surveyor and the amount of the Government Grant payable:-

1. Arthur Doyle, Killagoley, Enniscorthy; Mental Nurse. Estimated value of house as stated by Applicant, £300. Amount of Government Grant £70. Loan applied for £270 (Subject to reduction).

2. Laurence Doyle, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown; Blacksmith. Estimated value of house (as stated by applicant) £220. Amount of Government Grant £60. Loan applied for, £160 (Subject to reduction).

3. Miss Elizabeth Dunne, Dranagh, Caim; Farmer's daughter. Estimated value of house (as stated by applicant) £200. Amount of Loan applied for £100.



4. Richard Murphy, Fairfield, Enniscorthy. Estimated value of house (as stated by applicant) £250. Government Grant £70. Loan applied for £180.

The following application from New Ross District was agreed to:-

John Furlong, Ballagh, Raheen, Adamstown. Estimated value of house £300. Government Grant £70. Loan applied for £100.

It was decided that Lists be left over to 30th September, 1937, to enable further applications from any rural area in the County to be lodged.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that advertisement be inserted in the Local Press informing the Public that additional applications would be considered up to 30th September 1937.

Mr. Kelly said he had brought before the Finance Committee on several occasions the fact that Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, who had erected a house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been keeping lodgers. He had already had two and it was reported they had paid Wickham 10/- or 12/- per week for accommodation. He was now about to take in a third. Wickham should either live in the house as provided by regulations governing the loan through which he had been able to erect the house or pay back the amount of advance.

The County Solicitor was directed to proceed against Wickham.

SANCTION TO LOAN: Under date 27th July, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.59132-37 Loch Garman) conveying the sanction of the Minister to loan of £350 to Mr. Matthew Parle, Clovervalley, Taghmon, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for house at Coolataggart, Taghmon.



APPLICATION FOR LOAN WITHDRAWN: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted under date 22nd July 1937 letter from Thomas Doyle, Gurteen, Templeshambo, Ferns, withdrawing his application for loan of £100 under small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as a result of correspondence with the Land Commission and the Registrar of Titles. He had ascertained that the cost for registering his Title would be prohibitive.

WARBLE FLY ORDER

Under date 4th August 1937 the Assistant Secretary applied for allowance for clerical work in connection with the above Order, during the treatment period from 1st March 1937 to 7th July 1937. He enclosed amounts which were allowed for the work in a number of other Counties.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to recommend payment of £20 to the Assistant Secretary for the work.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer the claim of Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., for payment of 19/- postage under above Order was recommended to the County Council for payment.

LOAN £2050 - ROAD MACHINERY

Under date 4th August 1937 the Manager, National Bank, wrote that his Directors had sanctioned above Loan, repayment to be made within seven years.

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN OF £1200 FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Under date 16th July 1937 the following letter (No. 6696-37) was read from Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch):-

"With reference to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £1,200 under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of making a supplementary grant of that amount to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee to be utilised towards the cost of providing and equipping the new Technical Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shielbaggin, I have to state that the Minister for Finance has now intimated that, in the



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event of a loan of £1,200 being raised by the Council for the purposes in question, with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, he will be prepared to consent to a refund being made out of State funds under Section 51(6) of the Act, of fifty per cent of the actual loan repayment charges."

#### DEATH OF CARETAKER, GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 30th July, 1937, Robert Valentine, Courthouse Gorey, wrote that his father, John Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey, was buried that day. Until the Council made a permanent appointment the writer would keep the grounds and Courthouse as they were kept by his father. If appointed temporarily he would do all in his power to give entire satisfaction.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Robert Valentine, Temporary Caretaker of Gorey Courthouse to hold the position on the same terms and conditions as his late father, and to continue in office until a permanent caretaker has been appointed. That new caretaker be paid 5/- per week with free house and light and also that coal be allowed for fires in Courthouse proper.

That position be advertised for appointment at September meeting of the County Council."

#### OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE

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

"That the County Council offer no objection to the erection of overground telegraphic line from Cross Road south of Essex Bridge to a point opposite Barnadown House, Ballycanew, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR - DUMPING REFUSE

The following resolution, adopted at last monthly



meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee was submitted:-

"That the practice of dumping refuse on the Council's property on the South Beach at Courtown be discontinued, and that the Harbour Master be empowered to prevent any person bringing refuse to the above-mentioned property from this date."

The resolution was approved and the County Surveyor said he would have notices in accordance with its terms erected adjacent to the place at which refuse etc. was now dumped.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

In accepting the position of Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross District, M. J. Hennessy wrote asking if he would be paid for supervising dipping for Veterinary Surgeons outside the dipping periods. He had supervised dipping outside the specified period for Messrs. F. S. Taylor and Joseph Lynch, Veterinary Surgeons.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hennessy that the County Council were not responsible for any expenditure incurred outside the dipping period unless the work in question was carried out by the specific instructions of the Council.

#### PAYMENT OF URBAN WORKERS UNDER RELIEF GRANTS

The following letter under date 20th July 1937 signed by 11 workers in New Ross Urban Area, was received by County Surveyor through Mr. L. Barron, Home Assistance Officer, New Ross:-

"We, the undersigned, working on the Relief Schemes at New Ross wish to bring the following complaint to your notice. At present we are supposed to be paid our wages on Monday of each week, but at the time of writing this we have not received our wages which has compelled us to go to the Relieving Officer for Relief. This has happened on a few occasions, and we now ask you to have those conditions altered, and have



our wages paid every Saturday.

We would suggest to you to send on to the foreman each week a required number of signed cheques which the foreman could fill in accordingly.

By getting paid every Monday or Tuesday ourselves and our families are hungry for Sunday.

Please give this note your careful attention and oblige!"

The County Surveyor said that payments under Relief Schemes were made through his Office and on two occasions payments had been made on the following Monday instead of Saturday. For the rest of the period payments had been made weekly and in due time.

CLONJORDAN RIVER

Mr. Thomas Warren, Clonjordan, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 27th July, 1937, that as the water in above river was now very low, it would be a good time to put in the necessary extra pipes to deal with the flooding of the road during the winter.

The County Surveyor said he was dealing with this matter through Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

ROAD CURRATUBBIN TO BALLINASTRAW, KILLENA

Messrs. Farrer Brothers, Curratubbin, Killena, wrote calling attention to the condition of the above road.

The County Surveyor said work at this road was under way.



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

"That Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th August, 1937, be received and considered."

WARBLE FLY ORDER: Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the question of making representations to the Minister for Agriculture in connection with administration of Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order be referred to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture. That the decisions of this Committee be dealt with - in the first instance - by the Finance Committee."

The Chairman said there were complaints that the Order had not been properly carried out in certain districts.

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

"That consideration of the proposal of Finance Committee to allow £20 for extra work in connection with administration of Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order be adjourned for the attendance of the Chairman of the County Council."

GOREY COURTHOUSE CARETAKER: It was decided that the County Solicitor furnish advice as to appointment of Pound Keeper for Gorey and that the Finance Committee consider if it be possible to amalgamate the offices of Poundkeeper and Caretaker of Gorey Courthouse and make recommendation thereon.

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

"That no objection be made to the erection of overhead telegraphic line along Enniscorthy-Edermine Road from Brownwood to Edermine House."



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

"That the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be asked to arrange (if at all possible) for the Gardai to forward to Sheep Dipping Inspectors of their districts notices of dipping each day as they come to hand."

CLONJORDAN RIVER: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that if the river were cleaned up the flooding would be prevented. He would see the owner of the adjoining land and endeavour to arrange with him to allow the people suffering through the flooding to clear up the river if he would not do it himself.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th August 1937 as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed except where altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

In reply to Mr. Ronan the Secretary stated that no contribution had been made by Urban District Councils on foot of County Council Demands since last County Council meeting. The amounts due up to 31st March 1937 were:-

Enniscorthy	£1605. (half-year)
Wexford	£3163. (half-year)
New Ross	£737 (quarter Ordinary Demand) and £237. 10. Od (for Road Maintenance).

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

"That unless substantial contributions in reduction of Demands of County Council be received from Enniscorthy and Wexford Urban Councils before next meeting of the County



Council the County Solicitor be directed to proceed against these Councils by way of Mandamus for recovery of the amounts."

#### ROAD MATTERS

SUGGESTED SCHEME FOR ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE: In regard to references as to the condition of certain roads and corners, and to the need for improvement, Mr. T. Redmond said it was about time that the Council should formulate some scheme and provide money to put the roads of the County into proper repair. Of course, there was a special meeting every year in November. The road estimate was passed by the Council, but they all admitted at the time that the amount of money allotted was not sufficient to keep the roads of the County in repair, and at every meeting in the following twelve months there were £300, £400 and £500 passed for the improvement of various roads. He would like to know what all those amounts put together would total in addition to the amount allotted for the upkeep of the roads, and in view of that he thought it was time the Council should formulate some scheme to put all the roads in repair, and find out what it was going to cost. He could name a dozen roads in New Ross district in a deplorable state. As far as he could see, the roads of the County were a terrible problem, and the amount of money allotted each year was only a "flyblow" as far as keeping them in decent order was concerned. As far as the third-class and fourth-class roads in New Ross district were concerned they were getting steadily worse year after year. There could be no improvement because there was no money. If the other roads in the County were anything worse than the roads in New Ross district, they must be in a terrible state. Dealing with the matter piece-meal was only putting off the evil day. In other Counties, conferences had been arranged between the Tourist Association and local bodies to try to get suffic-



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lent money to put the roads in repair, and he would suggest some move like that in County Wexford.

Col. Quin said they gave for the roads as much money as they could afford, and certainly the roads had improved in the past ten years. Even the side roads were better. They would like further improvements and would like to have all the roads done, but he thought they were doing all they could with the finances they could reasonably expect.

Mr. Walsh did not want to put any more money on the ratepayers, but were the grants sufficient if they considered the amount of money paid into the road fund and what they got back.

Mr. T. Redmond said he was not asking more money from the rates, but was asking for some scheme to be formulated without putting the charge on the rates.

The County Surveyor said they got about £25,000 in grants this year.

Mr. Sweetman said that the General Council of County Councils were sending forward a deputation to the Government in regard to the return from motor tax and petrol tax, etc., and he thought it would be well for the Council to find out the amount from those taxes in the County.

Mr. Walsh said that cars were coming in in hundreds, and, they should have some means of finding out the amount of taxes.

The Secretary said they could find out the amount paid in motor tax and for drivers' licences, but they had no particulars in regard to petrol tax.

Mr. Walsh - I think if you get the first two it will give enough information to the Council.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Redmond spoke of devising a scheme that would not put the money on the rates, but he (County Surveyor) would say that that was impossible.



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They might devise a scheme that would only put a portion on the rates, but no matter what they would do they would have to put 80 per cent on the rates. He did not see how else they could manage.

Mr. T. Redmond proposed that a committee be appointed to formulate a County Scheme, and try to provide the money. He did not want to put any more on the rates, but he believed the amount of money allotted each year was not at all adequate.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond - Mr. Cummins proposed that a million of money be raised, and I think it was a great pity it was not adopted at the time.

Col. Gibbon proposed that a special meeting of the Council be called at which the whole question of the Roads be discussed.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

The County Surveyor said he did not quite agree with Col. Gibbon in regard to having a general meeting. If they had a Committee to go into everything then a meeting of the County Council might possibly arrive at something, but his experience of general meetings called to discuss such matters was that nothing had ever come out of them. He did not suggest that a scheme should be propounded that would deal wholesale with every road in the County. They could calculate on improving so many this year and so many next year. If they talked of doing the whole County, they would do it if they borrowed £3,000,000.

Mr. T. Redmond - I said I did not want any increase on the rates, if it be possible to avoid it. It will be for the general body of the Council to adopt a scheme or not.

County Surveyor - There will have to be some increase.

Mr. Redmond's proposition was passed, and was decided



that the Committee consist of two members from each of the four districts of the County.

The following Committee were appointed with Mr. Allen (Chairman) and Mr. R. Corish, Vice Chairman, Ex-officio members:-

Enniscorthy:- Messrs. Kelly and Sweetman.

Gorey:- Messrs. Keegan and O'Byrne.

New Ross:- Messrs. T. Redmond and Walsh.

Wexford:- Col. Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan.

to meet on 20th August in County Hall at 10.30 a.m.

GRANT TOWARDS UPKEEP OF MAIN ROADS: Under date 28th June 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Roads) (RGM-201-207) stating that the allocation towards the cost of main road upkeep for financial year 1937-38 had been fixed at £11918 being 40 per cent of £29797 the total allocation under this head.

MILLQUARTER LANE AS PUBLIC ROAD: The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Mr. Allen, but in his absence through illness, it <sup>was</sup> by permission of the meeting, moved by Mr. Keegan.

It was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and passed.

"That the County Council declare the following road over which a public right-of-way exists for foot passengers, animals and vehicles, shall for all purposes be a Public Road, that is to say:- the road known as Millquarter Lane, 130 perches between Main Road No. 42 in Knockbrandon Upper and County Road No. 118 in Millquarter."

The Secretary stated that the necessary advertisements as to this proposal had appeared in the three local papers.

IMPROVEMENT CURRACLOE ROAD: The following motion, of which she had given previous notice and which was circulated to members of Wexford County County Council on 1st June 1937



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was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Wexford County Council agree to borrow the sum of £500 for the purpose of improving road between Curracloe village and Curracloe strand, to supplement State Grant of a similar amount. Period of repayment to be ten years or such shorter period as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is prepared to sanction."

Mr. Kinsella seconded. Passed.

MINOR RELIEF GRANT AND EMPLOYMENT GRANT: The County Surveyor said if it were possible to have Minor Relief and Employment Grants allocated to the Council en bloc and allow the amount to be spent as Council considered desirable they would secure much better results than at present when they were bound to arrange works to meet Unemployment in the various areas. Even when they tried to do this they found the facts did not bear out the statistics of unemployment.

THIRD AND FOURTH CLASS ROADS: The Chairman said that the third and fourth class roads of the County left a great deal to be desired. No doubt, the necessary material was provided but these roads did not appear to get much after attention. At present many of them, owing to loose stones, were in a bad state.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, admitted there was plenty of loose stones on these roads, but there was not enough money provided to have them taken up. They wanted 20 per cent more money for these roads.

The Chairman said the maintenance money should be more evenly distributed - less spent in Winter and more in the Summer. It was not a good plan to leave all these back roads without attention in the Summer. And some attempt should be made to have the loose stones picked off during the Summer season.



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ROAD KILMUCKRIDGE - RIVERCHAPEL (COAST ROAD): Mr. Smyth said this road was nearly impassable owing to loose stones.

The County Surveyor said that it was difficult for a cyclist to avoid being thrown on this road. It was troublesome to deal with as it "ravelled" very rapidly in dry weather. They tried to get this road scheduled for a main road Grant.

Mr. Keegan said that it should be put before the Department with the view of securing a grant.

Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor) said they did as much as was possible in the matter of picking off loose stones but owing to cost, it was an almost impossible problem in very dry weather.

ROAD AT GOREY BRIDGE: Mr. Keegan called attention to the condition of the road from Gorey Bridge to Ballywilliam.

Referred to County Surveyor.

ROAD AT KILRANE: Mr. Culleton complained of the condition of the road from Ballygeary to Kilrane past the school. It was badly flooded at times.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the thoroughfare was more of a boreen than a road. It had been flooded for years but that had been "cured". Some light surfacing would help if it could be provided. The road was very narrow and the surrounding land was of a wet nature.

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

TURN ADJOINING TAGOAT CROSS: Mr. Culleton said that two years ago the wall at the above point had been taken down and the turn widened, but the place was left in an incomplete state and people wondered why a railing was not erected.

The County Surveyor said he had been prepared to erect a railing but the design did not meet with the approval of



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Mr. Cullen, the Diocesan Architect. He had been in correspondence with the latter for some time, and they had now agreed on a type of railing with which he (County Surveyor) was not entirely satisfied. They had then been held up for iron, but the work was under way.

TURNS AT SCARAWALSH BRIDGE: Mr. Ronan referred to two road turns at Scarawalsh Bridge on the road from Ferns to Enniscorthy. A man had been killed in a motor car collision at the turn on the Enniscorthy side recently. The wire fence should be extended and the turn moved in.

Col. Quin did not consider either corner dangerous, but the Bridge of Scarawalsh was dangerous.

The County Surveyor agreed with Col. Quin. The Bridge at the forge where the wall blocked the view was most dangerous.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said there was no danger at the corners if motorists would keep to their proper side and did not drive over 25 miles an hour. He might be able to lower the existing fence.

The matter dropped.

IMPROVEMENT AT FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE: In reply to Col. Gibbon the County Surveyor said that there would be a good view for traffic at the road diversion at Ferrycarrig. The Castle there was not "shaken" as a result of the new work.

TARA HILL WORKMEN: Mr. Keegan said that labour in the Tara Hill district was very scarce and although a resolution of the Council agreed that a certain section of road in the district was to be given to the Tara Hill men they were passed over and men from Gorey town employed. This, he regarded, as very unfair.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that all available labour at Tara Hill was employed in the local quarry.



EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE (ROADS) URBAN: Under date 15th July 1937, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that his Council would provide £120 as a contribution towards the cost of above Scheme for New Ross Urban District.

TACUMSHANE LAKE

Col. Gibbon asked the County Surveyor to try to have something allocated for work on the Tacumshane Lake in November, when it would be some use instead of after Christmas.

The County Surveyor said the chief engineer of the Department was opposed to the Tacumshane scheme from the start, but he gave way on the last occasion and allowed money to be spent on it. The impression left on him (County Surveyor) was that the Department would wash their hands of the whole matter, because it was too uncertain.

The Chairman said the only way to find out definitely was by passing a resolution asking for a grant towards the work, and if they are refused they could deal with it.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the grant be asked for and that it be provided by November.

Mr. Culleton seconded, and said that the work would be worth another trial. From the experience they had in the past, they may make an improvement this time.

The County Surveyor said he pointed out to the Chief Engineer of the Board of Works that the work had been a success in the past, and that the channel remained open until it worked westward and then it was re-cut. The best time to do it was before Christmas, because the prevalence of the south-westerly wind in the Spring was more likely to close it up.

Mr. Culleton - All the local people made representations to have it done before Christmas.

County Surveyor - Any professional engineer going there now would say it is not a feasible proposition, and I



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would have said the same thing only I knew it had been done.

Mr. Culleton - We would have to disagree with the professional opinion, because the work has been done for generations past, and the local non-professional people did it.

The resolution asking for a grant was passed unanimously.

#### REPAIR OF RIVER BARROW EMBANKMENTS

Under date 13th July 1937 the Irish Land Commission wrote (P.A.41064/37) Estates R.H. Ryland and E. M. Gallwey - Rec. Nos. E.C.8483 and S.855 Co. Wexford - they were not prepared to increase the amount they had sanctioned for repair of the river embankments at Fisherstown and Great Island.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said that the Land Commission were carrying out work at the embankments at present.

#### PROPOSED LOAN NEW DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT KILLANNE

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been issued to County Councillors on 9th June 1937 was moved by Mr. Lawlor and seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That Wexford County Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2,000 (Two Thousand Pounds) to defray the cost of providing a Dispensary Residence at Killanne, Enniscorthy."

Col. Quin proposed as an amendment:-

"That the amount of loan for new Dispensary Residence at Killanne be fixed at £1700 which is the amount of the estimate for erection of the building received by County Board of Health."

There was no seconder and the resolution was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

#### LOAN PROPOSED DISPENSARY RESIDENCE, KILLENAGH

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Council:-

"That Wexford County Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2,000



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(Two Thousand Pounds) to defray the cost of the erection of Dispensary Residence at Killenagh, Gorey."

In the absence of the Chairman through illness, the motion which had been issued to County Councillors on 9th June 1937 was moved by Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Colfer, and adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

#### SEALING OF MORTGAGES

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

"That, pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 16th June 1937, the sum of £1500 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited to defray expenditure on widening of road at Rosslare, said sum to be repaid within 10 years with Interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Bank's Rate varying subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And Resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said Loan."

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

"That, pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 7th June 1937 the sum of £950 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited to be applied, as to the sum of £125, to the improvement of Main Roads, and, as to the sum of £825, to the improvement of County Roads, said sums to be repaid within 3 years with Interest at the rate of one half per cent per annum under the Irish Bank's Rate varying subject to a Minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided And further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure the Loan."



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

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 14th July 1937 the sum of £2500 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited to defray expenditure on the improvement of the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy Road, said sum to be repaid within seven years with Interest at the rate of one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate varying subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure said Loan."

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That renewals of Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to the following:-

P. J. O'Connor, North Main Street, Wexford.

N. Tackaberry, The Cash Stores, Bunclody.

E. Connolly, Market Square, Bunclody.

Henry Hill, Ballycanew.

W. R. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford, and

F. Daly, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society"

#### PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment, including payments to Contractors for Roads and works as certified on Form 22 by the County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."



TEACHING OF "CIVICS" IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS

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

"That the Department of Education be requested to arrange for the teaching of Civics to the pupils of National Schools."

*Thomas G. Carthy*  
*Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1937.*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 13th SEPTEMBER, 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th September, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Malachi Sweetman.

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

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

After their confirmation, Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman of the Council) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £7177. 4. 3d were examined and signed.

#### LATE VERY REV. DEAN ROSSITER, P.P., GOREY

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

"That reply of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and Mr. T. J. Meyler, County Councillor, to vote of condolence adopted in the death of Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, P.P., Gorey, be inserted on this day's minutes."

The following is copy of reply from Most Rev. Dr. Codd:-

"I hasten to acknowledge with thanks the expression of sympathy adopted by the County Council upon the death of



the late Very Rev. Dean Rossiter. I am confident that the Clergy will much appreciate this vote of condolence, since the late Dean's personal worth was so well and widely known.

I must not fail to offer a word of thanks to you personally for your high tribute to his memory."

Mr. T. J. Meyler wrote as follows:-

"Kindly convey to the Council my appreciation of their sympathy on the death of my Uncle, Dean Rossiter.

You know how deeply he was attached to our County. Its welfare and that of its sons and daughters in other lands was ever of deep interest to him.

Your personal words of regret truly spoken were a fitting tribute to a great Churchman."

THE LATE MR. RICHARD CORISH

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to their colleague, Mr. R. Corish, T.D., on the death of his son, Mr. Richard Corish. The sympathy of every member of the Council was offered most sincerely to Mr. Corish (Senior).

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Messrs. McCarthy, C. Culleton, Col. Gibbon and Mr. Kelly (the latter on behalf of the Labour Party of the County) and the County Secretary associated themselves with the motion.

THE LATE MR. AIDAN SUTTON, RYANE, OYLEGATE

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

"That we offer our sincere sympathy to our esteemed colleague, Miss O'Ryan, and also to Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, in the death of their uncle, Mr. Aidan Sutton, Ryane, Oylegate, a lifelong and sterling Nationalist."



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THE LATE MRS. KELLY, WATERFORD

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. John P. Kelly, in the death of his Aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, Waterford.

Mr. Kelly returned thanks for the vote.

THE LATE LORD MAYOR OF CORK

Mr. Sweetman, proposing a vote of sympathy with the family of late Alderman Sean French, Lord Mayor of Cork, and with with people of Cork, said that Alderman French's name had been before the Irish people for a good many years. He knew Alderman French personally. He was a charming man in every possible way, and he thought, loved by everyone who knew him.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded, and said that the late Alderman French was a man whom they all admired.

Secretary. - His death certainly means a big loss to Cork and Ireland generally.

Chairman. - I knew him for a number of years, and no better man could one know. He is a great loss to the citizens of Cork.

The vote was passed in silence.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 20th AUGUST, 1937: The minutes 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 20th August, 1937.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently, 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 and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6271. 13. 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the collection up to day of Finance Committee meeting:-

S. Gannon	12.6
J. Cummins	10.1
W. Cummins	8.4
J. J. O'Reilly	7.9
J. Quirke	7.4
D. Kenny	7.1
J. Deegan	6.4
P. Nolan	6.0
W. Doyle	5.5
A. Dunne	5.4
J. Curtis	5.0
P. Doyle	4.6
E. J. Murphy	4.4
J. J. Sinnott	4.0
M. Kehoe	3.5
M. McCarthy	3.4
P. Carty	3.4
J. Flood	<u>2.3</u>

Average 6.2

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

"That Rate Collectors who have not, up to the date of this meeting, lodged at least 5 per cent of their warrants be informed they must show more diligence in the discharge of their duties; otherwise, the Finance Committee will take drastic action in their cases."



In reply to query from Secretary, John Flood, Rate Collector, Clonroche (No. 9 District) wrote under date 17th August 1937 that he did not lodge any rates up to 4th August, date of last meeting of Finance Committee, as he was engaged getting out all of his Demand Notes. He lodged on 10th August.

Under date 16th August 1937, in reply to a similar query, Collector M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) wrote that he had lodged £65 on 6th August. He did "not think it mattered for the sake of a couple of days".

The Secretary stated that Mr. McCarthy had been reminded it was his duty to lodge at least every 48 hours.

SEIZURES FOR RATES: Under date 18th August 1937, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, with copy of one from the Local Government Department, of the 6th April last (No. G.25163/37 Loch Garman) enclosed.

I have looked into the Sections of the Acts to which the letter refers, and I find that:

Section 152 of the Grand Jury Act 1836 gives the Rate Collector power to Levy by Distress for Rates due, but there is nothing in the Section fixing what fees he is to charge or be allowed.

Section 15 of The Ejectment and Distresses Act 1846 (9th & 10th Vic C. 111.) deals with the Distress for Rates not exceeding the sum of £20, and fixes the amounts to be allowed for the expenses of so levying, according to the amounts set out in Schedule "B" to the said Act. The amount as set out in the Schedule is 2/- per Man per day.

The sum of 2/- a day may have been considered ample remuneration in the year 1845, but values have changed considerably since then, and it would be utterly impossible to get men to go out to make a seizure for such a sum, at the



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present time, and I consider that the sum of 10/- a day which I mentioned in my former report is a reasonable sum, and it would be utterly impossible to get the work done for less."

The Secretary stated that the recommendation of the Finance Committee allowing 10/- per day to drovers and Assistants to Rate Collectors engaged in seizures had been already approved by the County Council.

SYSTEM OF PART PAYMENT OF RATES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction for 1937-38 warrants continuance of the part payment system of collection approved for warrants for 1936-37 and for previous collections."

ISSUE OF UNOFFICIAL RECEIPTS: Letter was read from Collector Art Dunne (No. 13 District) that in the case of P. McCann, Lyrane, Craanford, who claimed to have paid (in part payment of rates) £1 on 17th April 1936; 10/- on 4th November 1936 and 10/- on 17th November 1936, to the Collector and had not received official receipt, that he (Dunne) had paid a year's rate for McCann as he had been ordered to do so when closing the 1934 Rate. As the money referred to by McCann was (according to the Collector) due to him, he had not lodged it to the credit of the County Council.

The Secretary stated that Mrs. Winters, Yolegrove, Taghmon, had called to County Council office and produced an undated unofficial receipt for £7 from Collector Quirke (No. 1 district). She stated she paid him "on the Street".

In reply to query this Collector wrote under date 12th August 1937, as follows:-

"I had a talk with Mrs. Winters, Yolegrove, Taghmon,



to-day re Rates. We could get no further about the time amount was supposed to be paid. I believe yet that it was last year. She says she paid me on the street as I was passing by.

However, to give her the benefit, I decided to lodge amount and if she repents I am to get a refund sometime from her."

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

"That Rate Collectors be reminded they must notify Rates Inspector immediately they receive any sums in part payment of rates in order that the part payment receipts may be issued from County Council Offices. That Collectors be informed that a Collector who issues an unofficial receipt (for part payment or otherwise) renders himself liable to immediate suspension. The County Council have machinery for dealing with part payment of rates and the procedure therein must be complied with strictly in all cases by Rate Collectors."

POUNDAGE FEES: The following letter under date 18th August 1937 was read from Collector J. J. Sinnott (No. 14 District):

"I would be thankful if you would bring before the next meeting of the Finance Committee my application to have the "cuts or deductions" which has been made from my Poundage Fees restored. The total, over a period of four years, amounts to £31. 4. 1d. This does not appear much, but amounts to a lot to a Rate Collector, and it appears rather unjust and hard for a Collector to not be paid on "all monies collected and lodged".

I have at all times tried to carry out my duties to the best of my ability, and as far as I know for my period of office - now almost seventeen years - I don't think anyone can say I neglected my duty in any way.



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I wish to point out that this is an extremely difficult district to collect. It is practically all grazing land, with the exception of two divisions - Monamolin and Wells. There are no big Estates to collect from except Miss Doyne's, Wells. The half year there only amounts to £58 - no railway lines - no prosperous Ratepayers that you find in the vicinity of towns - no beet or barley; in short, it is one of the poorest districts in the County, and I must travel day in day out, from the time I get the Books until the close to keep the Collection going.

Kindly do all you can for me in the matter and oblige."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to agree to the payment of full Poundage Fees to Collector John J. Sinnott as we are of opinion he has done his best in a most difficult district.

That the Minister be informed that the amounts of Poundage Fees deducted from this Collector for 1936/7 and previous warrants were as follows:-

1936/37	£7. 18. 9d
1935/36	£4. 14. 3d
1934/35	£3. 5. 10d
1933/34	£15. 5. 3d
Total	£31. 4. 1d."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

MICHAEL WICKHAM, TOMNALOSSETT: The following report under date 18th August 1937, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"As far as I understand this case, the complaint is that Mr. Wickham is living in the house himself, and taking in lodgers. If this be so, the Council cannot interfere, as the only restriction on persons building houses under the above Acts, is that they must reside therein themselves for



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at least three years, and it is only if they do not do so the Council can take action.

I am, however, writing to Mr. Wickham on the matter."

Mr. Kelly stated he would ascertain by date of next meeting of Finance Committee if Wickham was actually living in the house.

SANCTION TO LOAN - MISS LUCY M. BYRNE: The following letter, under date 9th August, 1937, (H.63312/37, Loch Garman), was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo 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 an advance of £160 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Miss Lucy M. Byrne in respect of a house to be erected at Bolabradra, Inch, Co. Wexford."

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Application was submitted from Sarah Dunne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, for loan of £130.

It was decided that consideration of the application be postponed until 30th September 1937, when all similar applications received to that date will be dealt with.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION - THOMAS O'BRIEN, ALLENSTOWN BIG, BROADWAY: The following report from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, under date 12th August, 1937, was read:-

"Mr. Thomas O'Brien has informed me that owing to the increased cost of Material &c., he is not in a position to avail himself of the Loan herein, £150, and states that he does not intend to proceed further with his application."



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REDUCTION IN LOAN- CHARLES WILLOUGHBY: The following report, under date 16th August 1937, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"In this case a Loan of £130 had been sanctioned for payment to Mr. Willoughby, I, this morning heard from his Solicitors, stating that he now only required a loan of £65 and accordingly, I am having his Mortgage amended to the smaller sum, and assume that the matter will be in order."

Reduction of loan to £65 was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:

NEW REGULATIONS RE APPLICATIONS FOR SANCTIONS TO LOANS: The following circular letter, under date 29th July, 1937, (60281/37 - Ilgh.Pc) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to applications made for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of premises erected on holdings subject to Land Commission charges and to request that in future when applications are being submitted to this Department in any such cases, the application form should indicate, in addition to the usual particulars, the townland and Land Commission Receivable Order of the applicant's holding."

The Secretary stated that the information asked for relative to Land Commission Receivable Orders would be furnished on forms of applications for loans in future.

APPOINTMENT CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE AND KEEPER GOREY POUND.

The following letter under date 18th August 1937 was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor:-

"I have now looked further into this matter, and I find that by Sec. 4 (1) of The Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935, the Control of Pounds is Vested in the County



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Registrar.

By Section 5 (1) of the said Act it is Provided that the local authority (in this case the County Council), shall as often as occasion requires, appoint and shall pay a fit and proper person to be keeper of such pound.

This being so, the County Council are now in a position to appoint a Keeper for the Pound in Gorey, and as mentioned in my former letter, I am of opinion that there is nothing to prevent the same person being appointed as Court Keeper and Pound Keeper."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that the duties of Pound Keeper, Gorey, should be carried out by the Courthouse caretaker.

The following draft advertisement and conditions of appointment were approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman:-

ADVERTISEMENT:

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT, CARETAKER, GOREY COURTHOUSE

The above County Council will, at their meeting to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 13th September, 1937, at 10.30 a.m., consider applications for the position of permanent Caretaker for above Courthouse.

Remuneration 5/- per week with free house and light.

Three tons of coal per annum will be allowed which must suffice for all purposes except the heating of the Court Room proper.

The person appointed must reside on the premises and be prepared to act as Pound Keeper.

Conditions of Appointment, which should be obtained by all intending applicants, can be had from the Undersigned.

Candidate should make application for the position in his own handwriting, state his age, and furnish two references - one being from a Clergyman - as to character.



Applications should be lodged with the Undersigned by 10 o'clock, a.m., ("Official" Time) on 13th September 1937.

The position is non-pensionable.

The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment at above meeting.

Candidates must be in attendance at meeting on 13th September, 1937, for interview by the Council.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, County Council.

County Hall, Wexford.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT:

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

1. The person appointed to the above position shall reside in the caretaker's apartments in Gorey Courthouse. He shall occupy the same as caretaker only, and not by way of tenancy or anything in the nature thereof.
2. He shall attend to the stoves in the Court and see that same are in proper order to supply the necessary heating of the premises.
3. He shall sweep out all offices in use in Courthouse premises each evening after closing and the landings, corridors and lavatories in the Courthouse premises, and wash out, clean and polish same when directed.
4. He shall thoroughly sweep, dust and clean out the Courtroom and Justice's room on the evening before the holding of the Court or of any other meeting or Inquiry in connection with County Administration and likewise after the sitting of the Court etc.
5. He shall clean out fire grates and set the fires required and light same and attend to same in the offices of Court Buildings when in use.



6. He shall keep the outside of the Premises and the approaches thereto clean and tidy and prevent all trespass on the said premises and shall forthwith report any such trespass or damage to the responsible authority.

7. He shall not keep or permit to be kept any pigs, poultry or other live stock or permit the said premises to be used for any other purpose except as directed by the responsible authority.

8. He shall not let apartments in the said premises or receive Boarders.

9. He shall be prepared to carry out from time to time the orders of the County Council or its officers.

10. The person appointed shall be required to act as Poundkeeper for the Pound at Gorey.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary County Council.

County Hall, Wexford.

#### SHED AT GOREY POUND

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan that the County Surveyor be directed to provide a suitable shed for the housing of impounded animals in Gorey Pound.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following letter under date 10th August 1937, from Mrs. Esther M. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, mother of Gerard Lambert, holder of University Scholarship, was read:-

"In reply to yours of the 30th July, I respectfully beg to state Gerard's case. He had no opportunity to work up the subjects Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry for last Autumn Examination as Professor Drew called him to the Albert College for the period 1st July - 30th September, for practical work on the Model Farm.

He then started his second year's work on October 4th. The programme was extensive and the subjects new. He had Geology, Botany, Zoology, practical and theoretical, also, Irish and Organic Chemistry - all of which he got through creditably. He intended doing the subjects of 1st year in



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the next session and paid his fee of £2. 10. 0.

Professor Drew now informs him that before he take his 3rd year he must spend a year on an up-to-date farm to acquire an all-the-year round knowledge of practical farming. This means his course would take 5 instead of 4 years, which was not anticipated in the beginning and naturally is a great set-back.

He also told him that he could not take him into the Albert for that year, and with the exception of farm work, the other Agricultural Colleges do not cater for a higher course of studies than he has had in college for the past two years.

I would like the advice of the Finance Committee on the matter, where such a farm is to be found, and how he stands regarding the Scholarship, which I sincerely trust they will kindly grant him until he finishes his Course.

Needless to say I am very troubled, as I can give him little financial help.

I am sincerely grateful to you personally and with every confidence in your help in this matter."

It was proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That letter from Mrs. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, (under date 10th August 1937) on behalf of her son, Gerard, holder of University Scholarship, be submitted for their advice to the Authorities of National University, and that it be pointed out the Finance Committee are prepared to recommend the continuance of this Scholarship subject to the approval of the University Authorities."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

It was proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That Scholarship of £50 under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be recommended ~~for~~ award by County Council to John Joseph O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat, whose Scholarship is tenable at St. Peter's College, Wexford, and award of Scholarship, value £30, to Patrick Joseph O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat, who is taking his Scholarship at Day Secondary School, viz., Christian Brothers, Wexford."



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LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 10th August 1937 (S.35695/37 Ilgh.(S.C.)) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, forwarding Order made by the Minister in connection with payment of £180. 10. 7d, assessment for County Wexford, under the above-mentioned Act for year ended 31st March 1937.

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

"That the assessment of £180. 10. 7d up to March 1937 on County Wexford under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 be recommended to the County Council for payment."

SANCTION TO LOAN OF £4151 - GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

The following letter, under date 6th August 1937 (S.64137/37-Loch Garman) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, and previous correspondence in regard to the proposed redemption by the Wexford County Council of the ground rent of the County Hall, Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the County Council of a loan of £4151 for this purpose, the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, and to be repayable over a period of 15 years with interest at the usual rate."

SANCTION TO LOAN OF £1200 - RURAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The following letter, under date 18th August 1937, (S.70200/37 - Loch Garman) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence in regard to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to provide new Technical Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggan, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the Council of a loan of £1200 to defray expendi-



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ture thereon and that he has obtained the authority of the Minister for Finance for the issue of the loan from the Local Loans Fund.

The loan will be repayable on the instalment system, within a period of twenty-five (25) years, with interest at the rate of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  per cent per annum.

The Minister for Finance has intimated that instalments in repayment of this loan and of all existing loans from the Local Loan Fund must be paid punctually on each 1st May and 1st November.

The Finance Solicitor will prepare the Mortgage Deed for the loan and will communicate direct with the Council on the matter.

No advances on foot of the loan can be made until the Mortgage Deed has been completed and unless the loan account is clear at the time an advance is required."

TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR MR. F. W. TAYLOR, V.S.

The following letter under date 18th August 1937

(L.3280/37) from the Department of Agriculture was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that he offers no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the South New Ross district, with remuneration at the rate of £2 per week during the absence on leave of Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., for two weeks from the 16th ultimo."

APPLICATION COMPENSATION MALICIOUS INJURY

Notification of application for compensation for alleged malicious injury from Mrs. Anastasia Murphy, Rosslare, for £6, was referred to County Council Solicitor.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification re application for committal of Bridget Manning, County Home, Enniscorthy, to Industrial School, was referred to County Council Solicitor.



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WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following report, under date 6th August 1937, from Mr. F. Staples, Veterinary Inspector, Wexford, was submitted:-

"Re your query - Warble Fly Order - the dressing of infested cattle during the year 1936 has in my opinion greatly decreased the number of infested cattle and this year's dressings will, I hope, further decrease the number of animals infested.

The three inspectors carrying out the work in the Wexford area. I have found on my occasional visits to the farms in the district to be very efficient and attentive to their duties.

It would be impossible for them to be on every farm in the area to see cattle dressed and as a consequence, I am afraid certain owners are not carrying out the dressings although reporting their cattle as dressed.

To make a complete success of the Order steps should be taken to prohibit exposing for sale in fairs cattle infested or presenting them for shipment at the ports."

Consideration was referred to the County Committee of Agriculture.

INSPECTIONS OF FAIRS BY VETERINARY INSPECTORS

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

"That the attention of the Veterinary Inspectors be called to that portion of their duties providing for their attendance at all the live stock fairs of their districts."

REPRESENTATION OF ARKLOW HARBOUR BOARD

The following letter, under date 17th August 1937, from Mr. T. P. Kavanagh, Chairman, Arklow Harbour Board, was read:-



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"Referring to previous correspondence re the matter of Mr. M. Tyrrell and membership of the Arklow Harbour Board, I wish, as Chairman of the said Board, to inform you that Mr. Tyrrell still insists in attending the meetings of the Board "as representative of the Wexford County Council". Further he stated at the last meeting that he never received intimation from you that he no longer represented your Council on the Arklow Harbour Board."

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

"That as regards representation of Wexford County Council on Arklow Harbour Board, Mr. M. Tyrrell be informed that acting on the advice of the County Solicitor we recommend the County Council to declare that Mr. Tyrrell no longer represents Wexford County Council on said Harbour Board."

APPLICATION FROM P. BEARY - TEMPORARY CLERK

The following letter from P. Beary, under date 17th August, 1937, was read:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for an increase of my present rate of 1/- per hour for such time as you may require my services as a temporary clerk.

I would like to point out that I am a married man with wife and family of four, all living, and that my wages at present for a full week after deducting Insurance amounts to £2. 2. 7d. If a Catholic Holyday or Bank Holiday occurs in any week, my wages for that week would be roughly £1. 15. - a very small sum on which to run a house at the present cost of living.

I might mention also that I have been in the service of the Council for a period each year since 1926 and trust I have given satisfaction.

Hoping you will lay this application before your Council at the earliest opportunity and anticipating a favourable reply"



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

"That rate of remuneration payable to Patrick Beary, out of allocations of £50 and £26 sanctioned in letter of Department of 30th November 1936 No. R/RM/32 be fixed at 1/2d per hour as from 21st August 1937."



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 August 1937 be received and considered."

"CUTS" IN POUNDAGE FEES: The Secretary stated that since the last meeting of the Finance Committee an application on behalf of all the Rate Collectors for restoration of all "cuts" had been received.

REPRESENTATION ON ARKLOW HARBOUR BOARD: Col. Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That recommendation of Finance Committee regarding representation of the County Council on Arklow Harbour Board be altered to read as follows:- 'That as regards representation of Wexford County Council on Arklow Harbour Board, Mr. M. Tyrrell be informed that acting on the advice of the County Solicitor we recommend the County Council to declare that Mr. Tyrrell no longer represents Wexford County Council on said Harbour Board. As the County Council have no longer power to appoint a representative on said Board, that this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Tyrrell by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.'"

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th August 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 3rd SEPTEMBER 1937: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd September, 1937.

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 O'Ryan.

