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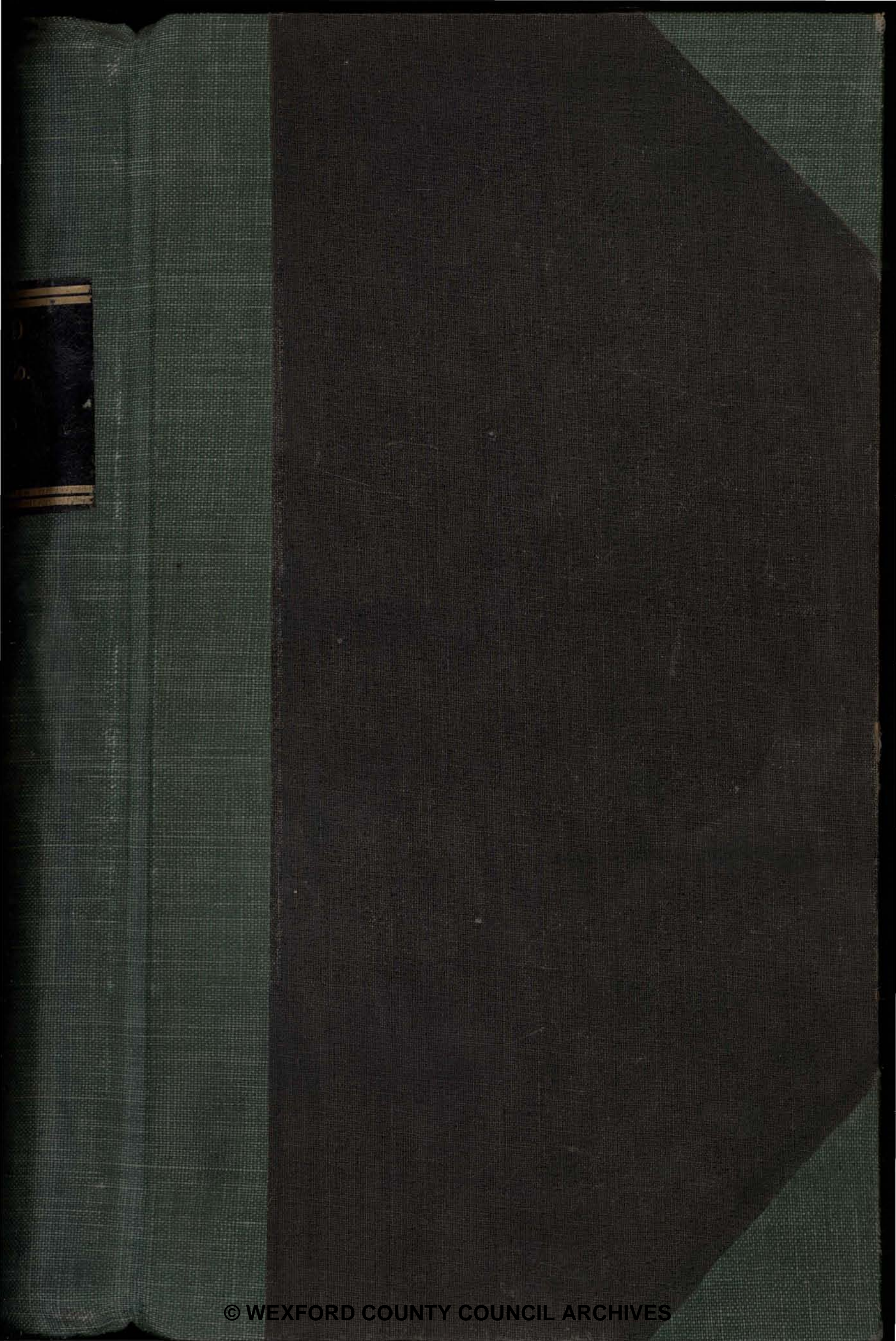


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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 10th JANUARY 1938

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th January, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Day, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £10,208. 4. 11d (Ordinary payments) and £23,007 (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. M. M. ROCHE

The following resolution was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we offer the widow and mother of the late Mr. M. M. Roche, The Beake, Kilmore Quay, our deep sympathy in their great loss. Mr. Roche was for some years a member of this Council and took a very deep interest in its activities."

In moving her motion, Miss O'Ryan said that the late Mr. Meyler Roche was a distinguished member of the County Council. He was a man of wonderful ability and wonderful charm, and was a great loss to his own district as he was a fine employer. He was a scion of a very old Wexford family. They were all deeply sorry to see such a brilliant young man cut away in the prime of life, and they extended their sympathy to his wife, his mother and his other relatives, including his cousin, Mr. Thomas Meyler, County



Councillor.

Mr. Day seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Byrne expressed his sincere regret on the death of Mr. Roche.

Mr. McCarthy said that Mr. Roche was very popular, and was most energetic when a member of the County Council. He (Mr. McCarthy) was quite shocked when he heard of his death. He was sure the Council individually and collectively offered their sympathy to those most dear to him.

Mr. Walsh said he was closely associated with Mr. Roche on the Health Board, and always found him to take a most reasonable view in all matters which came before that Body.

Col. Quin, Mr. Smyth, the County Secretary and County Surveyor referred in fitting terms to the loss of Mr. Roche to the community.

In putting the motion the Chairman said that Mr. Roche took a very great interest in the affairs of the County, particularly everything dealing with agriculture. He was not only a big loss to his own family, but to the people of the County. He was most popular in every part of it. The meeting that day extended the fullest possible sympathy to his wife, his mother and his other relatives.

The motion was adopted in silence.

Mr. Meyler returned thanks for the vote.

THE LATE MR. ALEXANDER KINSELLA, GOREY

Mr. Keegan proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Alexander Kinsella, Ballyloughan, Gorey. Mr. Keegan said that Mr. Kinsella had spent a great many years as a member of the County Council, being one of its first members.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded, and said that Mr. Kinsella had given great service as a member of the Council.



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The Chairman, Secretary and County Surveyor joined in the expression of sympathy, and the vote was passed in silence, the members standing.

THE LATE MRS. MORAN, WEXFORD

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of condolence to Miss Moran, Telephone Attendant, County Council Offices (daughter) and to Mr. Robert Moran (husband) in the death of Mrs. Mary J. Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford. Miss O'Ryan said that the Moran family had played a big part in the struggle for the independence of Eire.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE COL. GIBBON, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond, it was decided that the following reply to vote of condolence to Mrs. Gibbon, Sleadagh, Wexford, on the death of her husband, the late Col. Gibbon (County Councillor) be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you thank the members of the County Council and yourself for your very kind messages of condolence and appreciation. Colonel Gibbon's death is an irretrievable loss to me, but I am most grateful for all the sympathy I have received."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 4

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

"That as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 4, Rev. W. Harpur, P.P., V.F., be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee vice Mr. D. W. Butler, Courtown Harbour, disqualified for non-attendance."



CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS, etc.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, be elected a member of Wexford County Council vice Col. Gibbon (deceased)."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That Mr. James Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, be elected a member of Wexford County Council vice Mr. John Cummins (resigned)."

COUNTY WEXFORD BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

"That Mr. Thomas Redmond be elected a member of County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance vice Mr. John Cummins (resigned)."

COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

Miss O'Ryan proposed Mr. James Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, as a member of above Committee vice Mr. John Cummins (resigned).

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the appointment of Mr. Myles Smyth, but subsequently withdrew the motion and Mr. Kennedy was appointed.

COUNTY WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

"That Mr. James Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, be elected a member of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee vice Mr. John Cummins (resigned)."

MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish, a resolution was adopted appointing Mr. James Kennedy, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, a member of Mental Hospital Committee vice Mr. John Cummins (resigned).



### THE NEW CONSTITUTION FOR EIRE

Mr. Sweetman said that since the last meeting the new Constitution of Eire had been inaugurated. It had been passed and ratified by the people in a most democratic manner, and it would enable them to make further progress in their immediate aim of a free and independent Ireland. There might be certain individuals present at that meeting that had not helped to produce the Constitution, but he hoped that in time they, too, would see the value of it. All he asked that day for the Constitution was the kind silence of such people. He believed that in time Constitution Day would become one of the greatest celebrations in Eire. By degrees the people were beginning to see that, apparently, the great powers of the world were not going to strike at them for making their bid for independence. He believed that as a result of the enactment of the Constitution they would win the admiration of the British people, and the people of the Six Counties, who up to now might have doubted their determination for independence and even-handed justice. He proposed:-

"That we, the Wexford County Council, as the premier body in the County Wexford concerned with Local Government, congratulate the Irish people upon the adoption of a Constitution which has gained world wide approval."

In answer to Mr. Kinsella, Mr. Sweetman said he had not referred to parties on the Council not helping to produce the Constitution. He said that there might be individuals.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded Mr. Sweetman's proposition, and said that the new Constitution had won the approval of leaders of Church and State, and he, as a humble man, was satisfied with their opinion. They had approval of it



from churches of different denominations in the country, and outside of it, that it was a Christian Constitution. He was glad to live to see the day that the Constitution gave them the freedom that their forefathers had fought and died for in the past 60 years. He agreed with Mr. Sweetman that the time would come when Constitution Day would be the greatest day in Eire.

The motion was adopted, Mr. Kinsella and Col. Quin dissenting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 22nd DECEMBER 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 22nd December, 1937.

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

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

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was absent owing to a business engagement.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of the Minutes of last meeting, Mr. Allen, Chairman County Council, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3521. 3. 8d was examined and signed.

#### DEATH OF MRS. MARY J. MORAN, PAUL QUAY, WEXFORD

A resolution of sympathy in the death of her mother was adopted to Miss Moran, Telephone Attendant in County Council Office, and to her father, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan. The latter said that deceased was a very special friend.

The Secretary also expressed his sympathy on the death of Mrs. Moran.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage lodged on current warrant and 2 years' arrears</u>
S. Gannon	53.9
J. Curtis	53.2
J. J. O'Reilly	52.8
P. Nolan	52.2



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E. J. Murphy	52.1
J. Cummins	51.4
M. Kehoe	50.8
A. Dunne	50.7
D. Kenny	50.3
J. Deegan	49.6
J. Flood	49.5
P. Carty	48.5
P. Doyle	46.8
M. McCarthy	45.6
W. Cummins	44.8
J. J. Sinnott	43.2
J. Quirke	42.5
W. Doyle	41.5

Average 48.8

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 20th December, 1937, Collector J. M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary to County Wexford Rate Collectors) wrote asking the Finance Committee to pay poundage to Collectors on all rates lodged up to the 15th December 1937. Although some Collectors had been unable to collect 50% plus one year's arrears they did their very best in the matter and they appealed to the Finance Committee to get them poundage before Xmas as some of them were in need of the money.

The Secretary stated that Collectors Nolan, Gannon, O'Reilly, E. J. Murphy and Curtis had been already paid the specified amount of poundage agreed to by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and Collectors Art Dunne and M. Kehoe were being paid that day.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer and passed:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of full poundage fees to Collectors who lodge by the 7th January 1938, a sum equivalent to the first moiety of the 1937/38 Warrant plus a sum equivalent to the arrears applicable to the 1936/37 assessment."

#### PREPARATION OF ABATEMENT FORMS

In connection with the preparation of Abatement Forms (Relief of Rates - Agricultural Land), writing of Post



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Cards, etc., it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the following be employed as temporary clerical assistants for this purpose, rate of remuneration 1/- per hour:-

Enniscorthy: Thomas O'Rourke, 16 John St., Enniscorthy.

Gorey: John Bolger, Garden City, Gorey.

New Ross: James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross.

Wexford: John Warner, 4 Michael Street, Wexford.

It was also decided that further clerical assistance required for the issue of the Forms will be dealt with by the Finance Committee at a later date.

#### ILLNESS OF MR. O'KENNEDY, CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

The County Surveyor submitted the following Certificate from Dr. O'Driscoll, House Surgeon, County Hospital, Wexford, under date 22nd December, 1937:-

"I certify that Mr. Sean O'Kennedy was admitted to this Hospital on December 14th, 1937, and was operated on for threatened strangulation of a Right inguinal hernia by Dr. O'Brien.

He will be unable to resume duty for at least six weeks."

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

"That, as recommended by Dr. O'Driscoll, County Hospital, Mr. Sean O'Kennedy, be granted six weeks' leave of absence as from 22nd December, 1937."

"That Michael Kirwan, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, be appointed temporary assistant in County Surveyor's Department during the illness of Mr. O'Kennedy."

"That the Minister be requested to sanction this temporary appointment."



# DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary stated that up to the end of September 1937, the indebtedness of the Urban Councils in the County on foot of Demands by County Council was as follows:-

## Enniscorthy:

To March	£756.	2.	9		
To September	£1692.	2.	4	£2454.	5. 1d

## New Ross:

Clear up to end of September.

## Wexford:

To March	£2372.	3.	3		
To September	£3438.	4.	8	£5810.	7. 11d
				Total	£8264. 13. Od.

Several members commented on the fact that owing to the large sum due by Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy and Wexford, the County Council were paying Interest on overdraft. It appeared to the Finance Committee that these two Urban Districts were not pushing forward the Poor Rate Collection as they should.

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

"That unless the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy and Wexford lodge a substantial amount on foot of Demands of this Council by the 7th January, 1938, the question of instituting proceedings for the recovery of the amount due will be considered."

## MOTOR TAX OFFICE

The following under date 17th December, 1937, was read from Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to apply for the usual clerical assistance in connection with the issue of Licences for the coming licensing year.

I would be glad if the Finance Committee appoint two assistants for the work.



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The audit of the accounts of this Department has been completed to 31st March last, and the vouchers to this period must be filed. The work would take about four days for two Assistants."

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

"That Thomas Wafer, St. Peter's Terrace, Wexford, and Patrick Lacey, South Main Street, Wexford, be appointed Temporary Assistants in Local Taxation Office for "rush" period in connection with the issue of Road Fund Licences, at the rate of 1/- per hour, expenditure under this head not to exceed £20, the same amount as was allocated last year.

That Messrs. Wafer and Lacey be also employed for an extra four days in filing audited vouchers etc. in respect of financial year ended 31st March, 1937. Remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour."

Under date 18th December 1937, the following letter (R.M.T.209/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 18th October last, relative to the Council's proposal to allow Mr. P. M. Donohue, Clerk in County Council Offices, a sum of £1 per week for acting as substitute for the Local Taxation Officer during the annual holidays of the latter in the month of August last, and to state that the Minister will raise no objection on this occasion, to the proposed payment. I am, however, to state that, in future such arrangements as will obviate a similar payment should be made for the performance of the work during the Local Taxation Officer's absence."



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COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT 1936

Under date 10th December, 1937, the following was read from the County Registrar:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Justice to inform you that an Order has been made putting Part IV of the above Act into operation. This means that the High Court will go on Circuit to hear appeals as provided under the Act.

I am also to inform you that it has been decided by the Chief Justice and the President of the High Court that two Judges will travel and sit separately to hear such appeals as are entered. In this connection, I am to inform you that as there is only one Court available here that temporary arrangements will be necessary for a second Court. I am at the same time to inform you that it will be necessary to undertake as soon as possible the work of providing a second permanent Court, and shall thank you to let me know what progress is being made with the matter so that I may inform the Minister.

As regards the second temporary Court there does not seem to be any place available save the Council Chamber. I would be glad to know if the Council will make it available for use as a second Court. It will be necessary in this case to make available a retiring room for the Judge."

The County Surveyor stated that when he examined into all the accommodation necessary for Courts and offices, retiring rooms, waiting rooms, cells for prisoners, lavatories, etc., he believed that the old building standing at the rear of the County Hall Grounds would not furnish sufficient accommodation and that it would be necessary to erect new premises. The cost of these on rough estimate would run to £16,000.

The Chairman pointed out that so far as he knew the feelings of the Council, they were not prepared to spend any large amount on any buildings for the next five or ten



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After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor consult with the County Registrar and ascertain if it would not be possible to utilise the existing Council Chamber as a permanent Second Court, as the Finance Committee understand that it would be utilised for only a short period each year.

Proper arrangements for retiring room for the Judge of this Court could be made if this proposal of the Finance Committee be accepted.

#### ADVERTISING CONTRACT

Under date 20th December, 1937, letters were read from the Managers, "Free Press", "People" and "Echo" Newspapers, agreeing to accept the offer of the Council for the advertising of the County Council and County Committee of Agriculture for the year 1938 at £140 each. If the advertising for the past year was paid for at recognised rates, it would run to about £250. In view of this, they asked that the advertising for the coming year should be kept within as narrow limits as practicable.

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 13th December 1938, the following was read from the Department of Education (S.E.B.), 1 Hume Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to your communication of the 17th ultimo, regarding your Council's proposal to make available for the completion of the secondary education of Catherine O'Regan the amount of her Scholarship refunded by the Loreto Convent, Wexford, I am to point out that the terms of your Council's Scheme for the year in which the Scholarship was awarded - 1933 - did not make provision for such an extension of tenure and the Department is not aware of the authority under which the Council proposes to waive the conditions laid down in the Scheme.



The matter, however, is one for the Council to decide and the Department can take no responsibility for a decision to pay the amount in question. If, however, the Council is satisfied that it has power to do what it suggests the Department will offer no objection in the matter."

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the County Solicitor be asked to advise the County Council as to their powers in this matter.

#### LANEWAYS AND APPROACHES - VINEGAR HILL

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have received an application from the Committee of the '98 Commemoration (Enniscorthy Branch) for a grant from the Employment Fund to repair the laneways and approaches to Vinegar Hill in connection with celebrations which it is proposed to hold during the week from the 19th to 26th June next.

The Committee refer in their letter to a scheme which they state is being prepared by the County Surveyor and we shall be very much obliged if you can at this stage give us an idea of the nature and extent of the repair works contemplated together with an estimate of the probable cost.

We should like to know also whether the County Council propose to make a contribution towards the cost of the work, and, if so, for what amount.

Perhaps you will also be good enough to inform us what part of the repair works in question would be of public utility independently of the celebrations to be held in connection with the '98 Commemoration."

The County Surveyor was instructed to apply for grant under Minor Relief Scheme Vote and to use his best endeavours with the Office of Public Works to secure favourable consideration for its application.

#### OULART STREETS

Mr. James Mythen, Monawilling, Oulart, Hon. Secretary Oulart Hill 1798 Commemoration Committee, wrote calling the attention of the County Council to the bad condition of the streets of Oulart. His Committee were anxious they should be improved before the 29th May next year, which was the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of the battle of



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Oulart.

Referred to County Surveyor with an instruction he would do what was possible to meet the wishes of the Oulart Hill 1798 Commemoration Committee.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. John P. Kelly, it was decided to continue for the year to 31st December 1938 the arrangements in operation for year to 31st December 1937, and to increase the allocation of £76 approved last year to £90 for the year ending 31st December 1938, as the County Council had agreed to increase the remuneration of Mr. P. Beary from 1/- per hour to 1/2d per hour.



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

"That the ~~minutes~~ of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd December 1937, be received and considered."

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION: The following report under date 8th January, 1938, was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Finance Committee, during the week I had an interview with Mr. Dwyer, County Registrar, and we inspected the new Council Chamber and adjoining cloak-room with a view to providing accommodation for a second Court. Mr. Dwyer is satisfied that this accommodation would be quite suitable as a temporary measure, but, he is of opinion that the Ministry of Justice will not sanction this accommodation permanently."

Miss O'Ryan said that the present proposals would get over the necessity for providing a new Court for the present and they need not consider the necessity for the outlay of £16,000.

Mr. Bowe thought that if the County Council Chamber was good enough for the County Councillors, it should be good enough for a Court which met only a few days in the year.

The matter dropped.

VINEGAR HILL APPROACHES: The County Surveyor said that the Office of Public Works was mistaken in thinking he had any scheme for repair of approaches to Vinegar Hill. Mr. Elgee (County Solicitor) had informed him that unless the place was vested in the Council they could not spend any money from Rates in its improvement. He would, however, apply for a Minor Relief Grant for the work.



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Chairman - You should press for it.

County Surveyor - I believe it will be forthcoming.

OULART STREETS: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said there were about 40 yards of a connection between two main roads which needed attention.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd December, 1937, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7th JANUARY 1938: 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 7th January, 1938.

Mr. R. Corish, T.D. (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently, Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (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 Solicitor, and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

Letter was read from County Surveyor apologising for his absence from meeting as he had to interview Inspector from Office of Public Works at Ballyhack.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3624. 5. 2d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. MORAN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the following reply from Miss Moran, Telephone Attendant, County Council Offices, to vote of condolence on the death of her mother, be inserted on the Minutes of that day's meeting:-

"Please convey our sincere thanks to the Finance Committee for their kind vote of condolence in our sad bereavement.

We are very grateful to all the members of the Committee and especially to the proposer and seconder, Mr. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan, and also to yourself for your kind sympathy."

#### RATE COLLECTION

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



<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon	54.3
2. J. Curtis	53.9
3. J. J. O'Reilly	53.4
4. P. Nolan	53.1
5. M. Kehoe	52.7
6. E. J. Murphy	52.1
7. A. Dunne	51.7
8. J. Cummins	51.6
9. J. Quirke	50.7
10. D. Kenny	50.7
11. J. Flood	50.4
12. P. Carty	50.3
13. J. Deegan	50.0
14. P. Doyle	48.7
15. M. McCarthy	47.0
16. W. Cummins	45.2
17. W. Doyle	44.6
18. J. J. Sinnott	<u>44.0</u>

Average 50.2

The percentage at corresponding period last year was 46.2.

The Chairman pointed out that the Collectors did very little in January and February.

The Secretary said that a very large amount of Rates was collected in April and May and the Rate Collectors had been directed to take active steps to collect as much as possible of this amount before the 31st March. This would help to improve the Collection at the close of the financial year. Information on all court cases for recovery of 1st moiety Rates was being obtained from Rate Collectors, and when this was at hand it would be submitted to the Finance Committee.

Collectors displaying apathy in the matter of Court Proceedings would be reported to the Finance Committee.

Collectors were being notified that it was essential to follow up Court Decrees by Examination Orders in all suitable cases.

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: Under date 4th January 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.107750-37 Loch Garman) that <sup>the Minister</sup> ~~he~~ was not prepared to consent to the proposed revision of the conditions



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governing the payment of poundage. Proposals for payment at a reduced rate to Collectors who had failed to comply with the conditions of the letter of Department under date 1st November 1937, should be submitted for the consideration of the Minister.

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 approve of the payment of Poundage Fees, less a "defer" of 5 per cent, to Collectors who by the 29th January lodge a sum equivalent to the first moiety of 1937/38 Warrant along with arrears applicable to the 1936/37 assessment. The amount deferred to be re-instated if Collection is satisfactory on 31st March, 1938."

RATES ON FLOODED LAND: Under date 23rd December 1937, the following was read from Mr. Augustine Malone, Great Island, Campile:-

"I wish to inform you that I have six acres of Marsh Land which is completely flooded by water for the past two years.

This land is situated in the Great Island, and is known as the Great Island and Fisherstown flooded lands. I have paid rates for this land up to the present time, and I think it very unfair if I am asked to do so in the future. I cannot see my way to pay for land which is completely under water and absolutely of no use to me. Under the circumstances, I respectfully request that you bring the matter under the Reviser's notice before the next rates are struck with a view of having the Rates for that portion of my holding struck off."

It was decided to inform Mr. Malone he should apply to the General Valuation Office for a revision of his valuation.



ISSUE OF ABATEMENT FORMS TO RATEPAYERS: It was decided that the following be employed for this work in addition to the four Clerical Assistants already engaged at this work:-

Enniscorthy: McCoy Frank, Oylegate.

Gorey: McGrath Ml., Market Square, Gorey (on trial).

New Ross: Brennan Jas., Chapel Lane, New Ross.

Wexford: O'Leary Timothy, John Street, Wexford.

SICKNESS BENEFIT AND RELIEF OF RATES: In connection with demand for payment of amount allowed to Mr. M. J. Furlong, Templescoby, Enniscorthy, owing to one of his workmen, Patrick Whitty, having received sickness benefit for eight weeks in period from June 1937 to 3rd January 1938, Mr. Furlong wrote that the casual men he employed were not at work for the whole period of Whitty's illness although they were employed for much longer than six weeks. He had been speaking to two County Councillors and they expressed great surprise and were of opinion that it was never intended such a strict interpretation of the regulation would apply in cases such as his. It sometimes occurred that one or other of his men was absent a week at a time, and no sickness benefit availed of. Though at the end of the year, the total aggregate was more than six weeks the abatement was allowed. When and where was the line drawn and how long could a man be absent before the ratepayer lost his abatement. He wished to have the matter raised at a County Council meeting as most of the ratepayers in his area were very much in the dark about it.

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

"That, as the Finance Committee realise that cases of hardship in connection with employment allowance for relief of rates, have arisen by the allowance of only six weeks' sickness benefit not counting against said allowance, we recommend the County Council to extend this period to ten weeks."



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PAYMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND BY URBAN  
DISTRICT COUNCILS

The Secretary referred to the following resolution of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd December, 1937:-

"That unless the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy and Wexford lodge a substantial amount on foot of Demands of this Council by the 7th January, 1938, the question of instituting proceedings for the recovery of the amount due will be considered."

The Secretary reported that Wexford Urban District Council had lodged £790. 14. 6d, but no answer had been received from Enniscorthy Urban Council.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to take such steps as they may consider desirable to secure a substantial payment by Enniscorthy Urban Council on foot of County Council Demand."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 9th December 1937, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.4090-37) that in regard to providing for cases in which sheep owners fail to dip on appointed day, or ignore the order, it was open to the County Council to make regulations under Section 22(a) of the Sheep Dipping Order empowering Inspectors to serve Notices requiring the dipping of the sheep to which the Notices relate at specified times and places. Copy of the proposed regulation should be submitted to Department in due course.