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 £6662. 16. 7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Rate Collection up to date of meeting:-

S. Gannon	16.0
P. Nolan	15.8
J. Cummins	15.7
J. Deegan	12.3
J. Quirke	12.0
W. Cummins	11.1
J. J. O'Reilly	11.1
D. Kenny	11.0
A. Dunne	10.3
W. Doyle	10.0
P. Doyle	9.7
M. McCarthy	8.3
J. J. Sinnott	7.9
E. J. Murphy	7.0
P. Carty	6.9
J. Curtis	6.8
J. Flood	6.1
M. Kehoe	5.7

The average percentage is 10.6. At the corresponding period last year the percentage was 8.4.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the Secretary communicate with Collectors who, in his opinion, are not making satisfactory progress and that we approve the proposal of the Secretary to summon the Collectors for interview after the end of September and at which methods of collection will be



examined and particularly as regards outstanding items.

COLLECTOR DUNNE AND RATEPAYER: The following letter under date 24th August 1937 was read from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, as to payments for rates alleged to have been made by Laurence McGuinness, Bolinready, Ballycanew:-

"Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, our client asks us to find out when the 13s. 1d mentioned in Mr. Dunne's statement was paid by him and in respect of what Poor Rate. In any event, our client would obviously be entitled to 6s. 11d, the balance between this 13s. 1d and the £1.

Our client also holds an acknowledgment of the payment of £1 from Mr. Dunne dated the 16th May 1936 and we shall be glad to know where credit has been given for this.

We shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

The following reply under date 27th August 1937 was read from Collector Dunne:-

"I have copy of letter received by you from Huggard Brennan & Godfrey re Laurence McGuinness. The 13s. 1d was a balance due on 1934 Rate carried forward into 1935 Rate. As this was not paid by McGuinness by end of 1934 I lodged the amount and checked it on 8th January 1935 (8th Checking) so as not to have small amounts of Arrears outstanding.

As already explained to you, in May 1936 I paid two men to carry out a seizure on McGuinness' farm. Although we got nothing, I had to pay the men 12s. 6d each £1. 5s. This, I believe I am entitled to recover from any money paid subsequently. As there was only 6s. 11d to meet a bill of £1. 5. 0 I think I am still on the wrong side (6s. 11d of 25/- leaves 18s. 1d).

With reference to the claim that McGuinness paid me £1 on the 16th May 1936, I have no recollection of receiving such money, nor have I any record of getting it. Still it is possible that he did give me money on that date as



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it would be some time after the abortive seizure, and as I was out of pocket by him I would not have any official record of the transaction. I am calling on Huggard and Brennan's about the matter and I will see the receipt which McGuinness holds as soon as possible and let you know the result."

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter pending further reply from Collector Dunne as to his interview with Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors.

COLLECTOR J. J. SINNOTT AND DEDUCTIONS FROM POUNDAGE FEES:

Under date 1st September 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.73054/37 Loch Garman) as to resolution of Finance Committee asking that deductions from poundage fees of Collector J. J. Sinnott should be restored, that there are no facts in this case which would enable it to be distinguished from that of the other Collectors whose poundage fees were also reduced.

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

"That in view of the very difficult area in which Collector Sinnott acts as Rate Collector, we request the Minister to reconsider his decision and agree to the restoration of the deductions made from the poundage fees of this Collector."

ABATEMENT FORMS: The Secretary stated that Query Forms in connection with relief of rates granted in respect of male employees on Agricultural Land had been returned by the National Health Insurance Society who entered on the Forms particulars of Insurance Contributions paid and the number of weeks sickness benefit received by Employees.

In a number of cases in which abatement of rates had been granted for employment during the whole year to 31st



December 1936 the National Insurance Society had certified that the workmen concerned had drawn sickness benefit for a period. It was necessary that all claims should be examined to sort out those dealing with sickness benefit and the question of re-assessment of rates in such cases would have to be dealt with. It was necessary that one of the temporary Rate Staff should be employed for a period in connection with this matter.

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

"That John O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, temporary Rate Clerk, be employed in connection with the examination of Abatement Forms with replies received from National Health Insurance Society, and the re-assessment of rates in cases in which such action was necessary."

In connection with the sickness benefit received by workers, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer that, subject to decision of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, the County Council be recommended not to disqualify for full abatement, ratepayers whose workers had drawn sickness benefit for a period not exceeding two months in the year.

For employees returned for less than full year's employment, sickness benefit not exceeding one sixth of the period of employment will not disqualify ratepayer from abatement of rates in respect of such employees.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The results of Leaving Certificate Examination in connection with the award of University Scholarships were received from University Authorities. The following shows order of merit:-

1. Robert A. Scanlon, Brandane, Bannow. (1596 Marks)



2. Peter Doran, 73 Main Street, Gorey. (1541 Marks).
3. James Doran, do. do. (1335).
4. Laurence O'Rourke, Brownstown, Newbawn. (1305).
5. James Breen, McCurtain Street, Gorey. (1303).
6. Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown.  
(Agriculture). (1250).
7. Patrick Ryan, Mulmintra, Taghmon. (1244).
8. Thomas Browne, Rock's Lane, Wexford. (1207).
9. Thomas Butler, Blackhall, Glynn. (1135).
10. Timothy J. Murphy, Knockreigh, Adamstown. (1108).
11. Patrick Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare. (1069).
12. Mary A. Breen, 25 North Main Street, Wexford. (1068)
13. William J. Brewer, Irishtown, New Ross. (1055).
14. Elizabeth Cummins, 2 McCurtain Road, Wexford. (1045).
15. Alice Devereux, Grange, Broadway. (997).
16. Judith T. Redmond, 13 St. Michael's Terrace,  
Gorey. (946).
17. Eileen O'Connor, Ballygarvan, New Ross. (929).
18. Eileen O'Neill, Bushville, Taghat. (916).

Six candidates failed and one was absent from examination.

In connection with above results Dr. Coffey, President of National University, wrote as regards the candidates who secured up to the tenth place:-

"All the above, except Murphy Timothy J., are fair Scholarship candidates, and in some respects very suitable candidates come low on the total marks but have a very fine group of subjects. Thus, Thomas Butler has honours in Irish, English, Latin, Greek and average Pass marks in three other subjects, and Patrick Ryan, 7th, is fairly similar with better total.

It is satisfactory to note that most of the Boy candidates took Latin or a Modern language in their sub-



jects, but a few have not done so. As the University now requires for the Faculty of Science, Commerce, Engineering, and General Agriculture either Latin or a Modern Continental language for matriculation, any scholarship candidate who has not such a subject in a Leaving Certificate should pass it at a matriculation examination."

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

"That, subject to conditions of University Scholarship Scheme, Scholarships be awarded to:-

Robert A. Scanlon, Brandane, Bannow.

Peter Doran, Main Street, Gorey.

James Doran, Main Street, Gorey.

Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown. (Agriculture)"

The Secretary stated that Gerald Coffey secured sixth place only at the examination, but according to the Scheme, scholarships for Agriculture are awarded "irrespective of place obtained by candidate in results, provided Candidate be recommended by University Academic Council for award of Scholarship on marks obtained".

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

"That Paragraph 13 of University Scholarship Scheme be altered to read as follows:- A candidate for University Scholarship who has not obtained Matriculation Certificate from a selected University previous to the award of Scholarship must secure this Certificate within the year in which award of Scholarship under this Scheme is made."

#### SEWERAGE WORK AND WIDENING OF ROAD AT ROSSLARE

The following letter, under date 23rd August, 1937, was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Rowe Street, Wexford:-



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"We are acting for Mr. John J. Kelly of "The Cedars" Private Hotel, Rosslare, who in October 1935 entered into an agreement with the County Council, in conjunction with a number of other land holders, for the sale of portion of their holdings to the Council for the purpose of widening the road in connection with the sewerage works there. In this Agreement the Council contracted to erect a fence consisting of a concrete wall topped with an iron paling dividing off the land from the road, and, although almost two years have since elapsed and possession of the land taken without our client's consent and without any Conveyance to the Council or payment of the purchase money, no steps have been taken either to build the wall or carry out the Agreement. Proceedings by our client against the Board of Health Contractors are pending, but our client continues to suffer damage by reason of the default of the County Council to erect a wall, as the temporary fence which the contractors erected is totally inadequate to protect our client's property. His premises, including vegetable gardens, are being continually broken into by stray animals and seed beds, vegetables and flowers destroyed.

The failure of the Board of Health and the County Council to fulfil their legal obligations is most reprehensible. They are aware that our client carries on the business of a Hotel Proprietor, and during the present season his hotel has been full of guests. Apart from the injury our client has himself suffered to his property these guests have been subjected to considerable annoyance by the trespass referred to. No later than the night of the 21st instant a number of the guests were aroused in the early hours of the following morning by stray animals trampling about and disturbing them and some of the guests had to actually get out of their beds to drive the animals off.

We consider that our client has been scandalously treated in this matter and we are now instructed to take proceedings against the County Council for breach of their agreement and for damages, and we would be glad if you would instruct your Solicitor to accept service. We must also call on you to have the wall erected without further delay as our client must hold the Council responsible for all continuing damage until this has been done."

Copy of this letter was furnished the County Solicitor who submitted the following from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy, Solicitors to County Board of Health:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th instant. I have had previous cases in which claims for damage against the Board of Health were referred to arbitration, and I know that when the matter subsequently came to the Notice of the Department, no objection was taken by them to the method adopted to dispose of the claim, but, I cannot say if any case has been dealt with by the Auditor. I think, however, that in the present case, there are very strong reasons to support the suggestion that the matter be referred to arbitration rather than dealt with by the Court.

If Kelly succeeds in his action against the Contractor, the Contractor will certainly have a claim against the



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Board of Health, but I do not agree with your view that that Health Board are primarily liable for the damages. The Plaintiffs complaint really rises out of his agreement with the County Council. The claim is made on two grounds: First that the Contractors entered on his property beyond the boundary of the plot which he agreed to sell to the County Council. He contends that he only agreed to allow nine feet of the ground in front of his house to be used to widen the road. I understand that Mr. Birthistle does not accept this contention and Mr. McCarthy states that the agreed distance was thirteen feet. Secondly, he says that he has suffered damage from trespass because his property was left unfenced. It was the County Council who, in their agreement with Mr. Kelly, agreed to build a wall and any damage which he has suffered by reason of their failure to build that wall ought properly to be borne by the County Council.

It would be obviously ridiculous that there should be any controversy between the County Council and the Board of Health as to which of these parties should bear the damage (if any) awarded to Kelly. I, therefore, suggest that we should all agree to arbitration at which Kelly, the Contractors, my Board and your Council should be represented and I further suggest that the District Justice should be the most suitable Arbitrator. I have written to the Contractors and suggested this course to them."

Mr. Birthistle stated that Mr. Kelly signed an agreement as to the amount of land to be taken over. Ten or twelve feet was mentioned, but <sup>it</sup> was not possible to state the exact number except such amount as would be necessary to have a definite finish to the work. During the progress of the sewerage works the contractors endeavoured to put the matter of the erection of temporary fencing on the shoulders of the County Council, but he (Mr. Birthistle) declined to take any responsibility, and pointed this out definitely to the Clerk of Works acting for the Board of Health and also that it was - as usual in such cases - the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the fencing.

As regards the erection of wall it would be within the recollection of the Finance Committee that he (Mr. Birthistle) had mentioned at a meeting some months back that it was not feasible to have this wall or the concrete road side and footpath erected until the sewerage works being undertaken by the County Board of Health were completed.



Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, mentioned that according to the Act of Parliament it appeared the County Council could only pay damages in a case such as the present under the Decree of a competent Court.

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

"That consideration of claim made by Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. J. J. Kelly, Cedars, Rosslare, be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. That the latter consult with Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to the County Board of Health, relative to same and take any necessary steps he may deem necessary relative to arbitration."

#### COMPLAINT RE ROAD - ENNISCORTHY TO CURRACLOE

Under date 23rd August, 1937, the following was read from Mr. G. V. Maher, Ballinkeelee, Enniscorthy:-

"I wish to draw your attention to the disgraceful condition of the road from Enniscorthy to Curracloe via Ballymurn and Screen.

As one of the biggest ratepayers in County Wexford and one who has just paid rates to the tune of £300 odd I feel that I deserve some consideration in this matter.

I feel that in View of the desire to popularise Curracloe as a sea side resort this road should definitely be better than third class. At the moment it is simply a mass of pot-holes and ruts which are occasionally covered with clay and stones. This so called form of repair is quite useless as, as soon as the first lorry comes along it scatters all the stones into the ditch leaving all the pot-holes rather bigger than before.

I noticed some months ago that the road from Oylegate to Redgate was properly repaired and steamrolled. This road seems to me of much less importance than the Curracloe one as it is quite impossible to expect visitors to our coast to face the twelve miles nightmare from Enniscorthy as apart from the personal discomfort every trip must shorten the life of a car by weeks.

I would be glad if you would bring this matter to the notice of your Council and those who are at the moment inquiring into the state of the roads in County Wexford."

The Secretary stated that the improvement of the road Oylegate to Redgate, referred to by Mr. Maher, had been



carried out through Relief Grant, as a number of unemployed resided in the village of Oylegate and neighbourhood.

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

"That Mr. Maher be informed the County Council have scheduled road mentioned in his letter for special improvement if money can be made available. As regards the repair of road from Oylegate to Redgate, the expense of this work was not borne by County Funds, but was carried out under Government Relief Grant in consequence of the large amount of unemployment in Oylegate village and neighbourhood."

#### NEW ROSS - CAMPILE ROAD

The Manager of Shelbourne Agricultural Co-operative Society forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of that Society on the 11th August 1937:-

"That we call the attention of the County Council of Wexford to the dangerous condition of the New Ross Road on which accidents are happening to farmers' horses every other day; and we trust that when finishing the surfacing of the Campile road the Council and County Surveyor will take steps to provide for the safety of farmers' horses and carts doing business in Campile."

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

"That resolution from Shelbourne Co-operative Society as to condition of New Ross to Campile road, be referred to County Surveyor for favourable consideration."

#### GOREY GARDEN CITY ROAD

Under date 26th August, 1937, the following was read from Patrick Redmond, Secretary, Irish Labour Party,



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"I am directed by my Committee to write to you to ask your Council to have the Garden City Road done before the bad weather sets in and to have stones broken by hand for same."

Under date 28th August 1937, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, wrote that a Grant was available for this road and work would be put in hands as soon as the initial drilling and blasting at Gorey Hill quarry had been carried out.

It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

#### COMPLAINT OF TARA HILL WORKERS

Under date 23rd August 1937, the following was read:-

"At your last meeting a statement was made re the employment of the men in Tara Hill area. Mr. Treanor, in a reply to Mr. Keegan, stated there were no idle men in this district to which he could give any work. Now, we, the undersigned, wish to contradict that most emphatically. For a number of years back, there has been a number of men who have never been given the chance to earn a day's pay. Road work and quarry work has been given to the same group all the time. We want to impress upon you the need of seeing that every man gets his share of any work that is to be done here in future, and that Gorey men will not be sent out to our doors to snatch the bit of work which rightfully belongs to us. How many men of Tara Hill will be given a job on the streets of Gorey? Once again we ask you who have the power to stop this injustice from continuing. Signed by John Dixon, Denis Lawlor, Patrick Gannon, Thomas Gannon, Junr., James Gannon, Peter Hughes, Patrick Spencer, Thomas Gannon, Sen., and Patrick Fortune."

In reply, under date 30th August 1937, letter was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.



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"Yours of 27th instant with copy of letter re above enclosed, and in reply deal with matters referred to and men whose names appear as signatories.

When I stated unemployed were given an opportunity for work, I did so with the knowledge that from list of names supplied to me by Exchange when applied to for same, work was offered to all so registered under Minor Relief Scheme with the exception of three members of Gannon family. In this instance, I offered work to the father, who was in receipt of eleven shillings, but not to three sons who between them were drawing sixteen shillings per week. The father refused to work and asked me to take on one of sons instead - this I refused to do which accounts for his non-employment on this Scheme.

Of the other names to document only one of these was registered and accepted work when offered.

Reference is made to a man with four young children not getting any work. This description applies to only one of those who signed document, and he was employed. Further, this man denies having put his name or agreeing to his name being used though canvassed to do so.

Taking names as signed:-

John Dixon. In this case work was given this man at hand-breaking in Tara Hill some time ago, but before completing a full day's work, gave up. He sought for work again in June under Minor Relief Scheme, but not being registered could not be taken on. I have lately been informed that he has been working with farmer since Spring and is still working.

Gannons. The four names in this instance are belonging to one family and have been dealt with already in this.

Denis Lawlor. I have no recollection of this man applying for work. He was not employed on Relief Scheme as not registered as unemployed. I understand he also has been at work since early Spring and engaged at same place.

Patrick Hughes. I have made inquiries in locality, but failed to trace any man bearing this name.

Pat Spencer. This man was employed at Gorey Factory and I believe new Hospital Buildings. He was not registered as unemployed, and besides, gave up working under County Council some twelve or fourteen years ago.

Pat Fortune. This man denies having signed document and was engaged at work under Minor Relief Scheme."

Patrick Fortune wrote that he knew nothing about the letter from Tara Hill workers. He never signed it and he was at present working under County Council at Ahare River.

Mr. Keegan said that a complaint had been made to him in July last by a man who was not a worker as to allocation of work for Tara Hill men. He (Mr. Keegan) had moved some



time ago that a certain number of roads should be confined to Tara Hill worker and the principal complaint of the latter was that the roads in the district were done by a gang from Gorey town. Of course, what happened in connection with Tara Hill was that about 25 years ago a number of new people came into the district which now had an excess population as regards work. He (Mr. Keegan) was of opinion that the roads, but not Main Roads from the Railway Bridge at Gorey to Williams' Turn - in fact, all the roads from Gorey Railway Bridge bounded by the sea, should be dealt with by Tara Hill workers.

After further discussion, Mr. Keegan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to submit to next meeting of Finance Committee his recommendations as to particular roads on which maintenance work is to be confined to Tara Hill workers."

#### DANGER SIGNS - CLONJORDAN LANE

Under date 11th August 1937, Lt.Col. W. M. Acton, Kerswell, Chudleigh, S. Devon, England, wrote suggesting that road signs should be placed on either side of the lane at Clonjordan, where it entered the Ballycarney - Enniscorthy road at Farmleigh. The entrance from this lane into the main road was absolutely blind and according to report of the Civic Guards the visibility from the lane did not exceed five yards. He considered that this junction was the most dangerous he had ever seen.

The County Surveyor said he had seen the place with Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, and proposed to make alterations in the fence to improve the view. The place was dangerous to strange drivers.



### CYCLING ACCIDENT

Annie J. Grant, Houselands, Fethard-on-Sea, wrote under date 23rd August 1937, that while cycling from Houselands to Fethard on 10th July she ran into a newly dug drain between Chapman's farm and Hearne's of Ralph. The road was down hill and the drain was not visible until too late to avoid it. She was thrown violently and besides sustaining several abrasions suffered from shock. The frame of her machine was broken. She asked for a refund of the doctor's fees and also the price of a new frame for her machine.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for report and that he consult the County Solicitor as regards the liability of the Council for the accident in question.

### APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY

Preliminary Notice of Application for £100 compensation for alleged Criminal Injury to engine of motor boat at Ballinatray Lower, was received on behalf of Andrew Wafer, Courtown Harbour.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said so far he had not received any report from the Civic Guards in this matter.

It was decided that the County Solicitor approach the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, with a view to securing a report from the Gardai relative to the damage.

### SHEEP DIPPING

Under date 17th August, 1937, Mr. Ringwood, V.S., Enniscorthy, wrote stating he noted the County Council hoped the Inspectors would show an increased number of sheep dipped this year. This, in his view, invited them to neglect small owners and go to the man who had 200 sheep



or so in order to bring their figures up. It had always been his view it was better for the Inspectors to pay attention to the owners of small flocks than to the owners of large ones. The latter would dip their sheep for their own safety as they knew and saw the benefits of dipping, whereas a small owner would not go to the trouble of getting a tub to dip unless he is obliged to do so.

The weekly reports of the lay Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order from the opening of the Dipping Period to the 28th August were examined by the Committee. With the exception of Patrick Ormonde the Committee considered that the five other Inspectors could have been more energetic.

It was decided to point out to the five Inspectors that the Finance Committee were of opinion they were not sufficiently active in the discharge of their duties, and the Committee expected that reports for next meeting would show a considerable increase in the number of animals dipped.

#### DUMP AT COURTTOWN

Mr. Keegan mentioned that in his opinion there was no great objection to the dump at Courtown, although the Harbour Commissioners had asked that it be closed. If the hole were filled he could not see any objection to it.

#### ROADS IN BLACKWATER DISTRICT

The following under date 29th August, 1937, was read from Mr. R. Morton of Ballinaclash, Blackwater:-

"I would be much obliged if you would bring before the County Council the state of the roads in this neighborhood as they are quite dangerous and are almost impassable.

It is with great reluctance that I write, but they have got into such a state that a user carries his life in his hands."



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The County Surveyor said the loop road off the main road at Blackwater was certainly in a poor condition, but he did not agree that the complaint was justified as regards all roads in this area. Two persons were in with him complaining of the same road recently. It was a very minor road in the old days, but had become more important with the advent of motor traffic. The surface was indifferent but he would arrange to do the best he could with the money allocated.

#### FOOTPATHS IN GOREY

P. Redmond, Secretary, Irish Labour Party, 47 Garden City, Gorey, wrote asking the Council to have concrete paths laid at both sides of Grattan Street, Gorey, and also that path leading from Railway Goods Store gate to Convent National Schools on to St. Michael's Church should be relaid in concrete. This path carried more traffic than any other path in the town.

Referred to County Surveyor.

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 18th August 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister had assented to the proposals of the Council in connection with the improvement of Bunclody streets.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS FROM APPLICANTS: Under date 27th August, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. 116/37) that in connection with applications for loans under above Acts information should be submitted to the Department as to occupation of applicants - and if in permanent employment, also annual salary or income, and if Local Authority were satisfied that applicants would be in a position to repay punctually



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advances when due and to maintain the premises in good condition.

The Secretary stated that the information required by the Department would be furnished with all future applications.

MICHAEL WICKHAM, TOMNALOSSETT, ENNISCORTHY: In connection with report that house erected by this man, and in respect of which loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been obtained, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, received letter under date 29th August, 1937, from Wickham stating that he was going into occupation of the house at an early date. He admitted it had been let as a temporary measure but he had now decided to reside in it himself.

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

"That the County Solicitor inform Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, that as regards house erected by him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts it will be necessary that he should take up his residence therein by Monday, 4th October, 1937."

JAMES SHEIL, ST. MARY'S TERRACE, ROSSLARE: Under date 1st September 1937, James Sheil wrote that he had applied for loan of £248. 10. 0 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and he was expecting notification of his acceptance for loan, as on 25th May last, Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, wrote to him his application had been granted. He had all gravel and breeze on the site and water laid on. He wished to know how soon he might calculate on receiving amount of loan.

The Secretary stated this man's application was rejected by Finance Committee which pointed out that he could avail of one of the new houses about to be erected by the County Board of Health at Rosslare Harbour. Through



the mistake of typist in Mr. Elgee's office, he was informed his application had been accepted. At the same time, Mr. Elgee had written that Sheil should not take any steps relative to erection of house until he was advised that his Title was in order.

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

"That in view of letter of County Solicitor to James Sheil, St. Mary's Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, the Council be recommended to advance loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, amount of same to be fixed in accordance with regulations issued by the Council and to value of house as ascertained by Assistant Surveyor for the district."

MARGARET CULLEN, GRANGE, FETHARD: Application for advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was received from Mrs. Cullen. She wrote that she was unsuccessful in securing Government Grant.

It was decided to inform Mrs. Cullen that advances by Wexford County Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts are confined to applicants in whose cases Government Grants have been made available.

#### APPLICATION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL COMMITTAL

Notification was received from the Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., "Ardeen", St. John's Road, Wexford, as to application to be made to the District Justice in the Childrens' Court, New Ross, on 6th September 1937, for the committal of Mary Sunderland (illegitimate), Ballyanne, New Ross, to Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 23rd August, 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L. 3484/37) acknowledging report from Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector for Wexford District, and stated that his observations in the matter had been noted. As regards the statement in report of Mr. Staples that certain stock owners were not carrying out the dressings under the Order, the Department inquired as to whether in making this statement, he had any particular stock owners in mind, and, if so, what steps, if any, were taken by him to secure their compliance with the Order.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Department's letter was sent to Mr. Staples on the 24th August 1937, but so far no reply had been received.

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

"That Mr. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, local Veterinary Inspector, be requested to furnish his observations regarding letter from the Department of Agriculture under date 23rd August, 1937, No. L. 3484/37."

Under date 18th August, 1937, (No. L. 3154/37) the Department of Agriculture wrote that refunds might be made to the ex-temporary Inspectors in respect of items - postage and stationery - provided claims were properly vouched and that the Council were satisfied that the expenditure in question was necessary.

The following are the claims referred to by the Department of Agriculture:- William Carty, 1/-; James Doyle, 1/-; Dermot E. Druhan, 3/6d; M. J. O'Connor, 7/9; Patrick Rossiter 2/4d.

It was decided that Secretary ask claimants to furnish vouchers in accordance with the decision of the Department of Agriculture.



At the last County Council meeting a proposal of Finance Committee to allow £20 to Assistant Secretary for extra work in connection with administration of Warble Fly Order was adjourned for the attendance of the Chairman who stated he was satisfied that the amount should be paid.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd September 1937 be received and considered."

ABATEMENT FORMS: Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:-

"That in connection with recommendation of Finance Committee that ratepayers whose workers had drawn sickness benefit for a period not exceeding two months in the year be qualified for full abatement of rates, we dissent from said resolution and recommend that disqualification for full abatement apply only in cases in which sickness benefit received by workers does not exceed four weeks."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee that sickness benefit for a period not exceeding two months of the year should not disqualify ratepayers for full abatement of rates.

After further discussion the Chairman suggested that both motions should be withdrawn. This was agreed to and he then proposed as a compromise, the following:-

"That in cases in which workers receive sickness benefit for a period not exceeding six weeks in the year, Ratepayer Employers be considered as qualified to receive full abatement of rates."

Mr. Keegan seconded the motion which was adopted.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Some members called attention to the fact that in the awards two members of the same family were receiving

Scholarships.



The Chairman gave notice to move at a subsequent meeting that the Council consider the advisability of awarding only one Scholarship in cases in which two members of the same family are successful at the examination held under the Scheme.

SEWERAGE WORK AND WIDENING ROAD AT ROSSLARE STRAND: In connection with recommendation of Finance Committee that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, consult with Mr. J.J. Bolger, Solicitor to County Board of Health, relative to claim by Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. J. J. Kelly, Cedars, Rosslare and take any steps he might think necessary relative to arbitration, Mr. Elgee submitted letter from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Rowe Street, Wexford, under date 10th September, that they had issued Circuit Court Civil Bill in the matter and asked Mr. Elgee to accept service of same.

Mr. Elgee stated he had written Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan that he was prepared to accept service.

COMPLAINT TARA HILL WORKERS: Col. Quin said that as regards Pat Fortune it appeared a "beastly forgery" had been committed. This man's name was attached to the representations in connection with the application for work and he stated most definitely in his letter that he knew nothing about the representations and that he had never signed them.

FOOTPATHS IN GOREY: The County Surveyor stated sections of this footpath were being laid down every year and he believed it would be unreasonable to take the whole side of a street and expect the County Council to deal with the paths offhand. The same claim could be made for every



small town in the County. The best he could do was to carry out the work piece meal, as he had stated and money was only available for this procedure.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER: At the meeting of County Council on 9th August 1937, a recommendation of the Finance Committee to allow the Assistant Secretary a sum of £20 for extra work under above Order was adjourned for the attendance of the Chairman.

At the Finance Committee meeting of 3rd September 1937, the Chairman said that he was satisfied the amount should be paid, but, for next year the question of clerical assistance should be considered when the Warble Fly Inspectors were being appointed.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kinsella proposed that the matter be adjourned.

There was no seconder and the resolution was adopted, Mr. Kinsella dissenting.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd September 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed unless where same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS - REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The following report of Special Roads Committee was submitted:-



At the meeting of Wexford County Council on 9th August 1937 a special Roads Committee consisting of the following members was appointed to consider the formulation of a Scheme for the improvement of the roads of the County:-

Enniscorthy: Messrs. John P. Kelly and M. Sweetman.

Gorey: Messrs. W. P. Keegan and Sean O'Byrne.

New Ross: Messrs. T. Redmond and James E. Walsh.

Wexford: Col. Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan.

The Chairman (Mr. Allen) and Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish) ex-officio members.

A meeting of the Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th August 1937, the following being in attendance:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. R. Corish, Col. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Miss O'Ryan and Thomas Redmond.

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

Mr. Redmond said he moved in this matter as the result of repeated complaints from users of the roads in New Ross District and especially the farming community. It had been pointed out that the bye-roads are now reduced to such a condition that a big percentage will be impassible during the coming Winter. This will occur at a time when one of the most intensive tillage areas in Wexford will need the roads most for the harvest and beet seasons, and it was in the hope that some immediate steps would be taken that he was now pressing the matter on the attention of the Council. The present problem of road maintenance was one for which the Council was not prepared or responsible. It is the result of a sudden change from horse to mechanical traffic - a class of traffic for which the roads to which he was referring were never intended. The fact remained that the lorry,



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is on the road and has been accepted for the present at any rate, as the normal method of road transport and, in consequence, Wexford County Council, as were the Councils of every other County, ~~were~~ confronted with a task with which, apparently, they were unable to cope with financially without placing further burdens on the ratepayers. He was as much averse to increasing the rates as any other member, but he had come to realise that something must be done if they were to avoid a general strike in payment of rates. It was for the Committee to try to hammer out a scheme by which the situation can be reasonably met. Continuing, Mr. Redmond said he believed the procedure of members inducing the Council to seek for loans for the reconstruction of roads in their own areas was selfish and shortsighted. Ratepayers, past whose doors ran very poor roads in which very little interest appeared to be taken, had to meet these loan charges as well as those directly benefiting. He then instanced the case of the roads in New Ross Urban Area which since they had come under the County Council, with the provision of a large sum for repair under a comprehensive scheme, were now thoroughly sound and would require little expenditure for a number of years, though three years ago they were in a deplorable condition. Something similar should be done for the rural roads.

In reply to Mr. Redmond the County Surveyor said that with the allocation for the third class roads, he could just keep them going.

The Chairman said that Mr. Redmond appeared to believe that the County Council favoured one part of the County and that New Ross area was badly treated. The Council considered only the need wherever existing and never discriminated against any particular part.

The County Surveyor stated that when he discussed the



general allocation with the Assistant Surveyors, the latter-naturally - wanted as much money as possible for their own districts, and he (County Surveyor) did his best to keep the balance fairly adjusted.

Mr. Redmond said he believed the actual money allocated for New Ross roads was spent as evenly and as honestly as possible, but the allocation was insufficient and they were now faced with the real problem - where could the County Council obtain money to improve these roads. The scheme of loans for New Ross Urban area did not add a penny to the rates as the repayment of the loans was less than the previous maintenance charge. It was quite evident the roads could not be properly maintained on the existing allocation. If the Council borrowed £20,000 at 4 per cent for 15 years the annual repayment by instalment system of loan would amount to £1760 and to borrow half the amount for the same period would mean an annual repayment of £880. The Department should consider favourably an application from the County Council to supplement the sum provided by the County Council in view of the fact that several of the roads requiring special expenditure were now carrying as much traffic as some of their main roads. It certainly was within possibility that if the main roads Scheme was under review, it would include a number of the most important of the existing County roads. A very grave danger was that if they allowed the roads to deteriorate it would mean increased expenditure over a very long period to make up for the neglect of only a few years.

The Chairman said that there would be general agreement as to the necessity for keeping their roads up to standard but where was the money to come from?

The County Surveyor explained that according to official returns the following is the mileage of Wexford Roads:-



	<u>Miles</u>
Trunk and Link	291
County Roads (Third Class)	1245
do. do. (Fourth Class)	<u>446</u>
Total	1982

The average expenditure for main and link roads in 1935 in An Saorstat was £84 per mile and in Wexford £92.

The average expenditure for same period for all direct labour County Roads was £24 in An Saorstat in 1935 and in County Wexford £12.

The average for all County Roads was £18 and for County Wexford £11. All other Counties, with the exception of two showed a higher expenditure under this head. Leix spent the same amount as Wexford and Mayo £1 under that. Taking the four Counties contiguous to Wexford the percentage of main roads as compared with County Roads is as follows:-

Carlow	21
Kilkenny	19
Waterford	18
Wicklow	23

while the percentage for Wexford was 15. In 1936 the Maintenance Grant was £11958, Improvement Grant £11064, and Relief Grant £6630, a total of £29,652.

It was stated that the receipts for motor tax and for driving licences for the financial year 1936 were £26480 and for year 1937 £27426. The Council had no information as to amount received for petrol tax or for import duty on cars, but as these were raised for general taxation they could not be included in Road Administration.

In reply to Col. Gibbon the County Surveyor said all the trunk roads and half the link roads had been reconstructed. It was impossible to give an average for the state of the third and fourth class roads, but something over 400 miles of the third class roads were in bad condition. A number of the leading third class roads were carrying excep-



tionally heavy traffic and if these could be improved, it would be possible to deal with the balance. The fourth class roads could be described as accommodation roads affording a way for farmers to get on to a more important road.

Col. Gibbon considered the Council should approach the Government to secure a prohibition order against heavy lorries using roads which could not stand up to these vehicles and limiting the latter to the use of certain scheduled roads. They should try and agree on the standard of improvement for their third class roads. Then there was the question as to whether if money could be made available it should be all spent at once or spread over a certain period of years. The later plan, Col. Gibbon pointed out, had been successful and would not be so onerous financially. In conclusion he said that they should call for an increase in the taxation of very heavy lorries which were really causing the largest amount of damage to roads which were never built for such traffic.

The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said that 300 miles of the third class roads were really important and if funds were at hand he would put down on them a bitumen mastic macadam carpet in a five or ten years' programme. He advocated the work should be done out of revenue and one shilling to one shilling and sixpence in the £ on the rates would provide sufficient to meet all requirements. £5,000 yearly for five years would effect a great improvement.

The Chairman said they had a programme for the expenditure of £80,000 on hospitals of which the County must provide one-third. The present could be described as their building period and until it was finished it would be difficult to see how money for road improvement could be found. It was essential they should take into consideration the amounts required by the Subsidiary Bodies and the



in five or six years and No. 4 estimate to keep them from deterioration.

Fourth Class roads - which are really accommodation roads - to be left out of count for the present.

Specifications for Nos. 2 and 3 are to be complete as to bottoming, surfacing and subsequent maintenance.

The Committee then adjourned to 3rd September 1937.



The adjourned meeting of Special Roads Committee was held on 3rd September 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Col. Gibbon, Messrs. W. P. Keegan, T. Redmond and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The County Surveyor submitted map on which he had marked  $354\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the most important County Roads.

The following is the list:-



ROAD	TERMINAL POINTS	MILES	OBSERVATIONS
Gorey-Tinahely	Gorey Main Street to County Bounds Barnadown	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	Through Hollyfort and Wicklow Gap
Carnew-Arklow	Limerick to County Bounds Lattinstown With branches to Inch and Tubberduff Bridge	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	Through Coolgreany
Gorey-Sea	Gorey Bridge to Old Coast Guard Station At Ballymoney with Branches to Kildermot Cross and Main Road at Ballyteigan	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tourist Route
Camolin-Carnew	Camolin to Craanford	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Camolin-Carnew	Camolin to turn Kilthomas	4	Joins next Road
Ferns-Carnew	Rectory Gate Ferns to County Bounds Money	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	Over Slieveboy by Kilthomas
Camolin-Courtown	Ballydaniel Bridge to Riverchapel	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Passes Balloughter and crosses Gorey Wexford Link Rd.
Clogh- Enniscorthy	Clogh to Main Road at Rectory Turn	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thro Balloughter, The Harrow and Solsborough
Courtown - Blackwater	Courtown Harbour and Main Road Ballinatray to Blackwater	16	Tourist Route by coast, through Kilmuckridge
Ballycanew- Kilmuckridge	Ballycanew to Upton	7	Through Killenagh
Ferns- Ballygarrett	Main Road Ferns to turn Knockadaw	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Through The Harrow and Boleyvogue, and crosses Main Rd. Ballyedmond
Enniscorthy- Kilmuckridge	Main Road Oulartwick to Kilmuckridge and Oulart to Main Road Kilnamanagh	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	Through Raheenduff Branch from Main Road Oulart past R.C. Church
		104 $\frac{1}{2}$	



ROAD	TERMINAL POINTS	MILES	OBSERVATIONS
Enniscorthy- Blackwater	Main Road Tomnafinshoge to Main Road at Castle Ellis	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	Through The Ballagh - is used as through route Enniscorthy to Blackwater
Bunclody- Shillelagh	Main Road near Bunclody to County Bounds Garryhaston	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	Along County Bounds past Clonegal Bridge
Enniscorthy- Carnew	Scarawalsh Bridge to County Bounds Knocknalour with branch to Strahart	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Through Tombrack and Ballyroe buck - also Ballycarney
Kiltealy-Ferns	Wheelagower Cross to turn Craan near Ferns	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	Leading Road through Ballindaggin and Ballycarney
Bunclody-New Ross	Dorans Cross to Main Road Ballinlug	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Used as thro route - leaving Main Road thro Kiltealy to West.
Enniscorthy- Templeshambo	Milehouse to Bolabeg	6	Leading Road Enniscorthy, Ballindaggin etc.
Enniscorthy- Killanne	Bellfield to Killanne	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	Leading Road Enniscorthy to Blackstairs Mountain etc.
Enniscorthy- New Ross	Enniscorthy Town to Main Road Bloomfield	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Leading Road from top of Enniscorthy at Duffrey Gate.
Enniscorthy- Ferns	Enniscorthy Main Road Blackstoops	$\frac{1}{2}$	Leading Road Do. Do.
Enniscorthy- Taghmon	Main Road Knockmarshal to Taghmon	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	Leading Road through Bree and Galbally.
Enniscorthy- Curracloe	Enniscorthy Urban to Curracloe Branch of above to Coolnaboy	13 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tourist Route thro Ballymurrin and Screen to Sea. Route from Wexford to Glenbrien
Enniscorthy- Killurin	Borodale to Killurin	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	Three Railway Stations off this route.
		87 $\frac{1}{4}$	



LIST OF IMPORTANT COUNTY ROADS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT

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ROAD:	TERMINAL POINTS	MILES	OBSERVATIONS
Adamstown-Macmine	The Leap - Macmine Railway Station	6	By Sparrowsland Bridge (Railway) And Clonmore to Railway Station
Bree-Edermine	Ballybuckley turn to Main Road Edermine	2	Serves Edermine Railway Station
Castlebridge-Blackwater	Whittys's Cross Main Road to Crosshue Main Road	2	Leading Road Castlebridge to Blackwater
Enniscorthy-Castlebridge	Ballymurrin to Castlebridge	4½	
Killurin - Castlebridge	Killurin to Castlebridge with branch to Main Road at Garrycleary	6¾	By Deeps Bridge, Kyle and Crossabeg, Branch past R.C. Church
Adamstown-Campile	Main Road Adamstown to Campile with branch	13	Thro Newbawn and Dunmain
Adamstown - Palace	Turn at Adamstown Bridge to Main Road Palace	4¾	Via Templesheelan past Palace Railway Station
Clonroche-Ballinaboola	Tomfarney Main Road Ballinaboola	6¼	Thro Old Ross
Castleboro-Chapel	Main Road Aughnagopple to Chapel	3	Thro Clonroche
Old Ross-Pollmounty	Old Ross Pollmounty	6½	Past Rathgarogue and Ballywilliam Railway Station
New Ross-Palace	Urban Bounds to Turn Ballagh	6½	Leads to Palace Railway Station
New Ross-Vexford	Urban Bounds at two places to Main Road	1	Two Tie Roads connecting Main Road with upper part Of Town

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ROAD	TERMINAL POINTS	MILES	OBSERVATIONS
Ballinaboola-Fethard	Ballinaboola to Main Road Poulfur	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thro Cassagh, Ballycullane and Saltmills
New Ross-The Hook	Main Road Horeswood to Portersgate	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thro Campile and adjoining Ramsgrange
Campile-Duncannon	Turn at Ballalley to Duncannon	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	Road from Duncannon to Campile Railway Station
Duncannon-Fethard	Duncannon to Main Road Grange With branch to Haggard	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Fethard-The Hook	Fethard to Portersgate	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Burkestown-Foulksmills	Burkestown Main Road to Foulksmills Main Road	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	By Mullinderry Bridge
Ballinaboola-Wellingtonbridge	Newcastle Main Road Ballylannon Main Road	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thro Clongeen
New Ross-Mountgarrett Br.	Urban Bounds to Woodville Gate	1	This is a 4th class Road - takes traffic Show Ground.
New Ross-Taghmon	Main Road Scullaboge to Main Road near Taghmon	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Past Cullenstown R.C. Church
Wexford-Forth Mountain	Urban Bounds to turn Newbay	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Past Show Ground
Wexford-Kilmore	Kerlogue Main Road to Kilmore	12	Thro Murntown and Baldwinstown
Wexford-Kilmore	Newcastle turn to turn at Kilmore Village	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thro Bridgetown
Taghmon-Duncormick	Main Road Aghermon to Duncormack Main Road	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Thro Tullycanna and Ambrosetown-leads to Rly. Stn.
		75 $\frac{1}{4}$	



LIST OF IMPORTANT COUNTY ROADS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT

5.

ROAD	TERMINAL POINTS	MILES	OBSERVATIONS
Duncormack-Bannow	Main Road Duncormick to Bannow	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Past Coolishal Church and thro Carrick
Bridgetown-Tagoat	Tenacre Main Road to Main Road Tagoat	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Wexford-Rosslare Strand	Ashfield Main Road Rosslare Strand	3	Tourist Route
Rosslare Strand-Carn	Concrete Road at Grange to St. Ivers	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thro Tagoat - Tourist Route
Wexford-Carn	Killinick Main Road to Carn Harbour	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	Thro Broadway and Ladys Island - Tourist Route
		25 $\frac{1}{4}$	

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Dealing with the list, the County Surveyor said that about 40 or 50 miles of these roads had been improved, but their condition was not comparable with that of the main roads. When he (County Surveyor) considered the position he found that to put the 354½ miles into good condition was not feasible - in fact was out of the question as it would cost quarter a million of money. Leaving out of account the large sum necessary it would not be possible to spend it within a reasonable time as he had neither the machinery nor quarries to deal with it. But, if extra money could be provided on a ten year programme very substantial improvement could be effected. Doing these roads bit by bit by an increased allocation on all third class roads would be carrying on to the best advantage.