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

"That, subject to sanction of Department of Agriculture, the County Council be recommended to adopt the following regulation under Sheep Dipping Order 1937:-



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'That in conformity with Section 22(a) and 22(b) of the Sheep Dipping Order 1937, the Wexford County Council hereby empowers their Sheep Dipping Inspectors by notice served on any person in possession or in charge of sheep, to require that the dipping of such sheep shall be carried out at specified times and places and require compliance with said notice served by Sheep Dipping Inspectors under this regulation at the times specified or such times as may be substituted owing to inclement weather.'"

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 23rd December 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.103599-37-Wexford County Council) that the Minister would raise no objection to the following advances to be made by the County Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

John Wickham, Knockmarshall, Enniscorthy £140.

Francis Browne, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange £135.

John Fielding, Seaview, Barntown, £100 and

James Shiell, Ballygilliane, Little, Rosslare Harbour  
£165.

Consideration of application by Mr. Sean Butler, Courtown Harbour, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was adjourned to next meeting for further information.

Under date 31st December 1937, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that in connection with application of Mr. W. Hosey, Garryhasten, Clonegal, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Mr. Hosey held two small farms of three acres and eight acres respectively against which there was registered a judgment mortgage for debt and costs amounting to £77. 5. 11d. Having regard to this, he (Mr. Elgee) could not certify that Mr. Hosey's title was in



order.

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

"That if Mortgagee agrees to release either of the two holdings of Mr. William Hosey, Garryhasten, Clonegal, from amount of mortgage so that title can be made, the Finance Committee will recommend the County Council to accept title in this case. That the same ruling apply to the case of George Black, Corah, Bunclody."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to fix the Valuer's fee of £2. 2. 0 to each of the Assistant Surveyors in respect of each house erected under Small Dwellings Act valued by each Assistant Surveyor as from date of this meeting of Finance Committee."

EDERMINE AND HODGESMILL BRIDGES

The County Surveyor asked for power to exhibit notices under Road Traffic Act 1933 (Section 158) that the above Bridges were only capable of bearing mechanically propelled vehicles not exceeding three tons in weight all in.

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

"That the recommendation of County Surveyor as regards the posting of notices on Hodgesmill and Edermine Bridges limiting the weight of all mechanically propelled vehicles crossing these bridges to three tons in weight "all in" be approved and that the County Surveyor be empowered to procure said notices and have them exhibited in accordance with Road Traffic Act 1933."



PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MACHINERY

Under date 5th January 1938, the County Surveyor wrote that the Ingersoll Compressor Plant working for about 12 years required overhauling and should be fully reconditioned next year. The Broom and Wade Machine, which had been working continuously for thirteen months, also required overhauling. This will entail the holding up of Drill work for several weeks, and at the present, this work was behind hand. After tests made in a number of quarries he (County Surveyor) found it possible to do the necessary Drilling Work with Jack Hammer drills <sup>and</sup> smaller Compressor. The latter plant with Diesel Engine would cost in or about £500 or with petrol engine about £345. The running of the former would be considerably less than the petrol outfit, and as the Council had lately purchased Diesel Engines for other plant it would be advisable to get the Diesel Compressor.

It was also possible to obtain these machines on hire-purchase system and in the event of such an arrangement being arrived at the hire payment would go towards the ultimate purchase of the machine.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining transport for existing plant, often being delayed for several days, he suggested the purchase of a second hand lorry which would enable them to be independent of outside assistance. The outside price for such a lorry would be £100 which would include any alteration necessary for fitting compressor to it.

It was essential that this machinery should be provided and the Machinery Account (owing to the slight increase now put on roller hireage) was capable of covering cost of proposed plant and he would be glad of the authority to procure it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of



Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to procure Road Machinery in accordance with his letter of 5th January 1938, to the Finance Committee."

#### CONTINGENCY FUND

Under date 5th January 1938, the County Surveyor wrote that as they were now in the last quarter of the financial year he asked the Finance Committee to authorise him to make distribution of the amount in hands for above Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan, the request of the County Surveyor was agreed to.

#### COMPLAINT OF EMPLOYMENT OF LORRY

Under date 5th January, 1938, the following was read from Secretary, Irish Labour Party, Gorey Branch:-

"I am directed by my Committee to write to you on behalf of the Carters of Gorey Town and Gorey Rural, to bring under the notice of your Council who is responsible for putting on G.S.R. tractor and Lorry to do the haulage of stones from Gorey Hill Quarry to Ardamine for steamrolling. It is a scandalous state of affairs and this relief work. Is it possible that this work is given to the Railway Company which has the monopoly of all Road work including passenger, goods and parcel traffic? There is no use in making excuses of Roller being idle, as we have seen from time to time the roller lying by from 1 month to 6 months. We cannot see why all small farmers and all carters are not allowed to draw and give them a few days to put plenty of stuff, and they would be able to keep the roller going. In regard to small farmers they would only jump at the carting of those stones as the time is slack, and this work would help them to pay their seeds and manure bills in the coming Spring. I hope your Council will go very deep into the matter and have Railway Lorry and



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tractor knocked off, as these vehicles do not eat either hay or oats. It is a scandalous state of affairs to see this happen where Carters of Gorey Town and Gorey Rural are willing to cart same."

The following report under date 6th January 1938, was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I understand Carters for Haulage work under Grant for Ardamine road intend objecting to Lorry and Tractor being engaged to get out material from Gorey Hill and as this matter may come up at Finance Meeting I am sending you this report so that you may be in a position to deal with it when it is being discussed.

Before engaging Lorries I tried to get all the carters possible and succeeded in securing all available horses in Gorey and four from outside. The amount of material delivered per day by horse haulage is less than half what is required to keep Roller, and upwards of thirty five men on Panel from unemployed Register, working, with result that in order to keep job going, I had to have recourse to mechanical haulage. If this latter method of delivering material is to be dispensed with it will mean that Roller and men above mentioned will be disemployed..

The work at present being done is strengthening of road for which I am using rough stone. I am anxious to get whole of length to be done treated in this way before doing any surfacing work and if possible, to have this completed during present spell of fine weather - which would not be possible if only horse haulage allowed, and as already stated, every available horse in Gorey and convenient to work is employed.

On a former occasion when discussing question of mechanical Haulage with members of County Council from Gorey I pointed out the difficulties of carrying out work when full complement of ~~1~~ of horses necessary was not



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obtainable and Councillors agreed that in such an eventual-  
ity there could be no option other than adopting mechanical  
means when it was not possible to obtain the required  
number of carters to keep work going.

I require about 70 cubic yards of rough stone per day  
to keep going; carters supply in or about 25 cubic yards."

Mr. Keegan said that he understood that the Railway  
lorry was loaded by County Council men in quarry, whereas  
the carters had to load for themselves. He believed the  
Railway Company should not receive a concession of this  
kind and that they should pay for the loading.

Mr. O'Byrne said he was informed that the lorry was  
hired at 1/- per ton less than scheduled price in conse-  
quence of the loading by County Council workers.

The Chairman said that the contention of the carters  
that the use of lorry would shorten the period of their  
work was quite true and they informed him that the work  
should have been started a month ago. Mr. Treanor held  
that if he had started at that time during the bad weather  
and when there was a considerable amount of frost, the  
roads in the district would have been cut up badly. All  
that was being done at present was bottoming the road and  
when it came to surfacing Mr. Treanor believed he would have  
work for a long time for all the men and horses he could  
secure.

Mr. O'Byrne said that there were 14 carters employed  
at the moment.

The Chairman said that the Committee would have to  
take into consideration the thirty-five men who were  
employed on the job and it would be a retrograde step if  
they were to do something which would interfere with their  
employment.

Mr. Keegan said as regards the reference in the report  
of Mr. Treanor that in the event of horses not being



obtainable Councillors had agreed to the use of a lorry, he wished to point out that he had agreed to this for one particular work, but was not to be taken as consenting to it as a general rule, his view being that the circumstances in connection with each work should be fully considered before the hiring of a lorry could be approved.

After further discussion it was decided that public notices inviting carters to take up the work of haulage in connection with the improvement of Ardamine Road be exhibited in Ballycanew, Courtown Harbour and Gorey, and if sufficient carters can be engaged to carry out the haulage as expeditiously as the job required, the hiring of Railway lorry be discontinued.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

MOORINGS AND BERTHAGE: The following under date 4th January, 1938, was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"We have had communications from Cross Channel Shipping Agents regarding facilities for boats entering this Harbour, and general conditions regarding moorings and berthage. Before replying to these communications we would be obliged to know what steps your Council are taking to provide the facilities required.

You may remember that Mr. Barry was to meet a deputation from this Board to go fully into the matter on the spot.

For the information of your Council we recommend that 12 Mooring Posts be erected on South Side of the Harbour and we consider oak the most suitable for this purpose which can be procured from the Earl of Courtown; also there are a number of large stones to be removed from entrance to Harbour.

We would also suggest that eight baulks to act as a breakwater, as recommended at your meeting of the 19th April 1937, be fitted."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to direct County Surveyor to provide mooring posts and baulks at Courtown Harbour in accordance with the proposals of Courtown Harbour Committee under date 4th January 1938. That The County Surveyor communicate with Captain Kearon, Tencille, Courtown Harbour relative to the removal of the



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boulders at the Harbour entrance."

TEMPORARY SHELTER AT COURTOWN HARBOUR: The following, under date 4th January 1938, was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"Mr. Nixon, Motor Agent, Gorey, asks for permission to erect a temporary shelter on north side of Harbour for the purpose of repairing a motor boat.

We recommend that permission be given, provided he removes same when work on boat is completed."

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

"That permission be granted Mr. Nixon, Motor Agent, Gorey, to erect temporary shelter at Courtown Harbour in accordance with the recommendation of Courtown Harbour Committee under date 4th January 1938, provided Mr. Nixon signs an agreement (prepared by the County Solicitor) for the removal of hut on completion of work at motor boat."

HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE: The following under date 4th January 1938, was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"We recommend that the Harbour Master's Residence be put in repair as it is in a deplorable condition at present. If this is not to be done, we suggest that the building of new one be commenced without delay."

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan and passed:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be drawn to the decision of the County Council to erect new house for Courtown Harbour Master. The Finance Committee understand that money was allocated for this work and that a site was chosen."



DIPPERS - MILK SAMPLING REGULATIONS

Under date 22nd December 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.104776-37 Ilgh - H) that the Minister had received a number of inquiries relative to the provision of suitable dippers for the purposes of Article 4 of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk Sampling) Regulations 1936. He understood that dippers of a suitable type for the purposes of the regulations could be obtained from:- The Dairy Engineering Co., 21 Bachelors' Walk, Dublin, and Messrs. P. Quinn & Co., Shamrock Place, Dublin.

The Secretary stated that in reply to query, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, wrote that six dippers would be required for the Inspectors.

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

"That six dippers in compliance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 22nd December 1937 (P.H.104776-37 Ilgh - H) be provided for the Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts, and that same be purchased from Dairy Engineering Co., Dublin."

TOWN PLANNING ACT

Under date 26th November 1937 the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that the County Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Town Planning Act be adopted for County Wexford to enable the regulations to apply in areas such as Rosslare Harbour which had been provided with sewerage and water facilities.

Consideration of this communication was adjourned to present Finance Committee meeting.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that County Secretary transmit questionnaire to Secretaries of other County Councils with a view to ascertaining how far the Town Planning Act had been adopted



and as to what regulations had been made in connection with the matter.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 22nd December 1937, the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana, Wexford, forwarded requisition for supply of stationery, labels, Butter Jars, Milk Bottles, etc., for use of Ex-officio Inspectors under above Acts.

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

"That supplies for the use of Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts as requisitioned by Chief Inspector, Garda Siochana, Wexford, under date 22nd December 1937, be procured."

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS

Under date 24th December 1937, the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana, submitted requisition for supplies of stationery etc. for Inspectors of Weights and Measures for half year ended 30th June 1938.

Proposed by Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That supplies of stationery etc. requisitioned by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, under date 24th December 1937, be provided."

#### ROAD AT LACKEN WOOD, GOREY

The County Surveyor submitted letter to him from Mr. John L. Esmonde, T.D., Ballynestragh, Gorey, as to the widening of road through Lacken Wood outside Gorey. The road was at present dangerous, but if it were widened at a couple of points the position would be considerably improved. As the owner of the land at both sides of the road he would be satisfied to give the County Council sufficient land on either side to permit any widening considered necessary and also to allow a dumping ground adjoining the road.



The County Surveyor wrote that the widening would cost £150 and no money for it had been provided in Road Works Scheme for 1938-39.

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

"That improvement of Road at Lacken Wood, Gorey, as outlined in letter of Mr. John L. Esmonde to County Surveyor under date 23rd December 1937, be referred to the County Surveyor for favourable consideration."

#### APPLICATIONS - REPAIR OF LANES

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore to refer applications for repair of the following lanes to the County Surveyor for report:-

Ballydeane Lane (Courtown Harbour).

Killincooley and Ballyduboy Lane.

Killowen Lane, and

Meaugh Lane, Ferns.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that Michael Kirwan, who is acting as substitute for Mr. O'Kennedy, Clerical Assistant, County Surveyor's Office, be paid at the rate of £3 per week during Mr. O'Kennedy's absence from duty on medical certificate.

#### COSTS OF MORTGAGE - CURRACLOE ROAD

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay £5. 3. 6d costs of Mortgage to National Bank in connection with loan of £500 for improvement of above road as County Solicitor has reported the matter in order."



HUMANE KILLERS

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture, the County Council be recommended to procure from Messrs. M. W. Broderick & Co., 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin, four Humane Killers (Greener type) at £5. 5. 0 each and four Boxes of Cartridges for same at 4/6d per box for use of Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the working of Bovine Tuberculosis Order."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

The following, under date 31st December 1937 (R/RS.32) was read from Roads Department of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of 23rd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of Wexford County Council to provide £90 for payment of the temporary clerical assistance required for year 1938 in the County Surveyor's Office in connection with the Conditions of Employment Act and payment of road workers."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 7th January, 1938, be received and considered."

FLOODED LANDS: The Chairman referred to the question of rates on flooded land, and said that people might consider it unfair of the Council that they should be served with demands in respect of such lands. The County Council had no option in the matter. It should go forth from the meeting that the County Council had, according to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, no option but to demand the Rates and that the ratepayers concerned should apply for a revision of their valuations.

Mr. Corish - I think your remarks would also apply to Tacumshane area?

Chairman - All flooded lands.

Mr. T. Redmond said he would like to remind the Council and to have it to go from the meeting, that representations had been made by the Council several times. The Chairman mentioned the matter of paying rates for flooded lands, but did not refer to the cause of the flooding. The cause of the flooding was that the banks had been broken by abnormal tides, and the Council approached both the Land Commission and Office of Works in order to have them repaired. In fact they went so far as to name a deputation and ask the Land Commission and Office of Works to receive that deputation. Both refused, stating that no useful purpose could be served. Right into the town of New Ross they had 500 acres of the finest marsh land in Ireland flooded and several dwellinghouses as well. He thought the County Council should not lose sight of that particular point about at least getting the damage repaired, if possible. The tenants could not possibly shoulder the cost of doing the



work in view of the condition it was in at the present time. He knew something had been done, and that something was being done. He proposed the following:-

"That further representations be made to the Land Commission as to repair of embankments of the River Barrow at Great Island and vicinity, and it be pointed out that practically with every tide more and more land is becoming submerged. That the Land Commission be requested to take serious notice of this state of affairs, and to prepare some scheme to meet the situation."

Mr. Walsh, in seconding, said that the lands that Mr. Redmond referred to were originally reclaimed lands, and, surely, with modern science, they should be able to hold the land recovered from the river and estuary of the sea by their forefathers.

Mr. Redmond's motion was adopted nem. con.

URBAN DISTRICT DEMANDS: The following letter, under date 8th January, 1938, was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:

"I am to inform you that a sum of £805. 7. 1d has been lodged in the National Bank, Enniscorthy, to-day, for transfer to your account in the Wexford Branch on foot of Demand.

Arrangements are being made to make another payment of £800 in about three weeks in further liquidation of the debt.

Every effort will be made to clear off the major portion of the Demand before the financial year expires."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary said that the following represented the present position as to payments of Urban Demands:-

	<u>Due to 31/3/37.</u>	<u>Due to 31/12/37</u>	<u>Total</u>
Enniscorthy	£ Nil	£2497. 19. 2	2497.19. 2.
New Ross	Nil	£854. 11. 8	854.11. 8
Wexford	£1581. 8. 9	£5157. 7. 0	6738.15. 9
Totals	£1581. 8. 9d.	£8509. 17.10d	£10091. 6. 7d

The amount due was less by £87. 13. 3d than at the



corresponding period last year.

Mr. Corish explained that so far as Wexford was concerned they were unfortunate in losing their Rate Collector just before the last financial year closed, and it was December before the new man was sanctioned. The sum now paid came out of his first collection, and the Urban Council would not be long cutting down the balance.

The Chairman said the Council had been pressing their own Rate Collectors and the ratepayers of the Rural Districts very hard, and it was up to the Urban Councils to pay their demands. From a business point of view, the County Council would certainly have to take this matter much more seriously than they had done in the past, and it was up to the Urban Councils to strike an adequate rate to pay the County Council Demand when it became due. The Urban Councils were getting good service from the Health Board, probably more than their fair share. He suggested the Council should give a warning to each of the Urban Districts that they must pay their Demands within the financial year.

Mr. Bowe said the Urban Councils were in a much better position to secure payment of rates than were the County Council.

The Chairman held that the people in the towns were generally better off than those in the country, and better able to meet their liabilities for Rates.

Mr. Ronan asked what did the Council propose doing in the matter.

The Secretary stated it was open to the Council to obtain a Mandamus against the Urban Councils in default, but it was questionable if this would mean the provision of more money.

The Chairman said the position of the Urban Councils was certainly damaging the Rate Collection, and it was absolutely necessary the Council should take a serious view



of the matter.

Mr. McCarthy, as a member of the Urban Council of Enniscorthy, said he would put the matter very carefully and clearly before that body.

Mr. Ronan said if a considerable improvement was not forthcoming in a month's time the Council should take steps to recover the amount.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that the Urban Councils should pay the Interest on the County Council overdraft.

The Secretary pointed out that the County Council had no power to enforce such a demand.

The Chairman said it would be a very damaging arrangement to come to because the Urban Councils would probably prefer to pay the Interest and leave the capital sums stand over.

It was decided to have the matter specially dealt with at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 14th February.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF MACHINERY: The County Surveyor said if they utilised a tractor they would have to provide for air in the quarries and also lay pipes. The tractor was rated at 24 H.P. and the Compressor at 36, and he was afraid the tractor on that account alone could not be worked economically.

COMPLAINT OF EMPLOYMENT OF LORRY: Mr. O'Byrne held that the adoption of the proposal of the Finance Committee would mean that the employment of the 35 men would not be interfered with, and if there were additional horses in the district they could be hired for the work.

Col. Quin contended that the chief point had been lost sight of, viz., the difference between the cost of the railway lorry and of the horse. He had no sympathy with Railways as he believed they had caused the farmers a



tremendous lot of harm by charging outrageous fares for passenger traffic and for freight charges. At the same time, the Council were not philanthropists and in this matter they had to look to the interest of the ratepayers.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the Railway Company's rates for haulage were approximately 4/- per cubic yard as compared with 5/- for carters for the six mile draught.

Col. Quin contended that they should not dare to rob the ratepayers of 20 per cent which <sup>was</sup> a very serious increase to pay for popularity.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that in order to provide employment and to save the roads, the Council had agreed a considerable time ago to pay twopence per cubic yard more for horse haulage than for mechanical haulage and it was good economy.

The Chairman said that the real question to be decided in the present instance was could enough horses be provided to do the work.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the work in question should be finished by the 31st March next, and in his opinion, it was not possible in present circumstances, to have this done with the horses available. It would be a different matter if the time could be extended.

Mr. Culleton held that a monopolist like the Railway was getting the benefit of the work which <sup>should</sup> go to the people.

Mr. Treanor said that there was one important fact to which the County Surveyor had referred - the work must be finished by the 31st March. He had over 2,000 yards to put out on that road, and the most carters could bring him was 20 to 25 yards a day, and to put out 2,000 yards would take them a hundred days, which meant twenty weeks. He could not get the material out with carters, and if he waited for the carters to get the work done, the 35 men



would be left on the exchange.

Col. Quin said he found very great difficulty himself in getting a horse and cart for 10s. a day.

The Chairman said they did not want ls. spent on mechanical haulage if they could get it spent on horse haulage.

Col. Quin - I would like to strongly dissent when you are going to charge 20 per cent more. It is very unfair on the ratepayers.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

LACKEN WOOD ROAD: The County Surveyor said there was no doubt the place was bad. He thought he brought it before the district Council a long time ago, and it dropped. One reason was that they had some difficulty in knowing who owned the land. He believed that Sir Thomas Esmonde was away at the time and they could not get in touch with him. He thought the work should be done, but they had not provided funds for it this year.

The Chairman said the work wanted to be done very badly and the County Surveyor should endeavour to secure a grant for it.

Mr. Smyth thought that something ought to be done. It was a most dangerous road.

Col. Quin said there were more important roads awaiting improvement, but the County Surveyor said this road was subject to a great deal of traffic.

The Chairman mentioned that all the farmers of the district had made representations to him on different occasions, and if it was not affecting them they would not be bothering about it. The people from Pallis area drew their manure from Gorey over that road, and they could not get up that hill owing to the narrowness of the thoroughfare.



Mr. Keegan thought the crux all the time was the question of the land. Now that Mr. Esmonde was guaranteeing them the land he proposed that the work be done as soon as funds were available.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Col. Quin - I dissent strongly from that.

The proposition was passed.

Proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Lawlor and adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th January, 1938, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### SEANAD ELECTORATE

Under date 1st January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote directing attention to Section 37 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1937 and setting out the preliminary steps which were to be taken as regards the election of the County Council's Seanad Electorate.

Circular letter No. F.4/38 under date 6th January, 1938, was also read.

The Sections of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1937 dealing with the Electorate and the Regulations thereunder were explained by the Secretary.

It was decided, on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the following be selected as the Seanad Electorate for Wexford County Council:-

1. Kelly John P.
2. McCarthy Thomas.
3. O'Byrne Sean.
4. O'Ryan Miss N.
5. Redmond Thomas.



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6. Sweetman Malachi.

7. Walsh James E.

In consequence (as there will be no election) the meeting of 24th January was cancelled.

#### PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE FOR WEXFORD

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, 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 said he believed he would have been able to obtain by the present meeting important and essential information as to the expenditure on the old bridge and cost of a new one, but it had not come to hand. In the circumstances, he asked that the motion be deferred until the meeting of the County Council on 14th February 1938.

This was agreed to.

#### WATER SUPPLIES

The following motion stood in the name of the Chairman:

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 10th January, 1938, that the permission of said Council be given to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to borrow £25,580 (Twenty-Five Thousand five hundred and eighty pounds) for the purpose of providing water supplies for Gorey, Courtown and Riverchapel."

(This proposal was circulated to County Councillors on 23rd November 1937).

The Chairman, in moving his motion, said there was a serious position in the town of Gorey in which 60 or 70 new houses recently erected, could not secure an adequate water supply unless the existing system was supplimented.



Several places had been examined for supply and the only feasible one - bringing the water from Pallas Bridge into Gorey - was adopted by the Board of Health.

Mr. Corish seconded and said that the matter of improving Gorey Water Supply had been before the Health Board for two years. The position had been examined by expert engineers who recommended the supplemental supply scheme adopted by the Board of Health. It was very unsatisfactory to leave 60 new houses without water. Courtown, a most popular seaside resort, should have had a proper public water service long since and the same applied to Riverchapel.

Mr. Kinsella believed the Council were travelling too fast financially. Though water and sewerage schemes were very necessary, the Board of Health was proceeding at a pace entirely beyond the capacity of the ratepayers. He proposed:

"That the County Council be supplied with particulars of the amounts ~~of loans~~ which the County Council during the past three years agreed the Board of Health should raise by way of loan and also with the amounts of State Grants applicable to each said loan."

Col. Quin seconded and the proposal was adopted.

The Chairman said that, speaking generally, the State contributed one-third of the approved cost.

Mr. Walsh was of opinion that as Urban District Councils had provided their own sewerage and water schemes, it was unfair to tax them for anything outside their own area.

Mr. Kinsella then proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following amendment:-

"That the resolution consenting to the County Board of Health borrowing £25,580 for water supplies be adjourned until the County Council have information as to the amount of loans agreed to be borrowed and the State Grants pertaining thereto."



Mr. Smyth said it was not so many years ago when Gorey was supplied with a water scheme and some people now went so far as to say it was a dead failure. He could not understand why the area of charge for the present proposal should not be the Gorey area as had obtained for the old supply.

The Chairman said that the present supply was not adequate on account of the erection of new houses.

Mr. O'Byrne said the provision of an extra water supply for Gorey was essential. The scheme was expensive, but absolutely necessary. In Summer, people in Gorey were badly off for water.

The Chairman said that the Board of Health never expended a penny that was not really necessary.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that there was an almost unanimous demand from the ratepayers for these water supplies, and they were constantly enquiring when the work would start.

Mr. Bowe said that in the interest of economy, as the Board of Health had been spending an enormous amount of money they should call a halt to everything unless what could not be postponed.

After further discussion, Mr. Kinsella withdrew his amendment and the Chairman's motion was adopted.

#### PROVISION OF DISPENSARY HOUSES

The following motion, of which she had given previous notice 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 10th January 1938 that the said Council consents to the borrowing by Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £13,000 (Thirteen Thousand Pounds) to provide for new dispensaries throughout the County Wexford."

(The above proposal was circulated to members of Wexford County Council on 27th November, 1937).



In moving her motion, she said she quite agreed that the Health Board were spending a lot of money, but on very essential services, and she never read a paper but she saw that people were crying out, "Why do you not do as much for people as boards in other Counties?" She would like to see the Board carrying out their duties to the people they represented, not only as well, but better, than in the rest of Ireland. The people of Wexford deserved better, because they were always a go-ahead people. The people were entitled to better social services. They had better houses, better water, better villages, better everything, and her complaint was that they were not going quickly enough. In respect of dispensaries, the Board had had terrible problems. They had, in some of them, leaky roofs and no fireplace, and generally wretched little buildings in which there was no accommodation for people who went to see the doctor. The Board were of the opinion that the question should be tackled - a good waiting room, well heated, where the sick people could sit down and wait for the doctor; also, a decent consulting room, where a doctor would have good light to examine his patients, and give them the treatment to which they were entitled, and also a dispensing room. Most of the dispensaries at present were not at all adequate for the purpose they were intended to serve.

Col. Quin, in seconding, said this was a really good and sound proposal. Every Councillor knew he was not in favour of spending money unnecessarily, but no one could deny how essential it was to provide decent dispensary residences. In his own district, the dispensary was held in a horrible looking hovel at Ballythomas, Wicklow Gap.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella, the Chairman said it was proposed to provide about 40 dispensaries at a cost of between £200 and £300 each.

The motion was then put and adopted nem. con.



ANNUAL ESTIMATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Under date, 7th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.108231-37-Loc Garman) forwarding copy of letter to County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance conveying the assent of the Minister to the proposal of the Board to deal with annual estimate and demands for next financial year on 17th January, 1938.

AUDITS OF ACCOUNTS

Under date 22nd December 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.103810-37 Loc Garman (Fb)) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture in respect of the five/<sup>half</sup>years ended 31st September 1937. Abstracts of Accounts for this period were also forwarded.

It was decided to refer report to the County Committee of Agriculture.

Under date 7th January 1938 (A.107375/37 Enniscorthy M.H.) the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of the report of their Auditor for accounts of Enniscorthy Mental Hospital in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1937 with abstracts of the accounts.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee.

LICENCES UNDER POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to the following:-

1. Armstrong William, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.
2. Doyle John A., 22 North Street, New Ross.
3. Hanrahan Patrick, South Street, New Ross.
4. Kelly William Joseph, Rams Arms Hotel, Buncloody.
5. Mernagh Nicholas, Grange, Rathnure."



KNOCKDUFF CROSS, FERNS

Mr. Corish asked if anything could be done to improve the position at above cross in respect of which a great many complaints had been received.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 14th FEBRUARY, 1938.

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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 February, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, William Cullimore, John Day, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy (new member), William Kinsella, 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 following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- J. F. Birthistle, P. O'Neill and T. Treanor.

(Mr. Kennedy, recently appointed a member of the Council, signed his declaration of office).

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3768. 11. 0 General and £639. 7. 2d for Loans were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE REV. T. O'BYRNE, P.P., PIERCESTOWN

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Very Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, who was a member of a subsidiary body of the Council, the Ancient Monuments' Committee. The loss of Father O'Byrne was irreparable, as he was a leading student in the history of the diocese and county, and he was a great scholar and a most amiable man.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded, and said that they all knew the work Father O'Byrne had done for the County.

Messrs. T. Redmond and M. Redmond associated themselves as representatives of Father O'Byrne's native parish of New Ross, with the resolution.



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Mr. C. Culleton, as a parishioner and Mr. Lawlor as parishioner of Fr. Mark O'Byrne, P.P., Ballindaggin, brother of the deceased, also associated themselves with the resolution.

The Secretary associating himself and staff with the resolution stated that Father O'Byrne was a schoolmate and was one of the finest priests in the County. He was keenly interested in the past and if he had lived he would have written a great deal of the history of Wexford. He was a true Soggarth Aroon and one of the necest men anyone could meet.

The resolution was passed in silence.

#### REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Mr. Sweetman a resolution was adopted that the following reply to vote of condolence of County Council from Mrs. Alice C. Roche, widow of the late Meyler M. Roche, a former member of the County Council was directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you please convey to the County Council my grateful thanks for their kind message of sympathy in my great loss."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lawlor, it was decided that the following reply from Miss Moran, Telephone Attendant, County Council Office, to vote of condolence to her in the death of her mother, ~~was directed to be inserted~~ on the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you please thank the members of the County Council especially Miss O'Ryan, the proposer, and Mr. Kelly, the seconder, for their very kind vote of sympathy on the death of my dear Mother, R.I.P.?"

My Father wishes to join with me in thanking them, and also yourself."



On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lawler, it was decided to inset on the Minutes of the day the following reply from Mrs. Kinsella, Ballyloughan House, Gorey, to vote of condolence in the death of her husband, Mr. Alexander Kinsella, for many years a member of the County Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant informing me of the resolution of sympathy passed by your Council on the death of my husband, and I shall be obliged if you will, at their next available meeting, convey to the Council an expression of my appreciation and thanks, and that of my family for their sympathy and the tribute paid by them to his memory.

At the same time, you might accept from me for yourself, and also convey to the other officials who joined in the vote of condolence my thanks, not only for sympathy, but for the kind remarks made.

It is consoling to receive such expressions from the Council and officials, from whom in the past he, during his lifetime, received so many kindnesses."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 21st JANUARY 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st January, 1938, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st January, 1938.

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.

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

After confirmation of the Minutes of last meeting, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3267. 19. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Percentage of current warrent and two years' arrears collected.</u>		
1.	S. Gannon	58.0
2.	J. J. O'Reilly	54.9
3.	E. J. Murphy	54.8
4.	P. Nolan	54.6
5.	J. Cummins	54.3
6.	J. Curtis	54.1
7.	P. Doyle	53.6
8.	A. Dunne	52.9
9.	M. Kehoe	52.9
10.	D. Kenny	52.5
11.	J. Deegan	52.3
12.	J. Quirke	52.0
13.	J. Flood	50.5
14.	P. Carty	50.4
15.	W. Doyle	48.3
16.	M. McCarthy	48.2
17.	W. Cummins	46.7
18.	J. J. Sinnott	<u>46.3</u>
Average		52.1

The Secretary stated that lists showing ratings in which legal proceedings had not been taken for first moiety



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of current Rate with explanation from Collectors as to why proceedings were not instituted, had been received. The chief explanations given for non-payment of first moiety were:-

1. Waiting for Beet money.
2. And numbers of Ratepayers paid the full year's rate in March.

There were a few cases in which Examination Orders against defaulters had been obtained.

The Secretary stated that each Collector would be instructed to obtain Examination Orders in about five suitable cases. If necessary, he would bring in particular Collectors for interview.

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

"That the action of the Secretary in connection with the question of legal proceedings taken regarding rate collection be approved."

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 18th January, 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote L.199-38 that as the Order came into operation on the 1st March next, immediate action should be taken by the County Council in regard to the appointment of temporary Inspectors, and advertisements in accordance with draft enclosed should be issued forthwith. Particulars of selected candidates and detailed statements of their special districts should be sent to the Department not later than 26th February. In a comparatively large number of districts it was apparent that an appreciable number of stock owners were unmindful of their obligations under the Order, in view of the returns showing the percentage of infested animals among the cattle exported. If the Warble Fly pest was to be eradicated within a reasonable time the full co-operation



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with the Government of all concerned in the Cattle trade was essential, if recourse is not eventually to be had to such drastic action as prohibition of the export of infested animals. The local Authorities should seriously consider the question of taking any further steps which might be possible with a view to the more general and effective operation of the Order. The success of the work mainly depended upon the efficiency and thoroughness with which the Inspectors carried out their duties. The Minister was satisfied that appreciably better results would have been achieved during the past two seasons had a higher standard been adopted in the selection of the candidates, and if, in the case of those who were re-appointed last season, the records of their previous service had been given further due weight in deciding as to their fitness for such further employment. Great scrutiny should be made of all records available regarding any Inspector whose services it was proposed to continue from last year. Where there was any evidence of previous inefficiency the applications of the candidates should not be entertained. The question of the appointment of a Sub-Committee to advise the County Council as to the qualifications and general suitability of the candidates should be considered, also Inspectors should give an undertaking to devote ~~his~~ whole time to the work; procure means of locomotion to enable his duties to be carried out; reside at or reasonably near the centre of his district and that he will not hold any agency for the sale ~~of~~ on commission of any of the approved cattle wash preparations, or engage in any other way, directly or indirectly, in the sale of these preparations.

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

"That we recommend the appointment of the following Temporary Warble Fly Inspectors for season 1938 in all



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cases in which their services are available, on the same terms and conditions as obtained for year 1937, viz., salary £2. 10. 0 per week plus actual cost of postage:-

Area No. 1. Enniscorthy: David Crean, Ballyphilip Kilmyshal, Clohamon.

Moyacomb, Kilrush, Buncloody, Castledockrell, St. Mary's, Tombrack, Kilbora, Ferns, Ballycarney and Ballymore(10).

Area No. 2. Enniscorthy: James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin.

Rossard, Ballindaggin, Kildealy, Killanne, Castleboro, Clonroche, The Leap, Killoughrim and Marshalstown. (9).

Area No. 4. Enniscorthy: William Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine.

Kilcormack, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, Kilmallock and Edermine. (7).

Area No. 5. Gorey: Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew. Wingfield, Coolgreaney, Limerick, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Ballynestragh, Monaseed, Ballyellis and Ballybeg. (9).

Area No. 6. Gorey: Patrick Lawlor, Camolin.

Kilcomb, Kilnahue, Rossminogue, Huntingtown, Ballyoughter, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Courtown and Ardamine.(9).

Area No. 7. Gorey: Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge.

Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Kilena, Monamolin, Wells, Killincooley, Ford and Cahore. (8).

Area No. 8. New Ross: John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

Barrackvillage, Templeudigan, Clonleigh, Ballyanne, New Ross Urban, New Ross Rural, Whitemoor, Barronstown, Adamstown and Old Ross. (10).

Area No. 10. New Ross: William Carty, Metown, Ballycullane.

Kilmokea, Killesk, Inch, Clongeen, Tintern, Rathroe, Ballyhack, Fethard and Templetown. (9).



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Area No. 11. Wexford: Edward Woods, Kingsford,  
Barntown.

Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Kilpatrick, Artramon, Ard-  
cavan, Ardcolm, Forth, Carrig, Taghmon and Whitechurch,  
(Glynn). (11).

Area No. 12. Wexford: Patrick Rossiter, Slevoy,  
Foulksmills.

Ballymitt, Harristown, Bannow, Harpurstown, Duncormack,  
Aughwilliam, Kilcowan, Killinick, Bridgetown, Newcastle,  
Rathaspeck. (11).

Area No. 13. Wexford: Dermot E. Druhan, Lady's  
Island, Broadway.

Wexford Rural, Wexford Urban, Drinagh, Rosslare,  
Killinick, Mayglass, Kilmore, Tomhaggard, Tacumshane,  
Kilscoran, St. Helen's, and Lady's Island. (12).

"That advertisements be issued for vacancies in Numbers  
3 and 9, and for any other districts in which the services  
of the Inspectors who acted last year are not available,  
appointments to be made at meeting of the County Council  
on the 14th February, 1938."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman,  
the Secretary was empowered to employ the services of  
temporary Rate Clerks as occasion may require relative to  
preparation of records and returns under Warble Fly  
(Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936."

Matthew Connolly, Bree, Ballyhogue, wrote under date  
11th January, 1938, applying for the position of Warble Fly  
Inspector for No. 3 Area.

It was decided that as the appointment would be  
advertised for meeting on 14th February, 1938, Mr. Connolly  
could apply for the position.



### ROADS (RURAL) SCHEMES 1937-38

Under date 11th January, 1938, the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) R.U.204:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it has been decided to allow the payment of remuneration to County Surveyors and Assistant County Surveyors in respect of the special work entailed in the recruitment and rotation of labour in connection with the Roads (Rural) Schemes 1937-38. The approved remuneration will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  % on all expenditure on works under the Scheme to the County Surveyor and 1% to the Assistant County Surveyors on expenditure on the works carried out in their areas under the Scheme. The remuneration is to be charged to the cost of the Scheme and the approved expenditure on works will require to be adjusted accordingly.

As to the question of supervision of the works, which falls within the ordinary duties of the Survey staffs, the Minister feels that, particularly in Counties where large schemes are being carried out, the present arrangements for supervision are not adequate and he is prepared to sanction as a charge against the schemes for the present financial year the remuneration of such additional technical assistance as may be found necessary to enable the works to be properly supervised. The regular Survey staff must, however, continue to take responsibility for the preparation and lay-out of works and compliance with the conditions of the grants.

If the County Surveyor considers that additional Engineers are necessary in the County for the supervision of works under the Scheme, his proposals in the matter should be submitted without delay."

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

"That proposals of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to remuneration of  $\frac{1}{2}$  % on all expenditure on works under Roads ( Rural) Schemes 1937/38 to the County Surveyor and 1 % to the Assistant County Surveyors for expenditure on works under this Scheme carried out in their own areas, be recommended to the County Council for approval."

### COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION

Under date 15th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar:-

"Yours of the 14th instant herein received, for which I am obliged. You state consideration of the matter was adjourned for the present. According to the Press, the Chairman is reported as having pointed out at the Finance



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Committee that so far as he knew the County Council were not prepared to spend any large amount on any buildings for the next five or ten years. Kindly let me know if this is the decision of the Council and that the matter is adjourned from five to ten years as I have to acquaint the Minister for Justice of your final decision. If the Courthouse accommodation is not provided there is danger that the Wexford business may be transferred to another County with the consequent loss of business to the town of Wexford. This will entail unnecessary expense as the cost of myself and my staff will have to be provided for and which can be avoided by providing the accommodation passed by the Government for the purpose."

It was decided to refer this communication to the meeting of the County Council.

COUNTY COURTHOUSES: Under date 11th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.108277/37 Loch Garman, referring to previous correspondence regarding Courthouse accommodation in County Wexford, and enclosing copy of list giving particulars of repairs required at Gorey Courthouse (Painting and Repairs to Woodwork); Bunclody (suitable Courthouse accommodation required). The Department further inquired as to what steps had been taken regarding their letter of the 29th June 1936, No. G.133101/36.

This letter of the Department pointed out that in Enniscorthy the outside wall required plastering.

The County Surveyor stated this work had been carried out.

Gorey Courthouse: Back wall of Courtroom and end wall of District Justice's room required plastering. The gullies require looking after.

The County Surveyor stated he would deal with this matter.

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE: The following is extract from communication of the Department of the 26th June, 1936:-

"The place is totally unfit for a Courthouse, and new accommodation is desirable. What used to be a robing room for District Justice is now an engineering room for Technical



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education. There are no proper sanitary arrangements, not even a wash-up basin. There is no office for the Clerk."

The County Surveyor pointed out that there was considerable difficulty in getting a suitable building for use as a Courthouse. He would interview the Secretary of the Parochial Hall and ascertain if it would be possible to rent accommodation therein, for the one day in the month on which the Court was held.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to enter into negotiations with the Hon. Secretary of the Parochial Hall<sup>BUNCLODY</sup> with a view to securing a letting for this building for the holding of the Court of the District Justice."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Robert Valentine, late Courtkeeper, Gorey Courthouse, wrote applying for usual remuneration for caretaking of Gorey Courthouse from August till December 1937.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote recommending that Robert Valentine should be paid for acting as Caretaker until 11th December 1937, and Thomas Dwyer, the new caretaker from 13th December 1937.

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

"That remuneration for caretaking of Gorey Courthouse be paid in accordance with recommendation of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with the application of Catherine O'Regan, for amount of Scholarship payment refunded by Loreto Convent, Wexford, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In reply to your enquiry herein, I write to say, that I have looked into the question of the making of a payment



to Miss O'Regan in respect of the Scholarship which had been refunded by the Loreto Convent, and having regard to the terms of the Scholarship Scheme, and also to the letter from the Department of the 13th December last, I am of opinion, that the County Council have no power to make the payment to Miss O'Regan which she asks for."

It was decided that copy of this letter be forwarded Mr. O'Regan.

#### MILK DIPPERS

Under date 20th January, 1938, the Dairy Engineering Company of Ireland wrote that they would supply for the use of Food and Drugs Inspectors, six dippers under Milk Regulations at 24/- plus postage 1/3d extra.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cullimore, it was decided that quotation of Dairy Engineering Company be accepted, subject to sanction of Department of Agriculture."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Martin Dunbar, 1 Mill View, Gorey, applied for a loan of £150, and for a change of site from near Ferns to a site opposite Railway Goods Store in Gorey. He had already been approved for a loan of £125.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, ~~that~~ application of Martin Dunbar, Mill View, Gorey, for transfer of site of proposed building under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, from Ferns to Gorey be approved.

That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, we also recommend the County Council to increase the amount of loan in this case from £125 to £150."



Under date 18th January, 1938, Mr. Elgee submitted copy of letter received from Mr. James Sheil, Rosslare Harbour, to whom the County Council had agreed to advance loan of £165 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Mr. Sheil wished to know if the Council would accept one half of the plot, that was one rood or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre as security for repayment of the loan. He pointed out that as a five roomed house would cost about £300, the loan of £165 was not sufficient, and in consequence, he was selling half the plot to Mr. Corrie.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the sale of a quarter of an acre of plot, on which James Sheil, Rosslare Harbour, intends to erect his house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Under date 30th December 1937, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, No. H.105460/37 Loch Garman, sanctioning advances to the following under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

John Masterson, Aske, Gorey, £100.

Laurence Doyle, Davidstown, Enniscorthy. £160.

Under date 10th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote No. H.108022/37 Loch Garman, approving of advances to the following under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Patrick Merriman, Forth Commons, Murrintown. £50.

Patrick Miskella, Coolboy, Foulksmills. £85.

Under date 20th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote as follows, No.H.108021/37 Loch Garman:-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to increase the fees to Assistant Surveyors who act as Valuers



for the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from £1: 1: 0 to £2: 2: 0 in respect of each house valued, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he considers that £1: 1: 0 represents reasonable remuneration for the work."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to reconsider his decision refusing to allow the Assistant Surveyors of Wexford County Council, £2. 2. 0 for inspection of houses under the Small Dwellings Acts."

"The Council in order to make certain that they are receiving value for the loans advanced, have arranged for inspections by the Assistant Surveyors during the course of the erection of the houses, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and in the opinion of the Finance Committee the fee of £2. 2. 0 which they have proposed is a modest figure."

#### PUBLIC WORKS ETC. LONDON EXHIBITION 1937

The following, under date 14th January, 1938, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to submit report as follows:-

By arrangement with the Local Government Department and permission of the County Council I attended the Congress and Exhibition in London during the week 15th to 20th November, 1937.

Papers covering a variety of subjects included in the classification of the Congress were submitted, and discussed in detail by experts. It was of advantage and interest to follow the discussion; the varied and sometimes conflicting views of the speakers showed there can be no "hard and fast" rule governing Public Works. It appeared that we still have a lot to learn about ordinary construction works, and



that many details are of a highly technical nature. Financial reasons may for a time prevent us in this Country adopting many of the improved machines and methods, but we are already profiting by the labour of others, and are not too far behind. I have all the papers for reference, and later shall receive full report of the Congress with the papers and discussion thereon.

It is impossible to treat in detail the subject matter of the various papers, and I only add here a list of the Conferences I attended:-

1. Occurrence of Dilute Sewage and its Rational Treatment.
2. Materials used in Modern Road Construction.
3. Laboratory Testing in Highway Engineering.
4. A short account of the Mineral Sulphates and their influence on Concrete Design and Construction.
5. Studies of Reinforced Concrete Barrel Arch Design and Estimating.
6. Methods of dealing with Bridge Foundations in Bad Ground or Under Water.
7. Highway Design and Accident Records in Relation to the Psychology of Road Users.

On each day of the Congress I spent considerable time in going round the Exhibition and visiting the Stands. Usually I was accompanied by other Surveyors, and had the advantage of their views on the exhibits.

I made it my special business to visit the Stands of Firms with whom the County Council had already had dealings. I interviewed the representatives and discussed structural points and prices etc., arising out of our experience with their products. I should mention here that Messrs. Marshall, Sons and Company, Limited, had an exhibition one of the 12 ton Diesel Rollers specially constructed for the Wexford County Council. I spent a considerable time at



the Stand, and with Messrs. Marshalls representative I examined the machine in detail. I am satisfied I have made a good selection for our new Rollers.

Regarding the exhibits I have to report that they were all of high standard, and I found the representatives of the various firms most anxious to give all possible assistance to visitors.

Many of the machines and products appealed to me, and as finances allow I shall ask the County Council to take up the matter.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I consider attendance at the Congress was of great advantage to me, and the knowledge there obtained will be of value in advising the County Council in the future."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CARTERS IN GOREY DISTRICT

Under date 19th January, 1938, the following was read from P. Redmond, Secretary, Irish Labour Party, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Committee to draw your attention and to ask your Council what is the cause of the Carters being knocked off stone drawing from Gorey Hill Quarry to Ardamine Road, as they only got two days' drawing.

The lorries were knocked off on Wednesday night last and the Carters knocked off on Friday night.

We thought by Mr. Treanor's attitude at your Board that he wanted stuff so bad on Road and complained he could not get carters. He could have at the present time from 36 to 40 carts.

We hope, on behalf of the carters of Gorey and Gorey area, that your Council will do something in this matter and have things fixed up once and for all.

At the time of knocking off, there was 27 Carters drawing stones."

The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, as regards letter received from Mr. Redmond and found that until the rough material had been rolled in, the haulage work had to be suspended. He was, however, re-starting this on Monday.

The meeting considered the explanation satisfactory,



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as stoppage of the work in this connection was according to usual practice.

#### ROAD MATTERS

BALLYHARTY - BRIDGETOWN ROAD: Under date 12th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown:-

"I am sorry to have again to call the attention of your Council to the diabolical state of the road through my place, that is the Ballyharty-Bridgetown road. It is in an even worse condition now than the Tullibards road was; that road has been repaired and is now quite passable.

The above road is under contract but the contractor in my opinion should be prosecuted for false pretences, as he has no intention so far of keeping the road in any kind of repair; it is gone to a quagmire of mud, and a morass of potholes, quite unsafe to carry traffic. I have a lorry here broken down in this road yesterday - a new ton lorry, costing £365. It is out of commission for the season now. The sides of this road are death traps for those using them as we dare not go near the sides or we will kill some one off the loads of Beet. Other traffic is in danger of serious accident through trying to pass the lorries.

What I want is Mr. Birthistle to come out at once and see this road and have it repaired, as the Ganger Roche has gone to Kehoe the Contractor several times about this road but he takes no notice of him.

This road was done last year by the Council labour and was quite satisfactory. In fact, the Contractor got it in a good state of repair but it has now gone and will cost five times the amount to bring it up to make it safe for traffic."

The County Surveyor, to whom Mr. Doyle's letter was referred for consideration, pointed out that the road in question was very narrow and it was never contemplated it would have to bear lorry traffic.



TOMHAGGARD SCHOOL: Mr. John Murphy, Tomhaggard Fianna Fail Cumann, wrote calling attention to the condition of the road outside Tomhaggard School. It was always flooded after heavy rain.

The County Surveyor said he would ask Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to attend to the matter.

BALLYSCARTON LANE: Joseph Leary, Ballyscarton, Gorey, applied for repair of above Lane. Portion of it was impassable.

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

"That application as to repair of Ballyscarton Lane be referred to County Surveyor for inclusion on Minor Relief Schemes List."

EXTENSION SHOP AT KILRANE: John Pitt, Kilrane, Co. Wexford, wrote that he intended extending his shop at Kilrane, and applied for the necessary permission of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated he had no objection to the request of Mr. Pitt, but it was decided that he should furnish report in the matter.

BALLYGALVERT LANE: Mrs. Maureen Kavanagh, Ballygalvert, wrote calling attention to the dangerous corner on Ballygalvert Lane, giving details of her experience when a lorry came round the corner of the Main Road from Ballywilliam, missing her car by inches.

The County Surveyor stated he was waiting report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in this matter.

APPLICATION FOR DRAINAGE OF BOG: Under date 10th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. James MacQuillan:-

"I want 15 acres of a bog on my land drained, and, I shall be much obliged if you will put the matter before the County Council with a view to having it done under a Minor Relief Grant."



It was decided that the County Surveyor include this application under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ERECTION OF SHED: John Moynihan, Ferns, wrote asking permission to erect shed beside the road at Ferns. The wall was built some years and did not obstruct the view in any way.

The County Surveyor said he was awaiting report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in the matter.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The Chairman said in connection with proposal for erection of New Bridge at Wexford, even <sup>if</sup> ~~suppose~~ the proposal was adopted immediately it would be practically five years before the Bridge would be available for ordinary traffic, and in the meantime, this heavy traffic would be diverted to the Ballyboggan Road.

The County Surveyor should see that the road would be put into condition to bear such traffic.

The County Surveyor said he did not apprehend that it would cut up, because all the weak places had been found out during the war and the Americans who were in charge of the Seaplane Station at Ferrybank provided a lot of rubble and stones for the bottom. However, he was looking into the matter as soon as possible.