Mr. Redmond considered that some of the main and link roads requiring improvement were not more important than some of the third class roads and his view was that improvement of the latter should be partly from rates and partly by Government Grant.

The County Surveyor pointed out that a number of years had elapsed since the Main Road Declaration was made. The main roads were the leading roads then, but changing conditions had diverted portion of the motor traffic which resulted in some of their third class roads having to bear excessive traffic.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the County Council should put up a resolution pressing the Government to have money made available on important third class roads. In addition to ordinary motor cars they had lorry and bus traffic which was most destructive to road surfaces. They did not want to de-class any of the main roads, but it was reasonable to expect that third class roads bearing as much - and in some cases - more heavy traffic than some of their main roads, deserved recognition in the way of Grants. They



should be satisfied to continue expanding improvement if a little every year. If they put forward proposals for the improvement of all their third class roads they would not be able to obtain sufficient from the Rates or the Government. They should resist emergency repair unless it could be proved that the road would otherwise go to pieces. He then submitted the following three points for consideration:-

(1) Approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the re-classification of certain important third class roads.

(2) Inform the County Council that it was not possible to improve their third class roads within a limited period.

(3) Rigidly refuse to obtain loan for road repair unless under exceptional circumstances such as the starting of a new industry in the locality.

The Chairman believed it would be more advisable as regards the classification of roads to induce the Government to agree to provide 40 per cent of the expenditure on important third class roads.

Mr. Redmond pointed out it was never the intention of anybody to father a scheme for the repair of all third class roads all at once, as they were up against the prohibitive cost. He asked if the County Surveyor could put forward a concrete scheme now. The problem facing them was the starvation of roads for years, and when intensive traffic arrived the roads were not able to carry it.

The County Surveyor suggested an additional allocation of £9,000 per annum for a period of years for all third class roads - half from Rates and the other half from the State. They should press for a percentage of Maintenance Grant for the important third class roads.

After considerable further discussion the Chairman



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proposed:-

"That portion of Grants from Road Fund in accordance with the recommendations of County Surveyor be applied to important third class roads. That the County Council be recommended to put up for improvement of third class roads the equivalent of a Rate of 4d in the £ in addition to existing maintenance allocation, the Government to provide an equal amount."

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, considered that for at least seven years it would be fatal to eat into the Improvement Grant. It was the only means by which they were really improving their roads and they were only half way through it. The suggested allocation with a certain increase for link roads was necessary if they were going to keep the roads in good condition. From 1923 to 1928 the roads had improved greatly but since then they were gradually going back.

The County Surveyor said that in the opinion of himself and his Assistants, practically every road on the list submitted that day was deteriorating more or less.

The Chairman asked if it could be feasible to have certain roads permanently closed to motor traffic and to have signs erected on those which were suitable for such traffic.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said most of the damage done to roads was by lorries owned by farmers or used for farmers' convenience.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that nine-tenths of the beet traffic was carried in lorries which also delivered goods to the small shops in the country. In fact, lorries had supplanted the horse for all kinds of traffic. Farmers were very badly hit at the present, and in his view, they were unable to pay any higher rates than those existing.



Owing to the improvement of Main Roads it would not be necessary to spend so much money on them in the future, and if the Government could be got to recognise the important third class roads and the same road rate was raised as at present, portion of the money could be employed in the improvement of the third class roads and in this way by degrees they could be brought up to standard.

Mr. Keegan said Col. Gibbon and his party were responsible for the deterioration of the roads by the "penny-wise, pound foolish" policy they adopted in cutting down the County Surveyor's estimate every year to an impossible figure.

The resolution was then put and declared carried, Col. Gibbon dissenting.



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

"That the report of Special Roads Committee be received and considered."

Col. Gibbon said that according to the estimates of the County Surveyor to bring particular roads detailed in report up to the standard of their trunk roads would cost quarter of a million and a large sum for maintenance. In addition to this proposed increase for roads they were going to have a huge increase for public health purposes such as hospitals. He voted against the recommendation of the Roads Committee because he believed the road problem was less urgent than the problem of public health. If they had a greatly increased rate for public health they must reduce in other directions. He generally voted against increased road expenditure because he did not think they could afford it. With the aid of Government Grant they had effected a fair amount of road improvement and if they could get a bit more out of the Road Fund (which was growing year by year) the roads would be satisfactory enough for the time being.

Col. Quin said they could not put the lorry - which was the greatest friend the farmers had - off the roads. These were taxed up to their capacity to pay.

The Chairman said that the County Council were up against a situation in which, if further expenditure was not provided, a number of their third class roads would become impassable. The Committee's proposals would be only sufficient to keep the third class roads in ordinary repair.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Road Fund was in debt to the Exchequer to the extent of a million of money, portion of a larger sum borrowed some years ago for road improvement.



The Chairman proposed:- "That further consideration of recommendations of Roads Committee be adjourned to next County Council meeting and that, in the meantime, report of the Committee be published in local Press in order to allow of the County Council considering any representations which may be made by ratepayers as to the Committee's proposals."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond said that an extraordinary situation as regards their roads had arisen and the Council was prepared to do something if backed by the ratepayers. He (Mr. Redmond) considered in view of the representations of the Committee, the Council should adopt their recommendations. The facts as set out in the report of the Committee could not be challenged.

After further discussion, the resolution was put and passed.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary stated that a Pay Order for £849. 2. 4d on behalf of Enniscorthy Urban Council had just been handed in.

The position as regards the two other Urban Districts (New Ross and Wexford) was the same as at last meeting, Wexford owing a half year up to March last and New Ross a quarter on foot of ordinary demand and half year in respect of roads for same period.

Under date 7th September, 1937, letter was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation, stating that his Finance Committee had asked him to point out that owing to the death of the Poor Rate Collector the collection had to be suspended pending a new appointment. When this took place every effort would be made to bring the Demand up to date.



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In reply to query the Secretary said that the Poor Rate Collector referred to died on 27th April last.

Mr. Ronan asked if the Corporation could get an overdraft to pay the amount due. The Council would have to get an overdraft if they were short of the amount of rate due. Some effort should be made to get the money out of them.

Mr. Culleton said that before Mr. Corish left the meeting he asked him to refer to the matter and to state that the Corporation had some difficulty owing to the death of the Collector, and within the past few years he (Mr. Culleton) thought, four Collectors died, which dislocated matters considerably. The Corporation had owed £10,000, but had reduced that amount considerably, and if they had the matter of the appointment of a Collector cleared up, they would make every effort to reduce the amount. They had done pretty well, and the position was due to circumstances over which they had no control. He thought they were making every effort to reduce the amount.

Mr. Ronan proposed that the Corporation be asked to provide an amount of overdraft sufficient to clear off the demand of County Council to 30th September.

Col. Quin seconded, and the proposition was passed.

#### WATER SUPPLY - MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following motion of which he had given previous notice, and which was circulated to County Councillors on 10th August, 1937, was moved by Mr. Kelly:-

"That a sum of £2,000 (Two Thousand Pounds) be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund or other approved source for the installation of Mental Hospital Water Supply."

At the suggestion of the Chairman the motion was amended to read "That a sum of £2,000 or such lesser sum



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as may be found adequate, be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund or other approved source for the installation of Mental Hospital Water Supply".

Mr. Kelly proposed the motion in these terms.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded, and the proposal was adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE AND POUNDKEEPER.

Two applications were submitted for the above appointment:-

Robert Valentine, son of the late caretaker of Gorey Courthouse, and

Thomas Dwyer, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.

Mrs. Valentine, widow of the deceased caretaker, also submitted an application, but wrote under date 10th September 1937, withdrawing same.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the election of Robert Valentine.

Mr. Lawler proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the appointment of Thomas Dwyer.

The following is result of poll:-

For Dwyer: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Lawler, Ml. Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman.  
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For Valentine: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Quin. - 6.

Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, and Kelly did not vote.

Messrs. Corish, Gibbon and Kinsella were absent.

The Chairman declared Dwyer elected.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Sweetman:-

"That Thomas Dwyer, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, be elected Caretaker of Courthouse and Pound Keeper at Gorey, on the terms and conditions supplied to applicants in



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connection with the appointment, and also subject to the provisions of advertisement issued relative to same.

That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, prepare agreement of occupation of courthouse premises etc., to be executed by Mr. Dwyer."

The latter came before the meeting and expressed his thanks for his election. He said he would do all in his power to carry out his duties satisfactorily.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I wish to apply for the position as caretaker of the Gorey Courthouse and Pound Keeper. If elected to the position, I promise to carry out the duties attached to the best of my ability. I am a married man, age 36 years, with two children. Enclosing references required.

Trusting my application will be considered."

He was recommended by Rev. M. Murphy, P.P., Craanford and Dr. Eugene Connolly, Mayfield, Gorey.

#### REDEMPTION GROUND RENTS COUNTY HALL

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

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 6th August 1937 the sum of £4,151 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited for the purpose of redeeming the Ground Rent of the County Hall, Wexford, said sum to be repaid within 15 years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate varying subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."



### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 2nd September 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637/35) that samples of butter for analysis had been taken by one of their officers at the following centres:-

Enniscorthy	4
Ferns	3
Gorey	4

The samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for the County who certified they proved to be genuine.

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

"That Garda James Grimes (3604) Duncormack Garda Station, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector to Wexford County Council under Food and Drugs Acts for the Administrative County of Wexford, vice Garda Forde (7969) , Duncormack, transferred."

### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 10th September 1937, (Trg./45470) the following was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication with which you enclosed a list giving the names of the candidates to whom your Council desires to award scholarships under the above-mentioned Scheme. In reply, I am to convey the approval of the awards subject to all candidates complying with the requirements of Clause 3 and to the terms of the Scheme generally being observed."

### SEALING MORTGAGE - OFFICE OF WORKS

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"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



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repayment of the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Acts etc."

"That inasmuch as this County Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this County Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this County Council for the time being, countersigned by the Secretary of the County Council of Wexford. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and all such advances shall be lodged to the account of the Wexford County Council in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

#### LOAN FOR ROAD MACHINERY

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

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 21st July 1937, the sum of £2050 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited to defray expenditure on the purchase of road machinery said sum to be repaid within 7 years with interest at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate varying subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."

#### CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENT

The following letter from Office of Public Works, Dublin, under date 4th September, 1937, No. C.87101/1/37 to the County Surveyor was submitted:-



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"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence relative to the proposed improvement of Carne Pier, County Wexford and to state that he is advised that the fishery interests of the area would not warrant an expenditure of the order of your estimate of £1,755. I am to say, however, that if you consider a useful improvement could be effected within a maximum of £500, and if you will be good enough to submit a proposal on that basis, the question of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote will be considered, having regard to the unemployment position in the district."

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

"That communication from Office of Public Works under date 4th September 1937 (C.87/107/1/37) be referred to Finance Committee for consideration."

#### ROAD ENNISCORTHY TO TAGHMON

Messrs. John Leacy, Kilgibbon; James Fortune, Sparrowsland and Owen Murphy, P.C., Ballymorris, attended as a deputation from Bree and Galbally Fianna Fail Cumann as to repair of road from Enniscorthy to Taghmon passing through Bree and Galbally.

Mr. Murphy, spokesman for the deputation, said the road is nearly impassable. It was used by about fifty motor and lorry owners in Enniscorthy and other places. He suggested that this road should be classified as a link road for the purpose of repairs. The amount of material allowed for the repair of the road would not fill the potholes much less keep the road in repair. If the road is not repaired it will be impossible for a motor car to travel on it next winter.

The County Surveyor said that the amount allowed by the County Council was only sufficient to fill the potholes.



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If the Council gave him more money he would be able to put it into decent order, as it was an important road.

Mr. McCarthy - Twelve months ago we had a memorial from motor owners in Enniscorthy about this road, and I and Mr. Kelly brought up the matter and a promise was made that attention would be given to it. I can bear out what the deputation says today. The road is in such a state that people will use any alternative route if they can get one.

Col. Gibbon asked the deputation if they were prepared to agree to an increase of 1/- in the £ in the rates to improve the third class roads, of which this was one.

Mr. T. Redmond - What is the feeling of the rate-payers about the cost of improving the roads - will they be satisfied to have a slight increase in the rates for road improvement?

Chairman - It is more than a slight increase.

Mr. T. Redmond - I am not mentioning any figure, but it is not as much as has been mentioned here.

Mr. Bowe said the Bree road was undoubtedly bad.

The Chairman said that the Council admitted the importance of the Bree road and would do their best they could to have it put into decent repair.

Mr. Lawler remarked that the only thing to do was to raise a loan for this road.

Col. Quin - Everyone wants repairs for their own road. We have over £1,000,000 in loans to pay interest on, and that is a bit thick.

Mr. Keegan said the Council would remember the Bree road was an exceptional case and they should ask the County Surveyor to deal with it.

The suggestion was adopted.

The deputation thanked the members and withdrew.



BALLYGALVERT LANE

The following, which was signed by Rev. M. Rossiter, C.C., Dr. Kissane, and 14 ratepayers, relative to repair of Ballygalvert Lane was read and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration with report of County Surveyor:-

"We, the undersigned, respectfully request the County Council to cut the corners and widen the narrowest points of the lane known as "Ballygalvert Lane" which is about 1½ miles long leading from Donard to Templeudigan. There is a great amount of motor traffic on this lane, and within the last three years four serious accidents occurred at the blind corners. There are six large-sized farms adjoining the land and the adjoining farmers will have no objection to the fences being put back. The lane is a link between the main roads at Donard and Templeudigan. Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor, will be able to verify these statements."

ROSSLARE STRAND ROAD, ROSSLARE

Under date 3rd September 1937, the following was read from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am instructed by the above Cumann to respectfully ask you to bring the following matters before the next meeting of your Council.

When sewerage connections were being made, the concrete road through Rosslare was broken at several points, and in many cases, the holes made therein were not filled. When the wind blows the sand is driven out of these holes which are 4 or 5 inches deep in some places. Motorists and other vehicles have to go to the wrong side of the road when passing to avoid breaking springs, and cyclists are in danger of being thrown from their machines.

In a place like Rosslare where the traffic is so heavy, these holes are highly dangerous and the Cumann requests the County Council to see that the road is put into proper repair immediately.

The Cumann also requests the County Council to see that the dangerous practice which has arisen of late, of dumping building material on the roadside and the leaving of mixed concrete on the road itself, does not occur again. The Cumann submits that the public road is not the place for such operations which nearly resulted in serious consequences this Summer.



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The Cumann also wishes to point out that the electric lamp erected at the entrance to the railway station prevents cyclists and pedestrians on the railway bridge approaching Rosslare having a clear view of the road, especially when meeting motor traffic. Several complaints have been received about people being dazzled owing to the position of this lamp.

Hoping that you will see your way to bring the above matters before your Council and thanking you in anticipation."

Referred to the Finance Committee for consideration in conjunction with report of County Surveyor.

#### INJURY TO WORKMAN - AGREEMENT FOR COMPENSATION

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to agreement between said Council and Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, 34 Dame Street, Dublin, providing for compensation of £85 with £7. 7. 0 costs and £5. 5. 0d medical expenses in the case of Michael Jefford, 46 Bewley Street, New Ross, for injury to his hand."

#### FOOTPATH NEAR WEXFORD CEMETERY

Mr. Kinsella complained of the footpath adjacent to the cemetery at Crosstown, Wexford. Rocks were coming up through it.

The County Surveyor said he would examine this footpath, but believed it was not so bad as stated.

#### FOOTPATH - ROAD ENNISCORTHY-FERNS

Mr. Ronan complained of the footpath on above road, outside Enniscorthy. It was fairly decent before it was done, but it was now hopeless, and people were declining to walk on it. It was too high on the inside.

The County Surveyor stated that owing to the tremendous amount of fast traffic on this road the footpath had been improved for public safety.

Mr. Ronan said it was unsatisfactory in its present state.



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The County Surveyor said he would examine this footpath again in view of Mr. Ronan's complaint.

#### FOOTPATH - FERNS

Mr. Connors said the footpath in Ferns from village down to the station was in a bad state, and people were obliged to walk on the road which was subject to very heavy traffic.

Mr. Ronan agreed with this.

It was decided that the County Surveyor examine the footpath and report.

#### ROADS AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY

Letter from Robert Spencer, Ballymoney, Gorey, under date 9th September 1937, called attention to the roads leading from Gorey to Ballymoney, via Ballycomclone and Kilmurray linking up with the trunk road, Gorey to Arklow.

Referred to Finance Committee for consideration and report.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Michael R. Moran, Castle Street, Enniscorthy, and to Laurence Doyle, Ferns, reports having been received from Garda Síochána that they had no objection to same.

That renewals under this Act be issued to Peter Healy 82 North Main Street, Wexford and W. J. Haughton, Ferns."

#### LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONERS

The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That, as the Appointments Commissioners have not the confidence of the people or the Local Authorities in Éire, this Council requests their immediate abolition, and further



that an expression of an opinion be sought from the various Local Authorities with a view to having the Commissioners abolished."

The following was received from Sligo County Council:-

"That having had experience of the recommendations of the Appointments Commissioners to positions in this County and others, since their inception, we hereby express our utter want of confidence in the selections generally made and ask for their abolition and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each County Council in An Saorstát."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Ronan, seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond and adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards resolutions from Dublin and Sligo County Councils recommending the abolition of Appointments Commission."

#### PIG FAIRS ETC.

Under date 31st August, 1937, the Pigs Marketing Board wrote P.C.56/37 that it was found that printed lists of Pig Fairs to be held in various centres in the County were anything but reliable, and if the Council could furnish information as to the pig fairs to be held in the County in each month, giving the town, date of Fair, estimated number of pigs to be on sale and number of pigs sold at fair held about same date in 1936, the Board would advise curers of the information, and a market at fixed prices for pigs would be available for producers.

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

"That we recommend the Pigs Marketing Board to approach the Department of Agriculture which might be able to arrange that Market reporters (generally Instructors in Agriculture) would supply the necessary information relative to Pig Fairs. It is understood these reporters send all information to the Department of Industry & Commerce."



### OLD AGE PENSIONERS

Resolution was received from the Limerick City Council calling on the President of the Executive Council to introduce legislation whereby Old Age Pensioners in the Free State who are in receipt of small allowances from their Trade Unions or from former employers shall be entitled to the full 10/- per week Old Age Pension without any deduction.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

### "CUTS" IN PAY OF GARDA SIOCHANA

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

"That the Government be requested to restore the "cuts" in the pay of Garda Siochana."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish pointed out that the Garda Siochana since 1924 had suffered a cut of 17 per cent while the boot allowance, given in Northern Ireland and Great Britain had been abolished. Their cycling allowance was £2. 10. 0 as compared with £12. 10. 0 for Northern Ireland and Great Britain. In 1924 an assurance had been given to the Guards that the "cuts" would be restored, as happened with other officials, but so far, this promise had not been carried out. Mr. Corish also referred to the fact that the cuts would interfere with the amount of the pensions.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

Col. Quin, while expressing every sympathy with the Gardai, considered that the proposal should not be considered as it had nothing to do with the business of the Council.



Mr. McCarthy pointed out that while other people could form an organisation to press their claims the Gardai could not do so, and had to rely on public boards in helping their demands which he thought was reasonable.

Col. Gibbon supported the motion. The Gardai were doing good work and the cost of living had gone up very considerably.

Mr. Culleton held it was quite right for the public bodies to back up the Gardai in their demands.

Col. Quin pointed out that if they started on this, other people whose salaries or status might be interfered with, would expect the help of the Council for their reinstatement.

Mr. Ronan said he would like to see the Gardai well paid and to have them a contented force. They were a necessity in the country and were doing their duty fairly well. The Government should examine the question and decide whether it was possible to increase their present salaries. He then proposed as an amendment:-

"That this County Council ask the Government to examine the question of "cuts" in salaries of members of the Garda Siochana."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond said he had the greatest sympathy for the Gardai in this matter, and would like to see them well paid, as they were a splendid force and doing their duty excellently, but as far as he was personally concerned, he was not acquainted with the position and he was unaware of how much a Garda or Sergeant was paid. He didn't even know what the "cuts" were ~~for~~ and didn't know why they were brought about. What Government was responsible? Before deciding on anything, he considered the motion of Mr. Corish should be adjourned for the present and let the



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Council know exactly what the position is, what the Gardai are paid at present and what they received when the force was organised, when the "cuts" were made and why; also, why there was no objection advanced about these "cuts" up to the present.

Mr. Sweetman said they should look at this question from the point of view of what the Gardai Siochana were costing the country. As regards the figures which had been quoted that the members of the Gardai were receiving less than the plice in England, it would be interesting to find out the number of police in England per head of population and the same information for An Saorstat, also what the increase was going to cost the country per head. To a casual observer it appeared there were too many of the Gardai and it was hard luck on them if they had to be underpaid on account of the economic point of view. When considering the matter they might recommend not only better salaries but fewer Guards.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council had no responsibility in the matter. While he would like to see the Gardai contented and well paid, he objected strongly to the making of comparisons with other countries. This, he believed, to be bad nationally, and might lead to having a move for another Act of Union. There were far more police per head in Ireland than in England. This was purely and solely a matter for the Government. He agreed that the Government should be asked to investigate the question as to whether the Gardai were adequately paid and considered that was a reasonable motion for the Council to pass.

Mr. Sweetman said it was scarcely fair to say they had not the figures because a good many of the Councillors had. Personally, he had seen and read them all.



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Mr. Corish pointed out that as regards the County Council interfering in this matter the Gardai by reason of their position were not allowed to become members of any organisation. They had, therefore, no organised body to champion their cause. It was on the report of the Queensborough Commission that the pay of the Gardai was based, and all they were asked to do was to support the proposal that this basis should be restored. As regards the number of Police in England and Ireland, the duties of the police in England were entirely different. They had nothing to do but to administer the laws and were controlled by the Minister for Home Affairs. In Ireland the Gardai had something to do with almost every Act of Parliament passed in recent years. In fact, their duties had increased one hundredfold since their establishment. As far as he could see the difference between the salaries here and in England was about 12/- per week. In regard to the cycling allowance a cycle was necessary for every Garda, but there was a difference of £10 per annum in favour of England, while the boot allowance for the Gardai had disappeared completely. The Resolution he proposed had been adopted by other County Councils in the Saorstát and he suggested Wexford should fall into line with them.

Mr. Redmond said he was prepared to move an amendment that the matter be adjourned until the County Council had full information regarding the "cuts" and some information as to why they were not restored.

Mr. Ronan stated as he had not been allowed to reply to what Mr. Corish said, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. Keegan then proposed:- "That the Government be requested to examine the question as to the salaries of the Gardai Siochana and the "cuts" which had been effected in them."



The Chairman seconded.

The amendment was then put with the following result:

For: Messrs. Keegan, Lawlor, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Sweetman and the Chairman. - 6.

Against: Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Day, Gibbon, Kelly, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Bryne and Quin. - 13.

Mr. Ronan did not vote.

Mr. Corish's motion was then put and passed.

Col. Quin said he dissented on the ground that the County Council were not concerned in the matter.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 11th OCTOBER, 1937.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELIE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th October, 1937.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), presiding, also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

After confirmation of Minutes, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman), attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### MINUTES

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following sums were examined and signed:- £15817. 8. 10d (Ordinary payments and transfers to Public Bodies); £35990 (Transfers to County Board of Health and Mental Hospital); £336. 3. 6d salaries for quarter.

#### DEATH OF FR. KINSELLA, P.P., DUBLIN

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

"That we offer our Chairman, Mr. D. Allen, T.D., our heartfelt condolence in the death of his uncle, Rev. Laurence Kinsella, P.P., St. Michan's, Halston Street, Dublin, a sterling priest who devoted practically all his life to the Hospice for the Dying, and whose saintly character endeared him to a very wide circle of friends."



The motion was supported by Councillors Culleton, Corish, Gibbon and others.

The Secretary said the late Fr. Kinsella was beyond compare full of sympathy and consolation for the sick and suffering. His kindness to the many whose passage to the next world he had so effectively and affectionately made straight was a guarantee that he had reaped the Crown of eternal life.

The motion was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

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

"That vote of condolence be adopted to Miss Malone, Coolree, Wexford, in the death of her father, Mr. Richard Malone, M.R.C.V.S., an old and valued servant of this County Council."

Mr. Corish said that the late Mr. Malone had been identified with the public life of Wexford for very many years and held a very high place in the ranks of his profession.

The Secretary also expressed his regret at Mr. Malone's death.

THE LATE MR. RICHARD CORISH

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

"That the following reply from Mr. Corish, T.D., to vote of condolence adopted by this Council in the death of his son be inserted on the Minutes of the day." The following is the reply:-

"Will you please convey to my fellow members of the County Council the heartfelt thanks of my family and myself for their resolution of sympathy conveyed to me on the



recent death of my dear son.

Will you also accept my thanks for your comforting words on the occasion."

THE LATE MR. AIDAN SUTTON

Col. Quin moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the replies of Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture and Miss O'Ryan, County Councillor, to vote of condolence adopted to them in the death of their uncle, Mr. Aidan Sutton, Ryane, Oylegate, be inserted on the Minutes of the day."

The following is the reply from Dr. Ryan's Secretary:-

"I am desired by the Minister for Agriculture to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant conveying the condolence of the Wexford County Council on the death of his uncle, Mr. Aidan Sutton, Ryane, Oylegate, and to ask you to convey to the Council an expression of his thanks for their kindness in the matter.

Dr. Ryan also wishes me to convey to you his thanks for your personal sympathy also expressed in your letter."

Miss O'Ryan wrote as follows:-

"Will you please convey to the members of the County Council my sincere thanks for their kind message of sympathy conveyed to me on the death of my uncle.

I am very grateful to you and to the other members of the staff for kind references on the occasion."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 17th SEPTEMBER 1937: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th September 1937, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th September, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; 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, and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENT

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5522. 12. 4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

P. Nolan	21.0
S. Gannon	20.4
J. Cummins	19.4
D. Kenny	16.8
J. J. Sinnott	16.8
J. Quirke	16.6
J. J. O'Reilly	16.6
J. Deegan	16.3
M. McCarthy	16.2
W. Cummins	15.7
A. Dunne	15.3
P. Doyle	14.9
W. Doyle	14.8
J. Curtis	13.8
E. J. Murphy	13.5
M. Kehoe	13.0
P. Carty	11.4
J. Flood	<u>10.3</u>

Average 16.0 per cent.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: Under date 15th September, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.77353/37 Loch Garman) that the Minister raised no objection to the continuance, for the current financial year, of the existing arrangements for the acceptance of part payment of arrears of rates.



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APPLICATION RESTORATION OF CUTS IN RATE COLLECTORS POUNDAGE:

Under date 8th September, 1937, the following was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary, County Rate Collectors' Association:-

"At a meeting of the Rate Collectors held in Wexford on the 3rd September 1937, I was instructed to ask you to bring before the next meeting of the Council or Finance Committee an application for a refund of the cuts in poundage imposed upon them since 1933. The total amounts to £309. 2. 1d (as you will see by list enclosed, as supplied to me by each Collector). This inflicts a severe hardship on them, and considering they have at all times done their utmost to carry out any instructions given them from the County Council, and also the amount they have lost in poundage fees over the increased Agricultural Grants, they think it only just that the amounts stopped should be refunded to them. Hoping this application will receive favourable consideration from the Council and will you kindly let me know the result.

Thanking you in return."

Under date 13th September 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.76399-37 Loch Garman) asking for a statement giving particulars of any circumstances which would show that the case of Collector J. J. Sinnott could be distinguished from that of any other Collector whose poundage had been reduced.

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed that their application for restoration of "cuts" in poundage for the past three years, which were not imposed by the County Council, but by the Department of Local Government and Public Health has been considered by Finance Committee who have requested the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to restore the "cuts" in connection with the 1936/37 Warrants.



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"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to consent to the restoration of deductions in poundage in respect of the 1936/37 Warrants in the case of J. J. Sinnott and other Collectors, who have applied to the Finance Committee to assist them in having deductions in question restored.

The Finance Committee have pointed out to the Collectors that these deductions were imposed by the Minister, and not by the Council, and the Committee would urge the Minister to be good enough to see his way to restore the "cuts" which were imposed in respect of the 1936/37 Warrants as follows:-  
J. Quirke £6. 6. 6d; W. Doyle £5. 17. 2d; W. Cummins £3. 11. 8d; M. Murphy £4. 5. 0d; J. J. Sinnott £7. 18. 9d."

LAURENCE MCGUINNESS AND COLLECTOR DUNNE: The following under date 8th September 1937 was read from Collector Dunne:-

"I called to the office of Messrs. Huggard and Brennan, a few days ago in reference to Laurence McGuinness. Miss Keegan, managing clerk, told me that Mr. McGuinness "seemed to be all mixed up" and that the only thing he was definite about was the £2 he paid to E.W. Warren, Solicitor. He couldn't understand where the £2 went but I explained to Miss Keegan about the balance due to me, and the cost of the visit from the court messengers.

I called to see McGuinness, and asked him about the £1 he said he gave me. All he said was that "he thought he had given me the money" and that he meant to do it anyway, but he isn't sure". Asked about the acknowledgment, he "thought it was about the place somewhere" but he couldn't find it.

As I said before, I have no recollection of getting any money from him."

The following under date 14th September 1937 was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, (Solicitors for Laurence McGuinness):-



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"We are in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant enclosing copy letter from Mr. Dunne of the 8th.

In fairness to ourselves, we must state that Mr. Dunne is not accurate in contributing the statement he does of Miss Keegan, as he told us himself this morning that it was he who stated that our client seemed to be all mixed up. Miss Keegan never said so.

In any event, the misunderstanding that arose between Mr. Dunne and our client has now been cleared up to the entire satisfaction of all concerned and the matter is now perfectly in order."

The Finance Committee considered that in view of the communication from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, the matter could be regarded as closed.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

##### QUERIES FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC

HEALTH: Under date 4th September 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.70632/37 Loch Garman) that in connection with the proposals to make advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Messrs. William Pierce, Knocklehaun, Kilanerin (£150); William Doyle, Esmonde Street, Gorey (£180); John Roche, Ballylemin, Screen (£110) and John Nolan, William Street, Gorey (£225), the following additional information in respect of each of these applicants was required:-

- (a) Occupation of occupier or intended occupier.
- (b) Is occupier or intended occupier in permanent employment?
- (c) Annual salary or income.
- (d) Are the Wexford County Council satisfied that he will be in a position to repay the advances punctually when due and to maintain the premises in good condition?

In the case of John Roche, Screen, the Department asked



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if the County Solicitor had satisfied himself that the interest in the premises which Mr. Roche intended to acquire would comply with Section 10(2) of the Small Dwellings Act 1899.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he had applied to the four applicants named for the information required by the Department.

APPLICATION BY GARDA SIOCHANA: Under date 11th September 1937, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, 1 Rowe Street, Wexford, forwarded application for loan of £180 from Garda Thomas Tobin, Oulart. They pointed out that the Certificate of the Appointed Officer was not yet to hand, but would be forwarded. Garda Tobin had married recently and was in a position to promise the Council he would occupy the house himself for a period of at least three years.

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

"That Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, be informed that the Finance Committee cannot see their way to advance loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to persons who could not be regarded as permanent resident occupiers and ratepayers.

That the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Justice be informed the Finance Committee are aware that members of Garda Siochana have great difficulty in obtaining suitable residences in this County and we recommend the County Council to ask that the Government should provide special facilities for the provision of houses for the married members of the Force."

PROPOSED SALE OF HOUSE: Under date 16th September 1937, Michael McGrath wrote stating that as he had secured a position in Gorey he had to change his residence. In the



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circumstances, he requested permission to transfer the interest in his house and plot at St. Senan's, Enniscorthy, to John Doyle, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy, an employee of Enniscorthy Gas Company. He stated he had endeavoured to find some one willing to repay the loan but failed.

Under date 16th September 1937, Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, wrote on behalf of Michael McGrath that the entire sum due on foot of the liability of Mr. McGrath would be paid to the County Council by Mr. John Doyle. They assumed that the Council would have no objection to the redemption of the Mortgage in this case.

The Secretary stated that Mr. McGrath had already received the permission of the Council to transfer his interest in this house to Mrs. Shortall, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, but the latter had subsequently cancelled her offer.

The Secretary pointed out that the amount of loan which had been advanced to Mr. McGrath was £180 and in addition to the outstanding principal a year's instalments, viz., £12. 8. 0d would be due on 30th September, 1937.

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

"That Finance Committee recommend that Michael McGrath now of Gorey, be given permission to sell house erected by him at St. Senan's, Enniscorthy, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to John Doyle, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy, provided the full amount of liability to County Council in respect of this house be discharged."

MICHAEL WICKHAM, TOMNALOSSETT: Under date 10th September 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Wickham had been informed he must take up residence in the house erected by him at Tomnalossett under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by 4th October 1937.



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It was stated that Wickham had let the house to Mr. Oman, Manual Instructor, Enniscorthy.

It was decided to again refer the matter to Mr. Elgee to take the necessary steps that the regulations providing for the occupancy of the house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by the person obtaining the loan for at least three years, be carried out, or in the event of Wickham neglecting or refusing to act on the instructions of the County Solicitor, that the latter take such steps as he considers advisable.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR LOAN: The County Solicitor submitted letter under date 7th September 1937, which he had received from Mr. E. Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, that the latter was not proceeding with erection of house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as he had found it too expensive.

CHARGES ON LAND OF APPLICANT: The County Solicitor mentioned in regard to the application of George Black, Corah, Bunclody, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, there were two charges against the lands by the National Bank, one on 22nd February, 1934, against Black's father (also George) and one against applicant on 21st February 1935 for £100 in each case.

The Chairman said he understood there was only one charge of £100 against these lands.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to obtain definite information from the Bank as regards the charges in question.

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

CLAIM FOR MARKING EXAMINATION PAPERS: Under date 14th September 1937 the Office of National Education wrote forwarding account for £24. 1. 4d, amount expended in respect of the marking of the papers worked by the candidates



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examined for Scholarships under the above Scheme.

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

"That account for £24. 1. 4d incurred by Office of National Education in connection with the marking of papers set at examination under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme of this County Council be recommended to the County Council for payment."

CLAIMS REFUND EXPENSES ATTENDING EXAMINATION: A number of claims for above were received.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to recoup the following amounts:- Liam Devereux, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, 8s. 6d.; John Doyle, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, 6s. 6d.; John Marley, Broadway, 8s.; Clement J. Preece, Rosslare Harbour, 6s. 9d.; and William Sinnott, Broadway 8s. That in respect of balance of claims submitted to this meeting the County Council be recommended to allow actual bus or train fare and 3s. per day in cases in which the candidate had been obliged to remain in Wexford for the examination."

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 13th September 1937, the Local Taxation Officer wrote applying for two temporary clerical assistants for about two weeks to complete filing of Vouchers for year ended 31st March 1936.

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

"That John J. O'Leary, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford, and Kevin Byrne, Gorey, be employed in the Motor Taxation Office for not more than two weeks to complete filing of vouchers in respect of year ended 31st March 1936. Remun-



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eration 1s. 2d per hour. That in the event of either of these not being available, John Warner, Slaney Street, Wexford, be employed."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to make the necessary arrangements with the Department of Finance, to increase the percentage of recoupment from Road Fund Account for the administration of Local Taxation Department, to 2 per cent of the amounts lodged."

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS AND CONFERENCE WITH SUB-COMMITTEE

Under date 14th September 1937, the following was read from Mr. Radford, Hon. Secretary, Wexford Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"At the Meeting of the County Council on 12th October 1936, an application was considered from four Deputy Surveyors asking to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis. A Sub-Committee was appointed to meet the Surveyors and discuss the matter: but notwithstanding their application of the 10th March last for the Conference, it has not yet been held. I have now been instructed to again make application on their behalf for the Sub-Committee to arrange a meeting as soon as possible."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided to point out in reply to the letter from the Irish Local Government Officials Union (Wexford Branch) that a Conference with the Sub-Committee and County and Assistant Surveyors and Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health had been held on 14th May, 1937, when it was arranged that the County and Assistant Surveyors should prepare a Scheme and maps on the lines referred to by Mr. Courtney and that the latter



discuss the provisions of the Scheme with these officials.

The County Surveyor stated he had written to Mr. Courtney as regards the examination of map and Scheme referred to and understood that Mr. Courtney would come to Wexford for the purpose when his other arrangements would allow. Pending report of this conference consideration of letter from Local Government Officials' Union was adjourned.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Weekly reports of the five Sheep Dipping Lay Inspectors for weeks ended 4th and 11th September 1937 were submitted and examined.

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

"That in the opinion of the Finance Committee the Sheep Dipping Inspectors should concentrate inspections with small farmers. Farmers owning large numbers of sheep have adequate facilities for compliance with the Order and will dip for their own protection. On the other hand the small farmer is generally dependent on his neighbours for use of portable bath and may occasionally experience difficulty in securing use of same. Special attention should be given by the Inspectors to sheep in mountainy districts."

In connection with recommendation of Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, that James Walsh, Coleman, Arthurstown, who was to dip on 23rd and again on 31st August 1937 and had not done so, should be prosecuted it was decided that the following recommendation should be considered by next meeting of the County Council:-

"To make regulations under Article 22(a) and 22(b) of Sheep Dipping Order 1937 empowering Inspectors appointed by the County Council under this Order to serve on Sheep owners requisition under Article 18 of said Order requiring that the dipping of such sheep shall be carried out at a time and



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place set out in such requisition in the manner prescribed by said Order and to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and requiring compliance with notices served by Sheep Dipping Inspectors under the said regulations at the time specified or such times as may be substituted owing to inclement weather."

#### EXAMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

In connection with the above, Mr. A. K. Killeen, Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, submitted account for £2. 10. 0, made up of:-  
Setting four examination papers at 10s. each, and attending and supervising at examination 10s.

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

"That Account for £2. 10s. presented by Mr. A.K.Killeen, Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee in connection with examination for position of telephone attendant, County Council Offices, amounting to £2. 10s. be recommended to the County Council for payment."

#### CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENT

The following letter from Office of Public Works, Dublin, under date 4th September, 1937, No. C.87/101/1/37 to the County Surveyor, submitted to the meeting of County Council on 13th September, 1937, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence relative to the proposed improvement of Carne Pier, County Wexford and to state that he is advised that the fishery interests of the area would not warrant an expenditure of the order of your estimate of £1,755. I am to say, however, that if you consider a useful improvement could be effected within a maximum of £500, and if you will be good enough to



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submit a proposal on that basis, the question of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote will be considered, having regard to the unemployment position in the district."

The County Surveyor said he would visit Carne when the tides suited and make a report to the Finance Committee.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT AT TARA HILL

In connection with the proposal of Finance Committee of the 3rd September, 1937, that certain roads in the locality would be confined to Tara Hill workers, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by the Chairman, that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

#### ROSSLARE STRAND ROAD, ROSSLARE

Under date 3rd September 1937, the following, submitted from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann, to the meeting of the County Council on 13th September, 1937, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:-

"I am instructed by the above Cumann to respectfully ask you to bring the following matters before the next meeting of your Council.

When sewerage connections were being made, the concrete road through Rosslare was broken at several points, and in many cases the holes made therein were not filled. When the wind blows the sand is driven out of these holes which are 4 or 5 inches deep in some places. Motorists and other vehicles have to go to the wrong side of the road when passing to avoid breaking springs, and cyclists are in danger of being thrown from their machines.

In a place like Rosslare where the traffic is so heavy these holes are highly dangerous and the Cumann requests the County Council to see that the road is put into proper repair immediately.

The Cumann also requests the County Council to see that the dangerous practice which has arisen of late, of dumping building material on the roadside and the leaving of mixed concrete on the road itself, does not again occur. The Cumann submits that the public road is not the place for such operations which nearly resulted in serious consequences this Summer.

The Cumann also wishes to point out that the electric lamp erected at the entrance to the railway station prevents cyclists and pedestrians on the railway bridge approaching Rosslare having a clear view of the road, especially when meeting motor traffic. Several complaints have been received about people being dazzled owing to the position of this lamp.



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Hoping that you will see your way to bring the above matters before your Council and thanking you in anticipation."

It was decided to inform Mr. Murphy that legal proceedings are pending against the Council as regards Rosslare Strand Road. When these have been disposed of, the County Surveyor will attend to the request of the Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann.

The County Surveyor will be prepared on definite information being supplied to him, to prevent dumping of material on the roadside etc. The Cumann will understand that where new houses are being built a certain amount of latitude must be given to carry out the work, though, of course, the Finance Committee will take steps against any encroachment which would inconvenience the public.

The question of erection of electric lamp at Rosslare is a matter for the County Board of Health to whom copy of communication from the Cumann was forwarded on 4th September 1937.

#### ROADS AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY

The following letter from Robert Spencer, Ballymoney, Gorey, under date 9th September 1937 as to the condition of roads in his neighbourhood, submitted to the County Council meeting of the 13th September 1937, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:-

"I have been requested by a number of residents of Ballymoney, and of Gorey, to draw the attention of your Council to the condition of the roads leading from Gorey to Ballymoney, viz.:— via Ballycomclone and via Kilmurry linking up with the trunk road Gorey to Arklow.

Twelve months ago I was asked to bring these roads under your notice and as a consequence, it was decided at the September or October meeting to put the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor for immediate attention.

No material repairs have yet been carried out, and with the abnormal Summer motor traffic, both roads leading to Ballymoney, are as a result, almost impassable. I appreciate the difficulties of your Council regarding third class roads, but if the pot holes were filled and tarred, it would ease the present situation. I trust your Council will consider this matter favourably and do what they can in the circumstances."



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The County Surveyor stated that the road via Kilmurry was under consideration, but without increased allocation, it was impossible to keep these thoroughfares in good order. They were never intended for the traffic they had to bear at the moment, and this traffic was intensified during the Tourist season.