KNOCKBYNE LANE: Messrs. John Ryan, Thomas Murphy, James Moran and Martin Carthy, wrote applying for the repair of Knockbyne Lane.

It was decided that the County Surveyor include Knockbyne Lane for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

BALLYBEG LANE, CARNEW: The following under date 17th January, 1938, was read from Mr. Patrick Kinsella, Munny, Carnew:-

"I have been asked by the residents of Ballybeg to draw the attention of your Council to the Laneway in



Ballybeg which was down to be done by a special Relief Grant a couple of years ago with no hope of being accomplished yet.

I appeal to your Council to take this in hands, and do something at it as it is now almost impassible.

In support of this letter I submit a copy of a memorial signed by users of this laneway.

I must now ask you to instruct us how to act when your meeting will be or would it be advisable to send a deputation to your meeting.

I would like to add that it would help to get this properly brought home to the Council the state it is now in if you asked Mr. Traynor to inspect the laneway and make a report to the Council on the condition of the place. I would suggest if it was once done it would not cost much to keep it in repair.

In conclusion I would mention that there are about fifteen families using this laneway.

Hoping you will not fail us."

The Chairman said a number of farmers had been with him last year, wanting to have this lane taken over as a County Road.

He proposed that it be refered to the County Surveyor for inclusion under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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

COMPLAINT RE SEWER: Under date 16th January, 1938, the following was read from Patrick Cousins, Brandane, Bannow:-

"I am writing about a shore which is running at the back of my house. It is unable to take what water is running into it and the kitchen of the house is flooded when it rains heavy. There is a foot of water in the kitchen today, Sunday, and its an awful job to be going around to the neighbours' houses to boil water. I wrote to the Council about this shore years ago and I'll put up with it no longer.

I'll sue the Council for damages to the house and to my own health if there is not something done with it soon. I am entitled as a ratepayer to get it done and I think the best thing to do is send out your engineer, or I will tear up the roadway and that might cost us all more money."



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The County Surveyor said that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, would furnish report in the matter.

COAST EROSION: The following under date 13th January, 1938, was read from William Farrell, Kilmichael, Arklow:-

"I wish to point out to you that my dwelling-house at Kilmichael is at present in a very dangerous state owing to the sea having come in at this point, and having swept away the wall that protected it. The Bank is gone now underneath the foundation. I am afraid if another storm comes the house will be swept away altogether. That is what will happen if a bit of protection wall is not built immediately. What I want to know is could anything be done in regard to relief grant or otherwise, as it would not be easy for me to do it myself on a small bit of land where myself and my son have to go out earning when we can get it. If I would be given any grant I would be only too glad to give any help either by horse work or otherwise in order to get it done.

It is a matter of great urgency, and I ask you to please let me know as early as possible if you can do anything for me."

The Chairman said as regards this communication any further erosion would mean that Farrell's house would topple over into the sea. He proposed the County Surveyor take up this matter with the Land Commission as one of urgency and ask them to send down one of their Inspectors to view the place, a report to be obtained in the meantime from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

Miss O'Ryan seconded the motion which was passed.

DAVIDSTOWN LANE, ENNISCORTHY: The following was read from Mr. James Brennan, Davidstown, Enniscorthy:-

"I would be grateful if you would put Davidstown Lane on your Minor Relief Scheme list. You may remember we had our application in last year, and that Fr. Power wrote you in the matter."

It was decided that this lane be included under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

The County Surveyor said it had been already mentioned twice to the Office of Public Works for repair.



LAURSTOWN LANE, WEXFORD: Mr. Patrick Redmond and 20 other ratepayers applied for repair of Laurstown Lane. At present they had to go across two ploughed fields to get to the town.

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

"That application for repair of Laurstown Lane be placed on Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

CLODY RIVER: Twenty ratepayers including Rev. D. Murphy, P.P., Bunclody, Dr. A. J. Cantwell, ~~Cornier~~ for North Wexford, Rev. J. Mooney, P.P., Clonegal, wrote as to the state of footbridge over Clody river between Craan, and Kilbranish and Bunclody. It was erected 50 years ago at the expense of Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare. It was now absolutely dangerous. As the children of the memorialists would be cut off from attending Kilbranish School, they thought it was a matter the County Council should interest themselves in. The bridge was also used by the people of Craan for fairs and markets etc.

The County Surveyor said he thought the statement so far as the children going to school were concerned, was a very serious matter, but he could not look on it as very serious in regard to attending fairs and markets etc. in Bunclody. Anything done there should be done jointly with the Carlow County Council. He had sent copies of this letter to the County Surveyor in Carlow and asked him to submit the matter to his Council.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to contribute half the cost of repairs necessary to footbridge over Clody river, provided that the second moiety be furnished by Carlow County Council."



### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The County Surveyor submitted copy of works which had been carried out under Minor Relief Schemes for 1937.

Mr. Colfer protested on the grounds that practically no Minor Relief Scheme work had been carried out in New Ross District last year.

The County Surveyor stated he had carried out a job at Fethard and Portersgate. The Improvement Scheme out of the Road Fund Grant, <sup>for Fethard</sup> had been held up as he could not get unemployed men to carry it out and had to bring men from Duncannon.

Mr. Colfer said there were only two men employed from Duncannon and they had been idle for the past six weeks.

The County Surveyor considered they could not have been idle for such a long period. Of course, the Council understood that the Office of Public Works made their own selection from the list of recommendations made by the Council.

### WEIGHBRIDGE FOR LORRIES AND SEWERAGE AT CAMPILE

Under date 20th January 1938, the following from the General Manager, Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd., Campile, was read:-

"We are thinking of erecting a Lorry Weigh Bridge at Duncannon for the convenience of our Coal Business there, it would be 20' x 8', and would be quite safe for any ordinary traffic to pass over it - there is a spot quite close to our Coal Store, near where the Steamers Berth - we would be glad to have your permission to carry out this work - we enclose Sketch showing position exactly, and giving width of the quay at that particular part, as you can see from the drawing, the Quay will be at least as wide outside the scales at this point, as it is any place else - in other words - where we intend putting the Scales was never used.

There is a Bollard very badly placed, in fact it is no use at all, but very much in the way, if it was removed about 40/50' further towards the village, it would be very useful, in fact very necessary; we will remove this for you if you wish us to do it.

We have erected a Hostel for nine boys across the road from our premises here, in which we have a bathroom and lavatory, will you kindly allow us to connect the sewer with the existing one that leads from the railway bridge to the river. We understand, when the village scheme is



completed, probably within a year from now - the Board of Health will put in a Main Sewer that we can all connect up with. Meantime, we are awkwardly placed, and we hope you will see your way to give us the necessary permission, and oblige."

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

"That, as recommended by the County Surveyor, the County Council be recommended not to object to erection of weighbridge for lorries at Campile. That, as regards the question of sewerage the County Surveyor furnish copy of Mr. Murphy's letter to the County Board of Health, and that the latter be informed that the Council have no objection to the request of Mr. Murphy being acceded to provided the County Board of Health are satisfied in the matter."

#### PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Under date 15th January 1938, the Department of Industry & Commerce (Employment Branch) wrote No.E.B.217282 authorising the Council to perforate Unemployment Insurance Stamps with the suggested design and subject to certain conditions which had been already agreed to.

#### AREAS OF OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES

The following was read from Mr. Whitty, Clerk to No. 5 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

"At a meeting of the above Committee the following order was made: 'That a request be forwarded to County Council with a view of having the Electoral Divisions of the Committee changed. The Committee considered it a hardship on claimants to travel from Rossard to Enniscorthy, also claimants having to travel from The Leap E.D. to Taghmon, as Rossard is nearer to Bunclody and the Leap is nearer to Enniscorthy."

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

"That the Old Age Pension Sub-Committees be requested



to inform the County Council if they consider any adjustment of their areas is necessary, and, if so, what is the nature of such adjustment."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application was received from Sergeant J. McNamee, Taghmon, as to the committal of Ellen Hore (11 years) and Margaret Hore (8 years), of Bulgan, Glynn, to Industrial School. They were the legitimate children of Edward and Annie Hore. Application would be made under Section 58 (1) (G) of the Children's Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### REMUNERATION OF RATE CLERKS

Mr. Kelly said that last year the Rate Clerks had made application for increased remuneration. This happened when the Rate Books had been practically completed, and it was decided that the matter be adjourned until this year. He requested that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

This was agreed to.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st January, 1938, be received and considered."

COURTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION: The Secretary mentioned that the County Surveyor's estimate for the provision of new Court-house and necessary offices etc. was £16,000.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be nearly as cheap to pay for the County Registrar with all his staff to go to another County.

The Chairman said that, at the Finance Committee, the point was discussed that as the Judge of the High Court came to the County for only a few days every year, the County Council Chamber could be utilised for a second Court.

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

"That the County Council inform County Registrar that in their opinion, in view of the limited period the Judge of High Court will sit annually in Wexford and to the great expenditure involved in the erection of a second Court - the County Council Chamber be offered to County Registrar in lieu of a new building. The present is an inopportune time to saddle the Ratepayers with an expenditure of £16,000 the estimated cost of new Court, offices, etc."

BALLYHARTY-BRIDGETOWN ROAD: The County Surveyor said the Contractor was not neglecting this road. If it was not able to bear intensive motor traffic for which it never was provided, they could not blame the Contractor.

BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER: The County Surveyor said that he had written to the County Surveyor of Carlow and explained the position to him. As the road on the *Carlow* side was



a private road the County Council could not spend any money from their own funds to provide the bridge but the road on the ~~Wexford~~ side was a public road. He was informed by the Carlow County Surveyor that his Council had applied for a Minor Relief Scheme Grant to carry out the work. As the Wexford road was not a "public" road Wexford could not contribute anything to the project.

It was decided to await further information from Carlow County Council in the matter.

AREAS OF OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES: Mr. McCarthy said the present arrangements of the districts was not convenient for people having claims. He gave examples of people living near Enniscorthy who had to go to Taghmon and people beyond Rossard having to go to Enniscorthy when their claims could be dealt with at Bunclody. He suggested a re-arrangement of the districts by the County Council.

The Secretary said the Finance Committee recommended that the Old Age Pension Committees be asked if the divisions were suitable and if they desired any change.

Mr. McCarthy - The Sub-Committees won't know anything about it unless they had a map of the County before them.

The Secretary said he would prepare a draft scheme and submit it to the Sub-Committees.

Mr. McCarthy - We don't want to take parishes from any of the areas unless we give them an equal number at the same time.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the old electoral areas or parish areas would be the best. The re-arrangement was necessary.

The Secretary said he would re-arrange the grouping of the electoral divisions and send the re-arrangement to the Sub-Committees to see what recommendations they would make.

This suggestion was approved.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st January 1938, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING 4th FEBRUARY 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th February 1938, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th February, 1938.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, P. Colfer, R. Corish, 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.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,634. 17. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

Percentage of Warrant and  
two years' arrears collected  
to 3/2/'38.

1.	S. Gannon	60.4
2.	J. J. O'Reilly	57.5
3.	J. Curtis	57.3
4.	P. Nolan	56.9
5.	J. Cummins	56.5
6.	E. J. Murphy	56.3
7.	J. Quirke	54.7
8.	P. Doyle	54.7
9.	A. Dunne	54.4
10.	J. Deegan	54.3
11.	D. Kenny	54.0
12.	M. Kehoe	54.0
13.	J. Flood	51.8
14.	W. Doyle	51.4
15.	P. Carty	50.4
16.	M. McCarthy	49.6
17.	W. Cummins	49.3
18.	J. J. Sinnott	48.4
Average		54.1

The Secretary stated he was communicating with the Rate Collectors as to immediate legal proceedings against certain ratepayers who - in his opinion - were in a position to be able to discharge their liabilities to the County Council.



POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: Under date 22nd January, 1938, the following (No. G.3043/38 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant regarding payment of poundage fees, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he cannot give any assurance at present in regard to the poundage payable to Collectors who have failed to comply with the terms of the poundage schemes. The date for the closing of the first moiety and arrears has already been substantially extended, and poundage will now be sanctioned with advertence to the delay in closing in each case."

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

"That, as Collector Joseph Cummins was only two days late in reaching the specified figure to qualify for payment of full poundage we request the Minister to allow payment to be made to him as in the case of Collectors who qualified on time limit. That the Minister's sanction to the payment of poundage fees less deduction of 5% be requested for each of the following Collectors:-

D. Kenny lodged specified amount on 1st January 1938			
J. Quirke	do.	do.	6th January 1938
Philip Doyle	do.	do.	13th January 1938
J. Deegan	do.	do.	17th January 1938
J. Flood	do.	do.	29th January 1938
W. Doyle	do.	do.	2nd February 1938

The Secretary stated that the following were the amounts outstanding in regard to the four collectors who had not yet qualified for Poundage:-

J. J. Sinnott	£205. 12. 0d
W. Cummins	£108. 4. 1d
M. McCarthy	£65. 5. 11d
P. Carty	£48. 16. 11d

FLOODED LANDS: Under date 31st January, 1938, Mr. R. E. O'Neill, Riverview, Campile, wrote as follows:-



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"In connection with arrears of Rates due by me to the County Council, and for which a decree was obtained recently, I beg to draw your attention to the following facts.

Firstly, Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, has made representations to the County Council on several occasions previously with regard to the flooded area of my lands, which amounts to more than half of the holding, asking for a revision of the lands, with a view to a remission of Rates for the flooded area. In every instance, this was turned down and every effort was made to obtain a decree which was granted as above stated.

Whilst this was going on, I am aware that certain representations were made on behalf of another tenant, through Mr. Murphy, Kilmokea, as a result of which this tenant was promised a revision, without the knowledge of the other tenants, and particularly myself, and I am given to understand that no attempt has been made to collect arrears from this tenant.

I do not mean, for one moment, that this tenant in question has no grievance; he certainly has, but I think you will agree, I have not been treated fairly, and I am very doubtful if I am the only tenant in the Collector's territory who owes arrears. I do not desire, and it is not my intention to be obstinate with the County Council, but I do think the County Council should not try to penalize one tenant whilst they grant concessions to other tenants behind backs.

I may add I am the only tenant with more than half of his holding flooded.

I would be glad to know what steps are being taken now by the County Council, as anything may take place without my knowledge."

In connection with this communication, letter was read from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, for Rate Collector Maurice Kehoe, stating that the District Justice on the 25th January 1938 had given a Decree against Mr. O'Neill for £15. 1. 5d for rates; but in doing so he expressed the hope that in the circumstances, the County Council would be as lenient as possible in enforcing the decree.

In regard to the flooding at the River Barrow Embankments at Fisherstown and Great Island, on the estates of R. H. Ryland and E. M. Gallwey, letter under date 25th January, 1938 (No. P.3680/38) was read from the Land Commission stating it had been decided to defer further work on these embankments until next Spring.

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



"That Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, and Mr. R. E. O'Neill, Roverview, Campile, be informed that the County Council have been advised by their Solicitor that until a revision of valuation has been carried out by the General Valuation Office exempting flooded lands from rates, the County Council cannot remit such rates. So long as the lands appear in the Valuation Lists for rating purposes the rates must be collected.

That Messrs. Colfer & Sons and Mr. O'Neill be informed that it would appear to the Finance Committee from the letter of the Land Commission under date 25th January 1938, No. P.3680/38 that it is intended to carry out certain works in the Spring to save the embankments.

That Mr. O'Neill be informed the County Council pointed out to ratepayers in a similar position to his that they should secure a revision of their valuation, and that - certainly - no favoritism was shown to any tenant of flooded land."

#### REMUNERATION OF TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS

Mr. Kelly stated that at the last Finance Committee meeting he had given notice of his intention to raise the question of increase in the remuneration of the temporary clerical staff, carrying out Rate Book work. The present rate was 1/- per hour for a 44 hour week, and a year or two ago application had been made for an increase to 1/6d per hour. This application, however, was not received until the work was almost completed, and it was decided to defer its consideration until the present year. He understood that most of these men had to live in Wexford town and were charged a good deal extra this year owing to the increase in the cost of living. He urged the Finance Committee to favourably consider the matter, more particularly in view of the fact that the ordinary unskilled labourer in Wexford Town who was living at home received a wage of 47/- per week.



Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the Committee should bear in mind the fact that no test of the standard of education had been employed in the selection of these men, and so far as she understood the work was confined to copying. The County Council, she believed, should pay a little more even to men employed in comparison to what was paid by private employers. Of course, at the same time, they could not close their eyes to the fact that in the case of private employers a test would be carried out to secure the best Assistants, and this was not done in regard to the men employed in the County Council in connection with the work under discussion as they were merely nominated by members of a special Committee. The County Council should be fair to everybody and should not forget the point of view of the ratepayers in a matter of this kind.

The Chairman proposed that arrangements be made to extend the working week from 44 to 48 hours, without change in the amount of hourly remuneration. This would allow of the temporary staff receiving £2. 8s. per week.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded a motion that the temporary rate clerks be paid 1/3d per hour for a 44 hour week, while Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded an increase of 1d per hour for the same period.

A vote was taken on Mr. Kelly's proposal of 1/3 per hour with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Kelly, Colfer, Corish (3).

Against: Messrs. Cullimore, O'Byrne, Chairman and Miss O'Ryan (4).

Mr. Keegan did not vote, and the Chairman declared the motion lost.

The Chairman's motion to increase the number of working hours to 48 was then put with the following result:

For: Mr. O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman (3).



Against; Messrs. Cullimore, Kelly, Colfer and Corish (4).

Mr. Keegan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Keegan's motion to increase the remuneration of the rate clerks by 1d per hour for a 44 hour week was then put with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan. (7).

Against: The Chairman (1).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was decided that the Minister be requested to sanction the proposed increase.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That loan of £130 be advanced to Mrs. Mary Josephine Halpin, Gorteen, Inch, Co. Wexford, in respect of the erection of a building under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the estimated value of which is £200, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the regulations made by the County Council governing such advances."

#### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Secretary stated that applications under the above Scheme should have been lodged by the 1st February, 1938. Margaret Mary Greene, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, forwarded application which was received on the 3rd February, 1938.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the application of Margaret M. Green, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."



EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

Under date 27th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/204/16) pointing out that in view of Section 4 of the Unemployment Assistance (Amendment) Act 1937, the number of days employment per week for the future would be as follows:-

Men receiving Unemployment Assistance between 6d and 9/6d 3 days' employment.

10/- to 12/6d - 4 days, and  
from 13/- and over, 5 days.

SPRING AND SUMMER WORKS, 1938/39

RURAL ROADS: Under date 25th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/1) that as already intimated, subject to the necessary funds being provided by An Dail, a State Grant of £688 would be made, subject to a local contribution of £229, providing for a total expenditure of £917 for above works.

The Secretary stated that the amount of local contribution, viz., £229, had been included in Road Works Scheme for the financial year 1938/39.

URBAN ROADS: Under date 25th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/3) that subject to a local contribution of £120, a Grant of £870 would be made available for work in New Ross Urban District.

The Secretary stated that the Urban District Council had considered this matter and had agreed to raise the required amount.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Under date 27th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. 10/36(3)) stating that an assessment of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on the annual value of the property in the County would shortly be



necessary for above Fund and provision should be made for this in the estimates in view of the fact that the assessment would probably issue in April next.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to raise the equivalent of a rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ for General Cattle Diseases Fund.

That the Department of Agriculture be asked to state the expenditure in respect of County Wexford under this Fund for the last two or three years equals the amount contributed from the County Council."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 22nd January, 1938, from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, relative to repairs in Gorey Courthouse:-

"Yours of 15th instant re repairs to above. In connection with this I beg to report that I had arranged with man early in December to do necessary repairs. He assured me he would put work in hands early in New Year, and I have, since receiving your letter, sent work to him to have work carried out at once."

It was decided to request the County Surveyor to endeavour to have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible. Also, as in the opinion of some members of the Finance Committee, further work at this Courthouse is required, the County Surveyor be asked to make a special inspection and report to the County Council.

#### LOAN WATER SUPPLY ETC. MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following, under date 25th January, 1938, was read from Dr. T. J. Conlon, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-



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"With reference to Loans to finance Water Supply and other works of the Committee, the latter have passed payments (in anticipation of loan) to Engineers and Contractors amounting to over £1700.

As there are no funds it will be necessary to get instalment either on foot of loan or otherwise to meet these commitments. Accordingly, will you bring matter before your Council and let me have say £2000 as soon as possible."

It was decided to inform Dr. Conlon, that the Finance Committee are recommending the County Council to forward Pay Order for £1000 on the 14th February, 1938, and would also forward another £1000 between 14th February and 31st March, 1938. The Finance Committee desire to point out to the Mental Hospital Committee that the amount of loan which the County Council decided to raise was to be applied directly to the provision of water supply and had no relation to any fees incurred by the Mental Hospital Committee in regard to previous works. The County Council are strongly recommended to insist on the amounts which they are advancing on the letter of the R.M.S. being applied directly for the purpose of water supply alone."

#### APPLICATION COUNTY REGISTRAR OFFICE REQUISITES

Under date 21st January, 1938, the following letter to the County Surveyor, from the County Registrar was submitted:-

"I require a typewriter desk and shall be obliged if you will have same supplied.

I also require a buzzer for the Sheriff's Office same as I have for the General.

Your attention to these matters will much oblige."

It was decided that the County Surveyor provide the County Registrar with an ordinary suitable table for typing and also a buzzer for his office.



ROAD MATTERS

BALLYBEG LANE, CARNEW: Under date 22nd January, 1938, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that this lane was in a very bad way, but the difficulty about getting a Grant under Minor Relief Scheme was that owing to Forestry Work in the neighbourhood the number of unemployed was few.

It was decided to recommend the application for Grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ROAD - RIVERCHAPEL TO KILMUCKRIDGE: The Secretary, Labour Party, Ballygarrett Branch, forwarded a resolution asking the Council to continue the resurfacing of road, Riverchapel to Kilmuckridge.

The County Surveyor approved of this application and stated he had been already notified of a Grant for same. As regards future work he had suggested to the Department that the same equivalent of the present grant should be provided for each of the next two years in order to repair this road which was subject to lorry and bus traffic.

ROADS - CASTLEBRIDGE: Under date 29th January, 1938, the following was read from Mr. James J. Shortle, Hon. Secretary, Fianna Fail Cumann, Castlebridge:-

"At recent meeting of Fianna Fail Cumann, I was instructed to notify your Council of the dangerous state of some of the roads in this district - especially the road leading to Ballyboggan Quarry. The big lorries now at work there leave no room in some parts for any other kind of traffic and Cumann thinks that unfair to ratepayers of long standing who use that road. The bends around Poulsack are also dangerous and we feel you Council ought not to wait for a "Kill" before removing the danger.

The Cumann also suggests to Council the improving of Village Street; as present day traffic means clouds of dust through the homes of the people in Summer time, and we are sure your Board of Health members will see the danger in dust as in "Bog" and "Fog".

Trusting these complaints will get the consideration that is their due."

Referred to County Surveyor for report. The latter mentioned that in his opinion, it would cost hundreds of pounds to deal with the position at Poulsack.



LANEWAY - MOUNTHOWARD, MONAMOLIN: Four ratepayers, owners of land in the townland of Mounthoward, wrote calling attention to the state of the laneway leading from the public road at Mounthoward to their holdings.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

BALLYWALTER LANE: Charles Sunderland, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge, wrote under date 3rd February, 1938, that the grant for above repaired only half of the lane and the other half was now in bad order. He applied to have the latter portion repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

The Finance Committee wish to point out to Mr. Sunderland that he was fortunate in having half his lane repaired. A number of applications of a similar nature lodged with the Council considerably before that of Mr. Sunderland's are still awaiting attention from the Office of Public Works.

BALLYTRAMONT LANE: Application for repair of this lane signed by eleven ratepayers was referred to County Surveyor for report.

BALLINACOO LABEG LANE, CURRACLOE: Representations were received from eleven ratepayers including Father Newcombe, P.P., Father A. O'Brien, C.C., Mr. Kinsella, County Councillor, and Mr. B. Hickey, V.S., as to repair of this lane under Minor Relief Scheme Grant.

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

"That lane at Ballinacoolabeg, Curracloe, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

ROAD AT CLONES LOWER, CASTLETOWN: Thomas Kavanagh applied for repair of this road.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.



KNOCKADAWK LANE: Application for repair of this lane was received from John Daly, Killenagh.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

TINGAR LANE: Application for repair was received from Mr. John Walker, Bruce, Clonevan.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### VILLAGE STREETS IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Corish asked if anything would be done to improve the village street of Ballymurn.

The County Surveyor said he had forwarded list of selected number of villages whose streets the County Council were anxious to have improved, to the Department, but he had never heard another word about the matter.

Mr. Corish said the County Surveyor should write to the Department again.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 31st January, 1938, Mr. John Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had not yet received particulars of the temporary structure which Mr. Nixon proposed erecting at Courtown Harbour for repair of his motor boat. He was writing again in the matter.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 26th January, 1938, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote he required two extra dippers of standard type under the Milk Sampling Regulations, as the present one at Duncormack and that at Blackwater did not comply with the Regulations.

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

"That, in addition to the six dippers under Milk Sampling Regulations agreed to be procured by last Finance Committee an extra two, one each for Blackwater and



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Duncormack be obtained from the Dairy Engineering Company, Dublin.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 22nd January, 1938, requisition was received from Sergeant Keenan, Ex-officio Inspector, Weights and Measures, Enniscorthy, for new Yale lock for door of office (the old one being ineffective) and for water supply for office. At present, there was no water for testing purposes in connection with Weights and Measures work.

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

"That County Surveyor be instructed to provide new Yale lock and water supply for Weights and Measures Office, Enniscorthy Courthouse."

HUMANE KILLERS

Under date 31st January 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.597-38) that the Minister was prepared to allow the cost of the four humane killers (Greener type) and Cartridges (£21. 18. 0d) about to be procured by the County Council for the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with their duties under Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order to rank for recoupment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

WARBLE FLY ORDER

The following under date 2nd February, 1938, (L74/38) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letters of the 25th and 26th ultimo and enclosures regarding the arrangements in connection with the operation of the above Order in County Wexford in the ensuing season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that as he is satisfied that, on the whole, the temporary Inspectors employed last year in Areas 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were satisfactory he will agree, in deference to the wishes of the Finance Committee, to waive the requirement as to advertising the posts and to the re-appointment of the Inspectors in these areas with remuneration in each case at the inclusive rate of £2. 10s. per week. The Minister's



approval is subject to the adoption by the County Council of the Finance Committee's recommendation in this connection.

As regards the appointment of two temporary Inspectors to act in Areas 3 and 9, I am to convey the Minister's approval of the terms of the amended draft advertisement submitted with your letter of the 26th ultimo.

It is noted that the appointments will be made at a meeting of the Local Authority to be held on the 14th instant.

I am to request that you will kindly state the intention of the Local Authority with regard to the supervision of the work of the temporary Inspectors by the Veterinary Inspectors during the ensuing treatment period."

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

"That, as obtained for season 1937 the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council be employed to supervise the work of Inspectors under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order for season 1938 at the following remuneration:

Enniscorthy District: Mr. F. S. Ringwood, £25.

Gorey District: Mr. T. A. Mernagh, £25.

New Ross District: Mr. J. Lynch, £15 and Mr. F. W. Taylor, £10.

Wexford District: Mr. F. Staples, £25.,

and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal.

#### ISSUE DUPLICATE PAY ORDERS

The following under date 25th January, 1938, was read from Mr. Michael Kennedy, Templetown, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"I am writing to inform you that last week's Paying Orders of Nicholas Fardy, Michael Bramley and Philip Walsh were taken from my shop on Saturday night last. The Sergeant at Fethard told me he had notified you. Please let me know how I stand with regard to the money."

The Secretary stated that an estoppel had been placed on the original orders.

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



"That the three Road workers whose Pay Orders are missing be communicated with, and in the event of a satisfactory statement being received from them Duplicate Orders be issued."

ROAD CONTRACT NO. 700 - NICHOLAS BRENNAN, GARRYDUFF, CAMPILE

Under date 4th February, 1938, the County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that Nicholas Brennan, Contractor for above road, had died and none of his relative were in a position to carry on the work. However, one of the sureties, Moses Browne, Garryduff, Campile, would be prepared to attend to the road if the Contract was assigned to him.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to serve ten days notice for repair of Road No. 700 on the Reps. of Nicholas Brennan, Garryduff, Campile. In the event of this notice not being complied with, County Surveyor be further empowered to take <sup>road</sup> into his own charge and arrange with Moses Brown, Garryduff, Campile, for the performance of the contract."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made at New Ross Court on 8th February 1938 for the committal to an Industrial School of Josephine Flood, Skinnew, Killenagh, Gorey, 13 years old. Mother is dead and father, a labourer over 70, was in receipt of Old Age Pension.

Also for the committal to Industrial School of Margaret Byrne, formerly of Bunclody, aged 11 years. Father had deserted the family some time ago and his



whereabouts were unknown. The mother is an inmate of  
County Home and unable to support the child.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th February 1938 be received and considered."

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: The following under date 11th February, 1938, No. G.3043/2/38 Loch Garman was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to Collector J. Cummins (District No. 8) in respect of the lodgment of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant for the current financial year, and at the rate of 7d less 5 per cent to the following Collectors:-

J. Quirke	District No.	1
W. Doyle	"	" 2
P. Doyle	"	" 3
J. Deegan	"	" 7
J. Flahod	"	" 9
D. Kenny	"	" 12."

CASTLEBRIDGE ROADS: Mr. Kinsella mentioned that a couple of years ago Mr. Shortle, Castlebridge, had complained of the roads leading down to his Mill, which was a serious inconvenience to people using the place. It would be a big loss to Mr. Shortle if these people were driven to using another mill owing to a bad road.

The County Surveyor said the road for a few hundred yards was very narrow and the surface had been cut up. Metalling had been put on this section and he could not see that any more could be done. The hill down to the Mill was the worst part, but a lot of rubble had been put on this and it was quite trafficable - though bad, it was not impassable.

Mr. Corish said in his opinion this road was in a wretched condition, absolutely hopeless and in these days when people were asked to grow more wheat, facilities should be afforded them to use mills to have their grain treated.

The County Surveyor said the whole thing boiled down to a question of money.



Mr. T. Redmond pointed out that in order to avoid discussion at meeting after meeting a list of County roads prepared by the County Surveyor had been very carefully considered by a special Committee. The County Surveyor told them that the improvement to roads which had been selected from that list would run to £20,000 and the Council had adopted a resolution to provide £5500 for these roads in the coming financial year. This would be equivalent to about 4d in the £1 and in his opinion, quite ample to saddle the ratepayers with for one year. In view of that, he was of opinion it had been agreed there would be no further discussions in connection with roads at the meetings. It would be quite easy for him to mention 20 roads in New Ross district that required attention, but in view of the provision of 4d in the £ he did not see what was to be gained by asking the Council to spend more money on roads, for which no provision had been made.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th February 1938, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### DISQUALIFICATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Secretary stated that correspondence had taken place between himself and Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors for Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, co-opted as a member of the County Council at meeting held on 10th January, 1938.

The following is copy of decision of Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, in the matter:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd instant with copy of a letter from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan as to co-option of Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, as Member of the County Council



I have looked into this matter, and I find, that Mr. Doyle had at the date of his co-option as a Member of the County Council a Haulage Contract with the Council and there was at that date a sum due to him in respect of such Haulage.

Article 12 (4) (e) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898 provides that "a Person shall be disqualified for being a Member of a Council of a County, if he is concerned by himself or his Partner in any Bargain or Contract entered into with the Council or participates by himself or his Partner in any Bargain or Contract entered into with the Council or participates by himself or his Partner in the profit of any such Bargain or Contract, or of any work done under the Authority of the Council", and it has been decided by the Courts that even if the work under the Contract had been completed but not paid for at the date of Election the Disqualification still held.

This being so, having regard to the fact that Mr. Doyle was a Haulage Contractor to the Council, and that there was a sum due to him by the Council in respect of such Contract at the date of his Co-option, I am of opinion, that under the Provisions of the Above Article, Mr. Doyle was disqualified from being nominated or elected as a Member of the County Council."

Mr. McCarthy gave the following notice of motion for meeting of County Council to be held on 14th March 1938:-

"That in view of disqualification of Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, as County Councillor in succession to the late Col. Gibbon, I will move at meeting of County Council to be held on 14th March 1938, that the Council proceed to fill this vacancy by co-option."

CONSIDERATION OF RATE ESTIMATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR  
1938/39

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



"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to consent to Wexford County Council agreeing to Annual Rate Estimate for financial year 1938/39 being considered at monthly meeting on 14th March 1938."

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

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

"That Courtown Harbour Committee, whose office has expired, be re-appointed to hold office for three years and until their successors have been re-appointed:-

Dudley Butler, Ounavarra Hotel, Courtown Harbour.

Earl of Courtown, Courtown House, Gorey.

John Dunne, Post Office, Courtown Harbour.

Michael Fitzpatrick, Mount Alexander, Gorey.

Richard Garland, Courtown Harbour.

William Kearon, Kilbride, Courtown Harbour.

W. P. Keegan, Esmonde Street, Gorey.

Thomas McGarry, Courtown Harbour Hotel, Courtown Harbour.

Sean O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey.

Rev. John O'Grady, C.C., Riverchapel.

Myles Smyth, Glasscarrig House, Killena.

Rev. Mr. Verschoyle, Rectory, Ardamine.

Michael Wafer, Middletown, Courtown Harbour."

DEMAND ON URBAN COUNCILS

The following under date 14th February 1938 was read from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo in regard to the instalments due by my Council on foot of Demand I regret that we have not been in a position to pay off a Quarter's Instalment to-day. As you know, for the last three or four years an adverse balance has accumulated by the striking off of more irrecoverable rates than were allowed for in the Estimates and this adverse balance amounts to about £1500. My Council recently decided to pay a full year's Demand in each year in future and to pay off in addition a sum of £300 per year on foot of the £1500.

I had an interview recently with the Department in



connection with this matter, and subject to the approval of your County Council and the proper provision for the payment being made by my Council, I think that this proposal would probably meet the situation without causing a severe rise in local rates.

A further meeting of my Council is being held soon to consider the amount of rate outstanding and to take the necessary steps to have it collected before the end of the financial year.

In view of the foregoing my Council would esteem it a favour if your County Council would defer action until after the March meeting."

The Secretary stated that up to 31st December last Enniscorthy Urban Council owed £2497. 19. 2d; New Ross £854. 11. 7d and Wexford £4297. 7. 0. Since last meeting of the Council Wexford had paid £2441. 8. 9d.

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

"That letter from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, as to payment of Demand by County Council on Enniscorthy Urban Council be referred to Finance Committee to furnish recommendation in the matter to the March meeting of County Council."

#### ELECTION OF WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS

NO. 3 AREA: Applications for the position of Warble Fly Inspector for No. 3 Area were received as follows:-

1. Barlow John, Clone, Boolavogue. (43).
2. Connolly Matthew, Bree, Ballyhogue. (40).
3. Flood William, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy. (24).
4. Leary Joseph J., Ballygilliestown, Davidstown. (39).
5. Murphy James, Boolavogue, Ferns. (44).
6. Murphy Patrick, Munroe, Glenbrien. (24).
7. Nolan John, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien. (33).
8. Power Sylvester, Raheenahone, Bree. (28).
9. Walsh John, Kereight, Ballyhogue, Wexford. (29).

All candidates were highly recommended.

It was decided to take a poll as between all the candidates which resulted as follows:-



For Connolly: Messrs. Keegan, Walsh and the  
Chairman. (3).

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and  
Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy:- Messrs. McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin  
and Smyth. (4).

For P. Murphy: Mr. J. J. Bowe. (1).

For Nolan: Messrs. Lawler, Ronan and Sweetman. (3).

For Power: Messrs. Day, Kinsella and Meyler. (3).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Kennedy, O'Ryan,  
Michael Redmond and Thomas Redmond. (5).

P. Murphy, having dropped out, Mr. Bowe transferred  
his vote to James Murphy.

Connolly, Nolan and Power having received an equal  
number of votes, a poll was taken between them to ascertain  
which should be eliminated.

For Connolly: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, O'Byrne,  
M. Redmond, Walsh and Chairman. (6).

For Nolan: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Kelly,  
Kennedy, Lawler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Thomas Redmond, Ronan,  
Smyth and Sweetman. (12).

For Power: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella and Meyler. (4).

Power, having dropped out, a poll was taken as between  
Connolly, Flood, James Murphy, Nolan and Walsh.

For Connolly: Messrs. Keegan, Walsh and the  
Chairman. (3).

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, and  
Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella,  
McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (7).

For Nolan: Messrs. Lawler, Ronan and Sweetman. (3).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Kennedy, Meyler,  
O'Ryan, M. Redmond and T. Redmond. (6).

Connolly and Nolan having received three votes each, a



poll was taken to see which should be eliminated:

For Connolly: Messrs. Bowe, Cullimore, Day, Keegan, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne, M. Redmond, Walsh and Chairman. (10).

For Nolan: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Kelly, Kennedy, Lawler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth and Sweetman. (12).

Col. Quin did not vote.

Connolly was accordingly eliminated.

A poll was taken between Flood, J. Murphy, Nolan and Walsh, which resulted as follows:-

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (7).

For Nolan: Messrs. Lawler, Ronan and Sweetman. (3).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Kennedy, Meyler, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Walsh and Chairman (9)

A vote was then taken between Flood, James Murphy and Walsh.

For Flood: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. (4).

For James Murphy: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (7).

For Walsh: Messrs. Cullimore, Keegan, Kennedy, Lawler, Meyler, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman, Walsh and Chairman. (12).

Mr. Walsh, having received a majority of the votes of those present was declared elected by the Chairman.

The successful candidate who has a permanent residence in the district returned thanks for his election and promised to do all in his power to meet the wishes of everyone concerned in the administration of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order.



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

"That, in accordance with the terms of advertisement governing the position, John Walsh, Kereight, Ballyhogue, be appointed Warble Fly Inspector for No. 3 Area for Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order period in 1938. Remuneration £2. 10. 0 per week plus actual out of pocket expenses for postage."

NO. 9 AREA: The following is a list of candidates:-

1. Barron James, Templenacrow, Adamstown. (36).
2. Butler John, Little Cullenstown, Foulksmills. (27).
3. Cullen James, Knockbyne, Ballymitty. (36).
4. Furlong Laurence, Grallagh, Raheen, Adamstown. (27)
5. Howlin James, Ballybanogue, Enniscorthy.
6. Lynam Michael L., Hill Street, Taghmon. (34).
7. McCarthy Patrick, Foulksmills, Wexford. (42).
8. Morrissey John, Camross. (25).
9. Murphy Kevin, Chapel, Clonroche. (22).
10. O'Hanlon Martin, Rochestown, New Ross. (No age given).
11. Power William, Raheenduff, Adamstown. (23).
12. Ryan Richard, Bigerin Lloyd, Ballynabola. (31).
13. Sinnott Matthew, Kinnagh, Ballycullane. (No references or birth certificate).

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Butler: Messrs. Meyler and O'Byrne. (2).

For Furlong: M. Redmond. (1).

For Howlin: Messrs. Kelly and Smyth. (2).

For Morrissey: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kennedy, Lawler, O'Ryan, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and Chairman. (12).

For Power: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Kinsella, McCarthy, Quin and Walsh. (6).

None of the other candidates were proposed.



Morrissey, having received a majority of the Council-lors present, was declared elected by the Chairman.

In reply to the latter he stated he had a permanent residence in the district and returned thanks for his election and promised to do all in his power to carry out his duties.

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

"That, in accordance with the terms of advertisement governing the position, John Morrissey, Camross, be appointed Warble Fly Inspector for No. 9 Area for the period of treatment of Cattle under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order for 1938. Remuneration £2. 10. 0 per week plus postage."

Letters were read from Inspectors appointed for Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Areas accepting the position on the same terms and conditions as obtained for year 1937.



SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

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

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

- Banville, Elizabeth Mary, Shanoule, Foulksmills.  
C.3. V. £26. I. £100. Widow. (Farmer).
- Blake, Alice, Kilmore Quay.  
C.1. I. £86. Fisherman.
- Breen, James J., 25 North Main Street, Wexford.  
C.5. I. £150. Draper.
- Brennan, Patrick Joseph, 3 Pearse Street, Gorey.  
C.3. I. £150. Postman.
- Brien, Michael Joseph, Whiterock, Wexford.  
C.2. I. £50. V. £21. 15s. Farmer.
- Carty, Matthew F., 6 Upper Bride Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £120. V. £3. Lightshipman.
- Carty, Patrick Isidore, 1 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.2. ~~No Income stated.~~ Cycle Agent.
- Cooney, Margaret Mary, Ballykelly, New Ross.  
C.4. I. £75. V. 15s. Labourer.
- Corish, Nicholas John, 10 Robert Street, New Ross.  
C.5. I. £300. V. £10. Clerk of the District Court.
- Cullen, Margaret Mary, Tombrack, Ferns.  
C.3. I. £80. V. £32. 10s. Farmer and Publican.
- Dempsey, Mary, Oulart, Gorey.  
C.5. I. £120. Mental Hospital Attendant.
- Devereux, Mary E., Ballyask, Kilmore.  
C.3. I. £50. Servant.
- Dunne, Margaret, Moortown, Tomhaggard.  
C.2. I. £60. Labourer.
- Doyle, Ellen Mary, Ballyconnor, Kilrane.  
C.7. I. £100. V. £101. Farmer.
- Doyle, Laurence Joseph, Corlican, Killurin.  
C.4. I. - Labourer.
- Doyle, Margaret Mary, Drimmagh, Rosslare Strand.  
C.3. I. £160. V. £3. 15s. Railway Employee.
- Doyle, Patrick Rory, 10 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.  
C.6. I. £185. Fireman G.S. Railways.
- Doyle, Thomas, Shroughmore, Ballindaggin.  
C.2. No income. Widow.
- Doyle, William, Killagowan, Oulart.  
C.3. I. £30. Farm Worker.



- Farrell, Hannah Mary, Moneygarrow, Castletown, Inch.  
C.5. I. £50. V. £29. 10s. Farmer.
- Fenlon, Thomas Francis, 51 Hantoon Road, Wexford.  
C.11. I. £116. V. £4. 10s. Labourer.
- Finn, Brigid, 16 Main Street, Gorey.  
C.7. I. £200. V. £18. Garage.
- Foley, Laurence A., 51 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.  
C. 6. I. £2. 15s. per week. Lorry Driver.
- Hearn, Dominick, Ballykelly, New Ross.  
C.2. I. £157. 8s. 6d. V. £28. 5s. Farmer.
- Hendrick, James Philip, 7 Duffry Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.2. I. £38. Labourer.
- Jordan, Michael Joseph, Market Square, Enniscorthy.  
C.3. I. £190. N. H. Insurance Agent.
- Jordan, William, 48 Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.  
C.4. I. £117. Labourer.
- Kelly Peter, 53 South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.2. I. £298. 10s. (Income in excess of amount  
stated in Scheme).  
National Teacher.
- Kennedy, Annie, Kilmore Quay.  
C.2. I. £40. Fisherman.
- Kenny, Kathleen G., Priory Street, New Ross.  
C.1. I. £150. Club Steward.
- Kiely, Jeremiah Martin, 3 St. Canice's Tce., Rosbercon, New Ross.  
C.5. I. £190. V. £7. 10s. Creamery Manager.
- McCarthy Michael, 1 Upper King Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £100. V. £4. Labourer.
- McCormack, Angela Marie, Drimma, Rosslare.  
C.3. I. £50. Widow.
- McGarrigle, Patrick Joseph, 19 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.1. I. £202. 16. 11d. V. £8. Publican.
- Murphy, Felix James, 12 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.  
C.7. I. £143. 12s. Shoemaker.
- Murphy, George Joseph, 4 Thomas Street, Wexford.  
C.4. I. £260. V. £5. Assurance District Manager.
- Nolan, Edward Thomas, Commercial Quay, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £40. Shopkeeper.
- O'Donnell, Eileen, 137 Faythe, Wexford.  
C.7. I. £130. Motor Driver.
- O'Keeffe, Catherine A., Ballynitty Post Office, Wexford.  
C.4. I. £190. Shopkeeper.
- O'Neill, John, Monbeg, Ballindaggin.  
C.3. I. £68. 12s. County Council worker.



- O'Regan, Kieran Charles, Duncannon.  
C.6. I. £80. Insurance Agent.
- O'Sullivan, John Canice, 1 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross.  
C.2. I. £164. 13s. 4d. V. £7. No occupation.
- O'Toole, Anna Patricia, South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.2. I. £200. Civic Guard.
- O'Toole, Catherine, Ballingale Mills, Ballycarney, Ferns.  
C.8. I. £150. V. £59. Farmer.
- Ormonde, Mary, 3 James Street, Gorey.  
C.2. I. £78. Shoemaker.
- Quigley, William, Rathfilane, Caim, Enniscorthy.  
C.4. I. £50. Road and Quarry worker.
- Redmond, Peter James, Borrmount, Enniscorthy.  
C.2. I. £126. Labourer.
- Reynolds, John Joseph, 25 McSwiney Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £150. V. £5. 15s. Fitter.
- Robinson, Matthew, Garden City, Gorey.  
C.4. I. £39.
- Rowe, John, Coldblow, Kilrane.  
C.4. I. £33. 16s. in cash. Agricultural Labourer.
- Royce, Martin Joseph, 29 Hill Street, Wexford.  
C.5. I. £127. 8s. Moulder.
- Sinnott, Anna Mary, Kevin Barry Street, Wexford.  
C.9. I. £234. Linotype Operator.
- Sinnott, Patrick, Drinagh, Wexford.  
C.2. I. £40. V. £2. 5s. Labourer.
- Sinnott, Thomas, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin.  
C.3. No Income. V. £27. 10s. Farmer.
- Sullivan, Murtha, Kilanerlin, Inch, Co. Wexford.  
C.6. I. £140. Carpenter.
- Todd, Bernadette Mary, Kilrane, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £100. Casual labourer.
- Underwood, Thomas J., 67 South Main Street, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £220. V. £20. Cycle Dealer.
- Walsh, Alice Mary, Carrigeen, Ferns.  
C.5. Income from farm. V. £96. 5s. Farmer.
- Walsh, Samuel, 18 Court Street, Enniscorthy.  
C.4. I. £234. Solicitor's Assistant.
- Ward, William, 7 Mary Street, New Ross.  
C.2. I. £150. V. £12. Electrician.
- Whitty, Thomas G., 8 Emmett Place, Wexford.  
C.3. I. £52. Labourer.
- Wilson, Henry, John Street, New Ross.  
C.4. I. £156. V. £11. Boot Merchant.
- Greene, Margaret Mary, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.  
C.2. I. £80. Labourer. (Application received on  
3rd February - two days late - but Finance Committee  
recommend acceptance.



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

"That candidates applying for Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme 1938 be and are hereby approved and that same be sent forward to Department of Education as eligible to compete for Scholarship with the exception of Peter Kelly, whose mother is in receipt of income higher than that provided for in the Scheme.

That, in the case of Patrick Carty, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, the Council declare that he is eligible to compete for Scholarship provided a statement of his father's income which, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, is satisfactory, is received previous to meeting of the 18th February, 1938."

#### FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (DISPOSAL OF SWILL) ORDER 1937

The Department of Agriculture forwarded copy of Order dealing with removal of swill from any vessel calling at places outside Eire.

The Secretary stated that the two ports in the County to which this Order applied were Kilmore and Courtown.

#### PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE FOR WEXFORD

The following notice of motion by Mr. Corish, which had been adjourned from previous meetings of the Council came up for consideration:-

"That, in view of the fact that Wexford Bridge is incapable of carrying present day traffic a new bridge be constructed from Wexford old Courthouse to Ferrybank, the site of a former Bridge."

In moving his motion, Mr. Corish pointed out that Wexford town was dependant for a good deal of its trade on Wexford Bridge and it was a most unsatisfactory state of affairs to have the destinies of the town dependant upon



the present most unsuitable structure. Large sums had been spent on its repair, but it was still incapable of carrying modern traffic. In addition, to the very large section of the public dependant on the bridge to reach their market town, there was a large and important malting industry carried on by Mr. Joshua Nunn at Castlebridge. Mr. Nunn had written to him (Mr. Corish) that unless something was done to ensure that the bridge would carry the necessary traffic for his business, he would have to consider seriously the question of closing down. Mr. Nunn was seriously concerned with the decision of the Council to restrict traffic over this bridge to four tons with the proviso that it might be necessary to reduce this weight even still further later. The alternative route would be by Ferry-carrig Bridge, a detour of six miles and this, in Mr. Nunn's opinion, would be most uneconomic and would not allow of his business being continued. It would be disastrous if the action of the Council meant the closing down of an industry which for some years had been in rather a precarious condition, but which was now showing some definite signs of improvement. Castlebridge village was dependant on the employment given from year to year by Mr. Nunn. The County Surveyor had informed him that the New Bridge would cost between £90,000 and £100,000. This appeared to be a colossal sum, but as the Government would provide one-third, the Council would have to borrow £66,000 odd. Provided they secured a loan for this amount from the Office of Public Works, the amount of repayment over 35 years would be ~~£~~ £5. 17. 9½d % or a repayment of £3922 annually. A 1d in the £ on the rural area of the County realised £1488, and on the total area of the County something over £1600, leaving the rate repayment between 2d and 2½d in the £ for the period. In view of the fact that the County Surveyor had informed him that in the near future, if the old bridge



was to carry even present traffic a large sum should be spent on temporary repairs ~~and~~ he (Mr. Corish) regarded this as an absolutely ridiculous position. Having dealt with the various classes of ratepayers in the County and what amount they would have to contribute to the cost of the bridge according to valuation he said he believed the County Surveyor would agree with him it was only throwing good money after bad to attempt to repair the existing bridge as no repairs would make it suitable for traffic.

Mr. Kelly seconded the proposal which was supported by Mr. Kinsella, who said that with the liabilities of the County Council at the moment this was a very serious question but at the same time all the people from Castlebridge and Blackwater district would be very seriously hampered if the new bridge was not erected.

Mr. Walsh suggested the Council should explore every avenue to ascertain if a suitable bridge could be erected for less money than the County Surveyor's estimate.

Mr. Sweetman mentioned that everyone agreed that the bridge was in a very bad condition but they had also to consider the Wexford Harbour Scheme, on which the Council had spent time and money. If this Scheme succeeded he believed they had placed on the shoulders of the ratepayers a sufficient burden for the short life of the present Council. The Harbour Scheme was quite enough for the present Council and their successors could deal with the question of the bridge.

Col. Quin said he understood when the old bridge from the Courthouse to Ferrybank was in existence it was covered by the sea in bad weather. Some people considered it would be foolish to put a bridge in the same position and he understood the present bridge was erected on its present situation to secure shelter.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Col. Quin, said the



new bridge would be either steel or reinforced concrete. He believed it would be the latter.