#### BALLYGALVERT LANE

Representation signed by Rev. M. Rossiter, C.C., Dr. Kissane, and 14 other ratepayers relative to repair of Ballygalvert Lane was read at meeting of the County Council on the 13th September 1937 and referred to Finance Committee for consideration.

The following report under date 16th September 1937, was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I inspected the lane on the 6th instant. The surface of the lane is good, but it is very narrow; in fact, for most of its length it is only a one-way traffic road. At most of the blind corners, and there are at least ten, the adjoining land is above the road level so that improvement would be very expensive, and I believe to do what the local people expect in the way of widening and improving corners would cost at least £500."

It was decided that copy of Mr. O'Neill's report be forwarded to Father Rossiter, pointing out that the Council had no money available for the repair of this lane, and it was more than doubtful if an adequate allocation could be secured from the Office of Public Works under Minor Relief Scheme.

#### OVERDRAFT COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public



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Health be asked to sanction overdraft accommodation for Wexford County Council up to £30,000 for period ending 31st December 1937."

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS

The following resolution received from Limerick City Council was submitted to the meeting of the County Council on the 13th September 1937 and was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:-

"That we call on the President of the Executive Council of Dail Eireann to introduce legislation whereby Old Age Pensioners in the Free State who are in receipt of small allowances from their Trade Unions or from former employers shall be entitled to the full 10/- per week Old Age Pension, without any deduction by reason of being in receipt of the above referred to Superannuation or Pension. It is understood that in the Six Counties and in Great Britain no disability is placed on people of the kind referred to provided they contributed to the National Health Insurance Fund during their working years, and it is a harsh law which penalises the good citizen for providing for himself in some small measure in his old age, while the "ne'er-do-well" member of the community who has never contributed to the wealth or welfare of his country automatically becomes entitled to the full 10/- per week when he attains his 70th year."

It was decided to recommend the County Council to take no action on this resolution.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING COUNTY COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

"That resolutions forwarded to County Council which do not deal with Council business be forwarded in the first instance to the Chairman to decide if they should be submitted to the Council for consideration."



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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 17th September 1937, be received and considered."

APPLICATION RESTORATION RECENT CUTS IN RATE COLLECTORS'

POUNDAGE: Col. Quin dissented from the resolution of the Finance Committee asking the Minister to consent to the restoration of the deductions in Collectors' Poundage in respect of the 1936/37 Warrants in the case of several Rate Collectors, giving as his reasons for the deductions that as the officials in question did not carry out their duties to the satisfaction of the Minister, accordingly, he (Col. Quin) believed the penalties inflicted by the Minister were quite justified, and would possibly have the effect of improving the Rate Collectors concerned in the future.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - Application for loan by

Garda: In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee informing the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Department of Justice that as members of the Garda Síochána had great difficulty in obtaining suitable residences, the Government should provide special facilities for the erection of houses for the married members of the Force, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 29th September 1937 (No. H.80510/37 Loch Garmain) acknowledging the resolution of the Finance Committee.

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

"That the seal of the County Council be affixed to the conveyance of house of Michael McGrath at St. Senan's, Enniscorthy to John Doyle, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy, who has purchased same and who has covenanted to pay off the



amount due under the Small Dwellings Acts and the Interest due thereon to date."

ROSSLARE STRAND ROAD: Under date 8th October 1937, the Secretary County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance forwarded the following letter from Mr. Bolger, Solicitor to the Board, relative to claim of Mr. John J. Kelly, The Cedars, Rosslare Strand V. County Council:-

"All the parties concerned in this matter, namely, Mr. Kelly, the Contractors and the County Council have now agreed to submit Mr. Kelly's claim to arbitration and I shall be glad if you will please obtain the Board's formal approval of this course and also their consent to the District Justice, Mr. John V. Fahy, as arbitrator.

Mr. Kelly complains that he is still suffering damage by reason of the failure of the County Council to erect the wall which was provided for in the agreement made with the persons who gave land for the widening of the road at Rosslare. It would seem to be desirable that the wall should be erected as soon as possible and perhaps the members of the Board may be able to suggest to the County Council that this should be done without further delay."

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that in connection with this matter, it had been decided by the Finance Committee and approved by the County Council that though the Council did not admit liability to damage relative to this claim, they would fall in with the proposal of the Solicitor to the Board of Health to refer the matter to arbitration. He wrote Mr. Bolger to this effect and heard nothing further until on 14th September when Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors for Mr. Kelly, served a Civil Bill on the Council in respect of alleged damage. He entered an appearance for the Council and took the necessary steps to defend. After that, he saw the Junior member of the firm of Messrs. Kirwan &



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Kirwan and told him that the matter had been again before the Council, after the Civil Bill had been served, when it was decided that they would not continue with arbitration proceedings. He told Mr. Kirwan that if he wanted the matter re-opened, he (Mr. Elgee) would bring it before the Finance Committee, but he heard nothing further on that point either. As far as he (Mr. Elgee) was aware the Board of Health were not directly interested in the present proceedings which were taken against the County Council. He understood, of course, that proceedings were taken not against the Health Board, but against the Contractors to the Board. He could not see what would be gained by going into Arbitration now. There would be no saving of expense and he considered it would be quicker and more advisable for the case to go before the Circuit Court. If Counsel were brought to Wexford for Arbitration purposes they would charge extra fees and of course, a fee would also have to be paid to the Arbitrator.

The County Surveyor said that in connection with the paragraph of Mr. Bolger's letter that nothing had been done by the Council to deal with the position at Mr. Kelly's, as he had been advised by Mr. Elgee not to do anything at the place until legal proceedings had been disposed of, otherwise, he might jeopardise the rights of the Council.

Mr. Elgee said he considered that the present condition of affairs should obtain at the Strand road until the case against the Council had been decided in the Circuit Court. In conclusion he said he had received no notice from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan that they now desired to go on with Arbitration. There was no reference to that matter except what was in the letter from Mr. Bolger.

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

"That as regards the claim of Mr. J. J. Kelly, Cedars,



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st October 1937.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. R. Corish, Vice-Chairman.

After confirmation of Minutes, Mr. Allen (Chairman of the Council) attended, and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,026. 0. 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of Rate Collection:-  
Collector. Percentage

P. Nolan	27.9
S. Gannon	27.5
J. Cummins	26.1
J. Quirke	24.2
J. Deegan	24.2
W. Doyle	24.1
D. Kenny	24.0
J. Curtis	23.9
E. J. Murphy	23.6
W. Cummins	23.4
J. J. O'Reilly	23.2
A. Dunne	20.1
J. J. Sinnott	20.0
P. Doyle	19.8
M. Kehoe	19.3
M. McCarthy	19.0
P. Carty	18.3
J. Flood	<u>14.4</u>

Average 22.8

ABATEMENT FORMS (RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND):

The following letter under date 21st September 1937 (No. G.77728/37 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 9th instant



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relative to Unemployment Allowance Claims, and I am to state that short accidental breaks due to sickness would probably not be held to deprive an occupier of the Employment Allowance.

I am to add that under Section 7(8) of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act 1935, as extended, the decision of the Council is final and conclusive."

APPLICATION RESTORATION OF POUNDAGE DEDUCTIONS: Under date 25th September 1937 (No. G.79509/37 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote as follows:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 20th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sees no reason to alter his previous decision in regard to the payment of poundage.

The reductions imposed were moderate having regard to the record of the Collectors concerned and also that an interim Poundage Scheme was approved which was intended to take into account any special temporary difficulties. Furthermore Wexford was the fourth lowest County in the scale of progress with the collection at the end of March last, and there accordingly appears to be no justification for the lenient treatment now proposed."

The meeting considered that in view of the two refusals by the Minister to restore deductions in Poundage, no useful purpose would be served by any further action on their part in this matter.

ABORTIVE SEIZURE FOR RATES: Under date 29th September 1937 Mr. J. J. Sinnott, Rate Collector (No. 16) wrote that in connection with Paying Order for £1. 10. 0 paid for services of three men for the purpose of attending an abortive seizure at Templederry, Clonevan, on 23rd July last, he had to pay the three men 12s. 6d each, leaving a balance of 7s. 6d due to him. They would not accept any less remuneration as they had to cycle from Gorey, a distance of 12 or 13 miles, to the farm on a very heavy wet morning.

It was decided to inform Mr. Sinnott that the Finance Committee believed that men engaged at work of helping at seizures for rates should be paid not more than at the rate of 10/- per day. The County Council had approved of this



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recommendation from the Finance Committee. In the circumstances, the Finance Committee could not see its way to recommend any further payment beyond the £1. 10. 0d already approved.

LEGAL EXPENSES RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 21st September 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.70935/37 Loch Garman):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 18th ultimo regarding payment of legal expenses incurred in connection with collection of rates, and to state that the Minister cannot agree to the proposed arrangement.

Under the terms of the Bond, Collectors are required to be responsible for any proceedings they may find it necessary to institute. Collectors have powers under their warrants to distrain but, if they elect to summon instead, they must do so on their own responsibility, otherwise they would be making the Council collect for them. If legal proceedings were to be taken the selection of a Solicitor would, therefore, be entirely a matter for the Collectors themselves. In cases, however, of peculiar difficulty involving questions of title and new points of law there is no objection to the Council indemnifying the Collectors against costs provided their decision is based on legal advice that the proceedings would probably be successful. No general instructions on indemnity should, however, be given as each case must be dealt with solely on its merits.

In any cases in which such an indemnity is given, all costs recovered should be lodged to the credit of the Council."

The meeting expressed regret that the Minister was unable to approve of the recommendation which was offered solely with a view to improving the Rate Collection.

INTERVIEWING RATE COLLECTORS: The Secretary stated he intended summoning two Collectors lowest in collection districts of Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford, and Collector P. Carty (New Ross District) to County Council Offices on 12th October to examine Collecting Books with a view to directing that legal proceedings be taken against defaulters in each of these Collector's areas for the recovery of Rates. Directions would also be given that Court decrees must be followed by applications for examination orders, and the question of seizing on their own warrants would be discussed



with the Collectors.

The meeting approved of the proposed action by the Secretary.

URBAN COUNCIL DEMANDS

The Secretary reported that Pay Order for £849. 2. 4d, Instalment of demand on Enniscorthy Urban Council (handed in at last County Council meeting) had been returned unpaid by the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd., Enniscorthy, Treasurer Enniscorthy Urban Council, to the National Bank Ltd., Wexford Treasurer of the County Council.

It was decided that, in the event of Pay Order not being honoured by 5th October 1937 the attention of the Chairman of the Enniscorthy Urban Council be called to the matter, and he be requested to make the necessary arrangements with the Treasurer of the Urban Council to honour the Order.

In connection with payment of County Council Demand by Wexford Corporation the Town Clerk wrote that the Rate Collection had not been suspended for five months through the failure of the Corporation to appoint the Rate Collector as alleged by the County Council. The Rate Collection in any year is normally closed on 31st March and it was usually 1st June following before the new Collecting Books are available. Consequently, had a temporary Collector been appointed he could not have taken up duty before 1st June at the earliest. The Corporation had now made arrangements for the collection of the Poor Rate through the Town Clerk's Office until a new Collector was appointed and arrangements for this appointment had now been advertised.

The Secretary stated that when the Rate Collection was not satisfactorily closed on the 31st March the Corporation could have applied for the sanction of the Minister to an extension of the period for closing. This procedure would shorten the long interval between the two Collections



SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ALLOCATION OF LOANS: It was decided to ask the County Council to refer to the meeting of Finance Committee on 15th October the consideration and allocation of outstanding applications for loans.

ADVANCES TO APPLICANTS: In connection with proposed advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Nicholas Carr, Killanne, the Secretary pointed out that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, set down the market value of the house in this case at £180. The market value would, to some extent, vary with the locality.

Carr has not yet completed the query form as to his means sent him by Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor.

In connection with loan applied for by Laurence Hanrahan Ferns, the County Surveyor stated he had interviewed Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, who considered that £185 was the correct market value for the proposed house which was a three-roomed bungalow.

The meeting considered two alternative methods of calculating amount of advance (a) under which 90% of the market value of the house was first taken and the full amount of Government Grant deducted and (b) by which the value of the house was first considered, the full Government Grant deducted and 90% of balance taken as the full amount to be advanced. This latter procedure would afford the applicant for loan the benefit of the 10% of the Government Grant - generally about £7 of an advantage over the procedure by (a).

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that amount of all future loans would be computed under (b).

ADVANCE TO MR. ERNEST ROSS: Under date 29th September 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.80242/37 Loch Garman) stating



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that the Minister had sanctioned an advance of £200 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Ernest Ross in respect of a house at Clonhaston, Enniscorthy.

JOHANNA FORTUNE, BALLYOUGHNA, KILLENA: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 27th September 1937, that Miss Johanna Fortune, who had been accepted for loan amounting to £60 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and who had given a Charge to secure same on her lands at Ballyoughna, had now agreed to sell to the Board of Health a site for labourer's cottage. To enable her to make Title to the plot it will be necessary for the County Council to join in the transfer to the Health Board to release the plot which she had sold to the Council from the Charge.

A resolution for the Seal of the Council to be fixed to the Deed of Transfer was necessary.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to join in the transfer to the Health Board to release plot which Miss Fortune had sold to the Board for the purpose of erection of labourer's cottage at Ballyoughna, Killena, and that they be further recommended to affix the Seal of the Council to the Deed of Transfer of Miss Fortune to County Board of Health."

ELLEN LEARY, BALLYWALTER, KILMUCKRIDGE: In connection with advance of loan of £100, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, wrote under date 24th September 1937, that no progress had been made with the building since payment of the advance of £50. He had repeatedly called on the applicant with a view to having the work expedited, and on each occasion she gave as an excuse that she could not get the person employed for the work to do anything as he had other jobs on hands. He (Mr. Treanor) had warned her several times as to the delay, but was told she was powerless until



the man was free from other work to complete the house.

It was decided to communicate with Mrs. Leary and inform her that the County Council will expect that work at the house will be resumed immediately.

GEORGE BLACK, CORAH, BUNCLODY: Under date 24th September 1937 the County Solicitor submitted correspondence which he had with this applicant and with the Manager, National Bank, Bunclody, from which it appeared that two Charges for £100 each against the lands of Corah had been given to the National Bank. One of these from Black's father was looked upon as ineffective.

Mr. Elgee advised that until the Bank released these two charges or gave the County Council priority over them for the loan which was now sought, nothing further could be done in the matter. He pointed this out to Mr. Black.

APPLICATION EDWARD HAWKINS, RECTORY ROAD, ENNISCORTHY:

Edward Hawkins, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, submitted an application for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He stated that he was unsuccessful with his application in December 1934, but he now wished to have the application reconsidered. He understood he could not come in under the present scheme as he was a town worker. Though he was living in the rural area he was not entitled to a labourer's cottage as he worked in the town. He was a married man with four children and enclosed letters from Dr. C. Bastible, County M.O.H.; Dr. M. Cuddigan, Island View, Enniscorthy; Dr. P. D. Murphy, Abbey Square, Enniscorthy; Dr. K. Sloan, Mill Park House, Enniscorthy, showing that his house is most insanitary and detrimental to the health of his wife and children. In 1934 he had purchased a plot in anticipation of the loan and it would be a great hardship if this plot was left on his hands.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the



following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, provided sufficient money be available from loan relative to Scheme of 1934, the County Council be recommended to approve of application of Edward Hawkins, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, for an advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts; amount of loan to be fixed in accordance with procedure adopted at today's meeting after Certificate of Value had been received from Assistant Surveyor."

MICHAEL WICKHAM, TOMNALOSSET: In connection with loan to this man who, it was stated, had never resided in his house but had let it from the time it was completed, the third and latest occupant being Mr. Oman, Manual Instructor, Enniscorthy Technical School, Mr. Elgee, submitted letter which he had written Mr. Oman under date 17th September 1937, that he should leave the premises at once as the County Council were about to take proceedings against Michael Wickham for having sublet the house.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE AND LOAN FOR WATER SUPPLY

The following letter under date 17th September 1937 (S.63368/37 Enniscorthy M.H.(b)) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st July last transmitting form of application for sanction to the borrowing of a sum of £39,520 for the purpose of carrying out improvements at the Enniscorthy Mental Hospital, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as the estimated cost of the schemes which have been approved has now been reduced to approximately £28,150, your views are requested as to the net amount that should be raised by way of loan, having due regard to the amount of grant allocated.

As regards the reply to query VI in the loan application form, the period of repayment that would be allowed would not exceed 30 years. The form is returned for amendment in this respect."

Copy of this letter was forwarded Dr. Conlon, District Mental Hospital, who replied as follows under date 23rd September, 1937:-



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"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date enclosing copy of letter from the Department in which it is stated the estimated cost of approved schemes has been reduced to £28,150. I cannot reconcile this figure with the original scheme of the Committee assuming that £28,150 represents half the cost of the works approved of.

The following shows the Committee's entire scheme:-

	£.
1. Installation of Water Supply	5,800
2. Kilcarberry Electric Power Development	11,790
3. Laundry Equipment	3,600
4. Steam & Central Heating Plant	15,000
Contingencies	1,000
5. Refrigerator	600
6. Building Admission Unit	19,000
7. Providing Bathing Accommodation	5,250
8. Building Nurses Home	10,000
9. Building Chapel	7,000

Total Estimated Cost....£79,040.

Of this amount the two first items have been cancelled, thus reducing the original sum to £62,450, half of which £31,225 does not correspond with the Department's figure as stated above.

I may point out here that a letter from the Department which was written in November, 1935, shows that the works comprising the £62,450 cost are approved of, and as the financial policy is 50/50 as between Sweepstake Grant and money raised by loan the Department's figure of £28,150 appears to be a mistake.

The £2000 for installation of water supply is not included in the above figures. This is the cost of connecting the Mental Hospital with the Urban Council water supply. The Committee have applied for grant of 50 per cent in this case, but so far have got no reply beyond that the matter is under consideration."

In view of the figures set out in this communication, the following letter under date 24th September 1937 was forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reference to your letter of the 17th instant, No. S.63368/37 - Enniscorthy M.H.(b), I would be glad to be informed if the £28,150, mentioned in your communication, represents the total cost of the Scheme as now approved, as, in that event, the amount of the loan required would be reduced to £14075.

I would also be glad to receive from the Department statement showing the allocation under each sub-head making up the total of £28,150. This information is required for the Mental Hospital Committee, as it will be observed from enclosed letter from the Acting Resident Medical Superintendent that his Committee are not clear as to the actual works approved and the estimated cost thereof."

The Chairman pointed out that the £2000 loan which had been agreed to be raised by the Council was in substitution



for £5,800 for this installation as set out in the original application.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to make payments in anticipation of loan on foot of Contract of installation of Water Supply at Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, as the Finance Committee do not consider it advisable to obtain a special loan for portion of the improvement Scheme, until the actual amount of the loan required to finance the complete Scheme is ascertained."

#### COUNTY HALL RENTS

Under date 30th September 1937, Messrs. Little and Elgee, Solicitors (John Elgee) Wexford, wrote asking for payment of £103. 15. 9d half year's rent due to Mrs. Johns out of County Hall premises to 29th September 1937.

In reply to query, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that Mr. Owens (one of the owners of portion of ground rent) died on 4th August last. It was expected that Probate would be taken out within a short time.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be requested to expedite execution of deed transferring ownership of ground rents, County Hall, Wexford, to the County Council, so that, if possible, no further payment need be made by the Council on foot of these ground rents after 31st December 1937."

#### REMUNERATION SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

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

"That Sheep Dipping Inspectors be paid their remuneration of £20 each in full though they may be absent from duty occasionally or on days when - owing to weather conditions



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etc. it would not be possible to carry out the dipping of sheep."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That the Authorities of National University be requested to furnish the Wexford County Council with their advice as to letter of Mrs. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, re continuation of the University Scholarship of her son, Gerard, forwarded to them on 27th August 1937, as Finance Committee are prepared to recommend the continuance of this Scholarship subject to the approval of the University Authorities."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Dermot Flood, Clonroche, applied for £1. 7. 6d expenses incurred in attending examination under above Scheme at Easter 1937.

It was decided to allow bus fare and 3/- per day for the three days' examination.

#### CLERICAL ASSISTANCE LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

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

"That Michael Kirwan, 49 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, be employed for a fortnight in Local Taxation Office to complete filing of Vouchers and other documents after audit vice Kevin Byrne, Gorey, who is not available."

#### CARNE PIER

The following report submitted to the Office of Public Works by the County Surveyor, was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"In reply to your communication of the 4th instant I beg to inform you that I have made a special inspection of



Carne Pier recently, both at high and low water. I have also consulted with the local owners of boats, and from my own observations, while boating there, I am satisfied that a very useful improvement to the Pier could be effected for the sum of £500.

At the present time the decking at the lower end of the Pier, for a length of about sixty yards, is awash at High Water of Spring Tide, the result is that vessels coming alongside at this period are very liable to injury on account of over-riding edge of the Pier. Moreover, it is impossible for people without sea boots to approach end of the Pier. I propose, therefore, to raise the decking in or about one foot six inches in height by sixty yards long and twelve feet wide. This will also entail raising of the storm wall a matter of three feet, and this would be about sixty yards long by three feet wide. Further, I propose to dump large boulders from the shore where possible, and if such boulders be not readily obtained to dump concrete blocks outside the Pier Head, so as to break the force of the waves coming in from the North East. At the present time when there is any Sea the unbroken waves strike the Pier and break over it, and besides this being an inconvenience to the people using the Pier it renders the Pier liable to damage. The random blocks I propose putting outside will prevent this nuisance.

I estimate as follows:-

120 cubic yards of decking	...	...	£180
60 cubic yards of storm wall	...	...	£120
Random blocks outside Pier Head	...	...	<u>£200</u>
Total			£500

I am satisfied that I can carry out this work for the figure mentioned, and that it will give general satisfaction to the persons using the Pier for fishing and other purposes."



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## ROAD MATTERS

COOLNALEEN LANE: Messrs. James Carton, John Conroy, and Moses Bolger, Coolnaleen, Camolin, wrote asking to have this lane put in repair under Relief Grant. It was a mile in length and almost impassable in Winter. The lane was used as a Mass Path by the people of the townland of Monasootha.

The County Surveyor said that a similar application was made some time ago, but, at that time the Department of Agriculture were planting largely in the district, and giving a great deal of employment. This planting was now finished and a number were, in consequence, idle.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to schedule this lane for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money was available.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT KILCOTTY: Mr. Thomas O'Toole, Kilcotty, wrote asking that something should be done in regard to dangerous corner at his house in Kilcotty, around which there was a very high fence so that nothing could be seen coming around. It was very dangerous for his young family. A little wall there would give a good view.

The County Surveyor said he would consult Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, with a view to bringing forward a proposal in the matter in Road Works Scheme.

BALLYGALVERT LANE: Mr. James Nolan (James Nolan & Co.), Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, wrote under date 27th September, 1937, making the strongest possible protest about the wretched and most dangerous condition of the above. He appealed to the Council to carry out easement at some of the very dangerous corners and allow for more room at the very narrow parts of the lane. It was not, in places, possible for two cars to pass. During the corn season and, in fact, all the year round, he used this lane very much.

The County Surveyor said this was a third class road



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and its condition was practically as described. They might take off a corner or two each year, but they could not do it all in the one year. It was a very awkward place, but yet appeared to be the most convenient way to get to Palace. He would bring forward a special proposal for a couple of hundred pounds this year and by degrees they would be able to deal with the whole length.

#### WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend for six months as from 10th October 1937 his sanction (Letter No. RS/32) (8th June 1937), to the allowance of 10/- for one day per week to Mr. O'Kennedy, Clerk in Office of County Surveyor for attendance at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, for the purpose of writing up machinery records."

#### SUBSTITUTE LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The following under date 24th September 1937 was read from Mr. Patrick M. Donohoe:-

"I beg to make application to Finance Committee for extra remuneration while acting for Local Taxation Officer during his holidays - viz. - month of August.

The amount allowed in previous years was at the rate of £1 per week."

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

"That - as obtained in previous years - a sum of £1 per week be allowed Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerk in County Council Offices, for acting as substitute for Local Taxation Officer during the Summer Holidays of the latter in the month of August 1937."



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BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS

The following under date 1st October 1937 (L. 3595-37) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"As certain Local Authorities are, apparently, in some doubt as to whether the methods at present employed for the slaughter of animals under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with particular reference to the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, have been effected by the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that that Act has regard only to the slaughter of animals in slaughter houses. The requirements of the Act, and of the Slaughter of Animals (Approved Instruments) Order, 1936, made thereunder, do not, therefore, apply to the slaughter of animals by Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts as normally carried out on affected premises.

Where, however, Local Authorities decide to purchase humane killers for use by such Inspectors, the Minister will be prepared to allow the cost of same to rank for recoupment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund provided he is satisfied beforehand as to the price and type of instrument required."

The Secretary stated he had asked the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council for their views as to the provision of humane killers.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That duplicate Pay Order for No. 3491 (Subsidiary Account) be issued to Mr. Seumas Doyle, Ballyrankin, Strahart, Ferns, for £2. 17. 6d as original (which has been estopped by Treasurer) appears to have gone astray in course of post."



It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Colfer that these Minutes be received and considered.

LEGAL EXPENSES RATE COLLECTORS: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that copy of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health be furnished Rate Collectors for their information.

URBAN COUNCIL DEMANDS: Mr. Corish said that as the Wexford Corporation had lost by death four Collectors in recent years it could readily be understood that a large amount was outstanding. However, they expected to appoint a Collector that night. Meantime, the Town Clerk was collecting through his office and it was anticipated that a substantial lodgment would be made during the coming week.

Mr. McCarthy, for Enniscorthy Urban Council said these Councils had their own troubles about rate collection. They had applied for sanction to overdraft. The first of May and the first of November of each year they had to meet a large demand for repayment of instalments of housing loans. The Government gave two-thirds in refund, but the Council had, in the first instance, to repay in full, and by the time they received the Government payment another instalment had accrued.

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

"That the Urban District Councils of the County be requested to make a special effort to collect the rates necessary to clear off the demand of the Council. They have been already recommended to request sanction of the Minister to an overdraft and we feel this recommendation should be followed by appropriate action in the direction indicated."



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SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The following under date 4th October 1937 (Trg.2/45470) was read from Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication, with which you enclosed a list giving the names of the candidates to whom your Council desires to award scholarships under the above-mentioned scheme. In reply I am to convey the Department's approval of the awards, subject to all candidates complying with the requirements of Clause 3 and to the terms of the scheme generally being observed."

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER: The Secretary stated that Mr. Taylor, V.S., New Ross, had written he had a "Greener" Killer. Mr. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, wrote he used a shot gun and Messrs. Ringwood, V.S., Enniscorthy, and Staples, V.S., Wexford, wrote they would be glad to be provided with killers. Mr. Mernagh, V.S., Gorey had not replied.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer that the County Secretary submit to meeting of Finance Committee the cost of providing four "Greener" Humane Killers for Veterinary Inspectors.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st October 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

REPORT SPECIAL ROAD COMMITTEE

The following report, presented to last meeting of County Council and adjourned for further consideration, was read:-



At the meeting of the County Council on Monday, Mr. D. Allen, chairman, presiding, the county secretary (Mr. N. J. Frizelle) submitted the following report of the special roads committee:

At the meeting of Wexford County Council on 9th August, 1937, a special roads committee consisting of the following members was appointed to consider the formulation of a scheme for the improvement of the roads of the county: Enniscorthy, Messrs. John P. Kelly and M. Sweetman; Gorey, Messrs. W. P. Keegan and Sean O'Byrne; New Ross, Messrs. T. Redmond and James E. Walsh; Wexford, Col. Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan; the chairman (Mr. Allen) and vice-chairman (Mr. Corish), ex-officio members.

A meeting of the committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th August, 1937, the following being in attendance—Messrs. D. Allen (chairman), County Council presiding; also, Messrs. R. Corish, Col. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Miss O'Ryan and Thos. Redmond.

The secretary, county surveyor, county solicitor and the five assistant surveyors were also in attendance.

#### **SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.**

Mr. Redmond said he moved in this matter as the result of repeated complaints from users of the roads in New Ross district, and especially the farming community. It had been pointed out that the bye-roads are now reduced to such a condition that a big percentage will be impassable during the coming winter. This will occur at a time when one of the most intensive tillage areas in Wexford will need the roads most for the harvest and beet seasons, and it was in the hope that some immediate steps would be taken that he was now pressing the matter on the attention of the council. The present problem of road maintenance was one for which the council was not prepared or responsible. It is the result of a sudden change from horse to mechanical traffic—a class of traffic for which the roads to which he was referring were never intended. The fact remained that the lorry is on the road and has been accepted for the present at any rate, as the normal method of road transport and, in consequence, Wexford County Council, as were the councils of every other county, confronted with a task with which, apparently, they were unable to cope with financially without placing further burdens on the ratepayers. He was as much averse to increasing the rates as any other member, but he had come to realise that something must be done if they were to avoid a general strike in payment of rates. It was for the committee to try to hammer out a scheme by which the situation can be reasonably met. Continuing, Mr. Redmond said he believed the procedure of members inducing the council to seek for loans for the reconstruction of roads in their own areas was selfish and short-sighted. Ratepayers, past whose doors ran very poor roads in which very little interest appeared to be taken, had to meet these loan charges as well as those directly benefiting. He then instanced the case of the roads in New Ross urban area which since they had come under the County Council, with the provision of a large sum for repair under a comprehensive scheme, were now thoroughly sound and would require little expenditure for a number of years, though three years ago they were in a deplorable condition. Something similar should be done for the rural roads.

In reply to Mr. Redmond, the Co. Surveyor said that with the allocation for the third class roads he could just keep them going.

The Chairman said that Mr. Redmond appeared to believe that the County Council favoured one part of the county and that New Ross area was badly treated. The council considered only the need wherever existing and never discriminated against any particular part.

#### **TO KEEP BALANCE FAIRLY ADJUSTED.**

The Co. Surveyor stated that when he discussed the general allocation with the assistant surveyors, the latter, naturally, wanted as much money as possible for their own districts, and he (county surveyor) did his best to keep the balance fairly adjusted.

Mr. Redmond said he believed the actual money allocated for New Ross roads was spent as evenly and as honestly as possible, but the allocation was insufficient and they were now faced with the real problem—where could the County Council obtain money to improve these roads? The scheme of loans for New Ross urban area did not add a penny to the rates, as the repayment of the loans was less than the previous maintenance charge. It was quite evident the roads could not be properly maintained on the existing allocation. If the council borrowed £20,000 at 4 per cent for 15 years the annual repayment by instalment system of loan would amount to £1,760, and to borrow half the amount for the same period would mean an annual repayment of £880. The Department should consider favourably an application from the County Council to supplement the sum provided by the County Council in view of the fact that several of the roads requiring special expenditure were now carrying as much

traffic as some of their main roads. It certainly was within possibility that if the main roads scheme was under review it would include a number of the most important of the existing county roads. A very grave danger was that if they allowed the roads to deteriorate it would mean increased expenditure over a very long period to make up for the neglect of only a few years.

The Chairman said that there would be general agreement as to the necessity for keeping their roads up to standard, but where was the money to come from?

#### **AVERAGE EXPENDITURE.**

The Co. Surveyor explained that according to official returns the following is the mileage of Wexford roads:

	Miles.
Trunk and Link	291
County Roads (Third Class)	1,245
do. do. (Fourth Class)	446
Total	1,982

The average expenditure for main and link roads in 1935 in An Saorstát was £84 per mile and in Wexford £92.

The average expenditure for same period for all direct labour county roads was £24 in An Saorstát in 1935 and in Co. Wexford £12.

The average for all county roads was £18 and for Co. Wexford £11. All other counties, with the exception of two, showed a higher expenditure under this head. Leix spent the same amount as Wexford and Mayo £1 under that. Taking the four counties contiguous to Wexford the percentage of main roads as compared with county roads is as follows:

Carlow	...	21
Kilkenny	...	19
Waterford	...	18
Wicklow	...	23

while the percentage for Wexford was 15. In 1936 the maintenance grant was £11,958, improvement grant £11,064, and relief grant £6,630, a total of £29,652.

It was stated that the receipts for motor tax and for driving licences for the financial year 1936 were £26,480 and for year 1937 £27,426. The council had no information as to amount received for petrol tax or for import duty on cars, but as these were raised for general taxation they could not be included in road administration.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor said all the trunk roads and half the link roads had been reconstructed. It was impossible to give an average for the state of the third and fourth class roads, but something over 400 miles of the third class roads were in bad condition. A number of the leading third class roads were carrying exceptionally heavy traffic, and if these could be improved it would be possible to deal with the balance. The fourth class roads could be described as accommodation roads affording a way for farmers to get on to a more important road.

Col. Gibbon considered the council should approach the Government to secure a prohibition order against heavy lorries using roads which could not stand up to these vehicles and limiting the latter to the use of certain scheduled roads. They should try and agree on the standard of improvement for their third class roads. Then there was the question as to whether if money could be made available it should be all spent at once or spread over a certain period of years. The latter plan, Col. Gibbon



pointed out, had been successful and would not be so onerous financially. In conclusion, he said that they should call for an increase in the taxation of very heavy lorries which were really causing the largest amount of damage to roads which were never built for such traffic.

The Co. Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said that 300 miles of the third class roads were really important, and if funds were at hand he would put down on them a bitumen mastic macadam carpet in a five or ten years' programme. He advocated the work should be done out of revenue and one shilling to one shilling and sixpence in the £ on the rates would provide sufficient to meet all requirements; £5,000 yearly for five years would effect a great improvement.

#### DIFFICULT HOW MONEY COULD BE FOUND.

The Chairman said they had a programme for the expenditure of £180,000 on hospitals, of which the county must provide one-third. The present could be described as their building period, and until it was finished it would be difficult to see how money for road improvement could be found. It was essential they should take into consideration the amounts required by the subsidiary bodies and the taxable capacity of the ratepayers for at least two or three years ahead.

Mr. Redmond said the trouble was to find out to what extent the ratepayers were prepared to back with their money their complaints as to the condition of certain roads.

The Chairman said that every one would be pleased to have all their roads in first class order. If they had £1,000,000 they could do this, but subsequently there would be considerable unemployment during the years when this huge sum would have to be paid off. Finance was at the bottom of the whole problem and the guiding dominant factor in this particular matter must be the ability of the ratepayers to meet additional rates all round. It would not be enough to consider items separately; the bill which the ratepayers had to meet must be weighed and measured as a whole.

Considerable discussion took place as to the poor condition of certain important third class roads owing to their small allocation of funds.

Miss O'Ryan was of opinion that some money should be kept in hand to provide for the clearance of loose stones in the summer. In connection with roads under contract, she failed to see why contractors were not obliged to do this. Then short sections of roads adjacent to railway stations should receive extra metalling and attention.

#### PREPARING OF A MAP.

The meeting then decided that the county surveyor should prepare a map showing in different coloured inks

- (1) Main and link roads.
  - (2) From 300 to 400 miles of third class roads a shade less in importance to link roads.
  - (3) 400 miles of third class roads of secondary importance, and
  - (4) the balance of third class roads (approximately 440 miles).
- Nos. 2 and 3 to have estimate for gradual improvement in five or six years and No. 4 estimate to keep them from deterioration.

Fourth class roads—which are really accommodation roads—to be left out of count for the present.

Specifications for Nos. 2 and 3 are to be complete as to bottoming, surfacing and subsequent maintenance.

The committee then adjourned to 3rd September, 1937.

The adjourned meeting of special roads committee was held on 3rd Sept., 1937.

Present—Mr. D. Allen (chairman Co. Council) presiding; also, Col. Gibbon, Messrs. W. P. Keegan, T. Redmond and Miss O'Ryan.

The secretary, county surveyor, county solicitor, and the five assistant surveyors of the council were in attendance.

The county surveyor submitted map on which he had marked 354½ miles of the most important county roads.

#### THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF IMPORTANT COUNTY ROADS REQUIRING IMPROVE- MENT.

Road, Gorey-Tinahely; terminal points, Gorey Main St. to county bounds Ballynash; 10¼ miles, observations, through Holly...

Carnew-Arklow; Limerick to county bounds Lattinstown, with branches to Inch and Tubberduff Bridge; 8¼ miles; through Coolgreany.

Gorey-Sea; Gorey Bridge to Old Coast-guard Station at Ballymoney, with branches to Kildermot Cross and main road at Ballyteiguan; 5½ miles; tourist route.

Camolin-Carnew; Camolin to Craanford; 4½ miles.

Camolin-Carnew; Camolin to turn Kilthomas; 4 miles; joins next road.

Ferns-Carnew; Rectory gate, Ferns, to county bounds, Money; 7¼ miles; over Slieveboy by Kilthomas.

Camolin-Courtown; Ballydaniel bridge to Riverchapel; 8½ miles; passes Ballyloughter and crosses Gorey-Wexford link road.

Clogh-Enniscorthy; Clogh to main road at Rectory turn; 14¼ miles; through Ballyloughter, The Harrow and Solsborough.

Courtown-Blackwater; Courtown Harbour and main road Ballinatrav to Blackwater; 16 miles; tourist route by coast, through Kilmuckridge.

Ballycanew-Kilmuckridge; Ballycanew to Upton; 7 miles; through Killenagh.

Ferns-Ballygarrett; main road, Ferns, to turn, Knockadaw; 10½ miles; through The Harrow and Bolevogue, and crosses main road, Ballyedmond.

Enniscorthy-Kilmuckridge; main road Oulartwick to Kilmuckridge and Oulart to main road Kilnahanagh; 8¼ miles; through Raheenduff branch from main road Oulart past R.C. Church.

Enniscorthy-Blackwater; main road Tomnafinshoge to main road at Castle Ellis; 5½ miles; through The Ballagh—is used as through route Enniscorthy to Blackwater.

Bunelody-Shillelagh; main road near Bunelody to county bounds Garryhas-ton; 6¼ miles; along county bounds past Clonegal bridge.

Enniscorthy-Carnew; Scarawals h bridge to county bounds Knocknabour, with branch to Strahart; 13¼ miles; through Tombrack and Ballyroebuck—also Ballycarney.

Kiltealy-Ferns; Wheelagower Cross to turn Craan near Ferns; 8¼ miles; leading road through Ballindaggin and Ballycarney.

Bunelody-New Ross; Doran's Cross to main road Ballinlug; 2¼ miles; used as through route—leaving main road through Kiltealy to west.

Enniscorthy-Templeshambo; Milehouse to Bolabeg; 6 miles; leading road Enniscorthy, Ballindaggin, etc.

Enniscorthy-Killanne; Bellfield to Killanne; 7¼ miles; leading road Enniscor-thy to Blackstairs Mountain, etc.

Enniscorthy-New Ross; Enniscorthy Town to main road Bloomfield; 1¼ miles; leading road from top of Enniscorthy at Duffrey Gate.

Enniscorthy-Ferns; Enniscorthy main road Blackstoops; ½ mile; leading road from top of Enniscorthy at Duffrey Gate.

Enniscorthy-Taghmon; main road Knockmarshal to Taghmon; 13¼ miles; leading road through Bree and Galbally.

Enniscorthy-Curragloe; Enniscorthy Urban to Curragloe; 13 miles; tourist route through Ballymurrin and Screen to sea; branch of above to Coolnaboy; 2¼ miles; route from Wexford to Glenbrien.

Enniscorthy-Killurin; Borodale to Killurin; 6¼ miles; three railway stations off this route.

Adamstown-Macmine; The Leap-Macmine railway station; 6 miles; by Sparrowsland bridge (railway) and Clonmore to railway station.

Bree-Edermine; Ballybuckley turn to main road Edermine; 2 miles; serves Edermine railway station.

Castlebridge-Blackwater; Whitty's Cross main road to Crossahue main road; 2 miles; leading road Castlebridge to Blackwater.

Enniscorthy-Castlebridge; Ballynash to Castlebridge; 4½ miles.

Killurin-Castlebridge; Killurin to Castlebridge, with branch to main road at Garrycleary; 6¼ miles; by Deeps bridge, Kyle, and Crossabeg, branch past R.C. Church.

Adamstown-Campile; main road Adamstown to Campile, with branch; 13 miles; through Newbawn and Dunmain.

Adamstown-Palace; turn at Adams-town bridge to main road Palace; 4¼ miles; via Templesheelan past Palace railway station.

Clonroche-Ballinaboola; Tomfarney main road, Ballinaboola; 6¼ miles; through Old Ross.



Castleboro-Chapel; main road Aughnagopple to Chapel; 3 miles; through Clonroche.

Old Ross-Pollmounty; Old Ross, Pollmounty; 6½ miles; past Rathgarogue and Ballywilliam railway station.

New Ross-Palace; urban bounds to turn Ballagh; 6½ miles; leads to Palace railway station.

New Ross-Wexford; urban bounds at two places to main road; 1 mile; two tie roads connecting main road with upper part of town.

Ballinaboola-Fethard; Ballinaboola to main road Poultur; 13½ miles; through Cassagh, Ballycullane and Saltmills.

New Ross-The Hook; main road Horeswood to Portersgate; 10½ miles; through Campile and adjoining Ramsgrange.

Campile-Duncannon; turn at Ballalley to Duncannon; 4½ miles; road from Duncannon to Campile railway station.

Duncannon-Fethard; Duncannon to main road Grange, with branch to Haggard; 6½ miles.

Fethard-The Hook; Fethard to Portersgate; 3½ miles.

Burkestown-Foulksmills; Burkestown main road to Foulksmills main road; 5½ miles; by Mullinderry bridge.

Ballinaboola-Wellingtonbridge; Newcastle main road, Ballylannon main road; 3½ miles; through Clongeen.

New Ross-Mountgarrett Bridge; urban bounds to Woodville gate; 1 mile; this is a 4th class road—takes traffic Show Ground.

New Ross-Taghmon; main road Scullabogue to main road near Taghmon; 5½ miles; past Cullenstown R.C. Church.

Wexford-Forth Mountain; urban bounds to turn Newbay; 1½ miles; past Show Ground.

Wexford-Kilmore; Kerlogue main road to Kilmore; 12 miles; through Murntown and Baldwinstown.

Wexford-Kilmore; Newcastle turn to turn at Kilmore village; 4½ miles; through Bridgetown.