Mr. Bowe called attention to fact that the Wexford Corporation owed the County Council £4,000 on foot of their demand, that the County had agreed to pay 4d in the £1 for the improvement of Wexford Harbour, and that the loans of the Health Board amounted to £845,000. He proposed that the question of the erection of the bridge be adjourned until the Wexford Corporation have paid off their demand.

The proposal was not seconded.

Mr. Culleton supported the motion and pointed out that in 1920 he had been in favour of the erection of a bridge on the proposed site when it could have been built for five times less than the present figure. Mr. Bowe's contention about the harbour was incorrect as the amount the Council was committed to was 2½d in the £ not 4d. If the bridge was unsafe in 1920 it certainly had not improved since and beyond doubt was absolutely unsuitable for present day traffic.

The proposal made in 1920 was allowed to remain in abeyance, on account of the trouble in the country. The bridge would not facilitate the persons he represented, but he had no doubt whatever but it was in the interests of the County to have it erected.

Miss O'Ryan was in favour of the project, but considered they should try and get some decision in regard to the improvement of Wexford Harbour before dealing with the provision of a new bridge. She did not believe anyone would expect the Council to proceed with the two proposals simultaneously. They understood that when Galway Harbour proposals had been dealt with the Government would take up Wexford Harbour and she considered the T.D.'s for the County and other public representatives should endeavour to secure a decision as to the harbour Scheme. They had not



followed this question up with the same enthusiasm with which it had been discussed, but she believed it very advisable to get this question out of the way before tackling the erection of the bridge. She proposed the following:-

"That the T.D.'s of the County be asked to approach the Government to secure a definite decision as to whether they approve of the Scheme for the improvement of Wexford Harbour and if they intend to provide the usual grant for such works. That previous to waiting upon the Government the T.D.'s be requested to arrange for a consultation with Wexford Harbour Commissioners in the matter."

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

The County Surveyor pointed out he had always been in favour of a new bridge because the present bridge had been a trouble, worry and responsibility on him since he came to Wexford, and he could see no way by which any timber bridge such as it was could be made safe for modern traffic without the expenditure of a huge sum. From 1932 to 1937 practically £2000 had been spent on the bridge and it was proposed in the coming year to expend £600. He had been obliged to replace some of the iron shoes on the beams and he would not be surprised if several more were cracked in the middle. If he found this to be the case he would certainly be compelled to ask at once for a reduction of the present tonnage over the bridge. In his opinion, if they did not build a new bridge now they would be compelled to build one inside the next ten years. Regarding the estimate he had given of £100,000, he had gone into this very carefully with Major Waller, who was an expert, and taking into account the great increase in the cost of all materials and labour he believed the figure to be substantially correct. It would not be an economic proposal to strengthen the present bridge. To put on top of timber piles a more permanent roadway would be a retrograde step and uneconomic. Possibly



they might be able to strengthen the bridge at a cost from £20,000 to £30,000, but this would be a temporary measure only.

The Chairman said from the point of view of the County Council this matter was very serious. The present Council was coming to the end of its life which might occur, perhaps, in the present year and a new body would take over. He would be inclined to leave the matter over for six months and, in the meantime, obtain a report on the present bridge from an Expert as to whether it was capable of serving the people of the district for say another three to five years. He would not hesitate for a moment in saying that the rate-payers would have to bear the expenditure if the matter was really urgent, but he considered it would bear postponement for six months at least.

Mr. Corish thanked Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Sweetman for references made in connection with Wexford Harbour Scheme. The Harbour Board had submitted at least two Schemes to the Government but up to now none of them had been approved. This Board would certainly welcome any help from the Council or T.D.'s. In reference to the remarks of Col. Quin as to the situation of the present bridge having been selected owing to the proposed site being unsuitable, the present bridge would have been erected from the Courthouse to Ferrybank but the grand-father of the late Mr. John Redmond, M.P. had some idea that greater shipping facilities would be afforded to the Railway Company if the bridge was placed in its present position. If the County Surveyor found it necessary to reduce the present weight of vehicles passing over the bridge it might as well be closed altogether. They knew people had ignored regulations governing traffic on the bridge and he believed if owners of lorries had faithfully observed these regulations there would be a stand still as far as malting in Castlebridge was concerned,



and also as regards the coal and barley trade of Wexford. He agreed with the Chairman's suggestion that the County Surveyor should obtain expert advice as to what the present bridge was capable of carrying and if it could be made suitable for present day traffic. If so, he certainly did not want to see an expenditure of £100,000 for a new bridge.

Miss O'Ryan's resolution relative to the T.D.'s calling upon the Government was adopted and at the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the question of selecting an expert to examine the present bridge with a view to securing report as to its condition and capability and the fees to be paid be considered by the Finance Committee.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN ROSSLARE SEWERAGE INSTALLATION

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish. (It was circulated to members of the County Council on 16th December, 1937):-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of above County Council to be held on Monday, 14th February 1938 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, that the said Council consents to the borrowing by the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a supplemental loan of £1800 to cover expenditure on installation of Rosslare sewerage works in excess of engineer's estimate."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said that the Engineer's estimate for this work was £9,000. The lowest tender was £9792. 4. 8d, being £792 above the estimate. Along with that, extra work had to be done in accordance with the wishes of the people. There was an increase owing to the Conditions of Employment Act of £190 and there was £101 for extra piping. The Board of Health were most anxious to keep down expenditure as far as possible and paid considerable attention to works of this nature in order to secure that end.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, which was adopted.



ROSSLARE ROADS

The following from Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann was read:-

"I am instructed to ask you to kindly bring the following before the next meeting of your Council.

The Cumann again wishes to draw the attention of the Burrow and Tagoat and also the Woodtown roads before the County Council.

A small outlay would put the Burrow road in a good state of repair, and if drains and the sides were properly cleaned on the Woodtown road, the unnecessary flooding could be stopped and its present bad condition could be improved. We recognise the fact that the Contractor on the Woodtown road and the Council's workmen on the other two roads do their best, but something more is necessary.

We would like to know what report the County Surveyor made with reference to Tagoat road. The Summer is now approaching and the condition of this road is far from satisfactory. There is no doubt that sooner or later this important road will have to be tarred and we submit that the sooner a start is made the better. The volume of tourist traffic on this road during the season should in itself be a sufficient reason for having this road properly repaired. Its condition during the Winter months has been terrible, even though the Council's workmen were continually at work on it. It was so bad that with their limited resources very little improvement was made.

It is our earnest wish that on this occasion the County Council will bring this matter to a definite conclusion by doing the only thing that will be lasting and effective and that is the re-surfacing and tarring of the road.

Hoping that you will bring this matter forward and thanking you."

Under date 3rd February, 1938, the following letter extensively signed, calling attention to the Burrow Road, Rosslare, was read:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers and residents of Burrow, Rosslare, desire once again to draw the attention of the Wexford County Council to the terrible conditions under which we are compelled to live.

We, as ratepayers have repeatedly asked for a road or way to and from our homes, but our request has always been rejected. Ourselves and our families are compelled to wade through a flooded, muddy strand for the greater part of the year, and as time goes on matters are steadily becoming worse. The onslaughts of the sea are more



severe and the floods more constant. This Winter we were isolated on several occasions as a result of these conditions.

It is inhuman to expect our children to attend school considering the hardships they have to endure, and their plight ought to be a sufficient reason for the County Council providing an immediate remedy.

We, as ratepayers contend that we are entitled to a road or protective wall, and as we pay our just share for the Social Services we maintain that we are not getting the consideration which is our due. We are not an inconsiderable portion of the community as there are over 18 families involved, and in the interests of justice and fair play we respectfully ask you to give this matter your fullest and most sympathetic consideration."

The County Surveyor stated he had submitted proposal to the Office of Public Works with regard to the erection of protection wall at the worst part of the strand. Unfortunately, the Council had no power to spend any money from their own funds on the work, but he would do what was possible to secure a grant from the State. He would report to the Finance Committee later.

#### ROAD INCH - KILANERIN

Col. Quin said he understood a Grant had been obtained for this road, but nothing had been done. At present, a tremendous lot of timber traffic was passing over it, and it was badly cut up.

The County Surveyor said that no grant had been made available for this road. As a matter of fact, it was one of the roads which he (County Surveyor) suggested for Grant to the Government. He had suggested 14 or 16 works, but all the papers were sent back to him with a direction for reduction to eight and this road Inch - Kilanerin was one of



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those struck out. Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, had informed him that he had informed the man engaged in hauling timber that he would be responsible for the cost of putting the road into proper repair.

#### CORNER AT BALLYCANEW

Mr. Smyth called attention to the improvement work in the street of Ballycanew and held that the erection of the wall in the middle of the present road would make the place very dangerous.

The County Surveyor denied this. He said that the place was most dangerous as it stood and the improvement would be really an improvement as there would be two good roads instead of one bad one. The work had been approved by the Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Mr. Smyth said that he never heard of any accident at the place, but if people did not know about the wall being erected there it was almost certain an accident would occur.

The County Surveyor said he could not see any prospect of danger. It would be a double road the same as at Ferrycarrig Castle. He was absolutely certain when the job was finished it would mean the greatest possible improvement.

The matter dropped.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER - AMBROSETOWN MILLS, DUNCORMACK

The following representation in connection with dangerous corner at Ambrose Mills, Duncormack, and which was signed by 20 ratepayers was read and it was decided that the matter should be referred to the County Surveyor for report:-

"We, the undersigned, desire to draw your immediate attention to the very dangerous corner at Ambrosetown



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Mills. This is "Blind Corner" at the foot of a steep hill leading off the main road to Duncormick on to the Johnstown road and is a veritable death trap due to the fact that a high wall which surrounds the corner completely shuts off the view from one road to the other. We shall be obliged if you will please arrange to have this corner inspected by your Surveyor who will then be in a position to verify our complaint, and also to take the necessary steps to have the corner high "wall" replaced by a wire fence as in other places in the district. Thanking you."

TAGHMON APRIL FAIR

Under date 11th February 1938, the following was read from Mr. P. J. Cullen, Hon. Secretary Taghmon Development Association:-

"I am directed by the above to point out that one of the principal store cattle fairs of Taghmon falls on Good Friday, April 15th, a strict closing day of Banks and public premises. We, therefore, would be very grateful to you and your Council if you would kindly make provision for the fair being held on the following day, Saturday, April 16th, as then business would be carried on as usual by all public premises and no loss or inconvenience would be felt by buyers, sellers or others.

An early reply would much oblige so that we could advertise change, if granted."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to agree to the holding of Taghmon April fair on 16th April (Saturday) instead of 15th April (Good Friday) as all banks and business houses will be closed on the last named day."



QUARTERLY REPORT COUNTY ANALYST

From the quarterly report of County Analyst, it appeared that the following samples had been dealt with:-

Foods	282	
Drugs	48	
Waters	21	<u>351</u>

Adulterated:

New Milks	6	6
Olive Oils		6
Camphorated Oil		1
Waters Condemned		10

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Condemned</u>
Board of Health	11	5
Wexford Corporation	-	5
	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

Mr. Corish said it would be well the public should understand that the five waters sent by the Wexford Corporation and condemned had nothing to do with the Reservoir.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

J. J. O'Malley, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy. (Manager J. Donohoe & Co. Ltd.).

Michael Browne, Clonroche, and  
renewal of licence to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE

Michael Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, applied for Cinema Licence and submitted report from the Garda Siochana, stating that no objection would be offered by them to issue of licence.



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

"That licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 be issued to Michael Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, County Wexford, subject to report from County Surveyor that in his opinion the premises are suitable for cinema exhibitions."

GRANT-IN-AID: MENTAL HOSPITALS

The following resolution forwarded from Sligo District Mental Hospital re above was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"We, the Joint Committee of Management of Sligo and Leitrim District Mental Hospital, direct the attention of the Government to the increasing burden on the rates of these Counties in the upkeep of this Hospital.

We beg to point out that the statutory Grant-in-Aid of 4/- per week for each pauper patient does not bear anything like the proportion to the net average cost per patient as was the case when the Grant-in-Aid was instituted in 1874.

From that date up to the year 1898, the net average cost rarely reached 8/- per week here, but from 1898 onward the average cost has steadily increased; the weekly cost for the year 1936-37 being 15/10d net per patient, and for the current year the net average cost will be about 16/6d per week, or more than four times the fixed Grant-in-Aid of 4/- weekly, which is now further reduced to around 3/6d per week.

This increased cost is not due to extravagance in this Hospital as the comparative yearly returns show that Sligo is below the average of the Mental Hospitals throughout the country.

The Committee appeal to the Government to institute such legislation as will enable a State Grant-in-Aid to



be paid in the same proportion as was obviously intended when the Grant-in-Aid was introduced in 1874, so as to afford a much needed relief to the ratepayers."

"MEANS" TEST

A resolution was received from the Cobh Urban District Council asking that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested that in connection with the Means Test, Military Service Pensions, (Eire) should not be taken into consideration.

It was decided this resolution should be marked noted.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting including proposals for payment of contractors for roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Forms 22, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved. That Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

*James H. Lee*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 14th MARCH 1938

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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 March, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (presiding), also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, 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 and County Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE MOST REV. DR. CODD, BISHOP OF FERNS

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that in view of the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, the Council - as a mark of respect to his memory - adjourn after transaction of statutory business which did not admit of postponement.

Miss O'Ryan said it was with great sorrow that she referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd. His career was marked by great prudence and wisdom, and, consequently, the diocese had reached a standard never attained before. They had lost a guide and counsellor. She proposed that they extend to the clergy of the diocese their most sincere sympathy on the great loss they had sustained, that the resolution be forwarded to the Vicar Capitular and that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect.

Mr. McCarthy, in seconding, said they were all grieved at the death of the Bishop. For the past twenty years, he ruled over the diocese with prudence and wisdom. He gave



unstinted devotion to the duties of his high office. While he did not take any public part in the public affairs of the County, he (Mr. McCarthy) knew that he took a great interest in the work of all the public bodies within his diocese, and he was fully conversant with what they did. The diocese had lost by his death, and the County Council, as the premier body in the County, should express their sympathy with the priests of the diocese, and it was right that they should adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the motion and endorsed what had been said. The diocese had lost a great bishop, a great theologian, a great scholar and a great Irishman. As Mr. McCarthy had said, he never identified himself with the outside affairs of the world, but all the same, took a deep interest in the doings of all public bodies and made anxious inquiries as to what the bodies were doing. The diocese was the poorer for his passing. He (Mr. Corish) was expressing the opinion of the working class in the area, to whom Most Rev. Dr. Codd was a beloved bishop. He was a native of Wexford town and Wexford town was very proud of him.

Col. Quin said he was not a member of Most Rev. Dr. Codd's Church, but he always looked on the Lord Bishop with the very greatest admiration and respect. He never had the pleasure of meeting Most Rev. Dr. Codd, but heard much about him, and he could say that he was a very great loss to Ireland and the County.

The Secretary said the late Most Rev. Dr. Codd was a great bishop and a ripe scholar. He ruled over his diocese wisely and well, and was held in respect and esteem by the entire community, Catholic and Protestant. He was loved by his priests. The staff of the County Council deeply regretted his death, and realised that he had gone to rest



in the sleep of peace.

The Chairman said that the ancient See of Ferns had suffered an irreparable loss by the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, and the sympathy of the whole County would go out to the priests in their bereavement.

The resolution was adopted in the usual manner, and it was decided that the County Councillors should attend the funeral of the late Bishop in a body on 15th March 1938.

#### ESTIMATES OF RATES 1938-39

The Secretary stated that the following explanatory Memo. in connection with Estimates of Rates for 1938-39 had been furnished County Councillors with agenda paper:-



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

9th March, 1938.

ESTIMATES OF RATES 1938/39

I enclose Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table in respect of rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1938/39.

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

	s.	d.
General Rate	10	$3\frac{3}{4}$
Separate Charges (Average)	<u>      </u>	<u>3</u>
Total	10	$6\frac{3}{4}$

The Agricultural Grant, £77417, represents an average rate of 5s.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d on Land Valuations, making the average rate on Land 5s.  $4\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £.

The general rate recommended for 1938/39 represents an increase of  $1\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £ on the financial year 1937/38.

The Estimates of Public Bodies show the following increases:-

	<u>1938/39</u>	<u>1937/38</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	£.	£.	£.
County Board of Health Demands	95849	95124	725
Mental Hospital Committee	26130	22870	3260
Vocational Education Committee	4727	3920	807
Co. Committee of Agriculture	3232	2977	255

The Road Estimate, already agreed to at £61756 gives an increase of £4626 on last year's allocation of £57,130.

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 recredited for the year 1938/39.

The Finance Committee have not recommended the inclusion of any amount on the Estimate to provide for (1) Deductions from Government Grants to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. (2) Local Elections in 1938.

Taking into account the increased estimated expenditure, the rate recommended for 1938/39 means a very slight increase on 1937/38. It is, therefore, essential that all outstanding rates be promptly paid in order that the County Services be fully maintained.

N. J. FRIZELLE.  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

To Each Member of the  
Wexford County Council.

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The following, under date 3rd March, 1938, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.7846/38 Loch Garman):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo and to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order 1925 he sanctions such departure from the terms of Articles 78 and 79 of that Order as will enable the Wexford County Council to consider and adopt the Estimates for the year 1938-39 by a date not later than 14th March 1938."

Mr. O'Byrne, in proposing the following resolution, said that everything possible had been done to keep the General Rate within a reasonable figure:-

"That Rate for financial year 1938-39 for General and Separate Charges in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42 be and is hereby agreed to at 10s. 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d 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 1938-39 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43) and as presented to this meeting be and the same are hereby agreed to.

That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban District Councils of the County:-

Enniscorthy	£3802.	16.	6d
New Ross	£3415.	4.	11d Ordinary
	£225.	0.	0d Non-Main Roads
Wexford	£7785.	13.	1d."

Mr. McCarthy, in seconding the resolution, said that taking into consideration the increases in the demands of some of the Subsidiary Bodies the General Rate now submitted



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was as satisfactory as it was possible to adopt.

The Chairman, who expressed himself in favour of the adoption of the Rate, put the resolution and declared it carried nem. con.

#### INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the Finance Committee on 18th March, 1938, be and are hereby empowered, to deal with the consideration and acceptance of quotations for insurances of County Council for year ~~26th~~ March 1938 to ~~25th~~ March 1939."

Consideration of the remainder of the business was, on the motion of Mr. Bowe, seconded by the Chairman, adjourned to next monthly meeting to be held on 11th April 1938.

*J. Allen 11th April 38*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 11th APRIL, 1938

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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 April, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding), also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, W. P. Keegan, James Kennedy, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, 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 also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £23524. 6. 9d Ordinary Payments; £37452, transfers to Subsidiary Bodies and £153. 10. 6d Instalment Grant out of loan Enniscorthy Technical School to County Wexford Vocational Educational Committee, were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MOST REV. DR. CODD

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond, it was agreed that the following reply from Very Rev. Monsignor Cleary, P.P., V.C., New Ross, to vote of condolence in the death of Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"On behalf of the priests and people of the Diocese of Ferns, I wish to thank very sincerely the Wexford County Council for its vote of sympathy on the death of the late Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Codd, D.D., and for the adjournment of its meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

I wish also to assure the Council that its respect



for the late Bishop is vey much appreciated by the priests and people of the Diocese of Ferns."

THE LATE MR. M. J. FURLONG, TEMPLESCOBY

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

"That our heartfelt condolence in the death of Mr. M. J. Furlong, Templescoby, Enniscorthy, a former member of this Council, be offered to his family on his demise, and that copy of this resolution be furnished Rev. Tobias Furlong, C.C., Camolin (son) and Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor (son-in-law)."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE 18th FEBRUARY 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th February 1938 were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th February, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding). Also, 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 Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,229. 17. 2d was examined and signed.

#### RATE FOR TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Mr. David Barry, Assistant Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, came before the meeting, relative to continuance of the support of the County Council to the funds of Tourist Association. He thanked the Council for their support in the past. Since the Association had been founded the Wexford County Council had given them substantial contributions which they very much appreciated. It was because of contributions obtained from the Local Authorities that the Association had been able to put Ireland on the tourist map of the world. The Association had received the unanimous support of all Councils and last year a number of them had made an increase in the amount of their rate. The money derived from tourist traffic particularly in recent years, calculated at £4,000,000, was much in excess of what ordinary people believed. This was, of course, due entirely to the advertising and propaganda campaign of the Association. The amount spent under this head last year did not exceed £10,000 and he believed it would be admitted the money derived from the Tourist traffic was a very handsome return. Though the Association was supported entirely



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by voluntary funds the amount received by and the amount allocated was very considerably below what other countries spent, as these realised to the full the large sums spent by tourists in their countries. The County Councils had power to contribute the equivalent of 1d rate, but though they had never asked up to this they received about £5,000 more last year than in 1936. A large number of people in the County were dependant to a considerable extent on Tourist traffic and if the Association could induce more tourists to visit Ireland it would mean that local people would be in a better position to pay their rates. If possible, he would be glad if the Wexford County Council could see its way to increase their contribution, though he would not stress this point.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the County Council be recommended to contribute to the Tourist Association the same amount as obtained in 1937. He believed that the Association should make increased demands on hotels and other people who were directly benefiting by the tourist traffic. In the circumstances, he did not see how the Finance Committee could ask the County Council to increase their contribution.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

The Chairman said that the Association recognised that the contribution for Wexford was a reasonable one, and it might be possible to tap other sources of revenue in order to secure increased funds. They wished the Association well, as everybody realised the good work they were carrying on. The cost of the social services of Wexford was increasing and in the circumstances, they did not believe they could afford to be more generous to the Association than they had been in the past.

Miss O'Ryan said that while recognising that service and food in hotels generally had improved very much and that good value was being given, she suggested the hotels



should use more fresh Irish food instead of the amount of canned stuff which was utilised at present. The Association should circularise hotels to supply good Irish food which was certainly now available at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Corish said the Finance meeting of the Tourist Association would be held on Thursday next and he would raise at that meeting the point referred to by Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. Barry of the Association, said that time and time again that particular point had been impressed on hotels. There was no doubt about it, as well as scenery, tourists were attracted by good Irish wholesome food which could not be surpassed anywhere.

The resolution was then put and passed nem. con.

#### 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	62.8
P. Nolan	61.1
J. Curtis	60.9
E. J. Murphy	60.4
J. J. O'Reilly	60.2
J. Cummins	60.1
D. Kenny	59.2
A. Dunne	57.5
P. Doyle	57.4
J. Quirke	56.8
J. Deegan	56.7
J. Flood	55.4
M. Kehoe	55.3
P. Carty	54.8
W. Doyle	53.1
J. J. Sinnott	51.7
M. McCarthy	51.6
W. Cummins	51.0
Average	57.5

INTERVIEW WITH COLLECTORS: The Secretary stated that Mr. Seumas Murphy, General Inspector in the Local Government Department, interviewed all the Collectors on 16th February 1938 and heard their explanations as to the backward



condition of their Collections. The Collectors were informed unless they made a very substantial improvement by the date of his next visit after the end of March they would be reported to the Minister for disciplinary action.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cullimore:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the payment by the Council of Poundage fees less a deduction of 5% on lodgments equivalent to the first moiety of current rate with the arrears applicable to 1936-37 assessment to the following Collectors:- Patrick Carty (lodged specified amount on 4th February); Michael McCarthy (12th February); Walter Cummins (16th February) and John J. Sinnott (16th February)."

#### DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The following letter under date 14th February, 1938, from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, which was referred from the County Council meeting of the 14th February to the Finance Committee, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo in regard to the instalments due by my Council on foot of Demand I regret that we have not been in a position to pay off a Quarter's Instalment to-day. As you know, for the last three or four years an adverse balance has accumulated by the striking off of more irrecoverable rates than were allowed for in the Estimates and this adverse balance amounts to about £1500. My Council recently decided to pay a full year's Demand in each year in future and to pay off in addition a sum of £300 per year on foot of the £1500.

I had an interview recently with the Department in connection with this matter, and subject to the approval of your County Council and the proper provision for the payment being made by my Council, I think that this proposal would probably meet the situation without causing a severe rise in local rates.

A further meeting of my Council is being held soon to consider the amount of rate outstanding and to take the necessary steps to have it collected before the end of the financial year.

In view of the foregoing my Council would esteem it a favour if your County Council would defer action until after the March meeting.



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The Secretary stated that the amounts due by the three Urban Districts up to the 31st December last were as follows:

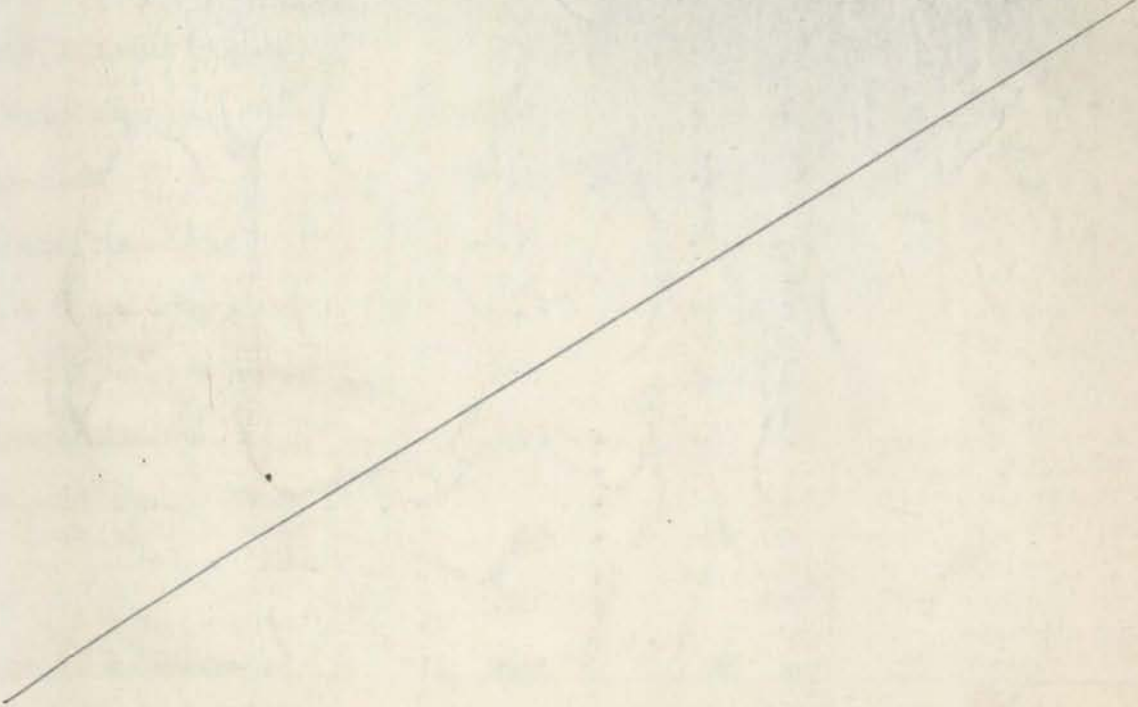
Enniscorthy	£2497.	19.	2
New Ross	£854.	11.	7
Wexford	<u>£4297.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	£7649.	17.	9.

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

"The Finance Committee are not prepared to recommend to the County Council the acceptance of the offer of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council to clear off arrears of demands within five years. They suggest the County Council should inform the Enniscorthy Urban District Council and Wexford Urban Council they should make application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for permission to obtain a special loan to clear off all arrears due on foot of County Council demands."

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES YEAR 1938/39

The following estimate of expenditure for County Services for next financial year was submitted:-





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1938/39

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON

FRIDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1938.

	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Co. Meddical Officer of Health (part of)	500	500		
Salarices: Secretary's Office	2351	2565		214
Salarities: other Co. Officers) Analysit, Lamplighters, etc.)	420	420		
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities	278	202	76	
Cost of Rate Collection, viz. Poundage & Rate Clerks' Wages	4081	3775	306	
Stamps on Rate Receipts & Rate Collectors' fees for checking Abatement Forms.	210	210		
Travelling Exs. Rate Inspector	100	100		
Irrecoverable & Temporary Uncollectable Rates	5250	5250		
Printing in connection with Registration Act. Postage & Office Requisites and Stamp Duty on Paying Orders.	1019	1082		63
Franchise and Jurors	1546	1575		29
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	172	172		
University Scholarships	910	910		
Primary Scholarships	1520	1375	145	
Legal Expenses	320	320		
Coroners and Inquests	595	595		
Printing & Stationery(General)	315	315		
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	418	416	2	
Other Advertisements	425	335	90	
Contribution County Council's General Council	20	20		
Elections	1280		1280	
Conveyance of Prisoners	109	90	19	
FORWARD	22047	20435	1918	306



	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	22047	20435	1918	306
W Weights and Measures	120	190		70
F Food and Drugs	130	140		10
S Salaries: Court Officials etc.	156	156		
R Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	865	796	69	
L Library Scheme	1045	1040	5	
do. do. Extra Allocation 1936/7	-	60		60
R Reformatories & Industrial Schools	3230	3299		69
C Courtown Harbour	87	84	3	
I Instalment Loan Purchase Ground Rent (Old Jail)	443	207	236	
W West Wing County Hall Loan	371	380		9
R Refund to Wexford Urban - adjustment I Financial Relations	45	45		
D Diseases of Animals Acts, Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	619	642		23
W Warble Fly Scheme - net cost to Rates	373	373		
D Diseases of Animals Acts, Assessment	836	832	4	
do. do. (Other Expenses)	204	204		
A Audit Fee	85	85		
I Debit Interest	470	800		330
S Superannuation allowances - Ex-Union Officers	1032	1032		
S Superannuation allowances - Ex-R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
I Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	181	162	19	
I Local Authorities (Combined Purchas- ing) Act	175	147	28	
I Expenses Collection Motor Duty (Amount recouped by L.G.D.)	360	360		
Advances Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	440	111	329	
Contingencies	850	-	850	
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture	3232	2977	255	
FORWARD	37613	34774	3716	877



	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	37613	34774	3716	877
Money supplied to Co. Vocational Education Committee	4727	3920	807	
Gratuities ex-officials Co. Vocational Education Committee)				
Moiety payable by Co. Council )	92	-	92	
Loan Gorey Vocational School	84	84		
Loan 3 Rural Vocational Schools	115	105	10	
Loan Enniscorthy Technical School	220	220		
Public Works (already agreed to by the County Council)	1000	1000		
To provide for part of deduction from Government Grants	5000	-	5000	
Money supplied Mental Hospital	26130	22870	3260	
TOTALS	74981	62973	12885	877
Gross Increase County Services			12008	



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

DEMANDS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

	1938/39	1937/38	Increase	Decrease
	£:	£.	£.	£.
Board of Assistance	70520	65350	5170	
Health District Charges	16865	21510		4645
Joint District Charges	3948	4191		243
Separate Charges	4516	4073	443	
Fund under Public Health (Special Expenses) Act 1931.		1488		1488
TOTALS	95849	96612	5613	6376
Net Decrease County Board of Health Demands.				763



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The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan pointed out that if an election for President was held it was only remotely possible that a County Council election would also be held. It appeared from what information they had at hand that there would be a contest for the election of President. Owing to this, it was decided to strike out of Estimate £1280 brought in for expenses of County Council elections.

It was also agreed that as repayment of loan for Enniscorthy Technical School would not mature until probably in financial year 1939/40 the £220 repayment instalment of loan be struck out. The £5,000 suggested to provide for part of deductions from Government Grants was not approved. The meeting agreed that a sum of £150 should be included for repair of Ancient Monuments, amount to be administered on the recommendation of the Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee.

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

"That Estimate of expenditure for COUNTY services as agreed to at this meeting be reported to County Council for approval."

#### VILLAGE SCHEMES IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Corish suggested that the County Surveyor make further application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) in connection with the scheme of improvement of village streets submitted some time ago, more particularly as conditions had changed since this Scheme was first agreed to.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOANS: Under date 29th January, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. H.3860/38 Loch Garman) approving of advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to



Edward Hawkins, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy. £170, and  
Robert Kavanagh, Attendant, Mental Hospital,  
Enniscorthy. £130.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane,  
Gorey, applied for loan of £120 for house estimated to cost  
£200.

Agreed to, subject to production of certificate of  
approval of Government Grant and to the County Surveyor  
being satisfied as to location and site, etc.

Mrs. Kate Granger, Raheen, Clonroche, applied for loan  
of £100 on house valued at £250.

Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy,  
acting for Mrs. Granger, wrote she had instructed Mr. Gerald  
Flood, Castleboro, to prepare map of the house, and she  
understood Mr. Flood had sent this to the County Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Cullimore,  
it was decided to approve of the application subject to  
approval of County Surveyor regarding site, etc., and to  
the other conditions governing loans.

Sean Butler, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, applied for  
loan of £200 on house valued at £375.

The Secretary said that according to Regulations, the  
maximum amount of loan which Mr. Butler could receive was  
50% of £375 or £187. 10s. - amount to nearest £5 being £190.

It was decided to approve of the loan of £190 subject  
to Certificate of Approval of Government Grant being  
supplied and to the County Surveyor being satisfied as to  
location, site, etc.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following  
letter from William Hosey, Garryhaston, Clonnegal, under  
date 10th February, 1938, as to obtaining approval from Mr.  
Dormer of Buncloody (who had judgment Mortgage registered  
against Hosey's land) to consent to the mortgage of the  
County Council for house under Small Dwellings Acts



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receiving priority to Dormer's mortgage:-

"I received your letter. You asked me to see my Solicitor. I had no Solicitor on that case of Dormer's as he gave me no chance and did not have it tried in the Courts around here but took it to Dublin. I knew nothing about it until it was over. Dormer is dead a good many years, and it is over 17 years since that happened. I am not going to bring it to light again - if you do not like to give me the Loan the way I stand you can keep it. I am not going to pay Rates anymore until they will put up a House for me. I see it is only a cod to pay and be living in a Cattle House!"

Mr. Elgee pointed out that it was impossible to certify Hosey's title to the land as being in order in view of this letter.

Under date 9th February, 1938, in connection with Mortgage on holding of George Black, Corah, Bunclody, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that the Mortgage registered on the 22nd February 1934, in favour of the National Bank, had been cancelled, but there was still a subsisting mortgage registered on the 21st February, 1935, also for the sum of £100 in favour of the National Bank. While this charge obtained on the lands, he could not certify Mr. Black's title was in order.

The Finance Committee considered that, in the circumstances, they were not in a position at present to do anything further to facilitate Mr. Black to obtain loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was instructed to consider if any further steps could be taken to assist Messrs. Hosey and Black regarding titles so that they would be eligible for loans under the Small Dwellings Acts.



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## OVERDRAFT COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction an extension of the period of County Council overdraft with their Treasurer up to a maximum of £35,000 from 1st March 1938 to 30th June 1938."

### REPAIR OF LANES

APPLICATION FOR REPAIR: Applications were received for the repair of the following lanes:-

Owenstown Lane, Ballycogley.

Killybegs Lane, Inch.

Coole Avenue, Campile.

Johnstown Lane, Castlebridge.

Glynn Lane, Effernogogue.

Ruanmore Lane, Kilmuckridge.

It was decided that these lanes be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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

"That, = applications for repairs of lanes etc., as they reach Secretary, be transmitted to the County Surveyor for inclusion in lists to be forwarded to the Office of Public Works, for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

CLEARING OF WATER COURSE: Miss E. Beauman, Hyde Park, Inch, made application for cleaning of water course from Larch Hill to Hyde Park.

. Referred to County Surveyor for inclusion in lists of application for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Correspondence was read from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, as to the erection of public swim bath, plans of which he submitted, for the dipping of sheep at Tomatee,



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Ballindaggin. Mr. Martin Dillon had offered a piece of land free.

Several members pointed out that the question of public baths resolved itself into the appointment of bath attendants, who would expect to be paid for their services. It would also mean arranging for the dipping of all sheep in the district. The Finance Committee believed it would be more advisable that baths such as suggested by Mr. Ringwood were erected by private persons, the County Council to agree to the sheep of the locality being dipped at a capital charge which would afford reasonable compensation to the owner of the bath and at the same time be an inducement to sheep owners to utilise it.

#### RENTS COUNTY HALL

The following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, under date 14th February, 1938:-

"I hope to have the Conveyances of the above rents executed by all the parties this week, so I will be glad if you would obtain paying orders for the amounts of the purchase moneys of the Premises as under, viz.:-

Mrs. Magdalene Johns	3310.	0.	0
Mrs. Winifred Welte	307.	0.	0
Miss Christina Richards	400.	0.	0
Francis B. Jacob, Esq.	<u>134.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Purchase Money	£4151.	0.	0."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay rent on County Hall premises up to the date of next meeting of the Council."



### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following was received from Mr. Thomas Dwyer, Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse:-

"I would be grateful if you would bring to the notice of your Council the fact that I have to come three miles each day to Courthouse, as I have to get ready the flower beds for the Spring to plant bulbs and flowers in them, besides cleaning up generally. Owing to the fact that I am not residing there I find it expensive to carry on. In your advertisement for position it was stated that I was to get free house, fuel and light, none of which I enjoy at present. I would be thankful if members of Council could see their way to make me some allowance in lieu of same."

The Secretary explained that the County Council Solicitor was endeavouring to obtain possession of the premises from Mr. R. Valentine and expected that Court proceedings would be held immediately.

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

"That, subject to sanction of the Minister, Thomas Dwyer, Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse, be allowed a sum of 7/6d per week until he obtains possession of Caretaker's premises at Gorey Courthouse."

### SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with the application of Patrick Isidore Carty, 1 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, to compete for Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, the Secretary mentioned that Mr. Martin Carty, father of the applicant, had not furnished particulars of his income in time for the meeting of the County Council held on 14th instant. A letter had since been received from Mr. Carty stating that his income was £150 per year.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to declare Patrick Isidore Carty, 1 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, as eligible to compete for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship 1938."

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The question of employment of an expert engineer to examine and report on the existing timber bridge at Wexford was referred from County Council meeting of 14th February to the Finance Committee.

The Chairman considered it would be advisable to employ an Engineer who would be unlikely to be appointed Engineer for the new bridge if it was decided to erect same.

The Department would be very much influenced by report from such a man as to whether the Council should get a Grant at all or be allowed to erect a new bridge.

After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor issue a special questionnaire to other County Surveyors asking if they could recommend an expert who would be thoroughly up to date in connection with the proposal to report on the present condition of Wexford Bridge and on the following points:-

- (1) What is the maximum weight this bridge is able to carry with safety?
- (2) Is it possible to put the Bridge into such a state of repair as will allow of its crossing with safety by present day lorry traffic and if so, what would be the cost of carrying out such repairs?

The County Surveyor was also directed to communicate with Mr. Joseph Mallagh, Richview, Palmerston Park, Rathmines, late engineer to the Dublin Port and Docks Board, and ask him if he would be kind enough to suggest the name of an Engineer who would be suitable to carry out the inspection of Wexford bridge as desired by the Finance Committee.



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SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

DUNCANNON HARBOUR: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter No. W.5/11/35, from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) under date 11th February 1938:

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of 27th January, 1938, relative to the need for dredging at Duncannon Harbour, Co. Wexford, and to state that before the matter is further considered information would be required on the following points, viz. (a) whether the clearance of the inner harbour at Duncannon could be satisfactorily carried out by hand dredging, or whether the services of a dredger would be necessary, and (b) what proportion of the cost, estimated by you at £300, the Wexford County Council would be prepared to bear in the event of it being found possible to provide a grant from State Funds towards the cost of the work."

FETHARD HARBOUR: The following letter under date 11th February, 1938, No. W.5/5/35 was read from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of 27th January, 1938, relative to the need for dredging at Fethard Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to inquire if the necessary clearance could be effected by hand dredging or whether the services of a dredger would be essential. The Minister would also be glad to learn what contribution the Wexford County Council would be prepared to make should it be found possible to secure a grant from State funds towards the cost of the work estimated by you at £200."

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

"That the County Surveyor inform the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to provide 25% of the cost of



improvement at Duncannon and Fethard Harbours in accordance with their letters of 11th February 1938 (W.5/11/35) and (W.5/5/35)."

PROPOSED ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEER FOR COUNTY

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that as a large amount of public money was being spent on building sewerage works, water works etc. and the County Council were considerably hampered by not having an expert to deal with these matters, she believed the appointment of such an Official would mean economy and suggested that the appointment of a whole time Engineer who would hold architectural qualifications, and who would be attached to the Survey staff of the Council under the County Surveyor, be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan's suggestion was agreed to.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

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

"That duplicate Pay Order for £6. 17. 1d be issued Messrs. J. Donohoe & Co. Ltd., Enniscorthy, in lieu of Pay Order No. 859 issued on 8th March 1937 lost or mislaid by Payee. That estoppel be placed on original with the Treasurer of the Council."

The Secretary stated that intimation to this effect, had been already conveyed to their Treasurer.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from Mr. J. Leacy, Inspector National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) of application for the committal of Mary Duggan, illegitimate child of Mary Duggan, Rosslare Harbour, and Shiela McEvoy and Francis McEvoy, 15 Monck Street, Wexford, children of Nicholas McEvoy to Industrial



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Schools.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS.

Application was received on behalf of Patrick Morris and Patrick Ryan, Castlebridge, relative to injury to motor boat, amounting to £35, and also on behalf of William Fitzgerald, Ballinroad, Oulart, for £206, for burning of Dwelling house, out offices, etc.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th February 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

PAYMENT URBAN DEMANDS: The Secretary stated that the following represented the position to date as regards the payment of the Urban Demands by the three Urban Districts of the County:-

	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Due</u>
	£	£	£
Enniscorthy Urban	3396	49	3347 (practically a year).
New Ross Urban	3193	2395	798 (a quarter).
Wexford Urban	6876	1720	5156 ( $\frac{3}{4}$ due).
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	£13465	£4164	£9301.

Mr. T. Redmond asked was there any reason why Enniscorthy and Wexford could not pay up the same as New Ross was doing.

Col. Quin - Not at all.

Mr. Corish said Wexford Urban had not rate collector for four months.

Col. Quin said it was very rough on the County Council to have to pay Interest on an overdraft while the Urban Councils owed them such large sums. It appeared the more lenient the County Council were, the more advantage was taken by the Urban Districts.

Mr. T. Redmond considered they should ask the Rate Collectors in the Urban Districts to make a special effort to get in money, and in the meantime, allow the matter to remain over for another month.

The Chairman pointed out that the County Council had no control over the Urban Rate Collectors who were the



servants of the Urban Councils.

Mr. Corish said that new Rate Collector in Wexford Urban had not been sanctioned until after Christmas. Since then, they had paid £1700 and another £1700 odd would be forthcoming immediately.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the Enniscorthy Urban Council had been refused sanction to a loan or Overdraft as the Local Government Department contended payments for which these were sought, should be met out of current rate. If they could get permission to raise £2000, they would pay off the County Council at once. The Town Clerk had gone to the Department. but the proposal to provide an overdraft had been definitely refused.

Mr. Corish said that some persons were under the impression that the Urban Councils had collected the money and were retaining it, but that was not the case. As the money came to hand the Urban Councils paid it over to the County Council. He believed the recommendation of the Finance Committee should be adjourned for a further month.

The Chairman said the position was very serious. For instance, in Enniscorthy if any Rate Collecting at all had been done for the financial year a sum of more than £49, the amount paid to the County Council, should have been realised. The County Council had chivvied and screwed the rural ratepayers and their Collectors had brought them into Court. If the Urban Councils did not make a better effort to clear off their indebtedness it would be impossible for the County Council not to take action against them.

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

"That consideration of the recommendation of Finance Committee as to payment of County Council Demand by Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy and Wexford be adjourned to next monthly meeting of the County Council, and that



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these Councils be informed that if substantial sums are not paid over in the meantime the Finance Committee will be obliged to take drastic action in the matter. The two Urban Councils concerned should take the requisite steps to compel their Rate Collectors to proceed as actively as possible with their collections."

DUNCANNON AND FETHARD HARBOURS: Mr. Colfer asked what did they intend to do at Duncannon. The people there appeared to think that the pier would want to be extended. The same thing applied to Fethard.

The County Surveyor said he did not hear that they wanted the pier extended at Duncannon, but he understood they wanted the face of the pier made so that the gunwales of the boats would not catch under it. He proposed to do that.

Mr. Colfer said he thought they wanted the pier extended at Duncannon.

County Surveyor - You are not getting an extension of the pier at Duncannon. I can tell you that.

Mr. T. Redmond mentioned that the harbour at Duncannon was under the control of Waterford Harbour Commissioners.

Chairman - And they pay nothing.

The Secretary said they had reams of correspondence with Waterford Harbour Commissioners. Under the Waterford Harbour Act, the Waterford Commissioners had power over the harbour, but the County Council were bound to maintain the pier.

Mr. T. Redmond supposed that £300 would be all right as far as Duncannon was concerned, but what was £200 going to do in Fethard? If they cleaned the place out they would make it worse. As far as he could see there was no use in spending money on the little dock in Fethard. They would have to make a new dock further out.



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The Chairman remarked that that would be a big day's work.

Mr. Redmond said that when there was some rough weather all the boats had to be taken out of the dock, and brought half a mile away.

The County Surveyor said that the first request from the local people was to have the dock cleared out. Then they put it up to the Council that that would do more harm than good, and wanted the pier extended. Undoubtedly, a cushion of sand on the rock bottom was an advantage, but there was too much there at present. He did not believe the work would hold for any great length if they did clear it out. £200 was the maximum expenditure agreed to, but he did not know that they would spend this amount.

In reply to Mr. T. Redmond the County Surveyor said he would prefer to spend the £200 on a great many other jobs in the County but it was a question of providing relief work in the area.

Mr. Redmond said the work would not be relief to the fishermen; it would be a death-trap for their boats.

The County Surveyor said it would cost £3,000 or £4,000 to provide for the extension of the pier and he regarded the amount as out of question.

Mr. Redmond believed any money spent, unless sufficient for the extension of the pier, would <sup>mean</sup> money thrown away. The dock was built for a revenue cutter, and was never intended for fishing boats.

The Chairman said they were concerned for the moment, only with the Government offer as regards dredging the two harbours and he would rule out of order any discussion as to extension of piers.

The County Surveyor said he would not clean the dock absolutely down to the rock, particularly where it was standing up in little points and pinnacles. They would



knock those off and level them.

Mr. M. Redmond suggested that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch, should be approached by Messrs. Allen & Corish, T.D.s, and in view of the statement of the County Surveyor as to the poor result to be expected particularly at Fethard, from the expenditure, endeavour to interest the Government officials as to the necessity for an extension of the pier.

Mr. T. Redmond asked if it were really worth while spending £200 on the cleaning up of Fethard dock, more especially in view of the statements of the County Surveyor.

The Chairman suggested they should keep what they had in repair until they got something better. The harbour had served the people fairly well for a hundred years, probably, and it might have to serve them for another hundred years, for all they knew.

Mr. Redmond said it was never intended as a refuge for fishing boats. It was more of a trap than a refuge.

The matter dropped.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th February 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except ~~wherein~~ wherein same have been varied or amended by resolution of the County Council."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4th MARCH 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th March 1938, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th March, 1938.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector and Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Engineering Inspector, Department of Local Government and Public Health, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6299. 1. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

J. Curtis	67.4
S. Gannon	67.2
E. Murphy	66.9
D. Kenny	65.6
J. Cummins	63.6
P. Nolan	62.4
J. J. O'Reilly	62.3
J. Deegan	61.0
P. Doyle	60.8
A. Dunne	59.6
J. Quirke	58.7
M. Kehoe	58.5
W. Doyle	57.8
J. Flood	56.8
W. Cummins	56.3
P. Carty	56.1
M. McCarthy	55.3
J. J. Sinnott	<u>52.1</u>

Average 60.4

RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION: Under date 28th February, 1938, the following was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Council Rate Collectors:-



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"At a meeting of Collectors held in Wexford on the 16th instant, I was instructed to ask your Council for £1 each expenses for attendance at Wexford on the 16th February to meet Local Government Board Inspector. Thanking you in return."

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, we recommend the County Council to allow the Rate Collectors their actual rail or bus fare in connection with their attendance at County Council offices for interview with Mr. Seumas Murphy, Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 16th February, 1938."

Passed.

PERMANENT ALLOCATION OF NO. 11 DISTRICT: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan, seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to allocate No. 11 District as follows:-

Collector J. Cummins - Bolaboy.

Collector W. Cummins - Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and  
Castle Talbot.

Remuneration 7d in £.

These Collectors have had temporary charge of the electoral divisions mentioned and satisfactorily attended to their duties therein."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES: Application was made on behalf of John Curran, Wellingtonbridge, for refund of rates paid on vacant buildings, on his holding at Arklow, Wellingtonbridge. Mr. Curran stated the buildings had been vacant for the past three years.



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Letter was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Rate Collector, that the buildings on this holding had not been occupied for a number of years past.

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

"That Mr. Curran be informed the Finance Committee consider they are not empowered to make refunds in cases such as his and acting on advice they are obliged to refuse his application."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as to amount of deduction from the poundage fees of Collectors W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott, who did not lodge the required amounts until 16th February 1938. We would point out that a deduction of 5% would, in the case of Collector W. Cummins mean a loss of £6. 12. 9d and in Collector Sinnott's case £5. 5. 0."

#### EXAMINATION OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

At the meeting of Finance Committee on 18th February 1938, the County Surveyor was instructed to issue a questionnaire to other County Surveyors asking if they could recommend an engineering expert who would be thoroughly up to date in connection with the proposal to report on the present condition of Wexford Timber Bridge and particularly on the following points:-

(1) What is the maximum weight this bridge is able to carry with safety?

(2) Is it possible to put the Bridge into such a state of repair as will allow of its crossing with safety by present day lorry traffic and if so, what would be the cost of carrying out such repairs?



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The County Surveyor was also directed to communicate with Mr. Joseph Mallagh, Richview, Palmerston Park, Rathmines, late engineer to the Dublin Port and Docks Board, and ask him if he would be good enough to suggest the name of an Engineer who would be suitable to carry out the inspection of Wexford bridge.

The County Surveyor stated he had issued the questionnaire to his confreres in other Counties but, though he pointed out that what the Council required was an Expert who would report on the existing structure and the name of any such Expert who might have been employed for a similar purpose, most of the Surveyors believed the query dealt with appointment of an Engineer in connection with the erection of a new bridge. However, there appeared to be three suitable names submitted, viz:-

Messrs. Delap & Waller,  
Mr. Nicholas O'Dwyer, and  
Professor Purcell.

He (County Surveyor) believed that their local man, Mr. Beauchamp Harvey, B.E., would be equal to any other Engineer for this work. He had had a great deal of experience in the erection of timber bridges in Flanders, was resident engineer for Mountgarrett Bridge and for the reconstruction of the bridge head at Ferrycarrig.

The Chairman said it was absolutely necessary to secure the services of a man who would be acceptable to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and who would deal with the matter in the most practical manner.