Taghmon-Duncormick; main road Aghermon to Duncormick main road; 4½ miles, through Tullycanna and Ambrosstown—leads to railway station.

Duncormack-Bannow; main road Duncormick to Bannow; 6½ miles; past Coolishal Church and through Carrick.

Bridgetown-Tagoat; Tenacre main road to main road Tagoat; 5½ miles.

Wexford-Rosslare Strand; Ashfield main road Rosslare Strand; 3 miles; tourist route.

Rosslare Strand-Carn; concrete road at Grange to St. Ivers; 3½ miles; through Tagoat—tourist route.

Wexford-Carn; Killinick main road to Carn Harbour; 6½ miles; through Broadway and Lady's Island—tourist route.

Total—354½ miles.

#### WOULD COST QUARTER OF A MILLION.

Dealing with the list, the Co. Surveyor said that about 40 or 50 miles of these roads had been improved, but their condition was not comparable with that of the main roads. When he (county surveyor) considered the position he found that to put the 354½ miles into good condition was not feasible—in fact, was out of the question, as it would cost quarter of a million of money. Leaving out of account the large sum necessary it would not be possible to spend it within a reasonable time, as he had neither the machinery nor quarries to deal with it. But, if extra money could be provided on a ten-year programme very substantial improvement could be effected. Doing these roads bit by bit by an increased allocation on all third class roads would be carrying on to the best advantage.

Mr. Redmond considered that some of the main and link roads requiring improvement were not more important than some of the third class roads, and his view was that improvement of the latter should be partly from rates and partly by Government Grant.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that a number of years had elapsed since the main road declaration was made. The main roads were the leading roads then, but changing conditions had diverted portion of the motor traffic which resulted in some of their third class roads having to bear excessive traffic.

#### MOST DESTRUCTIVE TO ROAD SURFACES.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Co. Council should put up a resolution pressing the Government to have money made available on important third class roads. In addition to ordinary motor cars they had lorry and 'bus traffic which was most destructive to road surfaces. They did

not want to de-class any of the main roads, but it was reasonable to expect that third class roads bearing as much—and in some cases—more heavy traffic than some of their main roads, deserved recognition in the way of grants. They should be satisfied to continue expanding improvement, if a little every year. If they put forward proposals for the improvement of all their third class roads they would not be able to obtain sufficient from the rates or the Government. They should resist emergency repair unless it could be proved that the road would otherwise go to pieces. He then submitted the following three points for consideration:

(1) Approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the re-classification of certain important

third class roads.

(2) Inform the Co. Council that it was not possible to improve their third class roads within a limited period.

(3) Rigidly refuse to obtain loan for road repair unless under exceptional circumstances, such as the starting of a new industry in the locality.

The Chairman believed it would be more advisable as regards the classification of roads to induce the Government to agree to provide 40 per cent of the expenditure on important third class roads.

Mr. Redmond pointed out it was never the intention of anybody to father a scheme for the repair of all third class roads all at once, as they were up against the prohibitive cost. He asked if the county surveyor could put forward a concrete scheme now. The problem facing them was the starvation of roads for years, and when intensive traffic arrived the roads were not able to carry it.

The Co. Surveyor suggested an additional allocation of £9,000 per annum for a period of years for all third class roads—half from rates and the other half from the State. They should press for a percentage of maintenance grant for the important third class roads.

#### A RATE OF 4D. IN THE £.

After considerable further discussion, the Chairman proposed: "That portion of grants from Road Fund in accordance with the recommendations of county surveyor be applied to important third class roads; that the Co. Council be recommended to put up for improvement of third class roads the equivalent of a rate of 4d. in the £ in addition to existing maintenance allocation, the Government to provide an equal amount."

Mr. Ennis, assistant surveyor, considered that for at least seven years it would be fatal to eat into the improvement grant. It was the only means by which they were really improving their roads, and they were only half way through. The suggested allocation with a certain increase for link roads was necessary if they were going to keep the roads in good condition. From 1923 to 1928 the roads had improved greatly, but since then they were gradually going back.

The Co. Surveyor said that in the opinion of himself and his assistants, practically every road on the list submitted that day was deteriorating more or less.

The Chairman asked if it could be feasible to have certain roads permanently closed to motor traffic and to have signs erected on those which were suitable for such traffic.

#### HOW MOST OF THE DAMAGE IS DONE.

Mr. Ennis, assistant surveyor, said most of the damage done to roads was by lorries owned by farmers or used for farmers' convenience.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that nine-tenths of the beet traffic was carried in lorries, which also delivered goods to the small shops in the country. In fact, lorries had supplanted the horse for all kinds of traffic. Farmers were very badly hit at the present, and in his view they were unable to pay any higher rates than those existing. Owing to the improvement of main roads it would not be necessary to spend so much money on them in the future, and if the Government could be got to recognise the important third class roads and the same road rate was raised as at present, portion of the money could be employed in the improvement of the third class roads and in this way by degrees they could be brought up to standard.



**PENNY-WISE. POUND-FOOLISH POLICY.**

Mr. Keegan said Col. Gibbon and his party were responsible for the deterioration of the roads by the "penny-wise, pound-foolish" policy they adopted in cutting down the county surveyor's estimate every year to an impossible figure.

The resolution was then put and declared carried, Col. Gibbon dissenting.

The Chairman said the sum total of the report was that the committee recommended the Co. Council to provide an additional sum of £6,000 a year to the existing road allocation. That was so far as the Co. Council is concerned. The other recommendations affect the Government.

**"SHOULD CUT OUR COAT ACCORDING TO OUR CLOTH."**

Col. Gibbon—The Co. Council must not think, when this recommendation is carried out, that it will provide for anything more than maintenance.

Mr. Barry told us we would have to continue providing this sum for several years, year after year. To get these particular roads up to the standard of the trunk roads would cost about £250,000, and a very large sum for maintenance as well. In addition to the demand of the committee for roads, it is certain that next year we are going to have a huge demand for public health purposes, hospitals, etc. I voted against the proposal in the committee's report because I think the roads, except for certain exceptional cases, are less urgent than the other demand, and that we should cut our coat according to our cloth. We have only enough money to do a certain amount. If we have to provide hospitals and other things that are absolutely necessary we must reduce expenditure in other directions. I have generally voted for cutting down roads expenditure, because I did not think we could afford it. With the aid of the unemployment grants and the work we did out of our own funds on the roads we improved them greatly, and if we could get the Government to give us a bit more out of the road fund, which is growing larger year by year with the money out of the lorries, we could carry on well enough and these roads would be satisfactory enough for the time being, seeing that we have to raise money to meet these essential public health services. For that reason I voted against the proposal to commit ourselves to raise an additional £6,000 a year while we are in power.

Chairman—This is only for next year

so far as this council is concerned? Col. Gibbon—Yes, but the county surveyor tells us we have to make up our minds to continue the expenditure for many years.

Chairman—We may not be here.

Col. Quin—I thought we would be here until 1940. We cannot stop the increase of the lorries. The lorry is the greatest friend the farmer has. It goes right up to his door, and the only thing is that it is being swept off the road by the Railway Co.—a horrible injustice in my opinion. You will have more, and not fewer lorries, and they are taxed up to their capacity to pay.

**UNABLE TO BEAR THE TRAFFIC.**

The Chairman said that the council heard the deputation from Bree that day and agreed with them about the need for improving their road. The same necessity applied to 300 miles of road in the county. It was rather serious from the Co. Council point of view. Motor traffic had increased, and the third class roads were called on suddenly to bear the traffic, and were unable to bear it. The problem was how to keep the third class roads in existence. The roads committee suggested that the Co. Council provide £6,000 and that they ask the Government for a grant in addition of about double or terble that sum.

Col. Quin—That does not mean we will get it.

Chairman—That does not mean that we are bringing the third class roads up to the standard of the link roads, but that you will have them in ordinary repair. We have been raising less money in Wexford for road repair than any county in Ireland, except two. We are up against that now.

Mr. O'Byrne—If we take the rate in the £, are we raising less than the others? Chairman—Wexford is one of the most extensive tillage counties, and it is admitted on all sides that the farmers are using lorries. It is not a very pleasant thing to have to suggest to increase the rate.

Mr. O'Byrne—There is no doubt the roads want improvement, but the motor traffic is increasing to a very large extent, and the road fund is getting increased revenue. We are not getting the benefit of that. We should get increased grants corresponding to the increased traffic.

Chairman—If you take the unemployment grants and the road grants you are getting far more in the year than you are paying. Mr. O'Byrne—The unemployment grant is different altogether.

Mr. Barry—The road fund improvement grant is at present confined to main roads and is for the reconstruction of short lengths.

**MOTOR TAXES.**

The Secretary said the motor taxes paid amounted to £27,426 and the grants received £29,652. The road improvement grants for 1936 were £11,064 and the maintenance grants £11,958.

Mr. Barry—It will be more this year. The road improvement grant does not deal with other than reconstruction of main roads, and you get 40 per cent grants also for maintenance of main roads. The L.G.D. insists that when you improve the main roads you do not let them fall back into disrepair. That is the reason for the good expenditure on main roads. No grants go to the third class roads except the unemployment grants and these are confined to short special jobs, which depend more on the amount of unemployment in a district than on the state of the roads.

The Chairman said that three kinds of grants came from the road fund—unemployment grants, maintenance grants and the 50 per cent of expenditure grants.

Mr. Barry—The grants in the last class cannot be spent on the third class roads. Some years ago when a couple of million pounds were allocated to the road grants, the road fund went in debt to the central fund for the money, and the road fund is still indebted to the central fund for over a million pounds of that borrowed money.

**GET VIEWS OF RATEPAYERS.**

Chairman—That statement will be published and I suggest we will adjourn it to the next Co. Council meeting and in the meantime get the views of the ratepayers on the report of the committee.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the proposition and said he would like the people who complain about the condition of the roads to see what they will have to pay.

Mr. T. Redmond—As one of the people responsible for starting this matter, I would like to say that every member of the council is agreed that an extraordinary situation has arisen and if it is not dealt with at once we will be in a much worse position next year. The council are prepared to do something if they are backed up by the ratepayers. Without the backing of the ratepayers we cannot do anything. I don't see why the council would not adopt the recommendation of the committee. It will be a beginning anyhow, and if the roads are to be put in proper repair, it must continue for several years.

Chairman—None of the money will be raised or spent in this financial year. Will you agree to the adjournment?

Col. Gibbon—I hope the papers will give great prominence to this discussion. It is a bad year for the farmers and people are criticising the rates. Mr. Culleton—I heard several farmers say it is the best year they ever had. Mr. Barry—Everyone is anxious to have his own road done and let the rest of the county pay for it.

Mr. T. Redmond—It is in the interest of the farmers we want to improve the roads, and it is to prepare the roads for the coming harvest I suggested the matter should be taken up.

Chairman—The "coming" harvest is gone.

Co. Surveyor—You won't get this money until the next financial year.

The matter was deferred to the next meeting.



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Mr. Kinsella and Col. Gibbon objected to the recommendations of the Committee on the ground that the ratepayers were unable to meet any increased demand on their resources.

The Chairman proposed that consideration of the Special Roads Committee report be adjourned to next meeting when Road Works Scheme for next financial year would be submitted. If the matter was considered now they would have the same discussion for next meeting. Besides, no representations had been received from the public as regards their recommendations and the public would now have a further month to deal with these representations. After this, the Council, having considered any suggestions offered could proceed with the allocation.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Mr. McCarthy asked if it would be possible for the Secretary to ascertain whether there was any likelihood of a grant on which the effectiveness of the Council's resolution to raise a fourpenny rate in the £ for the improvement of third class roads depended, would be forthcoming. They got back in grants the same amount as is collected in motor taxation and also Unemployment Grants, which the Chairman had described as substantial amounts. There were many roads in the County in the third class category which were bearing traffic as important and as constant as main or link roads. There was a big sum collected in petrol tax which went to general taxation. Without further legislation the Council could not get any of that but, in view of the daily increasing burdens on Councils owing to increase in motor vehicles etc., the Government should introduce the necessary legislation.

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

REPORTS ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING 21st SEPTEMBER 1937: The following Minutes of  
above meeting were submitted:-



A meeting of the Local Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act 1930 was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on the 21st September 1937. Present:- Very Rev. Canon Cloney, presiding, also Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., and Miss Kathleen Browne.

The Secretary of the County Council was also in attendance.

CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The meeting was called to consider the following letter from the Wexford Board of Health:-

"The Board of Health have on many recent occasions discussed the difficulties which they experience in attending to historic ruins in the older graveyards of the County. At the meeting on August 3rd it was suggested that it might be possible if representatives of the Board and the Ancient Monuments Committee discussed this matter fully to devise some joint scheme for dealing with historic ruins. I would be glad if you obtained the views of the Ancient Monuments Committee upon this suggestion."

It was decided to ask the Board of Health to nominate Representatives to attend Conference on Tuesday, 5th October at 2 p.m. It was arranged that the full Committee would be represented at the proposed Conference.

It was further decided to ask the Office of Works to allow Mr. Leask, their Inspector of Ancient and Historic Monuments, to attend the Conference.

In connection with the preservation and repair of monuments in graveyards vested in the Board of Health attention was directed to statement made by Mr. Leask to the Committee at their meeting on 21st January last in which he stated as regards preservation of Ancient Monuments in graveyards under the Appendix to the Report of the Commission appointed under



the Church Temporalities Act 1869 there appeared a list of graveyards vested in the Church Representative Body and also a list of those vested in the Sanitary Authorities. Boards of Health as successors to these Authorities were now charged with the control and maintenance of the last-mentioned graveyards.

It was decided to ask the Office of Public Works if, in their opinion, the duty of preserving and repairing Ancient Monuments in Burial Grounds which had been previously vested in Sanitary Authorities now fell to the County Board of Health or was it necessary that this Board should by Deed hand over such monuments to the control of the County Council who would then apply for preservation Orders to the Office of Public Works and subsequently for Guardianship Orders.

The meeting were under the impression from the reading of the Act that any expense incurred in connection with their work whether in vested graveyards or otherwise, would fall upon the County Council.

BURIAL GROUNDS ETC.

The list of burial grounds vested in the County Wexford Board of Health was then examined and it was decided that the Committee would have special attention drawn to the following at the Conference:-

Kilcaman (Wexford)

Tomhaggard

Bannow

Carrig

Churchtown (Templetown)

Grange (Kilmore).

It was stated that the latter was overgrown with weeds.

In connection with these graveyards attention was called to the fact that the coping stone of the Old Church hallway at Templetown Graveyard, connecting the Castle with



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the old Protestant Church had been removed to form the foundation for a grave.

It was decided that the attention of the Board of Health be called to this matter.

The Committee understood that the old Protestant Church at Templetown was to be demolished and they adopted a resolution asking the Board of Health to see that the old Templars' Castle which adjoined would not be injured or in any way interfered with.

A further resolution was adopted asking the Board of Health if they would be good enough to instruct their caretakers to see that no injury was caused to anything in the nature of National or historic monuments in the graveyards in their charge. In some graveyards the Committee believe weeds had not been cut for a considerable period, also that as ivy was causing very considerable deterioration to Ancient Monuments, the Board of Health might see their way to instruct their caretakers to cut down this ivy where it was manifestly causing injury.

The Committee suggested the advisability of having some official inspection from time to time regarding the manner in which caretakers of Burial Grounds were discharging their duties.

A resolution was adopted asking Mr. Boyce of Bannow if he could see his way to restore the Arch under Bannow Church and in respect of which his deceased father had offered a substantial contribution towards the cost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss Browne seconded by Father Murphny:-

"That the Land Commission be requested to communicate with their Inspectors and request them to take all possible steps to see that any ruins or monuments of a historic character should, when land was being divided, be reserved."



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Miss Browne reported she had, through the kindness of Mr. Vincent Doyle rescued from a garden in which it was buried, the inscribed stone which rested over the Hall at Ballyconnor, Kilrane. This stone bore the crest of the Staffords and an inscription which was quite legible and bore the year 1570 as the date when the house of Ballyconnor was built. She had taken the stone to a place where it was in safe keeping.

The Committee approved of the action of Miss Browne in the matter.

The following letter was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin:-

"We have to inform you that our Inspector of National Monuments has information regarding most of the monuments mentioned in the Minutes of the County Wexford Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee. He has been unable to trace the following four monuments:-

Cotts, Tacumshane, Ogham Stone and Stone Circle.

Templenacroha, Ogham Stone and Stone Circle.

Killabeg, Ferns, Ogham Stone and Stone Circle.

St. Helen's, Kilrane.

We should be glad if you can obtain from the Committee the precise map positions of these structures giving the Ordnance Sheet number and two measurements from the lefthand and top margin lines of the map in inches and decimals (or in centimetres). Alternatively, a tracing of the townlands will suffice with the monuments marked. We shall also be glad to have as full description as possible of each of these monuments."

It was mentioned that the Land Commission was dealing with Cotts and that the Ogham stones and stone circles were being reserved.

Templenacroha was the site of an old abbey and two



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blessed wells and it was decided to draw the attention of the Office of Public Works to their preservation.

The meeting considered that further consideration regarding ruins at Killabeg, Ferns, and St. Helen's, Kilrane, should be adjourned for the moment.

#### DESTRUCTION OF ANCIENT MONUMENT

Miss Browne read the following letter as to the demolition of the remains and site of old Castle at Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge:-

"In recent years all that could be seen at Morriscastle was the block of masonry that stood on the south side of the site. It looked insignificant, but it was precious when there was nothing else to show of the last stronghold of the Murphy's. Then one could trace the East and West walls of the Castle by the fragments of mortar that were to be found on surface of the rock. Some holes in the rocky floor of the castle were filled with stones and mortar. The ornamented stone arches of two narrow lights or windows and some pieces of broken pottery were found on the site. Outside the Eastern wall stood the "natural" grinding stone as illustrated by one of the snaps which I am enclosing.

Then the County Council came; they bored into and blew up the site of the Castle. The old portion of the south wall was shaken but not destroyed at the time of the explosion, but when the stone crusher came on the scene this piece of masonry was torn down, and nothing now remains to show that a castle once stood there.

I am enclosing a few snaps which may help to illustrate the site of the Castle.

Would it be possible to erect some sort of a small tablet near the site to indicate what and where the Castle was. In years to come the local people will still, as they



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do today, call the place "The Ould Castle" in contradistinction to the New Castle, or Castle Annesley, which is only a few fields away to the south. But, nobody will know where "The Ould Castle" stood. There are plenty of people around Kilmuckridge who would be willing to give a subscription towards the erection of such a memorial.

O'Morchoe's Castle and the neighbouring townlands of Dundrum, Killennyduff and Raheenlusk were confiscated in 1666 and given to Arthur Annesley. The Annesleys, in conformity with the condition of the grant, pulled down O'Morchoe's Castle and built Castle Annesley.

What the Annesleys of 1666 left undone, the Wexford County Council of 1936 finished!"

She also submitted a number of photographs showing the remains and site intact after its demolition. She stated that it was the ancestral home of the O'Morchoes and it had been dismantled to a certain extent by an Annesley in conformity with the condition of a grant of three townlands to the Planter in 1666.

Father Murphy, who referred to Morriscastle as the ancestral home of the Murphys proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss Browne and adopted:-

"The Local Advisory Committee under the National Monuments Act view, with deep regret, the action of the officials of the County Council in demolishing the site of Morris Castle and hope that similar action will not occur as regards other monuments in the County. The Committee understand that when the Office of Public Works called attention to the destruction in An Saorstat of Ancient Monuments for the purpose of securing road metalling, it was stated at Wexford County Council that no such action had taken place in the County."



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POWERS OF LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The meeting spent a considerable time discussing their powers under the National Monuments Act 1930. They believed that the Act required amendment so that direct action through local Committees could be taken.

They believed there should be some method by which damage to historic monuments should be reported through the Gardai or otherwise.

The Committee further consider that they should have direct power to arrange for the preservation of monuments in cases in which only some small expenditure was required.

They are of opinion that all local advisory Committees should have power to schedule list of what - in their opinion - were historic or ancient monuments, subject to confirmation by Inspector of the Office of Public Works and to the approval of the County Council. That when this list was sanctioned it should be made an offence punishable by substantial fine for any person to interfere with or injure any monument set out therein. The machinery in the present Act appears too cumbrous and great delay must be caused in having ancient or historic ruins handed over to the County Council and in subsequently having to make application to the Office of Public Works for preservation and Guardianship Orders.

The Committee are furnishing these suggestions to the National Monuments Advisory Council and the T.D.'s for the County Wexford and also to Secretaries of County Councils to pass on to the local Advisory Committees established under the National Monuments Act 1930.



CONFERENCE HELD ON 5th OCTOBER 1937: The following report of Conference between the members of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee and Representatives of the Board of Health was submitted:-



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Minister has been in communication with the Office of Public Works in the matter, and has been informed that the buildings in this burial ground were vested in the local sanitary authority by the Commissioners of Church Temporalities under the Irish Church Act, 1869, and that the Board of Health are therefore owners of the buildings and are empowered by section 12 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, to maintain them; and that the local authority has power under section 3 (3) of the Act to strike a rate for the expenses of repair. The Office of Public Works also state that they cannot take over monuments which are already in the ownership of a local authority by virtue of enactments previous to the National Monuments Act, 1930."

It was mentioned that there were 121 graveyards vested in the Board of Health and that caretakers were in receipt of £500 per annum, the individual remuneration ranging from 30/- to £4.

It was pointed out that in some instances in which historic or ancient ruins were in an enclosed space in a graveyard, caretakers had not been in the habit of keeping the space clear of weeds.

The Representatives of the Board agreed that so far as it was possible caretakers would be directed to keep down weeds in graveyards generally and also in these enclosed spaces and that where any ancient or historic ruin was covered or partly covered by ivy, caretakers would cut back the ivy by clipping once a year.

Attention was directed to the statement in the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to ruins at Clonmines that the Office of Public Works hold they cannot take over Monuments, the ownership of which was vested in a local authority previous to the passing of National Monuments Act 1930. The ruins there are regarded by the Committee as unique and were deteriorating rapidly.



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There was no doubt in the minds of the Committee that as a National Monument of first importance they should be taken over by the State and if the effect of the Act of 1930 was to throw the maintenance of such historic monuments in vested graveyards - no matter how important - on local rates the step was entirely retrogressive and would certainly not tend to the preservation of monuments requiring a large outlay.

Then again the Board of Health have no expert information as to what ruins in the majority of their graveyards can be regarded as of historic interest.

The question of the formation of local committees which would give assistance in the care of graveyards generally, was considered at length, and the good work done in this respect by the Glynn Local Committee organised by Fr. P. Murphy, P.P., was the subject of appreciation.

The meeting appeals for the formation of such local Committees in the various parishes who would concern themselves with seeing that the neighbouring graveyards are kept in good order.

After considerable general discussion the meeting adopted a resolution to the County Council to ascertain if, in the case of outstanding National and Historic Monuments in graveyards must the Board of Health include in their Annual Demand on the County Council a sum for the purpose of repair and maintenance, and if the County Council are bound - (as holds with the other figures in the Demand) - to raise same in Rate as a County at Large charge.

The Committee agree that apparently County Councils are bound to raise the figure in Demand of Board of Health, including any sum for maintenance of graveyards, but are not quite satisfied that this amount can be dealt with



under Section 3 (3) of the Ancient Monuments Act 1930  
until such time as Ancient and Historic Monuments are  
vested in the County Council. The latter are recommended  
to have the position clarified.



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The County Surveyor said if he had been aware there was any special historic interest attaching to the ruins of Morriscastle he would not have interfered with them. The Council would understand that it was very difficult to secure road metalling in the district and the question of opening a quarry in the locality had been before them for a couple of years. If he had been informed that the remains there which to an ordinary observer appeared very trifling, were of historic interest he certainly would not have used the material for road metal. The matter would not have happened if he had been informed of the actual situation.

Mr. Smyth said that the Council had received several resolutions to open a quarry at Tinnacree adjacent to Morriscastle.

The County Surveyor said he would put up a tablet with an inscription at the place.

Miss O'Ryan said she would not like the public to form the opinion that this matter arose through sheer carelessness or lack of interest in historic remains by their officials. This was not the case as she was personally aware that Mr. Barry (County Surveyor) had as much interest in the preservation of their ancient Monuments as any member of the Committee.

The following letter under date 8th October 1937 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"Referring to our interview as to the National Monuments Acts, the County Council have no responsibility in respect of the upkeep of Grave Yards, nor have they any Authority to strike any Rate for such upkeep. This responsibility rests entirely with the Public Health Board.

The above Act has no reference to Grave Yards.

Under the Act the County Council have no responsibility in connection with the upkeep of ancient Monuments, unless and until such ancient Monuments have been transferred to them by Deed under the Provisions of Section 5 of the Act,



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and until such Transfer has been made the County Council cannot raise any Rate under Section 3 (3) of the Act for carrying the Provisions of the Act into effect.

If the Act is to be put into operation in the County a Schedule of the Ancient Monuments which have, or are to be transferred to the Council should be prepared."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the consideration of Minutes of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee on 21st September and 5th October 1937, be adjourned pending consultation of Committee with Mr. Leask, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Office of Public Works.

#### OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 2

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:-

"That as recommended by No. 2 Sub-Committee - Old Age Pensions Acts, Rev. Richard Doyle, P.P., Ramsgrange, be appointed a member of this Committee vice Rev. W. Harpur, P.P., translated to Pastorship of Gorey."

Passed.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Applications for extension of their University Scholarships to enable them to attend the courses for Higher Diploma in Education were received from James G. Delaney, 50 Parnell Street, Wexford and Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin.

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

"That, in order to allow Mr. James G. Delaney and Miss Nora O'Sullivan opportunity to study for the Higher Diploma in Education their University Scholarships be extended for a fourth year."

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



"That the County Council consider the advisability of awarding only one University Scholarship in cases in which two members of the same family are successful in passing the Scholarship Examination."

Mr. Bowe seconded.

Col. Quin said he did not think they should hamper people like that. If a man was lucky enough to have two children going to the top, he did not see why they should not get the scholarship. Proceeding, he asked if any of them could wait a year.

Chairman - They could.

The motion was passed, with Col. Quin dissenting.

The Chairman then moved and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That when two members of the same family are successful in the same year at University Examination and secure such marks as would entitle them to a University Scholarship, one Scholarship only be awarded, the parents or guardians of the candidates in question to make the selection."

#### BOUNTY ON RABBIT SKINS

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

"That we, the members of Wexford County Council call on the Government to increase the bounty on rabbit skins."

Mr. Bowe pointed out that in his district great damage had been caused by rabbits which multiplied at a rapid rate - in fact, he had been informed that a pair of rabbits produced 45 young in a year. In his own case, two acres of corn had been entirely destroyed. A threepenny bounty last year was responsible for a very large number of rabbits being killed, and it was money well spent. But, he considered it insufficient to really cope with the pest which rabbits had become. He, ~~there~~, moved that the Government be asked to increase the bounty from 3d to 4d.



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Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Col. Quin gave as his personal opinion that with the use of Cymag and a blower the rabbits could be kept down to the minimum.

Br. Bowe pointed out that in his district the fences were stone wall. They had tried the blower and found it impossible to stop all the holes.

The resolution was adopted.

#### NOTICE OF AUDIT

Notice from Mr. J. T. Healy, the Auditor of Department of Local Government and Public Health, that he intended to proceed with the examination of the accounts of the County Council on the 2nd November, 1937, at 12 noon, was read for the meeting.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

DISTRIBUTION OF BALANCE OF LOAN: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That applications relative to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be referred to Finance Committee, which we hereby empower to deal with same."

#### APPROVAL MISS MORAN, TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

Under date 20th September 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.73396/37 Loch Garman) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo and to state that he sanctions the appointment of Miss B. M. Moran as Telephone Attendant on the terms and conditions already approved."

#### REGULATIONS SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the following



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resolution which was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance Committee we hereby agree to make Regulations under Article 22(a) and 22(b) of Sheep Dipping Order 1937, empowering Inspectors appointed by the County Council under this Order to serve on Sheep Owners requisition under Article 18 of said Order requiring that the dipping of such Sheep shall be carried out at a time and place set out in such requisition in the manner prescribed by said Order and to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and requiring compliance with notices served by Sheep Dipping Inspectors under the said regulations at the time specified or such times as may be substituted owing to inclement weather."

LOAN OF £1200 SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

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

"That inasmuch as this County Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this County Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chief Executive Officer of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, being countersigned by the Secretary of the Wexford County 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 the account of the Wexford County Council in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

EASEMENT OF CORNER AT GOREY RAILWAY BRIDGE

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



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"That the Seal of this County Council be affixed to the conveyance of plot of ground at Gorey Railway Bridge from Great Southern Railways to Wexford County Council, this plot having been taken over in order to provide for easement of corner at the site."

#### 1938 LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Under date 29th September 1937, Miss Connolly, Librarian, Wexford Rural Library Service forwarded the following resolution adopted by her Committee:-

"That we request the County Council to extend an invitation to the Library Association of Ireland to hold their annual Conference in Wexford in 1938."

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

"That we extend to the Library Association of Ireland a hearty invitation to hold their Annual Conference in Wexford town. That the County Council Chamber be placed at the disposal of the Association for their visit."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That renewal of Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, provided no objection be received from the Garda Siochana."

#### SALE OF LAND BONDS

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

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be attached to the request for the sale of £12, Land Bonds of 4% received in payment of Drainage Rate from the Irish Land Commission. That the proceeds of sale be applied to the appropriate drainage rate."



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KILMORE PIER

In reply to Col. Gibbon Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, stated he had inspected Kilmore Pier on 8th October 1937 and there were some ordinary repairs necessary to the breakwater. These would be put in hands during the week. There were only two days' work to be arranged.

ST. HELEN'S PIER

Mr. Corish suggested that the County Surveyor should make a further investigation regarding St. Helen's Pier improvement. He believed that the Minister could be induced to provide a grant.

The County Surveyor said he would act on this suggestion.

ROAD KILMORE TO BRIDGETOWN VIA TULLIBARDS

The following under date 8th October was read from Mr. Peter Doyle (P. Doyle & Son), Ballyharty, Bridgetown:-

"The Kilmore to Bridgetown road via Tullibards is in a dangerous state of repair at present, owing I am told, through stoppage of sea gravel for such purposes. I have three (3) lorries hauling Beet on this road, starting on October 16th, and if something is not done before the road gets impassable for haulage purposes, the road will either have to be put in repair or closed, as it is dangerous in so much as I have to carry two or three men on the top of those loads and if an axle breaks or they catch the grass margin through trying to pass other traffic there is a danger of some on falling off, being badly hurt or killed, as I have had serious breaks on this road for the last two Winters.

I would respectfully remind the Council that I am paying for the use of those roads to run those lorries on £120 (one hundred and twenty pounds) road tax paid last year, £300 (three hundred pounds) petrol tax, yet I have no road fit to drive the lorries on without risk to life and limb.

Now I trust the County Council will see their way to



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put this road in proper repair at once, as I have about four thousand tons of Beet (4,000 tons) to haul on this road, as this is the heaviest Beet district in the country.

I would respectfully suggest something from the Contingencies Fund for the purpose of supplying one hundred yards or more to save this road and put it in a safe state to travel on, as I will have the three lorries on it for four months, along with railway and other lorries. So I am respectfully asking the Council to attend to this matter at once as the case is urgent.

I am giving this letter to Mr. John Day, M.C.C., in order that it will reach the proper quarter and he will verify my statement and complaint.

Thanking you in anticipation."

The County Surveyor said this was one of the roads which had been tabled in the list supplied to Councillors as a third class road bearing heavy and intensive traffic and one to be dealt with in the road programme which had been suggested by the Committee. The money for Unemployment was given proportionately to the number of men employed at the rate of £7. 10. 0 per man and that would give only £300 for the two miles of the road in question requiring improvement. They could not do much on this road with £300 for the two miles and the road was going to pieces.

Miss O'Ryan considered it would be more important on a road like this to surface it than to put in rubble stones.

The County Surveyor said surfacing would be waste as there was no bottom to the road. It would cost £2000 in round figures to put it into repair.

Mr. Birthistle said that he and the other Assistant Surveyors made a special plea for money for maintenance of roads carrying heavy beet traffic. What Mr. Doyle said in his letter was correct. They were now prohibited from taking gravel from the beach at Kilmore for road repair



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except at one place at which the gravel was not very suitable. The result was he was obliged to ask for the Kilmore roads a further £200 for material from Ballyconnick and for its haulage. Kilmore had up to a year or two ago, been a paradise for road maintenance, but since then the roads had been ruined by motor traffic.

Col. Gibbon said that employment was seasonable in Kilmore and there was a good deal of unemployment in the first three months of the year before the fishing opened and it would be very advisable if something could be done for the road from Bridgetown to Kilmore.

The Chairman was glad to find Col. Gibbon making such a case for the spending of money on a particular road, as he always, up to now, consistently voted against any extra road allocation.

Col. Gibbon said he desired that the road should be improved through means of the Unemployment Grant.

Mr. Redmond considered that when the Council had adjourned consideration of the Roads Committee report they should adjourn all applications such as the one under discussion. He stood by the recommendations of the Committee which were backed up by the Survey staff. If roads were to be improved the Ratepayers would have to put up some of the money.

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

"That the question of repair of Road from Bridgetown to Kilmore via Tullibards be adjourned to next meeting of the Council."

Passed.

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

"That £100 be taken from ordinary proposal for repair of Bridgetown-Kilmore road (via Tullibards) to carry out such immediate repair as will make road passable and pending



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further consideration of its condition."

Mr. Colfer said that roads in the Fethard and Hook district were possibly worse than the Kilmore-Bridgetown Road as they had been seriously cut up through beet traffic.

The Chairman said as regards roads which were badly hit by traffic such as haulage of beet the Council was guided by their Surveyors and if the latter put up a case for an emergency grant they always got it. It should be left to Surveyors to be the judges as to these emergency grants.

Mr. Colfer said that for the last two or three years he had been bringing forward the state of the Roads in Ballycullane and Fethard and was always told there was no money available.

Chairman - If the County Surveyor says an emergency grant is necessary he will get it.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT

The County Surveyor said that the money allocated under Employment Scheme Vote had no general effect on the improvement of their third class roads. The money was provided for places in which there was the greatest number of unemployed and it is not given in a lump sum to be spent on a particular road. The amount allocated was never able to make any appreciable general improvement on the road.

#### ROADS IN SOUTH WEXFORD

The following under date 7th October 1937 was read from New Ross Comhairle Ceanntair Fianna Fail:-

"Amongst the items on the Agenda for a meeting of the above-named, held at Ballycullane Hall, on Sunday, October 3rd, was one asking that body to bring before the Wexford County Council the deplorable state of the Roads throughout the district. After a lengthy discussion the proposal was agreed to, and in expressing the views of the members present,



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I am directed to state that an early and serious effort should be made by the Council to deal with the problem of Road improvement. In their opinion a scheme inaugurated with such an objective, ought to be entered upon, and believe, that with the exercise of fair discretion as to the source of support for such a scheme, it would have unanimous approval from the public."

It was decided to consider this letter with Roads Works Scheme for next financial year.

#### REPAIR ROAD ENNISCORTHY TO GALBALLY

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

"That the Council consider the advisability of raising a loan to repair the road leading from Enniscorthy to Galbally."

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the proposal be considered with the Road Works Scheme.

#### CLASSIFICATION BALLAGH ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 20th September 1937 (R/RGR/32 20th September 1937) from the Road Section of Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, relative to the classification as a Main Road of County Roads Nos. 522 and 416, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the proximity of the existing main road he is unable to agree to the proposal that the Ballagh Road (Co. Nos. 522 and 416) should be declared a Main Road."

#### LOAN CURRACLOE ROAD

The following under date 21st September 1937 (S. Loch Garman - Pg) was read from Department of Local Government



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"With reference to your letter of the 7th instant and previous correspondence in regard to the proposals of the Wexford County Council for the improvement of the road between Curracloe village and Curracloe strand, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the raising by the Council of a loan of £500 to defray expenditure thereon; the loan to be obtained from the National Bank Limited and to be repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the usual rate."

#### BALLYGILLIANE LANE

The following from Mr. John J. Collins, Hon. Secretary Labour Party, Kilfane and Rosslare Harbour Branch was referred to next meeting for consideration with Road Works Scheme and other applications for special road repairs:-

"I have been instructed by the members of above to bring under your notice the flooded condition of Ballygillane Lane during rainy weather in Winter. This is the main thoroughfare between Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane School and Church, and water lies on the road to the depth of one foot in Winter. I would be glad if you would have this matter gone into and let me hear from you early. I will be only too pleased to give you any further particulars."

#### MARRIAGE GRATUITY

Under date 23rd September 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.52/90-37 Loch Garman):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit herewith for your information copy of a communication addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee regarding payment of a marriage gratuity to Mrs. K. Walsh (nee McCarthy) formerly Commercial Instructress under the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee."



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The following under date 23rd September 1937 (G.52190-37 Loch Garman) is the letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health to Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant and previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment pursuant to Section 44(4) of the Local Government Act 1925 of a marriage gratuity of Fifty Pounds (£50) to Mrs. K. Walsh (Nee McCarthy) formerly Commercial Instructress under the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health to Chief Executive Officer County Wexford Vocational Education Committee under date 23rd September 1937 (G.52190-37 Loch Garman) a sum of £50 be paid Mrs. Walsh, late Teacher under County Wexford Vocational Education Committee as marriage gratuity."

#### TELEPHONE BOOTH - COUNTY HALL

The Secretary reported that the County Registrar (Mr. M. J. Dwyer) had had an interview with him as to the placing of a public telephone call box operated on the slot system in the Hall of County Buildings. During the holding of Circuit Court sessions, inquiries etc., many people wished to use the telephone and as the County Hall was some distance from the Post Office there was an amount of inconvenience which would be avoided if a call box were placed in the Hall of the County Buildings.

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



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"That the County Council have no objection to the erection of a telephone call box in the County Hall provided no financial liability in the matter be incurred by the Council."

APPLICATION COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

The Secretary reported that the claim of Andrew Wafer, Courtown Harbour, for £100 for malicious damage to the engine of his motor boat, had been withdrawn.

CLAIM INJURY TO HORSE

Under date 8th October 1937, Mr. Jordan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote on behalf of Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, claiming £40 for loss of horse which, it was alleged, on 4th October 1937, slipped on a large patch of tar between Edermine and Oylegate on the concrete road.

The County Surveyor said that the matter had been reported to the Insurance Company.

FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES

The following resolution from Cork Corporation was marked "read" on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That we, the Council of the County Borough of Cork, respectfully ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to introduce legislation with a view to nationalizing the fire fighting services of the Saorstát, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the County and County Borough Councils."

*R. Curran T.D.*

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MONTHLY MEETING 8th NOVEMBER 1937.

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M I N U T E S

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th November, 1937.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish, Vice-Chairman, and subsequently Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided.

Also present, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, William Cullimore, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE VERY REV. FR. KINSELLA, P.P., ST. MICHAN'S,  
DUBLIN

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

"That reply of Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman of this Council) to vote of condolence adopted by this Council in the death of his uncle, Very Rev. L. Kinsella, P.P., St. Michan's, Dublin, be inserted in this day's minutes."

The following is the reply:-

"Please convey to the members of the County Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the recent death of my uncle R.I.P. I desire also to thank the officials of the Council and yourself personally for your kind remarks and appreciation of the late Fr.Kinsella."

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £20317. 15. 6d were examined and signed.

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to



this meeting including payments to Contractors of Roads and Works, be, and the same, are hereby adopted subject to the orders made thereon and initialled by the Chairman. And that Pay Orders issue from this meeting."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING, 15th OCTOBER, 1937:-

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 15th October, 1937, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th October, 1937.

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.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4891. 18. 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
E. J. Murphy	36.6
P. Nolan	33.5
J. J. O'Reilly	33.5
S. Gannon	33.3
D. Kenny	32.0
J. Cummins	31.0
J. Curtis	30.2
A. Dunne	29.6
P. Carty	29.0
J. Quirke	28.8
J. Deegan	28.7
W. Doyle	28.6
W. Cummins	28.4
M. Kehoe	27.2
P. Doyle	26.9
M. McCarthy	26.1
J. Flood	24.4
J. J. Sinnott	<u>24.0</u>

Average 29.7

The Collection showed an improvement of approximately 5 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year.

REPORT RE INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS: The following report was submitted from the Secretary:-



"I have to report that on 12th October 1937 seven of the Rate Collectors were interviewed, viz., James Quirke, M. McCarthy, W. Doyle, W. Cummins, J. Flood, J. J. Sinnott, and Art Dunne.

Since last meeting of the Committee, a seizure was made by Collector Patrick Carty (No. 4 District) on holding of Michael Devereux, Curraghmore, E.D. Rathroe, in connection with his current rate account amounting to £19. 10. 0 for two years' rates due at 31st March next. The Collector seized 21 bags of corn and oats which were on the premises. These were lodged in the pound at New Ross on the night of the 11th instant and were sold on 15th instant for approximately £17 from which costs will be deducted. (Expenses say 3 men at 10/- = £1. 10s.; 14/- for Poundkeeper and hire of lorry).

The majority of the Collectors have not, so far, issued six-day notices, having allowed ratepayers to the 30th October to pay the first moiety, but Collector W. Doyle stated he has already served 40 notices on defaulters. Collectors explained that services of six-day notices were held over this year owing to the late threshing which they say is nearly a month later than last season. Collectors state that the majority of ratepayers in arrear will pay when they have "threshed".

It was pointed out to Collectors that unless definite steps are taken to bring the collection up to date, the position of Wexford on 31st March next will compare unfavourably with other Counties, in practically all of which, the collection is showing a gradual improvement, year after year. Copy of the Department's letter which stated that Wexford was the fourth lowest County as regards improvement in rate collection in March last was sent the Collectors so that the position would be fully realised. They were also notified that very considerable amounts which they are at



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present receiving from numbers of ratepayers should have been collected before the 30th September. Collectors stated that they would prefer not to take legal proceedings till October when they would proceed for the recovery of the full year's rate. They promised to take steps to issue six-day notices for the full year's rate on persons in arrear for the first moiety and to follow this by suitable legal action. This procedure will be carried out in all cases by 30th October.