Miss O'Ryan said she was sure that the appointment of Mr. Harvey would receive due consideration from the County Council if the Department of Local Government and Public Health would accept him. The County Board of Health had been very well satisfied with work which had been carried



out for them by Mr. Thomas O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, Dame Street, Dublin.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the under water portion of the piles of the bridge were sound and in good alignment. If it had not been for the knowledge of the bridge he had obtained during the past 25 years in dealing with the repairs, and by his observations of the weights of vehicles crossing it, he would have hesitated to give his consent to the four ton maximum.

After further discussion it was decided to leave the selection of Engineer in the hands of County Surveyor who was asked to consult Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATION FOR SALE OF HOUSE: Under date 28th February, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter from Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, on behalf of John and Mary E. Fortune, Gorey, asking for permission to sell dwelling house which they had erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of application on behalf of John and Mary E. Fortune, Gorey, for sale of house erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts on the understanding that the outstanding amount of loan be paid off."

MORTGAGE ON PLOT: Under date 23rd February, 1938, the County Solicitor submitted letter from the Manager, National Bank, Buncloody, that the Bank were not prepared to allow the County Council charge on the holding of George Black,



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Corah, Buncloody, on which it was proposed to erect house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to rank in priority to the bank's mortgage of £100.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee inform Mr. Black that, in the circumstances, it was not possible for the Finance Committee to recommend loan to him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as he was not in a position to submit clear title to the plot on which it was proposed to erect house.

TITLE TO PLOT: Under date 8th February, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Maurice Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, had called on him as to erection of house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and stated that his Deed of Conveyance to the lands on which it was proposed to erect house had been forwarded to Mr. Corish, T.D.

Mr. Corish mentioned that the Deed in question had been lodged by him with the Land Commission in order to obtain their consent for the division of land to obtain plot in connection with the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He would make further inquiries at the Land Commission in the matter.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED LOAN: Under date 3rd March, 1938, the County Solicitor submitted letter from Mr. Jordan, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, asking that loan to Michael Kirwan, Attendant, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, which had been sanctioned to him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, could be increased from £130 to £175, as this was the smallest possible sum under which he could proceed with the erection of the building.

The Secretary pointed out that in his original application Mr. Kirwan had applied for £160 loan. According to Mr. Jordan's letter, Kirwan had received a tender for the erection of the house at £230 and according to regulations the highest amount of loan he could receive for this



amount was £137.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, be asked to report as to what in his opinion, is value of house which Michael Kirwan proposes to erect, and that the application for increased loan be adjourned pending receipt and consideration of this report.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, applied for loan of £160.

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

"That loan of £160 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be provisionally agreed to be advanced to Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, on condition that the value of the house which she proposes to erect allows of this amount and also that the other regulations regarding erection of buildings under the Acts are complied with."

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS AND INSPECTION OF HOUSES: Under date 1st March, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.7987/38 Loch Garman) that regarding the proposal of Wexford County Council to increase the fees to Assistant Surveyors as Valuers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from £1. 1. 0 to £2. 2. 0, for each house valued, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated he had nothing to add to his letter of the 20th February, 1938, in the matter. (The letter in question stated that the Minister was not prepared to approve of the increase from £1. 1. 0 to £2. 2. 0).

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

"That, in view of the number of inspections of houses erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts which must be made by Assistant Surveyors, the Minister be again asked



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to reconsider his decision in this matter and allow inspection fee to be increased from £1. 1. 0 to £2. 2. 0."

COMMITTEE FOR SELECTION OF TEMPORARY RATE BOOK STAFF

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the name of Mr. Thomas Redmond for New Ross District be added to the above Committee vice Mr. John Cummins, resigned.

UNIFIED COUNTY ENGINEERING SCHEME

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 18th February, 1938, was read:-

"Miss O'Ryan mentioned that as a large amount of public money was being spent on building, sewerage works, water works, etc., and the County Council were considerably hampered by not having an expert to deal with these matters, She believed the appointment of such an Official would mean economy and suggested that the appointment of a whole time Engineer who would hold architectural qualifications and who would be attached to the Surveyor staff of the Council under the County Surveyor, be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan's suggestion was agreed to."

Miss O'Ryan said that in her opinion they should have all housing, sewerage and water works dealt with from the County Councils Survey Department.

The Chairman pointed out that the Mental Hospital had no one of Engineering training except the mechanical Engineer who looked after the machinery. They had past expenditure and proposed expenditure in the future running into millions and no one official responsible. They should try and bring all the County Engineering activities under the control of the County Surveyor, and where possible, amalgamate the engineering services of County Council and County Board of Health, etc.



Miss O'Ryan said that a big building programme was in operation and this would be extended. At the same time, none of their buildings from the greatest to the smallest, was inspected by or built under an engineer with any architectural knowledge. To safeguard the ratepayers, if they could not immediately provide for the amalgamation of the services, they should have an Engineer in whom the County Council had confidence and who would be responsible for general supervision.

Mr. Courtney said the Department had been in favour, for several years past, of amalgamation of the services. The Engineers of the Board of Health in the beginning came on from the old District Councils at a time when work was confined to the maintenance of labourers' cottages and pumps. Many of them did not possess any qualification. On the Road side, while the County Surveyor had always to be a highly qualified official many of the Assistants had qualified through a simple examination conducted by the Local Government Board and their chief business was the measuring of road material. But, since the change from the British regime, they were getting a better type of Assistant Surveyor, and in recent years the standard had very much increased. They had the County Council concerned in the main - with roads and bridges and the Board of Health with cottages (erection and repair), pumps, sewerage, water, repairs to buildings, etc. Very frequently, there was an overlap in the work of the two sets of Engineers. The County Surveyor, in passing some cottage building by the Board of Health, might see something which he knew could be improved, but as he was not an official of the Board of Health it was difficult for him to interfere. The result was that a Board of Health which was spending *more* on work, in which an Engineer was more concerned than the work of the County Council, were not in a position to call on



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expert local advice from the County or Assistant Surveyors. Some years ago, the Department tried to have the services amalgamated with one Chief Engineer - generally the County Surveyor - always available to advise the County Council and the Subsidiary bodies. He should have a staff capable of dealing with existing works and projected schemes. Where amalgamation was possible the size of the districts was reduced. In some instances, it was found that some of the Surveyors did not fit into an amalgamated Scheme, and it would be a hardship to throw them out of their posts. As the offices of these men became vacant the new men employed took on a unified district and eventually the County had a combined Engineering unit covering the whole field. When the matter was last discussed in Wexford, the Assistant Surveyors were to consider how far they could work into an amalgamated scheme. Two of their Surveyors might come in, but he understood the three others preferred to remain out of it. There was no use in pushing an amalgamated scheme on persons who do not want it. For this reason, they would not be able to get in Wexford an amalgamated scheme on the lines of other Counties, but there was no reason why the subsidiary bodies should not have the advice of the County Surveyor and of his control over the Engineers of the Board of Health as well as over the Assistant Surveyors, giving him what staff he would need. They could leave the line of amalgamation still open.

The County Surveyor considered it would be necessary, if he was to take over control of the County, he should have as Chief Assistant, a qualified architect with building surveyor's qualifications.

Mr. Courtney considered it would be more advisable to employ an Engineer rather than an Architect as Chief Assistant. They would be able to use an Engineer to a far



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greater extent than an architect. A good Engineer would be quite able to do all the architectural work required, as it would be to a very large extent of the maintenance type. If the Council put up a decent salary there would be keen competition. The Chief Assistant to the County Surveyor would not alone do the necessary maintenance work, but would check up all the work of the Board of Health Engineers as all work in future would go through the County Surveyor's office. A good type of Engineer would have all the knowledge and experience necessary for the work. He might not be able to deal with new buildings but this would be a special job. They found in other Counties, that these Chief Assistants were likely to be the future County Surveyors and acting under the County Surveyor they would receive a much better training than it had been possible to afford up to now.

Mr. Keegan said he was agreeable to the proposition that the County Surveyor should take over control of all the Engineering in the County, but he would not agree to the creation of the new post of Chief Assistant. The Assistant Surveyors with eight or ten gangers under each of them were well paid and he could not see why the County Council could not carry on as they are. He believed the people were already overloaded with officials.

Mr. O'Byrne expressed his regret that it did not appear possible to carry out the original scheme of amalgamation. It was, in his opinion, most desirable there should be more supervision of the work of erection of labourers' cottages. If this were done, far better work could have been counted upon.

Miss O'Ryan said it did not need any argument to prove that the lack of co-ordination between the County Council and the Board of Health gave them an imperfect system of control. Where it was possible as in the Wexford District



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with a temporary Engineer for the Board of Health to have a unified system they should adopt it.

Mr. Courtney held that time would eventually give them a unified system. The whole thing was to make a beginning and keeping all the time working on a definite plan, filling in the gaps for amalgamation as they arose. No one would then suffer any hardship and no one would be forced into a new position. Mr. Courtney then instanced how amalgamation had been brought about in some other Counties.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, as County Engineer, to take charge of all engineering services of the County Council and of their Subsidiary Bodies."

Mr. Colfer dissented.

The County Surveyor said that there would be a tremendous amount of responsibility in the position for the first couple of years in getting things into working order, and the scheme would not show any great benefit for that period. Personally, he would not look for the new post, but, if the Council thought they wanted him he would take it provided the amount of remuneration offered for the increased work was satisfactory, and that he was provided with the assistance he regarded as necessary.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Courtney said that in other Counties such as Westmeath, Kilkenny, Leix and Mayo, the County Surveyor was allocated £200 per annum for the increased work. Chief Assistants were appointed on a salary of from £400 to £500, and the Assistant Surveyors in amalgamated districts on a salary of from £300 to £400, each of the Surveyors coming on to the scale in accordance



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with the length of their service.

It was decided that if the County Council approve the proposal made by the Finance Committee each of the Subsidiary bodies concerned be furnished with copy.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Under date 23rd February, 1938, the following letter (No. S.25) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state for the information of your Local Authority, that about the 22nd December last Mr. W. Goodall, Maytown, Tagoat, notified Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Local Authority Veterinary Inspector for the Wexford district, that he suspected the existence of sheep scab among his sheep. The Veterinary Inspector examined the suspected sheep on that date and found 5 out of a lot of eleven sheep affected with scab. Mr. Goodall informed the Inspector that the affected sheep were purchased at a public sale at Enniscorthy on the 22nd October last from Mr. Martin Dillon, Tomatee, Templeshambo, Ferns. On the 24th ultimo, Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Local Authority Veterinary Inspector for the Enniscorthy district, examined 78 sheep on Mr. Martin Dillon's farm at Coolgarrow, 30 of which he found affected with sheep scab. Furthermore, Mr. Ringwood examined 9 sheep on the farm of Mr. Patrick Donohoe, Crane, Ferns, on the 8th instant and found one affected with sheep scab. Mr. Ringwood reported that these sheep were also purchased from Mr. Dillon at the sale held at Enniscorthy on the 22nd October last.

It would, therefore, appear from the reports of the Veterinary Inspectors that the disease on the farms of Messrs. Goodall and Donohoe originated on Mr. Dillon's farm, and it is suggested that legal proceedings should be instituted by your Local Authority against Mr. Dillon for failure to report the existence of sheep scab in his flock."

Mr. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, wrote that as directed by the Department of Agriculture he had inspected all sheep on the lands of John Conway, Coolroe, Ballycullane, on 23rd February, 1938. Four of the wethers showed evidence of having suffered from sheep scab. These, with 21 others, were purchased at Mr. Warren's sale in Enniscorthy, but Conway was unable to supply the date. Nine of these wethers were bought from Mr. Martin Dillon, Tomatee, and the balance from men named Deacon and Wheelock. Some days after the purchase Conway noticed that the wool on some of the sheep purchased from Dillon was loose. He dipped them three times in a bath and once by hand. If this statement



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was correct (and Mr. Lynch was inclined to think it was) Dillon was the culprit.

The Secretary stated that Martin Dillon was the farmer at whose premises Mr. Ringwood had recommended the erection of a public swim bath.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to take proceedings against Martin Dillon, Tomatee, Temple-shambo, for breach of the Sheep Dipping Order."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Letter from Patrick Rossiter, Slevoy, Foulksmills, Inspector for No. 12 Area under the above Order was read asking if the Council would agree to his attendance at Wexford, Taghmon and Wellingtonbridge Fairs, which were outside his area, Taghmon  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and Wellingtonbridge 100 yards. He attended these fairs last year as he found all the larger stock owners in his area offered their cattle there.

The Secretary stated the Department had been asked for their advice in the matter.

It was decided that the advice of the Veterinary Surgeon for the district be asked as to the advisability of complying with Mr. Rossiter's request.

Under date 26th February, 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote (No. 1.1180-38) approving of the appointment of John Walsh and John Morrissey as temporary Inspectors under the above Order for district Nos. 3 and 9, respectively, remuneration in each case being at the inclusive rate of £2. 10. 0 per week. The Minister was also prepared to sanction the arrangements as to the supervising work by the County Veterinary Inspectors on the same terms and conditions as obtained last season.



#### TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT 1934

Letter under date 16th February, 1938, (No. S.18/38 Ilgh (Pc)) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, forwarding copy of Model Clauses prepared for the information and guidance of Planning Authorities in the preparation of Planning Schemes was read.

The Secretary also submitted replies to questionnaire sent to County Councils as to what steps had been taken by County Councils to put the Act in force. From replies it appeared that 23 Councils had taken no steps in the matter, two were considering partial adoption and no reply had been received from Tipperary South.

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

"That the Finance Committee recommend the Council to defer action as to implementing of schemes under Town and Regional Planning Act 1934 until a decision has been taken regarding the appointment of Chief Engineering Assistant to the County Surveyor."

#### COUNTY HALL - HEAD RENTS

Under date 23rd February, 1938, the County Solicitor submitted letter from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, acting for Miss Christina Richards, one of the recipients of Annuities for County Hall Head Rents. Messrs. O'Connor & Co., pointed out that Miss Richards would sell for £400, only on the distinct understanding that her costs amounting to £14. 5s. were paid by the County Council.

A similar letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, re Mrs. Welte. In this case, the costs amounted to £12.

The County Solicitor recommended that the costs in both cases be paid by the County Council, as this was the usual procedure.



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

"That, in connection with the purchase of Head Rents, County Hall, the County Council be recommended to pay legal costs of Miss Richards amounting to £14. 5. 0, and of Mrs. Welte amounting to £12, as we are informed by the County Solicitor it is the usual practice for purchaser in such cases to be responsible for the payment of costs."

#### INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit the quotations received by him for the Insurances of County Council to the general meeting of the Council to be held on 14th March 1938, and that he inform the firms tendering that canvassing of members will lead to the non-consideration of their proposals.

#### OLD AGE PENSION UNITS

The Secretary submitted Scheme for re-adjustment of areas of Old Age Pension Units.

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

#### BALLYMONEY (GOREY) ROAD

The following under date 2nd March, 1938, was received from Richard O'Brien, Ballymoney:-

"I have been requested to bring to the notice of the members of the County Council, at their next financial meeting, the condition of part of the road at Ballymoney Lower; that portion which leads to the North Strand.

It is in a very dangerous condition owing to the bank being undermined by recent high tides.

Hoping the matter will receive your kind consideration!"  
Referred to County Surveyor.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following, under date 1st March, 1938, was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-



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"With reference to your letter of the 17th January, we would suggest that the County Surveyor arrange to meet Captain Kearon regarding the fitting of baulks to act as break-water and the removal of the boulders from the harbour mouth.

As we have been notified that the vessel Joy P. is ready to start trading right away, we would be much obliged if this matter would be dealt with without delay."

Referred to County Surveyor.

#### APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for £14 compensation for malicious injury to bullock was received from James Webster, Finchogue, Enniscorthy, and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The Secretary stated that Richard Murphy, Corbally, agricultural labourer, formerly in Mr. Webster's employment, had pleaded guilty in Enniscorthy to the charge of injuring bullock and had been bound over.

#### PRINTING ABSTRACTS OF COUNTY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The following quotations for printing 60 copies each of Abstract of Accounts of County Council for the six half years ended 30th September 1930 was submitted:-

Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy	£30
The Echo, Enniscorthy	£45. 15. 0
The People, Wexford.	£60. 9. 6.

The tender of Redmond Brothers was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Secretary.

#### PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Quotation of Messrs. J. Sloper & Co., 22 Bridge Row, Cannon Street, London, E.C.4, for supply of machine for perforation of insurance stamps with horizontal press down lever to perforate ten stamps in a line, four thick, at £8. 10. 0d was accepted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan.



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#### SALE OF LAND BONDS

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

"That the Finance Committee recommend the Council to affix their Seal to the request to the National City Bank Ltd. to transmit by post to the Secretary of the Council of the Certificate for the sum of £78, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Land Bonds representing a payment made by the Land Commission on account of Rates due by Peter O'Brien for Poor Rates, out of Ballyhire And that when the County Secretary receives the certificate for these Bonds that same be sold, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Transfer of the Bonds to the Purchaser thereof."

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF SHED

With reference to the application of John Moynihan, Ferns, for permission to erect shed the County Surveyor reported that the building would be within 30 feet of the road centre and accordingly he recommended that "no action" be taken.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the County Council be recommended to take <sup>no</sup> action regarding this application.

#### APPLICATION RE EXTENSION OF SHOP

With reference to the application of John Pitt, Kil-rang, for permission of the County Council to extend his shop the <sup>Co.</sup> Surveyor stated he had no objection to the extension, but as the premises lie between other existing premises and in the same line <sup>and</sup> were within 30 feet of the road centre he considered the Finance Committee should take no action in the matter.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to take no action relative to the application of John Pitt, Kilrane, for permission to extend his shop."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from Inspector of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford Branch, as to application to be made at District Court, Gorey, for committal to Industrial School of:-

1. Edward Burke, Banntown, Gorey; born 26th May, 1930 (legitimate child of Charles and Elizabeth Burke).
2. Thomas Burke, born 21st July 1934.
3. Anne Burke, born 25th July 1932.

Vacancies have been offered for 1 and 2 in Rathdrum Industrial School and for No. 3 in St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 4th March 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

TRAVELLING EXPENSES RATE COLLECTORS - INTERVIEW WITH

INSPECTOR: Under date 8th April 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.11386/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to recoupment to Rate Collectors of the actual amount of travelling expenses as proposed by the County Council in connection with their attendance at County Council Office for interview with the Inspector of the Department on 16th February last.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936: Col. Quin said he understood that more warbles were now found in cattle than in previous years.

Mr. T. Redmond said he disagreed with the statement. Local tanneries agreed there was a great improvement in hides for the past two years.

The Secretary said that the Finance Committee and the Council were doing the best they could to make the Warble Fly Order really effective. They were after the Inspectors as closely as they were after the Rate Collectors, and whenever there was any complaint or question they investigated it fully. They had had Inspectors in and told them what to do, and he had not heard anything contrary to their doing their best to have the Order carried out. There was a certain section of people not inclined to carry it out, and wherever they found that, they were making the Inspectors serve a detention notice on them to have the cattle dressed.



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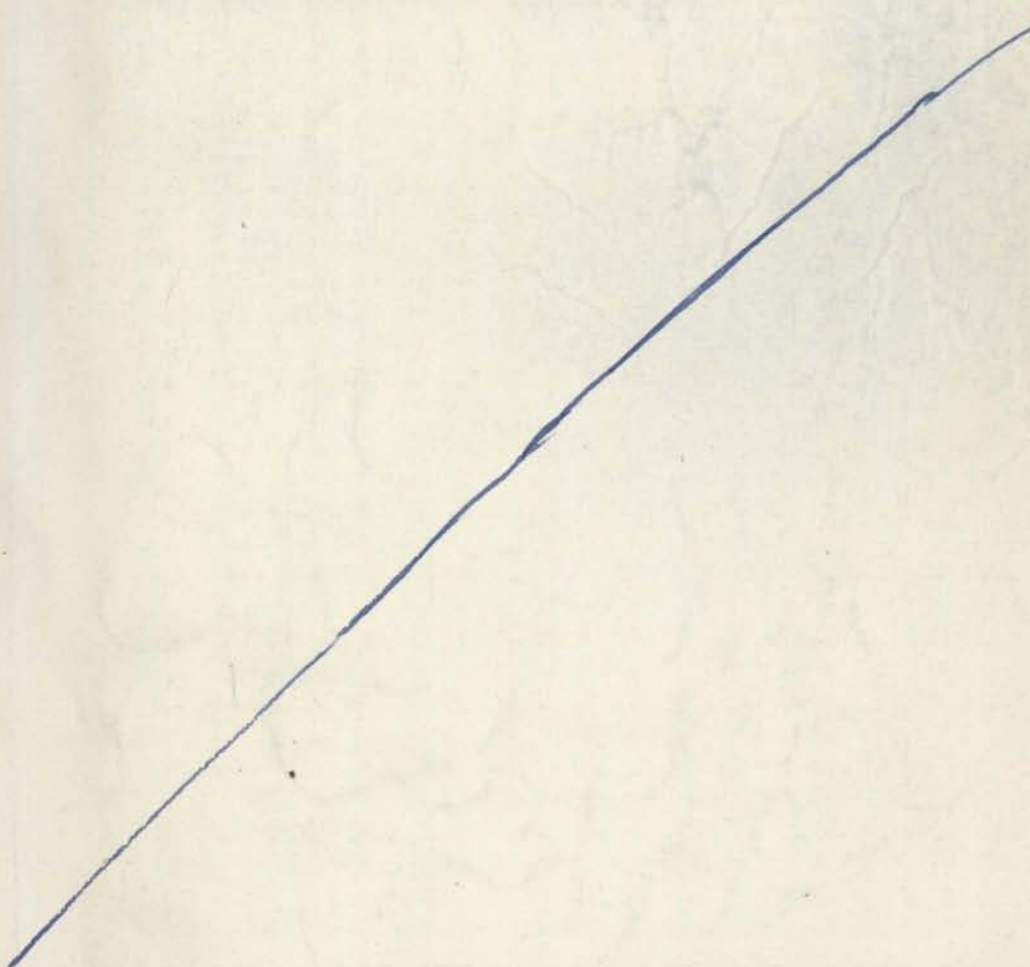
The Chairman said it should be made known that the Council would enforce the law in the matter.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, it was pointed out that the Secretary had authority from the Council to have notices served for the dressing of cattle on any report made by an Inspector.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th March 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 18th MARCH 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th March 1938, were submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th March, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, William Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss 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 £6159. 0. 1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and two years' Arrears.</u>
1. J. Curtis	77.7
2. E. J. Murphy	76.2
3. S. Gannon	75.7
4. J. Cummins	71.2
5. J. J. O'Reilly	70.0
6. D. Kenny	69.1
7. P. Nolan	66.6
8. J. Deegan	65.6
9. A. Dunne	65.5
10. M. Kehoe	65.5
11. P. Doyle	64.9
12. P. Carty	64.2
13. J. Flood	62.6
14. J. Quirke	61.6
15. W. Cummins	61.2
16. M. McCarthy	61.0
17. W. Doyle	59.5
18. J. J. Sinnott	59.5

Average 66.5

The Secretary stated that at the corresponding period last year the amount of warrant and of all arrears which had been collected was 59 per cent. Collector Sinnott had been ill for a short time, but had now resumed duty.



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POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: The following under date 10th March 1938 (G. 3043/4/38 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant regarding payment of poundage fees to Rate Collectors J.J. Sinnott, Walter Cummins, Patrick Carty and Michael McCarthy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the arrears in question may be taken as the arrears appropriate to the year 1936/37, i.e. excluding all arrears for years previous to 1936/37."

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

"That the third interim payment of poundage (80%) be made to Rate Collectors Curtis, Gannon and Murphy, as they have lodged by 15th March 1938, sums equivalent to 75% of their current warrants plus arrears for 1936-37 assessment. This will cover 80% of available poundage less amounts already paid."

APPLICATION INCREASED REMUNERATION: The following under date 16th March 1938 was read from Patrick Beary, Charge Hand for Rate Book Staff:-

"Please ask your Council to again review my present wages as Charge hand of the Rate Clerks, which at the moment, after deducting Insurance, amounts to £2. 9. 11d per full week. As I pointed out in my last application, I find it very hard to make ends meet owing to my being married with a family of four."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary stated that Mr. Beary's remuneration was 1s. 2d per hour.

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

"That remuneration of Patrick Beary, Charge hand Rate Book Staff, be increased from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d per hour."



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

"That the increase of 1d per hour to Rate Clerks be paid as from the day after date of Finance Committee of 4th February 1938, when amount was approved and recommended."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY

The following application under date 7th March 1938 was read from Mr. D. C. Radford, Senior Clerk, County Surveyor's Department:-

"I beg to make application for an increase in my salary in respect of very much increased work, due to Relief Grants etc.

I base my claim on the following facts:-

1934 When appointed Chief Clerk - Expenditure	
on Rural Relief Grants was	£200
1935/36 Relief Vote was also	£200
1936/37 Relief Vote jumped to £10,000 approximately.	
1937/38 Relief Vote was practically the same. For	
the coming year the figures are likely to remain the same	
as the present years.	

In addition to all the Relief Work, I have to do all the clerical work accounts etc., in connection with New Ross Streets. Grants amounting to approximately £9000 have been administered in this area.

I think you will agree that there are just grounds for my application. In view of the number of Forms, Returns, etc., that must be made I find that it is necessary to work at least six hours each week outside my normal working hours.

I would be glad if you bring this application before next meeting of the Finance Committee."

Under date 8th March, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Radford:-



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"In connection with my application for salary increase of the 7th instant, I wish to point out that the Relief Vote figures for 1936 to 1938 also include