Collector Dunne raised the point in connection with seizures that the 10/- allowed for men helping at seizures was not sufficient to cover outlay. He was informed that seizures were covered by the Rate Collectors' duties and the 10/- allowed by the County Council was an ex-gratia payment towards the cost of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Collector in connection with seizures. Mr. Dunne also referred to rates due on houses in Gorey Town which were condemned as unfit for habitation. The opinion of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that Collector should sue for rates against landlords in these cases has been furnished.

Collector W. Cummins explained that, owing to his taking over part of the district formerly collected by Matthew Murphy he was delayed somewhat in getting his collection under weigh. He expected a decided improvement in his collection by 30th October.

From interview with the Collectors it is apparent they regard 30th October as the proper date to take steps against defaulters who had not paid first moiety. Collectors will be directed in the month of November to send particulars of all cases in which they have taken legal proceedings against defaulters and a Collector who fails to submit satisfactory returns will be warned that, unless he takes immediate action against ratepayers in arrear, his case will be reported to the proper authority."



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Collectors W. Cummins, John Flood and J. J. Sinnott submitted particulars of a number of cases in which they had served Six Day Notices on ratepayers. This action, it was stated, would be followed up by the necessary legal proceedings.

The report of the Secretary was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly.

SEIZURES BY COLLECTORS: Mr. Colfer raised the question of the sum allowed Rate Collectors, viz., 10/- per day for drovers assisting at seizures made by Collectors on their own warrants. He believed it would not be possible to secure men at this rate. At the recent seizure carried out by Collector Sinnott at Templederry, Clonevan, he had been unable to obtain the services of drovers at less than 12/6d each. Mr. Colfer considered that if the Rate Collectors were to be at a loss in carrying out these seizures it might be difficult to get them to move in this direction.

The Chairman stated that the 10/- referred to by Mr. Colfer was only a contribution by the Council towards the expenses of the Rate Collector, and as a matter of fact according to the terms of the Rate Collectors' appointments these expenses should be borne entirely by Collectors.

The matter dropped.

RATES ON FLOODED LANDS: Mr. E. J. Murphy (District No. 15) wrote that in connection with flooded lands of Patrick McGrath and Mary and Michael Bolger, Coolback, Electoral Division of Ballyanne, he understood so long as these lands were flooded, they were not liable to rates.

The Secretary stated that the matter had been submitted to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who had written that, having looked into the various Acts of Parliament dealing with the matter, he found nothing which enabled the County Council to strike off as irrecoverable, rates on submerged lands.



The County Council were bound to follow the Valuation Lists in striking their rates and as long as these lands were set out as assessable for rates in these lists, rates were leviable and collectable. The Rate Collector for the area or the parties concerned could make application for revision of the Valuation, but that was all that could be done in the matter.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Elgee's letter should be forwarded to Rate Collector E. J. Murphy for his information and that he could point out the position to the parties concerned who could apply for revision of valuation if they so desired.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

PROPOSED SALE OF HOUSE: Under date 29th September 1937, Thomas Dwyer, Kilmichael, Arklow, recently appointed Caretaker of Gorey Courthouse and Gorey Pound, wrote asking for permission to sell or set his house erected at Kilmichael under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, owing to the fact that he was changing his residence to Gorey.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman that Mr. Thomas Dwyer be given permission to sell this house on condition that the outstanding amount on foot of Loan advanced by the County Council be repaid in full.

CHARGE ON LANDS: In connection with the Charge of £100 by the National Bank on the lands of George Black, Coragh, Buncloody, who had applied for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey (acting for George Black) wrote that he was taking steps to have the Charge released and that when this had been done he would communicate with the County Solicitor.



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DELAY IN ERECTION OF HOUSES: Mr. Elgee submitted correspondence which had taken place between himself and Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, for Owen Hiney in respect of the erection of house at Enniscorthy under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Elgee had written that unless the building was put in hands at once the loan provisionally approved for Mr. Hiney, viz., £130, would not be available.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that Mr. Elgee inform Mr. Hiney that if the erection of the building is not commenced by the 30th November next, the Finance Committee must recommend the Council to cancel approval to the proposed loan in this case.

In connection with the erection of house by John Mullett of Greenville, Enniscorthy, correspondence was read between Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor and Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors for Mullett. The letters included a communication from the Allied Iron Founders (Ireland) Ltd., Bilberry, Waterford, to the Enniscorthy Agricultural Co-operative Society stating that the Mantel Register Grates required for Mullett's house would not be available until the 13th October. The Contractor had been waiting for over two months for these grates. In every other way the house was complete.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, inform John Mullett that his house must be completed by the end of November, 1937, at latest.

A similar order that house must be completed by 30th November was made in connection with the delay in the erection of house of Nicholas Hayes, Nine Acre, Carne, who pointed out in a letter under date 27th September 1937, that he was unable to obtain blue tiles necessary for roofing until 7th October 1937. He had been waiting for these for



HOUSE OF MICHAEL McGRATH AT ST. SENAN'S: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that the conveyance of this house had been duly executed and the full amount of liability to the County Council discharged by the purchaser, Mr. John Doyle.

Mr. Kelly said that Daniel Mahon of Ferns, who had been provisionally passed for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had withdrawn his application.

NEW APPLICATIONS - ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Daniel Sullivan, Ballyellan, Davidstown, farmer, applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £350. The annual income derived from his farm was about £140.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Keegan, to provisionally recommend a loan of £175 to Mr. Sullivan.

Sarah Dunne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, farmer, (husband working for County Council at road work) applied for loan of £130 for house valued at £240.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded a resolution provisionally agreeing to amount of loan applied for, viz., £130.

Application was received from Denis Murphy, Gurteen, Bunclody, farmer and labourer, for loan of £90, on house valued at £140.

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

"That application of Denis Murphy, Gurteen, Bunclody, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, be provisionally agreed to provided applicant holds land up to at least five acres." It was pointed out that the maximum loan he can receive for house valued at £140 is £65."

John Murphy, Ballysimon, Ferns, labourer, applied for loan of £200 on house, the estimated value of which is £270.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve to John Murphy, Ballysimon, Ferns, the loan of £180 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Miss Annie Foley, Borrmount, Enniscorthy, Dressmaker, applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £375.

Mr. Kelly stated that Miss Foley had a small shop and about two acres of land and would be well able to repay the amount of loan.

He proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, loan of £185 to Miss A. Foley, Borrmount, which is the maximum amount which can be granted in respect of house valued at £375."

GOREY DISTRICT: Matthew Mullett, Raheengurren, Gorey, farm labourer, applied for loan of £200 on a house valued at £350.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of loan to Matthew Mullett of £175."

John Byrne, 12 Pearse Street, Gorey, Factory hand, applied for loan of £300 on a £350 house. His application did not give particulars of Government Grant.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to provisionally approve of loan of £175 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Byrne, 12 Pearse Street, Gorey."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Michael Doyle, Carniven, Fethard-on-Sea, Farmer, applied for loan of £100 on house valued at £200.



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The application was provisionally recommended to the County Council for approval of Loan of £100.

Catherine M. Devereux, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, house-keeper, applied for loan for house, the estimated value of which was set down as £400. The applicant was understood to be working in Dublin. She intended to retire and live in Battlestown, Ramsgrange, at the home of her parents.

It was decided to adjourn the application for further particulars.

FURTHER APPLICATIONS: It was agreed that so long as any amount of the loan remained available applications for advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts would be considered by the Finance Committee at meeting immediately after the close of each quarter.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 4th October 1937, Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, wrote that a complaint had been made to him by Mr. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross, that some dipping forms received from the Garda Síochána at Ballycullane Station were 17 days out of date, and also that some sent to him from Campile Garda Station were also out of date.

Sergeant Walsh, Ballycullane, wrote that three notices of dipping which had been mislaid at the Station were late when sent to Mr. Hennessy. He regretted the inconvenience and stated that every effort would be made to see that the sheep dipping regulations were carried out.

Sergeant O'Connor, Campile Garda Station, wrote that in the case of some of the notifications to dip the proper period of notice was not given and in every such case a Garda visited the premises and saw that the dipping had been carried out. The defaulting sheep owners were also warned that a similar failure in the future would entail prosecution.



All notifications received were forwarded the Inspector on the date of receipt and if they were lodged at a late hour were forwarded the following day.

The meeting regarded the explanation of both Sergeants as satisfactory.

The Weekly Reports of the six Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors were examined.

The meeting considered that Thomas Prendergast (Gorey District) should have been able (in consequence of the very fine weather) to have attended more dippings than those set out in his report and it was decided to inform him that if he is not more energetic in the discharge of his duties he will run the risk of not securing appointment for next dipping season.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Inspector under National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children wrote that application was to be made for the committal to Industrial School of Mary Harman, 12 years old, Ballyknocken, Rosslare and Mary Bridget Doyle, 10 years old, Fair Gate, New Ross.

The New Ross District Court Clerk wrote as to the application for the committal to Industrial School of Anastasia Byrne, Boley, Duncannon, aged 1½ years, illegitimate child of Mary Anne Byrne who was destitute and unable to support the child.

The three applications were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### GOREY POUND

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded copy of the following letter received by him from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Gorey, Solicitors for John Valentine who claimed the ownership of Gorey Pound:-



"You will recollect that we had previous correspondence with you about this matter (Gorey Pound) from August 1925 to November 1936 when we were acting for the then owner, the late Mr. John Valentine, who is now succeeded by his son, Robert Valentine.

We are instructed to-day that the servants of the County Council have taken possession of these premises and are erecting sheds thereon, and we have to ask you to be good enough to inform the Council to remove their servants and their belongings from our client's property forthwith, otherwise, such steps will have to be taken as our client may be advised.

May we say that in view of the nature and contents of the correspondence that has already taken place between you and us in the matter that we are very much surprised at the highhanded and arbitrary action of the Council and its servants in this matter. One would think that the ordinary regard for the law and its forms would be observed by Public Bodies and their officials."

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

"That Mr. Elgee (County Solicitor) be instructed to defend any proceedings taken on behalf of Reps. John Valentine, Gorey, as to their claim relative to ownership of Gorey Pound."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with University Scholarship of Mr. William J. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, the following under date 13th October 1937, was read from Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"In reply to your communications relative to the renewal of the Scholarship held by William G. Lambert, I am directed by Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, to say that he recommends the renewal of Mr. Lambert's



Scholarship, and that as Mr. Lambert will not be attending Courses in the College during Session 1937-38, the Scholarship be held over until Session 1938-39, when he will resume his Courses having spent Session 1937-38 doing Practical Agriculture on a Farm.

Before proceeding to his Third Year Courses next Session, Mr. Lambert must, of course, complete his First Year Examination, by passing in the subjects in which he was rejected at previous examinations. This must be done in June 1938."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to renew University Scholarship of Mr. William J. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, on the terms and conditions set out in letter from University College, Dublin, under date 13th October 1937, copy to be furnished Mr. Lambert."

Mr. Thomas Cullimore, 15 Green Street, Wexford (University Scholar) wrote asking for extension of his scholarship for a fourth year to enable him to obtain Higher Diploma in Education.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to extend for fourth year University Scholarship of Thomas Cullimore, 15, Green Street, Wexford, to enable him to obtain Higher Diploma in Education."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 8th October 1937 the Department of Education wrote conveying sanction for the renewal for School Year 1937-38 of the Scholarships and Bursaries to the following:-  
Christian Brothers' School, Gorey.

(Scholarship £30) Peter Lawless Camolin.

(Bursaries) Patrick J. Byrne, 12 Pearse St., Gorey.



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Joseph Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey.

Edward Kelly, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.

Hubert Sheil, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.

Loreto Convent, Wexford:-

(Scholarships) Elizabeth Devereux, Grange, Broadway.

Brigid T. Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.

Annie Foley, Rathimney, Gusserane.

Mary T. Mulligan, Craan, Craanford, Gorey.

Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island.

(Bursary) - Margaret Donovan, High Street, Wexford.

Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford:-

(Scholarship £30) - Gerald W. Fenelon, Church View,  
Tagoat.

(Bursary) - James A. Leeson, Parnell Street, Wexford.

Christian Brothers' Schols, Enniscorthy:-

(Bursaries) - Samuel Jordan, Market Square, Enniscorthy.

Richard McConville, Railway Station, Enniscorthy.

Michael A. O'Hanlon, 7 Friary Place, Enniscorthy.

Matthew Treacy, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.

Maurice Treacy, do. do.

St. Peter's College, Wexford:-

(Scholarships) - William F. Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare.

Laurence Jordan, Ballyvelig, Campile.

John A. O'Brien, Ballycowan, Tagoat.

John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche.

Colaiste Ciaran, Bray:-

(Bursary) - Edward P. Carty, Bride Street, Wexford.

(Scholarship £30) - Edwin F. Todd, Bungalow, Kilrane.

This pupil failed to obtain a Pass with Honours at the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination 1937. As however, there was no provision in the Scheme of the Council for 1934 for pupils to present themselves for this examina-



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tion the Department offered no objection to the renewal of his Scholarship for the current School year.

With regard to John Breen, Coolishal, Gorey, (Bursary) Christian Brothers' School, Gorey; Edward Rutledge, 35, Parnell Street, Wexford (Bursary); Timothy J. O'Leary, 13, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford (Bursary) Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford and Mary A. O'Neill, Busville, Tagcoat, and Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Tagcoat (Scholarships) they presented themselves for the examination for Department's Intermediate Certificate 1937 and obtained a pass without Honours. As, however, Edward Rutledge and Timothy T. O'Leary have two more years to go and John Breen, Mary O'Neill and Mary A. Carroll have another year in which to comply with the terms of the Council's Schemes for 1935 and 1936 the Department had no objection to the renewal of these Scholarships for the current school year.

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

"That Scholarships and Bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Schemes due for renewal be and the same are hereby renewed for current school year in accordance with the terms and conditions of letter from Department of Education under date 8th October 1937."

L. J. Doyle, Killurin, J. O'Leary, Cornwall, Killurin and T. Wheeler, Killurin, claimed 13/- each expenses for attending Easter Examination under Secondary and Vocational Scheme.

It was decided to allow 3/- per day for 3 days expenses and rail fare (return) Killurin-Wexford 1s. 8d. Total 10s. 8d for each of the three students.

It was also decided that all further claims under this head be based on the resolution of the Finance Committee to allow students whose marks entitled them to expenses at the rate of 3/- per day to cover expenses in addition to actual



WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following under date 7th October 1937 (G.81257/37 Loch Garman (Sc)) 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 a communication received in this Department from the Department of Agriculture regarding payment to Mr. T. Frizelle, Accountant, in connection with the administration of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, and to state that he will raise no objection to the payment to Mr. Frizelle of a sum of £20 as proposed."

ROAD MATTERS

LOAN CURRACLOE ROAD: Under date 11th October 1937 the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (County Council Treasurer) wrote that his directors had sanctioned the additional loan of £500 for Road Improvement between Curracloe village and Strand. Period of repayment to be ten years at usual rate.

FLOODING ROAD 686: The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 4th October 1937 from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross, on behalf of Henry Long, Ballykelly, New Ross, complaining that the County Council, by making a channel through his field and an inlet through his fence had allowed the water from the public road to flood his land rendering it useless. If the Council took similar steps this year Mr. Long would suffer very heavy loss, for which the Council would be held in damages.

The following report under date 8th October 1937 was submitted from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I think that Mr. Long is under a misapprehension about the flooding of the above road. As far as I can find out, there never was a flood on it until he stopped the passage into his land, a thing, I believe, he has no right to do,



and thereby caused considerable inconvenience to people going to church and to children attending school.

As to the flooding of his land, if such occurs, I believe it can be remedied by cleaning up a drain in his land."

The County Surveyor said there was no water on the place when he inspected it.

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

"That Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, be furnished with a copy of report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, as to Mr. Long's complaint re alleged flooding of his land by surface water from Road 686. That the County Solicitor (Mr. Elgee) inform Messrs. Colfer & Son that he has been instructed by the Finance Committee to proceed against Mr. Long for having stopped the passage by which the water was taken from the road No. 686."

KILAGOLEY LANE: Mr. T. Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew, the landlord of two houses on Kilagoley Lane about one mile from Enniscorthy which were approached by this lane on by-road leading from Drumgoold Road out to the Shannon, asked for County Council to put same in order. The lane was about 800 yards long, about 200 being in the Enniscorthy Urban area and 600 yards in County Council area. The Urban Council repaired the 200 yards but the 600 in County Council area was in bad repair, so much so that in winter children going to school had to be carried on to the road adjoining the lane. The lane was used for the Fathers of the Mission House, by about five other farmers and by a number passing to and from the Shannon.

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

"That the question of repairing lane at Killagoley,



Enniscorthy, be favourably considered when money under Minor Relief Scheme Vote be available."

STREAM AT RAMSTOWN (GOREY): Representations were read from four landholders as to the pollution of stream running through their land at Ramstown (Gorey) at the rere of the old Gorey Union premises. The water was totally unfit for cattle to drink and in fact, was never worse than at the moment. The Council were asked to utilise portion of the money under Minor Relief Scheme Vote to have the stream thoroughly cleaned out.

The County Surveyor said if the stream was polluted, it was a matter for the Sanitary Authority. It was decided to obtain report in the matter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.



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 15th October, 1937, be received and considered."

FLOODED ROAD NO. 686: In reply to Mr. Redmond, the County Surveyor said there was a crossfence at the premises of Mr. Long along which the surface water of the road formerly ran. This was now practically obliterated.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said the tenant of the land had not the right to stop this old drain. He and the County Surveyor had arranged to inspect the place, and they would report to the Finance Committee.

RATES ON FLOODED LANDS: The Secretary read letter from Mr. Thomas Redmond forwarding letter from Mr. N. J. Murphy Kilmokea, Campile, on behalf of Richard Ryan, Fisherstown. This man purchased his farm of 66 statute acres six or seven years ago for £550 and now 29 acres of it was a mud bank covered at every tide of the River Barrow. The Land Commission admit that 27 acres are useless, but there were 2 acres of a tail of upland which were also useless as they were covered by the spring tides. The County Council were pressing for rates but Ryan was unable to pay. He was willing to pay anything in reason but it was an impossibility to pay the full rates.

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

"That it be pointed out to Mr. Ryan, Fisherstown, he can apply for a revision of his valuation, but so long as the submerged land appears as assessable to rates in General Valuation Lists the County Council are bound to levy and collect the rates".



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th October, 1937, be and the same are hereby approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 29th OCTOBER 1937: Minutes of Finance Committee for meeting of 29th October, 1937, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th October, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding, also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, William Cullimore, <sup>W.P. Keegan,</sup> 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 £6334. 19. 4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>1937/38 Assessment</u> <u>&amp; two years arrears.</u>
E. J. Murphy	42.8
S. Gannon	40.9
D. Kenny	38.6
J. J. O'Reilly	38.5
J. Cummins	37.4
P. Nolan	36.8
M. Kehoe	36.4
J. Deegan	35.8
J. Curtis	35.2
A. Dunne	33.7
W. Doyle	33.0
P. Doyle	32.9
W. Cummins	32.2
J. Quirke	31.3
P. Carty	31.2
M. McCarthy	30.6
J. Flood	30.5
J. J. Sinnott	28.8
Average	34.8

The average percentage was 34.8 calculated on current Warrant and two years' arrears.

The Secretary submitted circular letter which he had forwarded Collectors on 25th October 1937 urging (among several other matters) that six day notices should be served on Ratepayers who had not paid first moiety of



current rate so that no time would be lost after 30th October 1937 in bringing defaulters into Court for the full amount of current year's rate and directing Collectors to furnish by 30th November list of cases in which actual proceedings in Court had been taken. Unless the position at March next showed a decided improvement over last year's figures Collectors who failed to take suitable action by Decrees, Examination Orders and seizures would be reported to the proper authority.

It was decided to write to Collectors Quirke, Carty, M. McCarthy, Flood and Sinnott, and inform them that the Finance Committee were not at all satisfied with the progress they were making and will report the backwardness of the Collection in the area of these Collectors unless a very appreciable improvement is shown by next meeting of the Committee.

POUNDAGE: Mr. John M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary to County Wexford Rate Collectors), wrote making application on behalf of Collectors for poundage on all monies collected and lodged to date.

The Secretary stated he had asked for the information of the Finance Committee if the Minister would be prepared to approve of the payment of poundage to Collectors on the 1937-38 Warrants on terms similar to those which had been approved for 1936-37 Warrants in letter of 19th November 1936 (G.228962/36 Loch Garman).

The following is the ruling referred to in last named communication:-

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 warrants had 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. The final payment in cases in which warrants were not closed by 31st March had to be submitted to Department for prior sanction.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to agree to payment of poundage fees to Rate Collectors on the same terms and conditions as set out in the letter from the Department under date 19th November 1936 (G.228962 Loch Garman) with the substitution of appropriate dates for those appearing in that communication."

ABATEMENT FORMS - RELIEF RATES AGRICULTURAL LAND: List of Ratepayers who claimed for rebate of rates on land on the ground that men in their employment were working for the whole year, but who on investigation, worked for only part of a year, was submitted.

The Secretary stated that in these cases a separate demand note claiming additional amount of rates would be issued to ratepayers.

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

"That early in year 1938 advertisement be inserted in the three local newspapers warning Ratepayers that any one supplying incorrect particulars as to periods for which workmen were in their employment, in order to obtain benefit under Relief of Rates (Agricultural Land) Act, will be prosecuted. That the County Solicitor communicate with a number of the ratepayers who have been reported to this meeting as supplying incorrect particulars relative to



employees and point out that for any future action of this description they will be prosecuted by the County Council."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

CATHERINE M. DEVEREUX: The Secretary read letter under date 19th October 1937 which he had written to Miss Devereux that it appeared from her application she had been working in Dublin for a number of years past and as loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were confined to applicants who had earned their livelihood in County Wexford for the past twelve months she was not eligible for loan.

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLIANNE: Under date 28th October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.84994-37 Loch Garman) that the Minister was unable to approve of an advance of more than £92 to this man, as this amount with the Government Grant represents 90% of the market value of the premises.

It was decided as loans are issued in multiples of 5 that loan to Nicholas Carr be fixed at £90.

MRS. FORRESTAL, THOMAS ORMONDE, JAMESTOWN, TEMPLESCOBY AND LAURENCE HANRAHAN, FERNS: Under date 21st October, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Housing Section H.84993-37 Loch Garman) that the Minister was unable to approve of advances exceeding £106, £115 and £96 to Mrs. Forrestal, Mr. Ormonde and Mr. Hanrahan, respectively, as these amounts with the Government Grants applied for represent 90% of the market value of the premises in each case.

It was decided that as Loans are granted in multiples of £5 the amount of the loan in each case be fixed as follows:- Mrs. Forrestal £105; Mr. Ormonde £115 and Mr. Hanrahan £95.



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Mr. Jordan, Solicitor for Ormonde, wrote under date 27th October, 1937, that his house had been completed for a long time and Ormonde was actually living in it. The reduction in the amount of advance created a very awkward position, as when loan was first sanctioned the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society had completed the erection of house on the understanding that the original amount of the loan would be paid. Ormonde was now indebted to the Co-operative Society in the sum of £156 and had no means of paying except by the loan. It was, Mr. Jordan contended, extremely unfair that the loan should be reduced by such a substantial figure and he wished to know if the Minister would reconsider his decision.

Mr. Elgee said that when applicants were informed about the loan provisionally agreed to they were definitely told that they should not incur any liability until they were informed that the amount of the loan had been sanctioned by the Minister.

It was decided that the amounts of loans in these cases be fixed at:- Mrs. Forrestal £105; Ormonde £115, and Hanrahan £95 and that Mr. Elgee inform Mr. Jordan, Solicitor, that his client (Ormonde) had been informed he was not to proceed with the erection of house until intimation of the amount sanctioned by the Minister was conveyed to him.

#### DAMAGE BY BLASTING

Under date 26th October 1937 the following was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, acting for Miss H. E. Palmer, Gorey Hill:-

"We are instructed by Miss Harriet E. Palmer of Gorey Hill that on Friday last, the 22nd instant, two charges of explosives were blasted in Gorey Hill starting about 2 p.m. and as a result of this explosion, of which our client had received about two hour's notice, considerable damage was done to our client's land and premises.



In the first instance our client's field immediately below the Quarry in which Oats sown down by grass seeds had been planted this year and an adjoining field of our clients which was under grass were both torn up and made virtually useless, not only by the number and size of the stones thrown into them but even more so by the damage done by your Council's workmen in digging up and removing these stones and by their trespassing with Barrows to assist in removing same.

In addition our client's Dwelling house and Out offices were badly shaken by explosives and a considerable quantity of stones thrown about them resulting in one breakage at least through the slated roof of the Barn and causing slates to fall off.

At the moment, it is not possible for our client to state definitely the amount of damage and loss caused by her for the reason aforesaid, or what it would exactly cost to make this damage good, but as far as we can ascertain at the moment the amount of damage and loss to her would be from £15 to £20.

Under these circumstances, we would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible as to what reparation your Council intends making our client for this loss and in default of a satisfactory reply, we are instructed to institute proceedings.

If you wish to inspect the damage to the roof of our client's Barn, you would want to arrange to have the inspection carried out immediately as our client expects to thresh in a couple of days and must have the Barn roof repaired for this purpose and of course, any money she has to spend on having this done will be for the account of those responsible for damaging it."

The following under date 28th October 1937 was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of the 27th with copy of letter from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan re above received. In reply, I beg to state that in carrying out blast in above on 22nd instant some stones fell on Miss Palmer's lands and yard and one stone struck roof of outhouse breaking one slate. I inspected the outhouse immediately after blast and undertook to have injury to this roof made good at once. Miss Palmer refused to accept my offer to have this done. As for stones which fell on land adjoining, these were removed and the damage to fields is certainly very trifling, if any."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor and County Solicitor.



IMPROVEMENTS AT MENTAL HOSPITAL, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 16th October 1937, the following letter (No. 80840/37, Enniscorthy, M.H.(B)) 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 24th ultimo in regard to the proposed scheme of improvements at Enniscorthy Mental Hospital, and to state that on the 2nd October 1936 the Committee of Management were informed by letter that the Minister is prepared to agree to the following works being proceeded with:-

		£.
1.	Water Supply Estimated cost	1,500
2.	Electric Lighting do.	1,200
3.	Refrigerator do.	600
4.	Central Heating do.	15,000
5.	Bathing Accommodation do.	5,250
6.	Laundry Equipment do.	4,600

Total £28,150

I am to add that a deputation appointed by the Mental Hospital Committee attended here on the 16th January 1936 and agreed that if the above works were allowed to proceed they would be satisfied to hold over the building of a Nurses' Home, Admission Unit and Chapel until funds were available."

Copy of this was forwarded to Dr. Conlon, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, who replied under date 23rd October, 1937, as follows:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 16th instant regarding money for Mental Hospital improvements, the following memo should held towards a better understanding of the position both as regards loan and grant.

(1) Re amount of grant. In January last the Department in reply to letter on the subject wrote that in the case of Mental Hospitals the practice is, to give a contribution of half the cost of works of improvement approved by the Minister for the purposes of the grant, and that the Minister is prepared to follow this course in relation to works at Enniscorthy Mental Hospital.

(2) The Department's letter of the 16th instant makes it clear that £28150 is the estimated cost of works which are approved of for carrying out as soon as possible. This figure includes £1,500 for Water Supply and £1,200 for Electric Lighting. I do not know the data on which these figures are based. I may mention, however, that the Contractor's Tender for Water Supply is £1,477 and this does not include the engineer's fees, legal expenses, way-leaves advertising etc., which are estimated to cost over £200, so that £1,500 for Water Supply appears to be an underestimate. In this connection the Consulting Engineer's estimate is £2,000. I have no particulars at all as to the £1,200 for Electric Light. Possibly this money is for rewiring the institution and for capital charges consequent on change over from our own to E.S.B. power. The other estimates submitted by the Department, that is Refrigerator £600, Central Heating £15,000, Bathing Accommodation £5,250 and



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Laundry Equipment £4,600 are in accordance with those of the Committee's Consulting Engineer, except that £4,600 for the Laundry includes £1,000 for contingencies which more properly belongs to Central Heating.

(3) The Department's letter of the 16th instant in stating that the Committee of Management were informed on the 2nd October, 1936, that the Minister was prepared to agree to the works enumerated above being proceeded with, is misleading. What the Department did write is that the Minister was prepared to agree to steps being taken by the Committee to improve the Water Supply, Electric Lighting, Central Heating, Bathing Accommodation, Laundry Equipment and the Refrigerator. At this time, the Committee had under consideration the development of Kilcarberry for Electricity and Water Supply at estimated cost of about £18,000. And, as this proposal was not abandoned by the Committee until last April the implication/the Department's letter that the Minister was prepared last October to agree to Water Supply and Electric Lighting schemes being proceeded with at cost of £1,500 £1,200 is misleading.

(4) With regard to last paragraph in the Department's letter stating that the deputation which waited on the Department in January 1936 agreed that if the works mentioned above were allowed to proceed, they would be satisfied to hold over the building of a Nurses' Home, Admission Unit, and Chapel until funds were available. I do not think this is correct. What really happened is that Mr. McArdle who was spokesman for the Department, said that as regards grants out of the Sweepstake Funds, the position at the time was that the total of this Fund was £800,000 while grants up to 2½ million pounds had been allocated for works to be carried out as money became available. Mr. McArdle suggested and it was agreed to that the deputation place the proposed improvements in their order of urgency for carrying out, as money became available and he would place this recommendation before the Minister. Accordingly, it was decided that improvements in the following order, as money became available be carried out: (I) Water Supply, (II) Kilcarberry Electric Power Development, (III) Refrigerator, (IV) Laundry Equipment, (V) Central Heating, (VI) Building of Admission Unit, (VII) Bathing Accommodation, (VIII) Nurses' Home, (IX) Chapel. At this conference, there was no mention of leaving over the building of Admission Unit, although the Committee were satisfied to leave over the building of a Nurses' Home and Chapel for a time until funds would be available.

If any other relative information is required, I would suggest that the Clerk and myself go down to your office for a general discussion."

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

"That, in view of the terms of letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 16th October 1937, (80840/57 M.H.(b)) application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to loan of £14075 towards cost of improvements at Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy."



### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That we recommend the County Council to insert in the provisions of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme for 1939, clause that only one member of a family should be granted Scholarship under this Scheme in the same year."

### SECOND COURT FOR WEXFORD TOWN

Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar, came before the meeting and stated that a Bill ~~which~~ was about to be presented to the Dail to make provision for the establishment of a second Court so that one court could deal with the Criminal side of Court business and the other the Civil side. The Department of Justice were arranging for Circuits to be put in operation in March next. Of course, this Department would give County Councils ample time in which to provide a second Court, and in the meantime, temporary accommodation could be arranged. According to the County Registrar, it was very necessary to have a Court which would deal with criminal appeals. Although these were few they at present took about two years for disposal, and it was possible when facilities were available there would be more of these appeals to be dealt with. Later on a requisition for the provision of the two Courts would be issued. The Department of Justice recognised that it would take the best part of two years to provide new Courts. If the second court would not be made available the business might be transferred to Wicklow and this would be a considerable loss to the town of Wexford, as well as causing very grave inconvenience to all concerned with Court business.

The County Surveyor believed that the old female prison adjacent to County Council offices could be suitably converted for two Courts and for offices for County



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Registrar etc.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit as soon as possible to the Finance Committee a sketch plan of the old female prison, showing how two Courts and offices could be provided therein.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from Inspector of the National Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) as to proposed committal of Josephine Stafford, 33, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy (illegitimate), 3 years, 7 months old, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS EXHIBITION, LONDON

Under date 22nd October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (I.R./111) that in connection with the above congress and exhibition to be held in London from 15th to 20th November, 1937, it had been represented to the Department that County Surveyors should be authorised to attend, provided the Councils were satisfied that suitable arrangements could be made for the carrying out of their duties during their absence. Travelling expenses and subsistence allowance could be charged against this year's Road Improvement Grant, on the submission of a certified statement to the Department.

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

"That the Finance Committee approve of the attendance of County Surveyor at the Road Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from the 15th to 20th November, on the terms and conditions set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 22nd October 1937 (I.R./111).

That we request the Department to agree to the atten-



dance of one Assistant Surveyor (to be selected by the County Surveyor) for attendance at above Congress and Exhibition, on the same terms and conditions as apply to the attendance of County Surveyor."

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 23rd October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (MT.209/32) approving of the proposal of the Council to employ Messrs. J. J. O'Leary and Michael Kirwan for a fortnight for filing work in Motor Taxation Office.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 22nd October 1937, letter was read from Office of Public Works (C.87/60/1/36) relative to dredging work carried out at Courtown Harbour. The Grant in this case was £450 and as the cost of dredging was £205. 16. 10d a Paying Order for the balance (£244. 3. 2d) due to the Council, was forwarded.

The Finance Committee considered the arrangement satisfactory.

#### DRINAGH - KILLIANE ROAD

Representation signed by 38 Ratepayers calling attention to the "dreadful condition" of the above road during the past year and asking that something should be done with it before the Winter, was received.

The signatories pointed out that the greater part of the road was water-logged and a mass of holes all last winter. During the year the road had to carry bus traffic to coursing meetings and air displays and in consequence, the surface had worn down to the bottom.

The County Surveyor admitted that the road was very bad but sufficient money had not been allocated for its maintenance.

Referred to County Surveyor to be considered when



Council are dealing with Road Works Scheme.

"ELECTROLUX" FOR COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES ETC.

Miss N. Flannery, Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, who demonstrated at the County Council offices the working of an Electrolux cleaning machine, furnished quotation for this machine with all attachments at £18.

Under date 22nd October 1937, Mr. J. J. Keegan, 6 Macken Street, Wexford, wrote that he was in charge of all sales and demonstrations for Electrolux for Wexford district and no other person had any right to come into it. As a matter of fact, in the letter from the Branch Manager it was stated - "I have instructed Miss Flannery to keep out of Wexford". He therefore asked that the Order would be placed with him and not with Miss Flannery.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase Electrolux Machine etc. for use in cleaning of County Council Chamber and offices, cost not to exceed £18."

WRITING UP OF MACHINERY RECORDS

Under date 22nd October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote R/RS/32 as follows:-

"With further reference to your letter of 18th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to continuance for a further period of six months of the present arrangement for writing up of records at the Enniscorthy Machinery Yard."

BUSES CROSSING WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following letter under date 26th October 1937, (Ref.F.435) from the Omnibus Department of the Great Southern Railways to the County Surveyor was submitted:-



"With reference to my recent interview, when I informed you that Mr. Michael Boggan, Omnibus Proprietor, Wexford, had applied to the Minister for Industry and Commerce for an Order compulsorily transferring to the Great Southern Railways the Omnibus Licences held by him under the provisions of the Road Transport Act, 1932, it is the intention of the Company to take over the services operated by Mr. Boggan as from Monday the 1st prox.

I shall be glad if you will place before the County Council the Company's application for continuance of the use of the bridge known, I understand, as The New Bridge, for omnibus traffic.

I understand that Mr. Boggan was allowed to run his buses over this bridge, and for your information I would inform you that it is not intended to use the actual buses presently in use by Mr. Boggan, but to replace these vehicles by vehicles of a similar seating capacity, viz., 20 seaters.

If there is any question of reducing the existing speed limit on this bridge, I can assure you that strict instructions will be issued to all concerned to see that such speed limit is strictly adhered to.

It will be appreciated, I am sure, that if the Company is prevented from crossing this bridge with the buses, it will seriously inconvenience the passengers availing of the service between Oulart and Wexford and Gorey and Wexford, apart from any other difficulties.

I understand that the unladen weights of the buses proposed to be placed in Wexford are as follows:

1 Bedford Bus	...	2 Tons 19 cwt. 6 lbs.
1 Leyland Cub	...	3 " 6 "

The County Surveyor said that Boggan's buses were registered for 14 seats instead of 20; the weight of one was 2 tons 5 cwt. and of the other 1 ton, 19cwt., as registered. As they provided for only 14 seats instead of 20 proposed by Railway Company, it could be said, that for all practical purposes, the buses which the Railway proposed to run were a ton heavier than Boggan's.

The Chairman said that the route the buses proposed to use was very narrow and was really not capable of carrying bus traffic, though it should be acknowledged that the bus was most convenient for a large number of people. Part of the road from Riverchapel to Ballygarrett was very bad and full of difficult turns.

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



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"That the County Surveyor be requested to make to next meeting of County Council, a recommendation re road and bridge on Wexford - Kilmuckridge and Oulart Bus route.

That the County Surveyor be directed to inform the Railway Company that they must run Boggan's buses until the County Council have arrived at a final decision as regards their application."

#### PURCHASE OF SECOND-HAND SAFES

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

"That offer of Mr. L. Radford, Wygram Place, Wexford, to supply two safes - No. 1. - 16" X 24" X 15" deep. No. 2 - 21 3" high by 21 3" X 21" deep, two drawers at end; at a cost of £7 be accepted."

#### APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application on behalf of Miss Elizabeth A. Poole, Ballyowen Bridge, Gorey, for £40 for bullock which, it was stated, was wantonly destroyed, was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey.

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

#### J. J. KELLY V. COUNTY COUNCIL

In connection with the case of Mr. J. J. Kelly, Cedar Lodge, Rosslare, for injury to his hotel and premises by alleged delay in carrying out the work of widening the road in front of his premises, correspondence was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor and Mr. Bolger, Solicitor for County Board of Health, suggesting a settlement of the suit.

It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Elgee and that he consult with Mr. Bolger, Solicitor for Board of Health.



FILING CABINETS ETC.

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

"That the following requisition from County Secretary for office supplies be agreed to:-

	£.	s.	d.	
6 foolscap Super Pronto Filing Cabinets	4.	4.	0	t
2 stands for same	1.	4.	0	
2 Steel Compressor blocks		5.	10	
Calendar for 1938 with base		5.	6	y
Box of 50 Speedway File Fasteners		5.	0	
	£6.	4.	4."	



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th October, 1937, be received and considered."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee would, at their meeting on 12th November 1937, consider letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health as to payment of poundage to Collectors who by the 15th November 1937 had lodged 60 per cent of first moiety of current rate and last year's arrears.

DRINAGH - KILLANE ROAD: The County Surveyor said he would send forward to the Department a proposal to do some work on this road under the Employment Grant.

BUSES CROSSING WEXFORD BRIDGE: Under date 4th November 1937 Mr. L. Maher, Traffic Superintendent, Great Southern Railways, Omnibus Department, wrote asking the members of the Council to bear in mind the rapid development of road traffic and the possibility of an increase in public facilities on the Gorey route via New Bridge and the possible demand of the public for adequate accommodation in the buses. He referred particularly to the position by which the Company is restricted to the use of a sixteen seater bus as he understood from Mr. Boggan that on Saturdays particularly one 14 seater bus was totally inadequate to carry the number of passengers offering, whereas a large vehicle would meet the situation.

Under date 5th November, 1937, Mr. Maher wrote that on the 3rd November 1937, 29 passengers offered from points between Gorey and the New Bridge for transport to Wexford town and the same number offered for the return journey.



The County Surveyor said that the road up along the coast from Kilmuckridge on to Courtown was not suitable to bear the weight of Boggan's bus, not to talk of a larger vehicle.

Mr. Corish said that the Railway Company had made representations to him and to the Chairman as to the great inconvenience which would be caused to the public by the stoppage of the bus service, and they gave permission to use the Company's smaller bus pending the meeting of the County Council. The small bus proposed to be utilized by the Railway Company was only 3 cwt. heavier than the second of Boggan's buses and the Railway Company had promised they would observe any speed limit set by the County Council in crossing the bridge.

The County Surveyor said if the bus would stick to the slow speed he did not believe much harm would be done but he was doubtful if this would happen on all occasions.

Mr. Kinsella said that the bridge, in spite of the bye-law was being crossed by heavy lorries. It would be a grave loss to Wexford town if the bus service was suspended.

The County Surveyor said the unladen weight of any mechanically propelled vehicle crossing the bridge was not to exceed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons, and for public convenience Boggan's buses were allowed to cross though they exceeded that weight. He had obtained a list of heavy lorries passing over the bridge on particular occasions and County Solicitor wrote warning them against the practice, but it appeared as if the Council could not stop them. The Council had to depend on the Civic Guards for assistance and it appeared this was outside their duty.

Col. Quin said that portion of the bus route was in a disgusting state at present.

The Chairman said the real question at the moment



was if the bridge was capable of carrying buses and similar heavy traffic.

Mr. Ronan said they should ask the County Surveyor for his opinion.

The County Surveyor said he would not object to the lighter bus of the Railway Company crossing the bridge at a moderate speed. It would not be reasonable to refuse the Railway Company to use the bridge and to allow heavy lorries of private owners over it. When he came to the County the bridge was in very bad condition, but it was not so now.

Mr. Corish asked to what extent would the County Surveyor agree to heavier traffic owing to the improved condition of the bridge.

The County Surveyor said he certainly would not agree to an increase over the weight of the light bus of the Company.

The Chairman said it might meet the case if the Railway Company would agree to run two buses of 2 tons, 19 cwt. each.

Mr. Walker of the Great Southern Railway Company, who attended, said the bus of the Company was a 20 Seater and Boggan's 16 Seater. They had only one Bedford Bus of 2 tons, 19 cwt. available.

The Chairman said the Company could provide a second similar bus.

The County Surveyor said that in the case of a large number of passengers offering, some of them might be dropped and picked up again. The restriction regarding weight did not apply to the road.

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

"That notwithstanding the by-law prohibiting mechanically propelled vehicles of an unladen weight not



exceeding  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons crossing Wexford Bridge this County Council (as a special concession) agree to allow the Great Southern Railway Company to cross this bridge with buses of three tons and under, unladen weight. If, at any time, the Council ascertains that these buses are causing damage to the Bridge permission for its use will be withdrawn."

The County Surveyor said he would have careful records kept and see what was happening.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th October 1937 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The County Surveyor submitted Provisional Road Works Scheme for financial year 1938/39. The total amount is £97,090, an increase of £39,960 over the actual allocation allowed for current year. The following shows how the Estimate is made up:-

Repair Main Roads	£. 53,323
Repair County Roads	38,210
Improvement Main Roads	752
Improvement County Roads	1,180
Contingencies (including Insurance, Holiday Fund, Relief Votes etc.)	<u>3,625</u>
	£97,090.

The following resolution of Special Roads Committee adjourned from meeting of 11th October, 1937, was read:-

"That portion of Grants from Road Fund in accordance with the recommendations of County Surveyor be applied to important third class roads. That the County Council be recommended to put up for improvement of third class roads the equivalent of a Rate of 4d in the £ in addition to



existing maintenance allocation, the Government to provide an equal amount."

"That further consideration of recommendations of Roads Committee be adjourned to next County Council meeting and that, in the meantime, report of the Committee be published in local Press in order to allow of the County Council considering any representations which may be made by ratepayers as to the Committee's proposals."

Under date 4th November 1937, No. R/SR/1, the following letter was read from the Roads Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo and enclosure, regarding the adoption of a resolution by the County Council that portion of Grants from Road Fund be applied to important third-class roads, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the demands of Main Roads he cannot make Grants available from the Road Fund for the upkeep or improvement of County Roads."

The Secretary stated that up to the present no suggestions or recommendations had been received from ratepayers in the matter.

Col. Gibbon held they should not agree to a higher amount than last year as ratepayers were not able to meet any increase. He noticed that the next item on the agenda paper was a motion by the Chairman to borrow £20,000, which he understood was only a beginning for the hospitalization Scheme in County Wexford.

Chairman - It will cover about two-thirds of the total expenditure.

Col. Gibbon said what the ratepayers were concerned with was what total amount they had to pay, but what they were still more concerned with was the amount they were able to pay. Farmers were not able to pay a largely



increased rate and he gathered there would be increases on account of loans and on account of outdoor assistance. He feared there would be more men unemployed this winter than they had had in the past. He proposed that they agree to allocate for next financial year a sum of £57,130 the figure allocated for current year, and that the Provisional Road Works Scheme be sent back to the County Surveyor to submit new detailed figures on a basis of £57, 130.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said there would be no difficulty in getting everybody to agree that an increased rate was not wanted, but at the same time the Council should not come to meetings, and ask for additional allocations for roads, if they were not prepared to meet the cost. She was prepared to consider Col. Gibbon's proposal on condition that the members would be satisfied with the County Surveyor's allocation as to how he proposed spending the money.

Mr. T. Redmond said he had moved for the appointment of the special committee as a result of complaints made by ratepayers. He could not say if these were general all over the County, but they certainly applied generally in New Ross district, and pointed to the fact that the roads were deteriorating year after year as the result of reduction in the Road Estimate for a number of years. It had been stated the roads of the County were improving, but he challenged that statement as regards New Ross Area. The Second and Third class roads between New Ross and the Tower of Hook were not fit for the traffic they were carrying at present. This was not the fault of the Council but of the sudden change from horse to motor traffic. Lorry traffic came on these roads quite suddenly with the result that in bad weather they became impassable. He



had been speaking to a number of farmers, and they had no objection to raising an extra 4d in the £ to stop the deterioration of the roads as they recognised this step was inevitable. If more money than in the past few years was not allocated, they would soon have to spend much more than 4d in the £ to keep the roads together. Col. Gibbon had stated there would be more unemployment in the rural districts this year than heretofore, but he (Mr. Redmond) could not see why this should occur. The proposal to spend more money on the roads would mean that men would get a full year's work instead of being laid off for two or three months.

Mr. Keegan said that when he explained the reason of the increase of the 4d in the £ everybody to whom he spoke was satisfied.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the Council agreed to the 4d, but it was entirely conditional on a Government Grant being forthcoming. That day, they had a letter from the Department that no funds were available. He agreed with Mr. Redmond that the present poor state of a number of the roads was caused by the sudden change in the incidence of traffic. But he did not see why they should not get an additional grant from the Government to help the Council in endeavouring to meet the wants of the public in this matter. It appeared no fund was at present available but it was up to the Government to make a fund available. At present, they received over one million a year in petrol tax and a big sum in taxes on imported motor cars and motor parts, and he did not see why some of this should not be devoted to putting important third-class roads into a decent state of repair. They should press the Government to introduce a Bill to allocate some of that money to the Councils. Public Bodies should agitate to have present grants for improve-



ment of roads increased.

Mr. Bowe agreed that in certain areas roads were in a bad way, but he had been approached by ratepayers to say they could not think of paying 4d in the £ of an increase as they were not in a position to meet this extra demand. Beyond doubt direct labour had improved the roads. There should be a chance of taking money from roads that were not carrying big traffic and applying it to roads that had become important in recent periods.

Mr. Corish said that the Council had invited representations from ratepayers as regards the proposed increase of 4d in the £, and as none were forthcoming they might feel content ratepayers were satisfied that certain roads really needed attention. As for the statement that people were not able to pay rates, he had been a member of the Council for seventeen years and heard this statement year after year. In fact, it appeared that almost since local rates were imposed certain people (and not those the worst off) grumbled about the rates.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should deal with the Road Estimate leaving out of account the 4d in the £ for the moment. This had been passed conditionally on a Grant being obtained from the Department. After agreeing to the Estimate they could again make application and representations to the Department for additional funds.

Mr. Walsh held that the Government should be more generous towards County Councils as regards Grants for roads. The beet traffic for instance on the roads was really most unjurious and Beet was regarded as a national industry. Everybody would admit that the traffic occasioned by it had caused considerable damage to many roads.

Mr. Sweetman said the trouble about the deterioration of roads was not peculiar to County Wexford. They had the General Council of County Councils raising the point



and he believed that the question of whether they were getting sufficient of the road tax and petrol tax on to the roads should be cleared up at once and for all. The Council should send on a strong resolution to the General Council asking that the whole matter of petrol tax etc. should be examined with a view to requesting the Government to pass a special Act, if necessary, to provide for increased road Grants. The amount now proposed was not going to keep the roads in such repair as would meet increasing lorry traffic. He believed the farmer should not be called upon to provide roads for the railway and other Companies, to use as highways. Up to the present, they had used steel rails and they were now expecting the Council to carry the traffic of these Companies on mud.

Col. Quin said they should endeavour to secure some Grants through petrol tax.

Mr. Smyth referred to the fact that farmers in his district were opposed to the increase of 4d in the £. Too much was being spent on Main and Link roads while Third Class roads were neglected. Owing to the high valuation of the Maccamore district, they would be worse hit than other portions of the County by any increased rate. In fact, 4d of an increase in other districts would come as heavy as 8d on the Maccamore district.

Col. Gibbon said that 50% of the previous goods traffic of the railways was now on to the roads and the Council were asked to maintain these roads for such purposes. It was impossible for the situation to continue as the 4d in the £ referred to by Mr. Redmond was only a drop in the ocean. The County Surveyor had estimated that to put these roads in order would cost a quarter of a million and it was not worth while imposing 4d in the £ on farmers when they could get no corresponding grant from the Government. Nobody would contradict the fact



that the farmers had to face a very difficult situation. The wheat crop this year was only about half (as far as he could make out) as compared with other years. In fact, all corn crops were light. They had still to meet taxes on farm produce such as on dairy, poultry and cattle and pigs. They should really consider the ability of ratepayers to pay and in this respect not the rates alone but the entire budget of the Council should be taken into consideration including amounts paid to subsidiary bodies.

Mr. T. Redmond said he did not think the refusal of the Department to provide a Grant was final. They should insist that they were going to spend an extra 4d in the £ and the Department should contribute their share. They did not want to saddle the ratepayers with this 4d unless they could bring the Department in as a partner in the expenditure.

The Chairman said that undoubtedly the County Surveyor or before the Special Committee made a reasonable case for the expenditure of more money on certain Third Class roads. The Council were the trustees of these roads as public property and there was no doubt they were bound to maintain them. It had been stated definitely and emphatically over and over by the County Surveyor that unless some provisions was made for roads on which unexpected heavy motor traffic had taken place, they would go to pieces. And unless more money was provided the roads could not be kept in a decent state of repair. It was impossible to make improvements in roads without money.

He proposed that the allocation for the current year be increased to £61,775. If the Council agreed to this it should be clearly understood that no further proposal for road improvement would be brought forward in the coming financial year. He had definitely decided to rule out of order all proposals for improvement of roads for



the next twelve months, if the figure which he now submitted was accepted, and in this connection he included items of special works.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The County Surveyor said the Grants received from Government last year amounted to £32,000 made up of £11,000 maintenance Grant for Main and Link Roads, £11,000 Improvement Grant and £10,000 Unemployment Grant.

The Secretary mentioned various roads in respect of which applications for repair had been recently made to the County Council and which had been adjourned for consideration with Road Works Scheme.

Included was the following notice of motion from Mr. Lawlor:-

"That the Council consider the advisability of raising loan to rapair the road leading from Enniscorthy to Galbally."

The County Surveyor said that the average price on third-class roads in the Saorstat was £24, and two years ago Wexford had an average of £11. If they only got the £55,000 owing to having to pay £2,524, £950 and £1,375 towards employment schemes it would reduce the money available for third-class roads, so that it would only work out at about £10 a mile. Col. Gibbon said the roads were improving. They were not. The third-class roads were certainly going back. It was said that £4,000 or £5,000 would be of little utility. Well, it would certainly keep the roads from going absolutely to pieces because that was what would happen some of the roads if they did not get a little more money for them. He remembered attending a Road Congress just when motor traffic had come in in England all at once. The English Surveyors said: "You have an opportunity that we hadn't. This was sprung on us. It is coming gradually to you, and if you take



the bull by the horns you will have roads that will stand it". They did not take the advice in this country, and the result was they had to pay for it now. In those days, it was the ordinary motor car that did the damage, and since then they had big lorries and buses. The Railway Company's buses were referred to, but they were for the benefit of the public, who asked for them, and farmers were using lorries to take their produce to market. People said that the roads were impassable. They were not impassable. They were very bad, but, undoubtedly, if the Council did not give a few pounds more they would be impassable.

The Chairman said that recognising the difficulty of preserving the roads the amount asked by the addition to last year's allocation was not excessive. A farmer with £40 valuation would have to pay an increased rate of about 10/-. The petrol tax had gone to the ordinary taxation fund and if its produce had been applied to the roads ordinary taxation would be higher. It was - though not quite - like a transfer of liability from one pocket to another.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella the Chairman said that for the half year to the 30th September last the County Board of Health had lived within its estimate. He believed owing to increased cost of living there would be increases in the Demands of Board of Health and Mental Hospital for next year.

Mr. Corish said that very many applications were being received from people by the Board for additional sewerage and water Schemes.

Mr. Redmond held that road services should not be curtailed because money was required for something else.

The Chairman considered that public health should be



their first consideration but, as trustees for the roads as public property, the Council were bound to keep them in decent condition and obviate any enhanced capital expenditure in future years.

Mr. Sweetman advocated a higher motor tax in the case of lorries.

The Chairman said it was the farmers all over the country who were keeping the lorries on the roads.

Mr. Sweetman said they should take up the whole question with the Government.

After further discussion a poll was taken as between £57,130 and £61,755, with the following result:-

For £61,755:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. - (13)

For £57,130:- Messrs. Bowe, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. - (8).

The Chairman declared the motion to provide a Road Allocation of £61,755, carried.

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

"That £61,755 be fixed as the amount to be spent on Roads for financial year 1938-39 and which sum must be regarded as the full amount of expenditure under this head with the exception of expenditure arising out of sudden damage.

That the Council refuse to entertain for financial year 1938-39 any isolated applications for repair of roads by loans or otherwise."

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

"That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health and endeavour to secure for the important third-



class roads by way of Grant the equivalent of the extra road allocation which the Council have agreed to raise for next financial year."

Mr. Redmond said he was sure that from the discussion that day they would be able to make it clear to the Department that extra money was required.

#### COUNTY HOSPITALISATION SCHEME

The following motion of which he had given previous notice, was moved by the Chairman:-

"That the consent of the Wexford County Council be given to the proposal of County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to obtain loan of £20,000 (Twenty Thousand Pounds) to meet the share of County Wexford of their Hospitalization programme."

This motion was circulated to County Councillors on 13th September, 1937.

The Chairman, in moving his motion, said there were three hospitals in course of erection - two almost complete - the district Hospitals in Gorey and New Ross, and there was also the Fever Hospital in New Ross to be dealt with. The balance for the completion of the Scheme would be paid from Sweepstakes Fund.

In seconding the motion Miss O'Ryan said that in 1930 when allocations from the Sweepstake funds were made available to assist schemes of County Hospitalisation, the Board of Health submitted proposals to the Ministry.

A deputation from the Board waited on the Ministry, and after a lengthy discussion of proposals they obtained an agreement to their request that an allocation of nine-tenths of the total expenditure would be made available from Sweepstakes funds up to a limit of £42,000. The Board of Health then appointed Architects, and had an examination made of the County's Hospital needs. As a



result they decided upon the following programme:-

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|-----|---|--------------|
| (1) | The provision and equipment of a County Fever Hospital at New Ross. Present estimate of cost                              | £.<br>34,000 |
| (2) | The provision and equipment of a District Hospital at New Ross. Present estimate of cost                                  | 22,000       |
| (3) | The provision and equipment of a District Hospital at Gorey. Present estimate of cost                                     | 22,000       |
| (4) | Site developments and other charges incidental to the above   | 6,000        |
| (5) | The provision and equipment of a District and Fever Hospital at Wexford, not at present being proceeded with              | 15,000       |
| (6) | The provision and equipment of a new County General Medical, Surgical and Maternity Hospital at Wexford, estimate of cost | 120,000      |
| (7) | Renovation, equipment and extension of the County Sanatorium, Grianan Charmain, at an estimated cost of                   | 40,000.      |

The Board's programme in respect of Hospitalisation, excluding from the present estimate the cost of the District Fever Hospital at Wexford, will therefore, entail an expenditure of £244,000.

The Board have at present in hands and nearing completion

- (1) A District Hospital at New Ross.
- (2) A Fever Hospital at New Ross.
- (3) A District Hospital at Gorey,

and have partially developed the sites in these cases. They are negotiating for the acquisition of a site for the County Hospital at Wexford.

The work at Grianan Charmain is very advanced. The cost will be defrayed wholly out of the Sweepstake funds and no portion of the expenses will fall upon the rates.

To meet the Board's share of the £84,000 which will cover Hospitalisation expenses, most of which have already been incurred, the Board will require one-tenth of the expenditure thereafter, which would mean, if the present



estimate covers the complete cost, a nett sum of £18,200. The motion to-day asks for permission to borrow the sum of not more than £20,000 and instalments of the loan will be applied for only up to the amount required.

When the Board begins work at the New County Hospital, a further loan will be necessary to meet the County's share of the cost.

Since the 30th September, 1934, £68,493 has been actually paid in the County in respect of contract work on the Hospitals, and this sum has been met entirely by advances from Sweepstakes Funds.

Every member of the Council would be in agreement with the requirements of the Board of Health and would also agree that they in Wexford, should keep in line with the rest of the world and make the hospitals in the Model County the best that could be provided in Ireland or outside of it.

The motion passed nem. con.

#### CAHORE PIER

Mr. Corish wanted to know if the County Surveyor had any report to make in regard to Cahore Pier. He had told them he was preparing some scheme to submit to the Department.

The County Surveyor said he had not report completed. He had it in hands.

Mr. Corish said that the fishermen were complaining they could not berth their boats.

The County Surveyor said that one of the questions asked was if work could be done in winter. Nothing could be done in winter. If a grant were given, work could be started in the spring. There was no particular hurry about the work.



### DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Mr. Corish asked what was the position in regard to Duncannon Harbour. Various complaints had, he said, been made by fishermen that their boats were in danger, and he thought the Council made representations to the Department about it.

The County Surveyor said that no doubt there was danger to boats. The inner pier was so uneven and rough that with the rise and fall of the tide boats got under the roughness and were liable to have gunwales damaged. He proposed to deal with the matter in the coming Spring.

Mr. Corish said his information was that £2,000 or £3,000 worth of fish was landed there every year, and there was a good number of boats there.

The County Surveyor said they also wanted the inner harbour dredged and deepened. The Council had no money for that unless they got a grant.

Mr. Corish - What they want is a proper shelter for boats. Would the inner harbour do?

County Surveyor - It would, if some dredging is done in it.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

### FETHARD HARBOUR

Mr. Colfer referred to Fethard Harbour.

County Surveyor - Really what the fishermen want is out of the question. They are not going to get £3000.

Mr. Colfer said that the cost would be £3000 to £5000. Along with helping the fishing, the work would save the land from erosion.

The County Surveyor said he would not say that altogether. It was possible that it would have some effect, but it would not act as a breakwater.

Mr. Colfer said that if they had a pier it would change the current.



County Surveyor - When you start interfering with tidal currents you don't know where you are. We had this up before about other little harbours, and we have already got small grants allowed, but in regard to a grant of from £3,000 to £5,000 you won't get it.

Mr. Colfer - Supposing we could get a grant of half the amount, could we raise a loan for the other half?

Chairman - The best thing to do is wait until the County Surveyor makes a report to next meeting and the Council can then consider it.

Mr. Colfer - This is work that should be carried on in Spring or early Summer. It should be taken into consideration that by helping fishermen at one side it would be saving the land at the other side.

Further consideration of the matter was adjourned for report of County Surveyor.

#### FLOODING AT BALLINDAGGIN

Mr. Lawlor said that in Ballindaggin the school children had to wade through water owing to flooding of road.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said there was no place for the water to escape.

Mr. Lawler asked if the pipe at the place could not be extended.

Mr. Ennis said that this would be no remedy owing to the situation of the place. If there was a "plough-cut" down the field the water might be carried off.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should inspect and report.

#### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

The County Surveyor reported that the following Road Contractors were in default as they were not carrying out the terms of their contracts:-



MR. TREANOR'S AREA:-

Patrick Kinsella, Parklands, Gorey. Road 142  
J. Codd, Ballyscarton, Gorey. Road 143  
Michael Keegan, Grattan Street, Gorey Road 218.

MR. BIRTHISTLE'S AREA:-

	<u>Roads</u>
P. Kennedy, Ballyvergin.	750, 744 and 745
James Doyle, Kiltra.	893 and 910

MR. CULLEN'S AREA:-

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral	426, 439, 646 and 647
William McGill, Ballingowan	444 and 445
Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilla	447
Thomas Walsh, Ballinclash	450
John Murphy, Ballyhought	559 and 560
John Murphy, Inch	561
Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin	606
Edward Browne, Ballyhow	644 and 645
Reps. Denis Murphy, Johnstown	648 and 649.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to proceed against defaulting Road Contractors reported to this meeting, and their Sureties, or in the alternative, to cancel contracts and take the Roads into his own charge, should he consider this step more advisable."

EXTERMINATION OF RABBITS

Under date 27th October 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (Div. I. Sec.2) that the Minister was satisfied the present rate of bounty on exported rabbit skins enabled exporters to pay trappers sufficiently remunerative prices for supplies and accordingly, he was <sup>not</sup> prepared to consider - as requested by Wexford County Council - an increase of 1d per skin in the existing rate of 3d. The large increase in the export of rabbits since the inception of the bounty Scheme in June 1935 indicated that the



destruction of these animals was being carried out on a very large scale in all parts of the country. The following were particulars of exports for the last three years:-

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1934	1,022 cwt.
1935	5,802 "
1936	53,247 "
1937 (to 30th Sept.)	35,801 "

The total quantity exported up to 30th September 1936, was 19,406 cwt.

No order.

MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. K. FORTUNE

Under date 28th October 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.80444/37 Loch Garman) forwarding copy of letter to the Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, sanctioning payment of marriage gratuity of £134 to Mrs. K. Fortune (nee Power) formerly Domestic Economy Instructress of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the amount, viz., £134 be paid.

DUMP AT BALLYGEARY

Under date 3rd November, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.73811/37 Loch Garman) (Pg) forwarding copy of Sealed Order made by the Minister fixing Area of Charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a dumping ground at Ballygeary on the townlands of Ballygillane Little and Ballygillane Big, District Electoral Division of St. Helen's.



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### ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst in respect of Quarter ended 30th September last was submitted. The total amount of analyses was 254 made up of:- Foods 200; Drugs 41; Waters 13.

Number adulterated:- 2 Butters; 1 New Milk; 1 Olive Oil; 2 Drugs; 1 Sheep Dip; 9 Waters.

Of the waters condemned six were submitted by the County Board of Health and three from the Wexford Corporation per County Medical Officer of Health. Four submitted by the County Board of Health were passed as suitable.

### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

On the motion of Mr. Michael Redmond, seconded by Mr. Cullimore, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mrs. Mary Lacy, Monamolin, Oulart, the Garda Siochana offering no objection. Also renewal to Anastasia O'Donnell, Taghmon."

### PROPOSED ALLOWANCE OF EXPENSES TO COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"That as an increase of allowances to our Public Legislators seems to be the order of the day we call on the Government to pass legislation granting at least a pound a day and reasonable expenses to all Members of County Councils for every meeting attended, as the miserable pittance of 5d per mile to place of meeting and no allowance for return journey is quite inadequate to compensate our Public Administrators fairly. We ask that copies of this resolution be sent to all County Councils in the Saorstát."

Mr. Michael Redmond proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the adoption of this resolution.



The Chairman said that in his opinion the resolution was not reasonable and had very little chance of securing the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. He suggested the following should be substituted:-

"That provision be made for the payment of expenses to County Councillors for attendance at all meetings, and that this apply to all County Councillors who do not reside in the centre at which the County Council meetings are held and to the journey to and from such centre."

Mr. Redmond and Mr. Kinsella withdrew their motion and the Chairman proposed his suggestion in the form of a resolution. This was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that some Councillors immediately after the Local Government Elections had a distinct grievance as regards payment of travelling expenses. As elections were held in June and July it was impossible for Councillors who were not re-elected to attend 75% of meetings necessary to secure payment of travelling expense contributions and the same thing applied to new members who were elected for the first time.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Under date 13th October, 1937, Mr. James Barry, Secretary, Library Association of Ireland, 53 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, wrote thanking the Council for resolution inviting the Association to hold their Annual Conference for 1938 in Wexford.

J. Allen

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 13th DECEMBER 1937

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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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 13th December 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, William Cullimore, John Day, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and 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:- £16039. 13. 6d, Transfers to Subsidiary A/c etc.; £1281. 10. 2d, quarterly salaries, and £153. 5. 0d transfer of amount of loan to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

#### THE LATE COL. GIBBON, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a vote of condolence with Mrs. Gibbon and relatives in the sudden death of her husband - Col. Gibbon - who had been a member of the Council for a number of years.

Mr. McCarthy seconded, and pointed out that Col. Gibbon had given great attention to the work of the County Council. He fought his point of view in a considerate and honourable way and never behind any bitterness or resentment. They all respected the opinions of Col. Gibbon and the manner in which they were put forward while Col. Gibbon respected the opinions of those who differed from him.

Miss O'Ryan associated herself with the motion. They should pay tribute to the great public spirit displayed by



Col. Gibbon who at the conclusion of his Army career, came back to Wexford and took his part like a man in the life of the country working as a farmer and trying to solve all the problems confronting agriculture. The farmers were proud of him and of the way he identified himself in their concerns. Col. Gibbon was popular with all classes and sections of the community. He was always most anxious to do a good turn particularly for the plain people. As an employer and a good citizen it would be difficult to replace him.

Mr. Corish joined in the tribute to the late Col. Gibbon's many good qualities. He came back to Ireland and settled in the country. He was a good employer, and greatly interested in the people of his own district. He possessed great ability and respected the views of others. The Council was the poorer by his loss.

The Chairman said that the death of Col. Gibbon was a great loss to his family and to the public administration of the county. He was always kind and courteous and brought a highly intelligent view to every matter which the Council discussed. The Council deeply mourned his loss.

Col. Quin said that the death of Col. Gibbon was to him a very great blow. Col. Gibbon was a magnificent officer and a very great friend of his. He was a man whom they all respected and admired and his death was a great loss to Ireland.

The Secretary said the death of Col. Gibbon - which we all deeply regret - was a great shock to us all. Since his election to the Council he took the keenest interest in its work and examined in great detail and with considerable ability all sections of County Council business, particularly the Annual Budget and the Road Works Scheme. He possessed dynamic energy, was a good and generous employer and deeply concerned for the welfare of the people of his



own district and the fishermen of Kilmore.

He respected the opinions of those who differed from him and in debate was most tolerant and courteous. We all deeply mourn his loss and sympathise most heartily with Mr. and Miss Gibbon and the other relatives.

The County Surveyor also expressed his sympathy with the family of Col. Gibbon who, in discussing any section of the engineering work of County business, displayed a broad and open mind and though he (speaker) might differ from the views of Col. Gibbon, there was generally in them something that assisted him in securing a fuller view of his problems.

The motion was then put and adopted in the usual way.

It was decided that Col. Gibbon's successor on the Council should be elected at meeting of 10th January 1937.

THE LATE MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

The following under date 8th November 1937 was read from Miss Mary Malone, Coolree, Wexford:-

"Will you please convey our most sincere thanks and those of my family to the members of your Council for their very kind remembrance of us and for their expression of sympathy in our recent bereavement and in particular to Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Culleton for moving the adoption of the vote of condolence, as also to the Chairman for his kind remarks, all of which we greatly appreciate. And also for the marked way in which you spoke of my father. I know how courteous and helpful he always found you during the many years of his association with you and I send you my thanks for your co-operation. I regret the delay in acknowledging due to my illness."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Day, it was decided that the above reply to vote of condolence should be inserted in the minutes of the day.



RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN CUMMINS

Under date 10th December 1937 the following was read from Mr. J. Cummins:-

"I regret having to tender my resignation from the Wexford County Council.

Please convey to the Chairman and all the members my regret at having to sever my connection with them and my very good wishes to them all.

Thanking yourself for your past help over a great many years and your courtesy at all times."

Miss O'Ryan said that they had been all anxious that Mr. Cummins should continue to act as County Councillor, but they understood it was the wish of his medical adviser he should now retire and accordingly, they were reluctantly obliged to accept his resignation. Every member of the Council would be sorry to know that an end had come to the service in public life of a great big-hearted gentleman who never made an enemy. She was sure he would appreciate the good wishes of the Council and she hoped he would be spared for long to enjoy his retirement. She then proposed the following resolution:-

"That we accept with deep regret the resignation of Mr. John Cummins as a member of this County Council and place on record our appreciation of his services to the Council and to the National cause.

In accordance with the Provisions of Article 10 (2) of the (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, we hereby declare vacant the office of County Councillor held by Mr. John Cummins and will proceed to the appointment of his successor as County Councillor and also to the appointment of his successor to the Board of Health, Mental Hospital Committee, County Committee of Agriculture and County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th day of January, 1938.



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That we direct the following to appear as an advertisement in two insertions of the next issue of the three local papers:-

'Notice is hereby given that the County Council of the County Wexford in pursuance of Article 10, Sub-Article 2 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments Order) 1898 DO HEREBY DECLARE the Office as Member of the County Council held by John Cummins of Ballyhack in the County Wexford to be vacant, consequent upon his resignation of said office owing to ill health.

And the County Council further declare that they will proceed to the Election of a Successor to the vacant office at their meeting to be held on the 10th day of January 1938.

D. ALLEN	)	Three members
	)	of the County
N. O'RYAN	)	Council of
	)	the County
R. CORISH	)	Wexford.

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

Mr. Colfer seconded this resolution and regretted the loss of a good County Councillor and a good friend.

Mr. Keegan said the poor would miss Mr. Cummins more than anyone as he endeavoured at all meetings of the Boards of which he was a member to support their claims and to help them in every way.

Mr. McCarthy, who said he was associated with Mr. Cummins for over 20 years also joined in the expression of regret at his resignation.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Cummins was always to the fore when the affairs of his country needed help and he was head and shoulders in every movement for the country's good. In the Land League days with the late Canon Doyle of Ramsgrange he did Trojan work for the National Cause.

Mr. M. Redmond said that Mr. Cummins had spent his life and his money in the service of the people.

Expressions of appreciation were also spoken by Mr.



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O'Byrne, Mr. Kinsella, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Ronan, Mr. T. Redmond, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Bowe and the County Surveyor.

The Chairman associated himself with the views expressed by the members as to the resignation of Mr. Cummins who had been prominent in the national and social life of Wexford for the past 60 years. He had been always in the forefront of every national movement, and on one occasion fought an election single hand. No man in the County had given more worthy and free service to the people than Mr. Cummins. At the public boards they looked upon him as a leader and friend and by his severance from public life he had left it poorer. He hoped Mr. Cummins would be spared many years to enjoy his well earned rest.

Secretary.- The resignation of Mr. Cummins marks the break of a connection with public life for over half a century. I know Mr. Cummins for that period. I met him first as the Secretary to the local Land League Branch and of the famous Hook 200, which played a prominent part in the National movement of the period. All through the Land League, the National League and the Sinn Fein activities, Mr. Cummins was in the forefront. He spent his time, his money and his ability in the National Cause. He can honestly be described as an unselfish pure-souled patriot. He is deservedly one of the most popular men in the County, and his retirement from public life will be regretted by a very wide circle.

We, his friends, hope he will be spared for many a long year. We hold him in deep affection and will not forget his kindness, his enthusiasm, and his work for his country and for his fellow Irishmen.

The resolution was then put and declared passed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 12th NOVEMBER 1937: Minutes 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 12th November, 1937.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, William Cullimore, 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 £5222. 7. 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Percentage of Warrant</u> <u>and two years' arrears.</u>		
1.	S. Gannon	48.0
2.	E. J. Murphy	46.8
3.	J. Cummins	43.5
4.	D. Kenny	43.3
5.	J. J. O'Reilly	43.1
6.	J. Curtis	43.1
7.	A. Dunne	42.0
8.	M. Kehoe	41.6
9.	J. Deegan	41.3
10.	P. Nolan	40.3
11.	P. Carty	37.5
12.	P. Doyle	37.1
13.	M. McCarthy	36.9
14.	W. Cummins	36.8
15.	J. Flood	36.4
16.	W. Doyle	36.2
17.	J. Quirke	36.0
18.	J. J. Sinnott	33.5
Average		40.2.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 1st November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.89760/37 Loch Garman (Fa)) that the Minister would not be averse to the scheme of remuneration for Poundage approved last year, being continued for the current financial year subject to the amendment that 60% of the first



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moiety and the whole of the previous year's warrant should be lodged by the 15th November 1937, as a condition for payment of interim poundage. "This condition", the letter stated "is not unreasonable by comparison with the schemes in other Counties and as the Warrants have been in the hands of the Collectors since July last, should by now have been complied with".

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

"That in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 1st November, 1937, (No. 89760/37 Loch Garman (Fa)) 75% poundage fees be paid to the Rate Collectors on lodgments equivalent to 60% of first moiety of current year's rate plus the arrears applicable to 1936/37 assessment."

POUNDAGE - DRAINAGE RATE: Under date 4th November, 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F.90450-1937 Wexford County) that no objection would be raised to the payment of poundage at the rate of 7d in the £ to Rate Collector Walter Cummins in respect of drainage rates collected and lodged by him. He should take steps to collect the outstanding amounts without delay.

With regard to Collector Matthew Murphy, the Minister would not feel justified in sanctioning the payment proposed in view of the relatively small amount of rate collected.

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

"That amount of poundage for Drainage Rate collected and lodged by Collector W. Cummins be paid to this Collector in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health 4th November 1937 - (F.90450-37 Wexford Co.)."



### MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS

Under date 1st November, 1937, letter was read from the Secretary County Councils' General Council that the next meeting of the General Council would be held on 7th December 1937 and notice of any matters which the Council wished to raise should reach the Secretary by 27th November 1937. It was decided that the question of the State paying in full for the maintenance of all Main Roads be considered and a resolution to this effect adopted by the General Council, and forwarded the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Since the Main Road Declaration was adopted, the traffic of heavy lorries and other motor traffic on Main and Trunk Roads had increased beyond conception. But, in addition the County Council were faced with very grave financial responsibility for the upkeep of important third-class roads on which buses and lorries were causing considerable damage. These roads were not built for such traffic, and to keep them even in fair order would saddle the Council with an outlay which had never been contemplated. If the State would pay the full cost of the maintenance of the Main Roads it would be a source of great help in allowing Councils to deal with third-class motor roads.

### ROSSLARE ROADS

Under date 6th November 1937, the following letter (which had been referred from County Council meeting to Finance Committee) was read from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am instructed by the Committee of the above to ask you to bring the following before the next meeting of your Council:-

(1) The roadway, for 50 yards South of Hopelands Bank, has sunk below sea level and since the bursting of the Bank is subject to flooding, as the tide rises thereby causing serious hardships and inconvenience to residents. The Cumann respectfully suggests that this matter should have immediate attention.

(2) The Cumann on numerous occasions has asked that something should be done for those residents of the Burrow



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who live below Hopelands Bank, by way of providing a road or footway to and from their homes. The conditions under which these people have to get about their business are appalling and are not unknown to members of the Council. The position is steadily becoming worse and it is an urgent necessity that this question should receive the consideration it so justly deserves.

(3) The Cumann also wishes to draw the attention of the County Council to the deplorable condition of the important road linking Rosslare and Tagoat. This road which joins the two fine Rosslare Strand and Rosslare Pier roads is without doubt one of the worst in County Wexford. It is little over a mile in length, and considering the amount of tourist traffic that passes over it in Summer and the large amount of local traffic all the year it is absolutely necessary that it be re-surfaced at the earliest opportunity. The Cumann hopes that the County Council will not delay the repairing of this road any longer.

Hoping that you will see your way to bring these matters forward and thanking you in anticipation."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### ROAD GOREY BRIDGE - TARA HILL

The following memorial as to repair of above road was read, signed by 15 ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers, desire to draw the attention of your Council to the deplorable condition of the road leading from Gorey Bridge to Tara Hill School. This road is easily becoming more important by reason of the growing tourist traffic in the district and it detracts in no small measure from the ideal surroundings. In our opinion, the amount of rates we pay certainly entitles us to a better road to and from our market town."

The matter was referred to County Surveyor who stated that in his opinion the road was not bad. It was open to improvement, but it was by no means in very poor condition.

#### BUNCLODY STREETS

Under date 11th November 1937, the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Bunclody Town Improvements Committee:-

"My Committee have received complaints as to the dilapidated condition of the steps leading from the road to



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the houses in the upper portion of Irish Street. They are at present very dangerous for ascent or descent especially for children.

I am to ask that the Council will be good enough to direct their Surveyor to inspect them with a view to their repair."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### ERECTION OF OUT-HOUSE

Under date 9th November 1937, James Fortune, Tenacre, Kilrane, wrote that he was about to erect an out-house at his premises adjoining the public road. At present, there was a wall 6 feet from the grass margin and 5' 6" high, which he intended to raise by about 15 to 18 inches and erect thereon a shed up to the end of an out-office. Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, examined the place and made no objection. He wished the Council would accede to his application.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The following under date 6th November 1937, (L.4090 - 37) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letters of the 11th and 12th ultimo, embodying respectively (a) a resolution of the Finance Committee regarding the payment of remuneration to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors and (b) a resolution relative to the adoption of Regulations under Article 22 of the above Order, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that no objection will be offered to the payment to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors of £20 each provided the Local Authority are satisfied that the work of each Inspector was carried out in a satisfactory manner having regard to the terms of this Department's letter of the 10th July last.

The Minister is glad to note that the Local Authority have decided to make Regulations under Article 22 of the Order with a view to securing the compulsory dipping of sheep under the supervision of their Inspectors, and it is requested that a copy of the proposed Regulations, which it is hoped will apply to the entire County of Wexford, may be submitted in good time before the commencement of the dipping period of next year, the dipping period for the current year having expired on the 31st ultimo. A further draft copy of specimen regulations is enclosed."



It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish, to point out to the Department that the regulations which the Wexford County Council desire to put in force do not cover a comprehensive scheme requiring compulsory dipping under the supervision of the Council's Sheep Dipping Inspectors. The Council wish to be empowered to deal with sheep owners who fail to dip their sheep on the date mentioned in the Dipping Notice and who the Sheep Dipping Inspectors suspect may not dip unless compelled to do so under the supervision of one of the Council's Inspectors. Cases under this head will be reported to the County Council who will issue appropriate directions to the Inspectors.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Edward Hudson, Tomduff, Enniscorthy, applied for loan of £208 on house valued at £270.

The Secretary stated that this man made application a considerable time back and it had been adjourned.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, loan of £175 be provisionally approved for Edward Hudson, Tomduff, Enniscorthy."

#### HUMANE KILLERS FOR VETERINARY INSPECTORS

Under date 9th November 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote that humane killers of the Greener Captive bolt type could be purchased from the following:-

Messrs. M. Garnett, & Sons, 31 Parliament St., Dublin.

Mr. Laurence Keegan, 3 Inns Quay, Dublin.

Messrs. M. W. Broderick & Co., 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin

Possibly local gunsmiths might be in a position to meet the requirements of the County Council. The cost of the instrument with a supply of cartridges would be about £5 or



It was decided to ask the three firms mentioned in the letter of Department of Agriculture for quotations for the supply of four Greener type Humane Killers with the necessary ammunition.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following, under date 6th November, 1937, was read from Patrick O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoa:-

"May I bring under notice the following facts re my daughter, Catherine, who won a County Council Scholarship in 1933. She was a boarder in Loreto Convent from September 1933 to early in year 1935 and whether from the indoor life or some other cause she got ill, rundown, and was an invalid for a full term which I understand was refunded to your Council. Her Doctor recommended more outdoor life, hence we sent her as a day pupil. Her scholarship ended last August. Owing to missing vital term she was unable to go for Intermediate in 1936 but she competed this year and passed. She also passed Loreto Grade 5 examination. She has now to undergo an examination equal to "Leaving" and is attending Loreto for that object. She intends taking up nursing as a profession and has to pass this qualifying examination to enter.

As the scholarship fees were cut to £30 per annum and the 1935 term refunded, I would humbly ask your Council to help her with a small grant, i.e., the refunded portion."

The Secretary stated that £11. 16. 6d had been refunded from this Scholarship by the Loreto Convent, Wexford, owing to the absence from School through illness of Catherine O'Regan.

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

"That subject to sanction of Department of Education the amount of Scholarship refunded by Loreto Convent,



Wexford, for Catherine O'Regan, be made available for her to complete her Secondary education."

In connection with the renewal of Scholarship of Margaret O'Leary under this Scheme the following was read from Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 25th ultimo, I am to state that it is regretted that the scholarship holder, Margaret O'Leary, Loreto Convent, Wexford, should have been returned in the official letter of the 8th ultimo as having obtained "Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1937". This pupil obtained a Pass without Honours at the Examination and as her scholarship was awarded in 1935 she should obtain Honours at the Examination in 1938 in order to comply with the terms of your Council's Scheme. She should, accordingly, follow an approved Intermediate Certificate Course during the current school year."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following under date 11th November, 1937, was read from Thomas Dwyer, recently appointed caretaker Gorey Courthouse:-

"I was speaking to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, this morning in Gorey. He told me to write you and say that I should be "installed" as soon as possible as the present caretaker is wracking the courthouse."

The County Solicitor said he had given Robert Valentine, acting as Temporary Caretaker, a month in which to leave the Courthouse. He would now serve formal notice on Valentine that the Council intended to take up immediate possession.

#### DOCK AT BALLYHACK

Mr. Colfer asked how the work at Ballyhack stood.

The County Surveyor stated it was finished.

Mr. Colfer said he was informed the dock was again full of sand.



The County Surveyor said a couple of thousand loads of silt was taken from this dock. The Council could spend £500 more, if it was available, on the place.

Mr. Colfer proposed that the Council make application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Relief Grant to continue the work at Ballyhack dock. This would relieve the unemployed of the district.

The County Surveyor said he had had in contemplation the making of a playground at Ballyhack School, and which was very badly needed. However, all the schedules for works had been returned to him from the Department with a direction to join up a number, with the result that the construction of proposed playground would have to stand over for the present. He could not do much dredging work at the dock at present as this was not suitable time of year to clear out silt. He had left a good approach to the place, but had not, owing to the limited amount of money, been able to get the stuff from the back. The fishermen were anxious to have a protection wall built on the slip.

Mr. Colfer said the place had silted up again.

After further discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor and that he be instructed to apply for State Grant to carry out further work at Ballyhack.

#### ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD

The County Surveyor said it had been mentioned to him that if a State Grant (Rural) could be secured it would be advisable to widen the concrete road between Wexford and Enniscorthy. When cars "went off" the concrete - owing to the straight edge - they were likely to swerve and might cause accidents. The work would absorb all the unemployed men between Wexford and Enniscorthy.

The Chairman considered that owing to the length of this Road the cost of widening would be prohibitive. If



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the edge of the concrete was "splayed" it would be a great preventative of accidents and he recommended this to the County Surveyor for consideration, and it would be covered by a small amount of money.

#### ROAD IN FERNS VILLAGE

Nine residents of Ferns wrote calling attention to the bad condition of the road from Rhynhart's corner to Ferns Schoolhouse.

Referred to County Surveyor for inclusion with Minor Relief Scheme applications.

#### FLOODING AT GREAT GORTINS, CLEARIESTOWN

The following under date 29th October from Messrs. L. and A. Fortune, Great Gortins, Cleariestown, was referred to the County Surveyor for report:-

"After every storm the Road and the Farm Yard is just like the Shannon Scheme, also the Dwelling House and Castle. Would you mind having it seen to at your earliest convenience and you will oblige."

#### RATHDUFF LANE

The following under date 6th November 1937 was read from Mr. Simon Doran, Rathduff, Killanne:-

"On behalf of the Ratepayers living on Rathduff Lane, I wish to ask your Council to have the repairs to this lane finished. As you remember, this lane was repaired under the Minor Relief Scheme about three years ago. But, it was not finished at that time. And again last year I believe it was passed by the Council. But nothing has been done since. As it is a terrible hardship on the people living here, we would be very thankful to have it finished. There are some stones left over since repairs were being done before and there are plenty more stones available. Hoping the Council will do some repairs to this lane. The residents will give all the assistance possible."



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Referred to County Surveyor for report.

LANE BULLRING, KILLENA, TO TOMDUFF HOUSE

Six residents of above lane made application for repair of above out of grants for special works for relief of unemployment.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

SHRULE LANE

Under date 4th November, 1937, the following was read from Mr. James Cosgrove, Shrule, Clonevan:-

"Some time ago, I applied to have something done to the lane leading to my farm at Shrule, Clonevan.

In reply, I received an answer stating that it would be done as soon as money was available.

Owing to present weather conditions, I find it impossible to get to my home.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know if anything can be done to same to enable me to carry out the necessary duties on my farm."

A Communication urging the repair of this lane was also received from Ballygarrett Fianna Fail Cumann.

The County Surveyor said this lane had been submitted to the Office of Works for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, but was not accepted.

It was decided that the County Surveyor make a further application for repair of this lane.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. notified his intention to apply at Ballycullane District Court for the committal of Margaret Devereux, The Island, Carrig-on-Bannow, 11 years old, and illegitimate, to an Industrial School. The mother, Margaret Devereux, was destitute. Application would be made under Section 58(1)(H) Children's Act 1908-29.

Referred to County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of this meeting be received and considered"

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of the 12th November, 1937, be and the same are hereby approved."

MEETING 26th NOVEMBER 1937: 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 26th November, 1937.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman), <sup>P. Colfer</sup> R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) presided during the Confirmation of Minutes, after which the Chairman (Mr. Allen) attended and presided for the rest of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3776. 12. 4d was examined and signed.

#### CHRISTMAS MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To allow of workers of County Council being paid in time for Christmas it was decided that meeting of Finance Committee be held on Wednesday, 22nd December, and that meeting of 24th December be abandoned.

#### ILLNESS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

Under date 26th November 1937 the following certificate was read from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford:-

"This is to certify that W. F. Barry, Esq. (County Surveyor) is unable to attend his office owing to influenza."

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

	<u>Percentage of current Warrant and two years' arrears.</u>
S. Gannon	50.7
J. Curtis	49.7
J. Cummins	48.9
P. Nolan	48.6
E. J. ...	47.7



D. Kenny	47.1
J. J. O'Reilly	46.1
M. Kehoe	45.4
J. Deegan	45.3
A. Dunne	44.6
P. Carty	41.9
P. Doyle	41.5
M. McCarthy	41.3
J. Flood	41.1
W. Cummins	40.6
W. Doyle	40.0
J. Quirke	38.8
J. J. Sinnott	<u>37.8</u>

Average 44.3

The Secretary stated that Collectors were being directed to make an earnest effort to collect everything possible by the 31st December next so that the published returns will indicate that the Wexford Collection is in a satisfactory position when compared with other Counties. The Collectors were directed to furnish by 18th December details as to the legal proceedings taken by them for the recovery of rates.

RATE COLLECTOR QUIRKE: The Secretary stated that as regards £6. 6. 3d collected by Collector J. Quirke on 29th September last and which was not lodged until the 2nd November 1937, the following letter was read from this Collector:

"In reply to your letter re rates Edward Larkin, I wish to state that during the last couple of days of September and the first days of October, a big amount of Rates was collected by me. In the rush, I overlooked this part-payment for a little time. When I was making up my books for the half-year, I noticed the payment and lodged it."

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

"That Collector Quirke be informed that should any other case of delay in lodgment of rates occur as has happened in the case of Edward Larkin, the County Council will be asked to take action against him."



PROPOSED WEEKLY PAYMENTS

The following under date 16th November, 1937, was read from P. Redmond, 47 Garden City, Gorey, Secretary Irish Labour Party, Gorey:-

"I wish to bring under the notice of your Council re weekly wages for Council workers. Surely it would not be too much for your Council to make weekly payments to all Council workers especially on Relief Schemes and workers who only work 3 days each week and those unfortunate poor men have no way of supporting their wives and families. I don't believe it would inconvenience Clerical Staff of your Council to make out return of weekly wages.

Trusting your Council will make change on same."

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

"That the question of weekly payments to Road and Quarry workers be referred to the County Surveyor with a recommendation that arrangements be made - if possible - for weekly payments to men engaged on Minor Relief Schemes."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

PATRICK MERRIMAN, FORTH COMMONS, MURRINTOWN: Mr.

Birthingale, Assistant Surveyor came before the meeting relative to house to be erected by above mentioned applicant.

After conferring with the members of the Committee Mr. Birthingale stated that the value he would place on the house was £130 and on the land £10.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly that an advance of £50 be recommended in this case subject to the sanction of the Minister.

SANCTION OF ADVANCES: Under date 15th November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.91687-37-Loch Garman) sanctioning loan of £150 to W. Pierce, Knocklahaun, and £180 to W. Doyle, Gorey. In the case of John Nolan, McCurtain Street, Gorey, the



maximum advance the Minister was prepared to sanction was £220.

As regards the application of John Roche, Screen, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said he was in correspondence with Messrs. O'Connor, Solicitors, as to procuring clear title in this case.

APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF LOAN: Under date 23rd November, 1937, John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, applied for a further £30. The house was costing £400 to build.

It was explained that an advance of £175 had been agreed to in this case on an estimated value of house at £375. On a £400 house the total amount of advance according to the Scheme cannot exceed £200.

It was decided to ask Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to furnish certificate as to the market value of Mr. Byrne's house.

Mr. Keegan said that the applicant had been obliged to pay £100 for the site.

APPLICATION WILLIAM HOSEY: William Hosey, Garryhaston, Clonegal, Ferns, Farmer, applied for loan of £80 on a house valued by him at £200.

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

"That subject to approval of the Minister an advance of £80 be made to William Hosey, Clonegal, Ferns, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1937/38

Under date 19th November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/204/32) conveying approval to the Scheme of employment on roads and works submitted by the County Council and covering an expenditure of £4125, of which the Council had agreed to contribute



£1375.

The Secretary said that the County Surveyor had the matter in hands.

In connection with New Ross Urban District, Employment Scheme covering £1450 subject to local contribution of £200 was also approved (letter under date 16th November 1937 - RU/204/109 - Department of Local Government and Public Health.)

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 22nd November 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.85758/1937) forwarding copy of Order made under above in regard to the expenses incurred in the administration of the Act during the year ended 31st March 1937.

The amount assessed on Wexford is £174. 19. 5d.

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

"That assessment of £174. 19. 5d on Wexford County Council under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act) 1925 be recommended to County Council for payment."

#### DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Under date 24th November 1937, the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) - W.5/11/37 - wrote stating that representations had been made to the Minister as to the condition of Duncannon Harbour which, it was understood, was badly silted with mud. The Minister would be glad to know what steps the County Council were taking to have the condition of the Harbour remedied.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor was carrying out some improvements at Duncannon Harbour.

#### KELLY V. WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

The following under date 25th November 1937 as to claim by Mr. John J. Kelly, Cedar Lodge, Rosslare V. County



Council for trespass on his lands and neglect to erect a wall in respect of the widening of the road at his premises was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I enclose copy of a letter which Messrs. John A. Sinnott & Co., have received from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan from which you will see that Mr. Kelly is prepared to accept the sum of £70 in full of all claims for damages and costs exclusive of the value of the Land proposed to be taken in connection with the widening of the Road. Messrs. Sinnott & Co. (Solicitors for County Board of Health) and I acting under instructions from the Council have agreed to these terms, and I would be glad, if you would bring the matter before the Finance Committee at their meeting tomorrow

It would be well if Mr. Barry, County Surveyor was now instructed to measure up the amount of Land taken from Mr. Kelly for the widening of the Road so that we may calculate the amount of the Purchase Money of same."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to confirm the terms of settlement of the action of John J. Kelly, Cedar Lodge, Rosslare Strand V. Wexford County Council under which Mr. Kelly is to receive a sum of £70 in full settlement of costs and damages to his property and we suggest this amount be apportioned as follows:-

To be paid by Contractor for Sewerage Works of Board of Health	£. 35
To be paid by County Wexford Board of Health	20
To be paid by Wexford County Council	<u>15</u>
Total	£70.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to proceed at once with the erection of the wall so as to fence off Mr. Kelly's premises from the public road.



CLAIM FOR DEATH OF MARE

Under date 16th November, 1937, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of James Sinnott, Shopkeeper, Killinick, claiming £40 and expenses with Veterinary Surgeon's fees, for loss of a mare, his property. While drawing corn into his yard the animal fell as owing to repairs made by the County Council it was alleged the place was left in a dangerous condition. The corn shifted on the load and the mare sustained injuries from which she died.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had made a detailed report in this matter to the Insurance Brokers of the County Council.

HUMANE KILLERS

The following tenders for supply of four humane killers for Veterinary Surgeons J. Lynch, Thomas A. Mernagh, F. S. Ringwood and F. Staples, were received from

L. Keegan, 3 Inns Quay, Dublin, C.12, Templecox Universal Model Captive Bolt Killers (Greener Ltd) at £5. 5. 0 each less 5% discount and cartridges at 4/3d per 100 (nett).

Messrs. M. W. Broderick & Co., 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin, tendered at £5. 5. 0 each Killer and 4/6d per 100 for Cartridges.

M. Garnett and Son, 31 Parliament Street, Dublin, tendered for "Cash" Captive Bolt at £5 each and cartridges at 4/6d per 100. They did not tender for the Greener Killer.

It was mentioned that some Veterinary Inspectors preferred to use a shot gun to kill animals and it was understood this was equally as effective as a humane killer.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of acceptance of tenders to a future meeting.



### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from the Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) as to application to Wexford Court on 1st December 1937 for the committal of the following children to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford:-

Mary Anne Sinnott, Oulart, 12 years old, orphan and destitute.

Mary Patricia Murphy, no fixed residence. Three years old. Illegitimate child of Mary Kate Murphy, Churchtown, Kilrane.

Johanna Lucy Stafford, no fixed residence;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years old; illegitimate child of Josephine Stafford, whose whereabouts are unknown.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

### ADVERTISING CONTRACT

It was decided that quotations from the three local papers as to advertising contract for year 1938 be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation up to £35,000 for the period up to and including 28th February, 1938."

### ROAD MATTERS

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT: Under date 13th November 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (SGQ/201/37) that £13,500 had been provisionally allocated to the Council for Main Road Improvement Grant 1937/38.

This included work on Gorey-Wexford Road (£7,200), Wexford New Ross Road - Barntown Castle to Larkin's Cross - (£2,500); New Ross - Duncannon line Whitechurch Cross to



Horeswood (£3,400) and erection of 20 ton weighbridge (£400).

TUBBERDUFF LANE: 5 Ratepayers wrote asking to have Tubberduff Lane (Gorey)- which leads to their residences - repaired.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided to refer the application to the County Surveyor for report.

LANE AT BOLEY, BALLYCANEW: Mr. William Dowling wrote under date 25th November 1937 asking for repair of lane leading to his house under Relief Scheme.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### COMPLAINT OF NOT BEING EMPLOYED

Under date 25th November 1937, the following was read from Patrick Walsh, Portersgate, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"Is it just or fair to local unemployed men with no means to live on, willing to work, to do haulage, or other work, that Fitzpatrick, Ganger, is employing farmers of his own chosen men outside the area to haul the handy clay. He gave the nearest heaps of stones to quarry to his friends. Why not start 3 and 4 and 5 or more if required. The clay has to be picked out of the cliff off the strand or bay, banked to Road.

I trust fair play will be given to these men that is most deserving.

I asked Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for work. He told me to speak to ganger about it."

It was decided to refer the complaint to the County Surveyor for report.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th November 1937, be received and considered."

DUNCANNON HARBOUR: Mr. T. Redmond raised the question as to the maintenance of Duncannon Harbour at which dues were collected by the Waterford Harbour Board which made no contribution towards necessary repairs.

The Secretary pointed out that several years ago an attempt was made by the Council to rectify this anomaly, but it was pointed out by the Department that nothing could be done unless through legislation. Duncannon being a "scheduled" pier, the County Council were responsible for its maintenance and the Waterford Harbour Act which gave power to the Harbour Board to collect dues was silent in regard to any contribution for the upkeep of the structure.

Mr. Corish thought it might be well to ask the Minister to hold an inquiry into the whole position.

The County Surveyor said that the silting which was referred to by the Department was at the little stone boat harbour and in respect of this no dues were collected. The Finance Committee had asked him to try and secure a grant for the work and to do what he could in that direction and he was proceeding to carry out this recommendation. At this little pier the stones were overhanging so that on the rise and fall of tide vessels chafed against it and were injured to a certain extent. He had decided to do what was possible to rectify this.

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 26th November 1937 be and the same are hereby approved."



MEETING 10th DECEMBER, 1937: The Minutes of this  
meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th December, 1937,

Present:- 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 also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6382. 1. 9d was examined and signed.

#### POOR RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection.</u>
1. S. Gannon	52.3
2. J. Curtis	52.2
3. E. J. Murphy	51.7
4. P. Nolan	51.5
5. J. J. O'Reilly	51.1
6. J. Cummins	50.6
7. D. Kenny	49.7
8. M. Kehoe	48.5
9. A. Dunne	47.3
10. J. Deegan	47.1
11. J. Flood	45.3
12. P. Doyle	45.2
13. P. Carty	45.2
14. M. McCarthy	44.9
15. W. Cummins	43.4
16. W. Doyle	41.1
17. J. J. Sinnott	40.8
18. J. Quirke	<u>40.5</u>
Average	47.1

It was decided to communicate with the five Collectors who are lowest on the list and inform them that the Finance Committee are not satisfied that they are performing their duties in an energetic and efficient manner.



POUNDAGE: The Secretary stated that the following Collectors had qualified for poundage:- Messrs. S. Gannon, J. Curtis, E. J. Murphy, P. Nolan and J. J. O'Reilly, and it was expected that a number of other Collectors would qualify for payment of poundage by the 15th December 1937, the specified date.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to issue Pay Orders for Poundage to all Collectors qualified to receive same.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 4th December 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.100658/37 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft by County Council of a sum up to £35,000 to 28th February 1938.

#### PRINTING RATE BOOKS

Only one tender, that of Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy, at £34, was received for the printing of Rate Books for 1938-39.

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

"That the tender of Messrs. Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy, for the printing of Rate Books for 1938-39 at £34 be accepted on condition that Messrs. Redmond are prepared to supply half the books within three weeks from date of receipt of copy and the balance in a fortnight later; otherwise the County Council will be compelled to make a reduction in the amount of the contract."

The Secretary stated that the quotation was £1 in advance of last year's figure.



PRINTING ABATEMENT FORMS AND POSTCARDS FOR RATEPAYERS

The following quotations were received for the printing of 7,500 abatement forms and 5,500 postcards:-

Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy	£9. 15. 0
"The Echo", Enniscorthy	£15. 15. 0
"The People", Wexford	£21. 19. 6

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

"That quotation of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for printing abatement forms and postcards at £9. 15. 0 be accepted, payment to be made on the certificate of the Secretary that the work is completed in good time and to his satisfaction."

ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR 1938

Under date 23rd November 1937 the following letter was read from the Manager, "The Echo", Enniscorthy:-

"In reply to yours of the 17th instant inviting us to let you have the usual quotation for next year's (1938) Advertising at £110, we regret that owing to the abnormal increases in price of paper, all other printing materials and the reduction of the working week to 45 hours, which is in effect an increase in wages, we are compelled to ask for a revision of the advertising arrangement that has hitherto held.

As well as the above considerations your advertising for the past few years has greatly increased, and last year, calculating it at the recognised and accepted rate, would amount to approximately £250 per newspaper.

Under the circumstances, we suggest that a new arrangement under which each paper would receive £175 per annum for your advertising, would give you a very substantial discount and would be from your point of view very fair and reasonable."

Copy of this letter was also received from "The Free Press" and "The People", Wexford.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we recommend the County Council to offer "The People", "Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers the sum of £140 (One Hundred and Forty Pounds) each for advertising of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture for year 1938."



PROPOSED NEW COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 6th December 1937 from the County Registrar:-

"The fourth part of the Courts of Justice Act has now been put into operation by Order of the Executive Council. This means that the High Court Circuit will start sitting as provided under the Act. The date mentioned is first March 1938. In connection with the provision of Courts, you will see there is great urgency because under Section 41 of the Act the business can be adjourned to any convenient place. Hence any undue delay might cause the business to be transferred to Wicklow or Waterford. I should mention that, in the new Courts and Offices, accommodation will have to be provided for the District Court Clerk."

It was decided to consider rough sketch plan for the conversion of old Buildings at the rear of County Hall for Courthouses and Offices (to be prepared by County Surveyor) at meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 7th January 1938.

JOHN J. KELLY V. COUNTY COUNCIL

Under date 1st December 1937 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that as regards the matter of arbitration in the above case for trespass on the premises of Mr. J. J. Kelly, The Cedars, Rosslare Strand, and for neglect to build a protection wall, the Board of Health had agreed to the figures of arbitration arranged between their Solicitor, the Solicitors for Mr. Kelly and the County Solicitor. The total figure was £70 of which the Contractor for Sewerage Works under Board of Health was to contribute £35, Board of Health £20 and County Council £15. The County Solicitor asked that a Pay Order for the latter amount should be drawn in favour of Mr. Kelly.

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



"That the Council be recommended to issue Pay Order for £15 in settlement of claim (and costs) of Mr. J. J. Kelly V. The Wexford County Council."

#### PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Under date 24th November 1937 (Fund 206) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the Minister was prepared to agree to the perforation of combined Health and Pensions stamps for the County Council with a design such as a number of small holes arranged in a geometrical pattern subject to the following conditions:-

1. The Council must agree to take all practicable steps to prevent the disclosure to any person other than their own employees of the design approved for them, and, if they propose to have the perforation carried out by a Contractor they must obtain a similar undertaking from the Contractor.
2. Any Health and Pensions stamps marked with the approved design shall be solely for the payment of contributions in respect of persons employed by the Council, and
3. The Minister reserves the right to withdraw approval of the design at any time or to require it to be altered from time to time.

Under date 3rd December 1937, the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (E.B.217282) that the Minister was prepared to consider authorising the Council to perforate their Unemployment Insurance Stamps as set out in the letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th November 1937 (Fund 206). A formal application for the perforation of Unemployment Stamps should be made to the Minister.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to



the Department of Industry and Commerce for permission to perforate Unemployment Insurance Stamps.

That said perforation for all Insurance and Unemployment Stamps be arranged on the terms and conditions set out in letter of Local Government and Public Health (24th November 1937) (Fund 206).

That the County Secretary submit a further report on this matter at a future date."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 3rd December 1937 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.98664/37 Loch Garman) approving of advance of £200 under above to John and Bridget Murphy, Wexford Street, Gorey.

#### CARETAKERSHIP OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following letter from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District:-

"I called on R. Valentine to-day for the purpose of taking over premises from him as per yours of the 26th instant and he informed me he was looking for a house, having been promised one of the new houses now being built in Gorey. He said until he got this promised house he had no where else to go, as there were no vacant houses in Gorey."

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

"That County Solicitor inform R. Valentine, Gorey, he must leave Gorey Courthouse premises within a month from this date. That, if he fails to carry out this direction, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against him for overholding. That Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, be instructed to obtain the keys of the Courthouse premises proper and hand same over to Thomas Dwyer recently appointed Caretaker of the premises. That Mr. Treanor



report to the Council what amount of work Thomas Dwyer has carried out as caretaker of the premises since his appointment. Also, if he can ascertain at what date cooking range now claimed by R. Valentine was erected in caretaker's apartments."

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The Committee considered for some time notice of motion by Mr. Corish for County Council meeting for the erection of new Bridge at old Courthouse site, and also notice of motion by Mr. Kinsella for same meeting to allow present day mechanical traffic up to three tons, six cwt. unladen to utilise Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor said that people were under the impression if he (County Surveyor) was satisfied ~~that~~ everything would be all right even if he said a vehicle of six tons could be allowed to cross Wexford Bridge, but this was not the case. He had to satisfy himself as to what he considered was really feasible in the matter. The greatest weight he could agree to in respect of this bridge was four tons all in, and he did not believe the structure could be regarded as safe for any weight above that.

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

"That in accordance with Section 158 of Road Traffic Act 1933 notices be issued restricting the weight of mechanically propelled vehicles crossing Wexford Bridge to four tons "all in" and that the necessary notices as provided by said Act be issued and posted on Bridge approaches."

#### WORK AT FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

Under date 27th November, 1937, the following letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, 2 George Street, Wexford:-



"We are instructed by our client, Mrs. Nora Quaide, who is the proprietor of the premises known as Oak Tavern, Ferrycarrig, to write to you about the work which <sup>is</sup> being done by the County Council around her premises. Mrs. Quaide has asked us to point out to you that the road on two sides has been raised and is being raised to such extent that it will be a serious cause of trouble for her and those using her premises. We are instructed to inform you that the increase in the height of the road is so great and the level of the road when finished will be so much higher over Mrs. Quaide's premises that her property will be seriously reduced in value.

Our client tells us that with the new road her premises will be subject to flooding.

She also tells us that accessability to the property is seriously interfered with. Mrs. Quaide also informs us that neither motor cars nor horse drawn vehicles will be able to pull up or park in front of her premises unless such remain on the public road a danger to other traffic.

We cannot understand how there could have been any necessity for changing the level of the road.

We would be glad if you would kindly see that steps are immediately taken to reduce the road to its former level and we would be glad to hear from you by return of post that this will be done."

The County Surveyor said he understood that it was Mrs. Hegarty, mother of Mrs. Quaide, who was the owner of the Oak Tavern at Ferrycarrig. He had an interview with Mrs. Hegarty and suggested what should be done, but could not get any satisfaction. He was anxious to put up a little retaining wall at the place, fill it up and level off making a regular parking place. As a matter of fact, if he owned the premises he would ask the permission of the Council to do this. He suggested that Mr. Elgee and him-



Solicitor, and arrange what was best to be done.

The County Surveyor's suggestion was approved.

#### ROAD MATTERS

WHITEMILL ROAD: The following under date 1st December 1937 was read from Mr. Edward Kelly, Whitemill Road, Wexford:

"Some time ago a memorial signed by the ratepayers on the above road was presented to the Surveyor's Department at the County Hall. This was in an effort to have its condition improved, and so far it has not had the desired effect. During this period of the year portions of the Road are flooded with water over a foot deep, making it impossible for children to get to school or people to get to town. Even to-day as I write this letter, the road is flooded with water over a foot deep with the result the children living on this road are unable to attend school, and that occurs even after a couple of hours' rain owing to the state of the road and the drains. In fact, the road is absolutely impassable for pedestrians during wet weather.

We beg of you to use your influence to have this matter attended to before the really bad weather sets in. The part of the road affected by the flooding is only about 400 yards outside the Borough Boundary, and is causing terrible inconvenience to the people living on it."

The County Surveyor said he had been talking this matter over with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, and they agreed they would have to raise this road and put in a bigger gullett. When the work which the Wexford Corporation were carrying out at Spawell Road, Wexford, was finished he (County Surveyor) would be able to get some material to help to raise the road.

It was decided to inform Mr. Kelly that the County Surveyor would do what he could to improve Whitemill Road as soon as the time was opportune.



MANGAN LANE, KILLENA: The following, under date 1st December 1937 was read from J. Hughes, Mangan, Killena:-

"I would be glad if you would place before meeting of your Council the condition of Mangan Lane. It is now almost impassable and is the only way of approach for four families; two of which have six young children going to school, and of a bad time it is impossible to get to school dry. The local Councillors know it's bad condition. And I hope that you and your Council will give this letter favourable consideration."

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

"That application for repair of Mangan Lane (Killena) be placed on list of applications to be dealt with under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

PARKBAWN LANE: The following under date 2nd December 1937 was read from Mr. Bernard Murphy, Parkbawn, Gorey:-

"Would you please place this letter before your Council in reference to a lane at Parkbawn, Gorey, which is used by three families, William Kavanagh, Patrick Allen, and Bernard Murphy, and which is in a very bad state of repair, almost impassable. I would be very thankful to the County Council if some repairs could be done on it through the Unemployment Relief Scheme."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer to refer this application to the County Surveyor for report.

BALLINAHORNA LANE: Mr. Murtha Kavanagh, Ballinahorna, Ballycanew, wrote that he had a very long lane, part of which led to a public well. He would be glad to have it repaired by free labour out of Special Grant for relief of Unemployment.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore,

It was decided to refer this application to County Surveyor for report.



ROAD COOLHULL TO OLD CHURCH AT BANNOW: The following under date 4th December 1937 was read from Rev. M. Keating, P.P., Bannow:-

"Please draw the attention of the County Council to the very bad state of the road from Coolhull to the Old Church at Bannow. The surface is so bad that cyclists (after dark) are in great danger and two of the crosses on it are veritable death traps."

The County Surveyor said this road was four miles long and being a sea gravel road it was bound to ravel. He was afraid they would not have money to do the corners this year.

It was decided to refer the application to the County Surveyor.

BOIRA LANE: The following under date 4th December 1937 was read from Mr. James Redmond, Boira South:-

"I would be thankful if you would see about getting the lane to my house from Main Road done. The car is to the axles in muck and we can hardly get out in Winter. Hope you will give this consideration as I understand there is a lot of lanes being done here."

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

TOMNAHELY LANE: Mrs. Sarah Kinsella, Clondaragh, Inch, wrote asking for repair of lane leading to houses and lands which was nearly impassable. There was a bridge over <sup>it</sup> and unless it was repaired they would be cut off altogether. Something should be done immediately as the matter was most urgent. They were large ratepayers and entitled to a better roadway to their homes.

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to furnish report on this application.

BALLYCULLANE LANE: The following signed by Very Rev. P. King, P.P., Ballycullane, Patrick Stafford, Catherine Power,



James Power and Patrick Reville (Junior) was read:-

"Last year we approached your Council to know if they would do something with Ballycullane Lane. One end opens out on Ballycullane - Kinnagh Main road, the other end on to Ballycullane - Taylorstown road. There are five users of this lane, two going to their homes and three to their land. We renew our application for something to be done with the lane, as it is now almost impassable. Trusting your Council will give kind consideration to this application."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cullimore that application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

KILBRIDE LANE (RAMSGRANGE): Mr. Colfer called attention to the benefit which would accrue to the people of the locality by repair of Kilbride Lane near Duncannon. He proposed that it be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. Cullimore seconded and the motion was adopted.

BRACKERNAGH RIVER: Under date 26th November, 1937, the following was read from Mr. John Duffy:-

"At a meeting of Ballycanew Fianna Fail Club it was passed to ask the County Council to clean up the Brackernagh river. Between 500 and 600 acres of land are swamped every year. Also the people living in Cranscower are driven from their homes when the river floods. We also wish to congratulate Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, and his men for the splendid work done on the Ounavarra and Boira river."

Under date 30th November 1937, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that this river discharged into the Boira and the application was one which should be agreed to as he had frequently seen the adjoining land flooded.



But until work had been done at the Boira, drainage of the Brackernagh River would be of little advantage. He recommended that a grant should be applied for to carry out this work.

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

"That application for cleaning up of Brackernagh River be placed on list to be dealt with under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

TRENCH AT SHEEP WALK, DRINAGH, WEXFORD: The following under date 6th December 1937 was read from Patrick Whelan, Sheepwalk, Drinagh:-

"Will you please bring to the notice of the Council the condition of a trench opposite my house at Sheepwalk. I have reported it on several occasions. The Surveyor visited the place last May and was to see to it before the Winter. Our garden is always flooded from the trench. We have lost anything we have sown, which amounted to about ten pounds, in the way of vegetables and fruit trees, and could not sow them, as the garden was flooded at the time. I would be very grateful if it is seen to as soon as possible. Any further damage I shall hold the Council responsible."

The County Surveyor said the land at the place at Sheepwalk was very flat. The County Council had a drain there which had been in existence before he (County Surveyor) came to the County. Recently labourers' cottages had been erected by the Health Board, one of which was occupied by Patrick Whelan. It appeared that some flooding of the garden did take place. He had the matter in hands with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, who would also confer with the Engineer for the Board of Health. They would do what they could in conjunction with the Board of Health to remedy the matter.



STREAM AT RAMSTOWN, GOREY: Under date 9th December, 1937, Mr. Thomas P. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey, wrote that the matter of cleaning up this stream was most urgent, as the owners of the surrounding lands could not put their stock on to the fields as long as the water was unfit for drinking purposes. This was causing many of those concerned inconvenience and loss.

The Secretary stated application in this matter had been referred to the County Surveyor for report. He (Secretary) explained to Mr. Forde that the work referred to could only be done by the help of money from Minor Relief Scheme and that unless his application was accepted by the Office of Works nothing could be done as the County Council had no power to spend any of their own funds on works of this description.

As regards Minor Relief Scheme Money the Finance Committee wish to inform the public that in connection with repair of lanes, cleaning of rivers and kindred work the County Council are not empowered to expend any of their own funds. Repair can only be carried out by money from the State, and out of a long list of lanes etc., scheduled by the County Council for repair a comparatively small number are selected and those in areas in which the incidence of Unemployment is highest and in which the Office of Works believe the work would make for public convenience.

#### COMPLAINT AS TO NON-EMPLOYMENT

In connection with complaint by Patrick Walsh, Portersgate, Fethard-on-Sea, that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, had refused to afford him employment, the following report was received from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"During the early part of this year there were 7 or 8 small farmers and fishermen employed hauling beach material to the road from Porter's Gate to Slade in preparation for



a relief grant. Patrick Walsh was also employed and got the same facilities as the rest. Recently, I arranged with the ganger for the haulage of clay for the same work. Patrick Walsh met me and asked me for a start, I referred him to the ganger. I later met the ganger and told him to start Walsh. The ganger sent him word to start with a few others. He did not turn up. On receipt of copy of his letter of complaint I went to see him along with the ganger. He admitted I told him to start work, and also that the ganger sent him word to start, but complained that either I should have gone to start him or that the ganger should have called on him."

The meeting regarded Mr. O'Neill's explanation as satisfactory.

#### PETROL PUMP AT FERNS

In connection with application of Philip Redmond, Station Road, Ferns, for erection of petrol pump, the following report was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district under date 4th December 1937:-

"I have seen this place. I would not see any objection to Redmond putting up this pump."

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

"That the Council be recommended to agree to the application of Philip Redmond as to erection of petrol pump provided tank of same is placed on his own premises."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 1st December 1937 the Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children forwarded notification of his application for the committal to an Industrial School of eight Daly children, William Street, Gorey, whose ages range from thirteen to three years. The father was at present undergoing six months' imprisonment and the mother was bound over for three years, both being



charged with desertion and neglect of their family.

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

Mr. Keegan said that these Daly's were not natives of Gorey.

APPLICATIONS COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Patrick Morris and Patrick Ryan, Castlebridge, for a claim for £35 for injury to motor boat and from William Fitzgerald, Ballineroide, Oulart, for £206 for burning of house, furniture, etc.

Both applications were referred to County Solicitor to defend.



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 10th December 1937 be received and considered."

PETROL PUMP AT FERNS: It was decided before agreeing to issue licence to await report from County Surveyor that the pump would not - in any way - inconvenience the public.

Col. Quin expressed the opinion that the Council should insist on having an overhead delivery from these pumps so as not to interfere with the travelling surface of the road.

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 meeting held on 10th December 1937 be and the same are hereby approved."

ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of Local Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act 1930 in respect of meeting held on 11th November 1937 were approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY WEXFORD ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 11th November, 1937.

Present, Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., presiding, and Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn.

Mr. H. G. Leask, Inspector of Monuments, Office of Public Works and the County Secretary were in attendance.

Considerable deliberation was given to discussing the powers of the Minister, of the County Council and of County Board of Health under the National Monuments Act 1930.

The following appears to be the position:-

1. The State can take over - if they desire - National or Historic Monuments of outstanding importance in addition to those already in their control. But this, according to legal opinion, cannot apply to Monuments which are in the enclosure of vested graveyards.

2. The County Council can take over monuments which - in the opinion of the Office of Public Works and the National Advisory Committee - are worthy of preservation.

The first essential step in this direction is for the County Council through Ancient Monuments Committee to submit a schedule of what they believe should be regarded as Ancient or Historical Monuments for the consideration and advice of the above-mentioned bodies.

The Committee decided to submit in this connection the names of ten or twelve of the principal Monuments vested in graveyards.

Later, a further list will be dealt with and an attempt made to induce owners of monuments which are



outside of vested burying places to hand these over to the County Council.

The Committee feel that owing to the lack of Head-quarter Field Staff for the purpose, the submission in the first instance to the National Advisory Committee and the Office of Works, of a complete schedule, would cause considerable delay and also that as regards the inclusion in the first list to be submitted of Monuments outside of vested graveyards, the consent of their owners to hand them over to the County Council could not be obtained offhand.

A beginning, at any rate, will be made with the ten or twelve and when the procedure has become familiar the rate of progress will be accelerated.

The Committee also recognise that owing to financial considerations, their motto must be "festina lente".



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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Local Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act 1930, held on 21st September 1937 and 5th October 1937 which appear on Minutes of County Council meeting of 11th October 1937 be and the same are hereby approved."

Mr. McCarthy said he had been asked if any repairs could be carried out at the old Windmill at Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy, the site of a heroic struggle by the Insurgents in 1798.

Mr. Kelly said he understood the County Council had carried out repairs to the structure in 1910.

Mr. McCarthy said the estimate for the present repair was £12.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who was instructed to carry out the repair if he was advised he could do so legally.

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES - DATES OF MEETINGS

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond, the meetings of Tenders Committees were arranged as follows:-

Enniscorthy (Courthouse). Tuesday, 15th February 1938 at 10.30 a.m.

Gorey (Courthouse). Saturday, 12th February 1938 at 10.30 a.m.

New Ross (Courthouse). Thursday, 17th February 1938 at 11 o'clock a.m.

Wexford (County Hall). Saturday, 19th February 1938 at 11 o'clock a.m.

#### PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT WEXFORD

The following resolution stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-



"That in view of the fact that Wexford Bridge is incapable of carrying present day traffic a new Bridge be constructed from the Old Wexford Courthouse to Ferrybank - the site of a former Bridge."

Mr. Corish agreed that consideration of this motion should stand over until the meeting of the County Council to be held on the 10th January, 1938.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE - BUS AND LORRY TRAFFIC

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

"That the resolution adopted by Wexford County Council at their meeting of 8th November 1937 agreeing to allow buses of Great Southern Railways Company up to Three Tons to cross Wexford Bridge be varied so as to allow Buses of this Company up to three tons, six cwt., in weight to utilise said Bridge for Bus Traffic."

Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 10th December 1937 embodying the statement of the County Surveyor that he was not prepared to agree to a bus heavier than four tons "all in" utilising Wexford Bridge was referred to.

Mr. Kinsella, in moving his motion, asked the Council if they were prepared to stop buses for the sake of 6 cwt. weight and thereby dislocate the traffic of a whole country side. The 16 seater bus of the railway Company broke down recently on a journey and as the Company could not use the 20 seater bus grave inconvenience was caused. If the County Council stuck to the four tons "all in" they would stop all bus and lorry traffic over the bridge.

Mr. Smyth seconded.

The County Surveyor said that by the adoption of their resolution to put up on the bridge the notices under the Road Traffic Act 1933 the Council would be in a position to use the Civic Guards to prevent the crossing of overweight



traffic. The order under the Road Traffic Act would remain in force until amended or revoked by the Minister, and then only through the application of someone who felt he was aggrieved. He believed that the 20 seater bus, though weighing only 3 tons 6 cwt. unladen, would run to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons with passengers and he was not prepared to say this was a safe load for the bridge.

The Chairman said if the Council went against the views of their Chief Engineer they were taking responsibility for anything that might happen at the bridge and this was a view they should keep in mind. They would find it extremely difficult to justify their refusal to fall in with the considered opinion of their expert adviser.

Col. Quin agreed with the Chairman and Mr. Bowe believed in this matter they had no option but to accept the advice of the County Surveyor.

The Chairman said the Railway Company were well able to provide a second 16 seater bus and it was childish to try and make out that otherwise they would abandon the route.

The County Surveyor said as he had already stated he intended keeping a close watch on the bridge and if he found there was the least indication that four tons "all in" were causing injury to the bridge he would ask the County Council to agree to a further restriction.

Mr. Corish said that the Railway Company had made the case that without the use of 20 seater buses the service would not be economic. It was questionable if the Company could be obliged to continue the service. He wished the County Surveyor to go into the whole question and ascertain what would be required to strengthen the bridge to take the larger Railway Bus.

The County Surveyor said that with conditions prevailing for modern traffic the Council would feel themselves



compelled to erect a new bridge. He believe it would not be economical at the present time to make an attempt to strengthen the existing bridge. It was built of timber, seventy years old and in his opinion could not be sufficiently reconstructed economically to bear modern traffic. Although the four tons was a fair load now it would be impossible even with the most minute and careful examination to discover what might be a weak spot in the bridge. To go over the four tons would be risking injury to the bridge, to property, and what was of more concern, to people's lives. And if there was possibility of further deterioration he would ask the Council to reduce the four ton limit. He would be most anxious to facilitate the Railway Company and the public and agree even to six tons if he thought the bridge could bear it. As a final word, four tons "all in" was, he considered, the absolute maximum of weight that should be agreed to.

Mr. Kinsella then agreed to withdraw his motion and the matter dropped.

#### TAGHMON WATER SUPPLY

The following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th December 1937 that the Council consent to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance raising loan of £3376 (Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Six Pounds) for the purpose of providing Water Supply for the village of Taghmon."

(This motion was circulated to County Councillors on the 16th October 1937).

Miss O'Ryan, in moving her motion, referred to the necessity of providing a decent water supply for the village of Taghmon and the people in the vicinity.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said that the project had



been under consideration by the Board of Health for a considerable time.

Col. Quin said money had been already spent on a water supply for Taghmon and it appeared to have been a failure. Taghmon was a small place for such an elaborate scheme.

The Chairman said one-third of the cost would come from the Government.

The motion was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting. He said the County Council and their subsidiary bodies had too many loans.

#### ADOPTION ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1938-39

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Bowe:-

"That the figures submitted by County Surveyor for Road Works Scheme for financial year 1938/39 be and the same are hereby approved.

These figures cover the following:-

#### Main Roads:

	£.
Repair and Maintenance	32,714
Contingencies	1,067
Relief Vote	<u>932</u>
Total	<u>£34,713</u>

#### County Roads:

	£.	s.	d.
Repair and Maintenance	21,645.	14.	7
Contingencies	1,033.	0.	0
Relief Vote	<u>4,364.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>£27,042.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>7.</u>
Gross Total	<u>£61,755.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>7.</u>

That the Public Works Estimate at £1000 as proposed by County Surveyor be and the same be hereby approved.

This covers repairs to the following Piers and Harbours:-

Courtown, Poulduff, Carne, Fethard, Slade, Kilmore,



Buildings and Courthouses."

Mr. Corish contended that the figure allocated by the Council, viz., £300 for the maintenance of Main Roads in Wexford Urban was entirely inadequate and in consequence, it was very doubtful if the Urban Council would take over their maintenance.

The County Surveyor pointed out that according to the directions of the Council at the last meeting, reductions had been made in his estimate and the "cut" in Wexford Urban was only in proportion to what had taken place for the other portions of the County.

Mr. Corish moved that the County Surveyor be instructed to include in the Road Estimate a figure sufficient to maintain the Main Roads in Wexford Urban Area in proper condition.

This was seconded by Mr. Kelly.

On a show of hands it was lost, four voting in favour and six against. Other members did not take part in the voting.

The resolution as to adoption of figures for Roads and Public Works was then put and passed.

The estimate of County Surveyor at £225 for repair of the streets of New Ross urban area was approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Bowe.

CURRACLOE ROAD - MORTGAGE £500

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

"That pursuant to Letter of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 21st September 1937 the sum of £500 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited to defray expenditure on the improvement of the road between Curracloe village and Curracloe Strand, said sum to be repaid within 10 years with Interest at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks' rate varying,



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subject to a minimum of £4 per cent per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure said Loan."

#### SEALING AGREEMENT - PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Agreement between the County Council and Patrick Fortune, Tara Hill, Gorey, in respect of a sum of £25 paid to him for injury caused when working as an employee of the County Council on 14th July 1937."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT 1908

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided to issue new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 to the following:-

Michael Breslin, 82 Main Street, Gorey.

Robert Butler, St. Ivers, Broadway.

Joseph Crangle (J. J. Bolger & Co. Ltd.), Ferns.

Nicholas Culleton, Arthurstown.

Brigid Doyle, 70 Main Street, Gorey.

Stephen J. Doyle, Gorey.

John McNamara (c/o McCormack & Hegarty) Custom House Quay, Wexford.

Gerald Murphy, Fence, Tacumshane.

Patrick Prendergast, Haggard, Ramsgrange (Shelburne Co-operative Society).

Robert Spencer (J. J. Bolger & Co.), Gorey.

John Whelan, Bunclody.

#### TOWN PLANNING ACT

The following under date 26th November 1937 was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health and Public Assistance:-



"At the meeting of Board on the 15th instant, the County Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Town Planning Act be adopted for County Wexford in order to enable the Regulations to apply in areas such as Rosslare Harbour, which have been provided with sewerage and water facilities."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman it was decided to refer the communication from the Board of Health to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 7th January 1938.

#### PENSIONS FOR RAILWAY WORKERS

The following resolution was received from Mr. Joseph Swords, St. Elmo, Rosslare Harbour, Secretary of Railwaymen's Pension Committee, Rosslare Harbour:-

"That this Body pledges its unanimous support to the Railworkers' demand for a proper pension Scheme for their members who have to retire through infirmity or old age.

We feel that this is a grievance that should have been redressed long ago and demand that the Government pass into law the Draft Scheme which has been compiled by the Railway Pensions Committee."

The Chairman said that negotiations were going on with the Minister for Industry & Commerce and the Railway Workers at the moment and he did not consider there was any necessity for the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Corish proposed the adoption of the resolution pointing out that in his opinion it would help to strengthen the hands of the Government in a settlement of the application of the railway men.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Mr. Walsh took exception to its adoption and pointed out that if it were agreed to, it would be a precedent for other sections of the community to apply for the support



of the County Council in similar circumstances. He believed it would be much more advisable if the County Council would deal only with their own business and not introduce outside matters.

Col. Quin agreed with Mr. Walsh.

The Chairman objected to the portion of the resolution "demanding" that the Government should take steps in the matter and on his suggestion this portion of the resolution was made to read as follows:-

"And request that the Government pass into law the Draft Scheme which has been compiled by the Railway Pensions Committee."

The resolution, as amended, was then put and adopted, Col. Quin and Mr. Walsh dissenting.

*T. Allen*

*10 Jan. 38*



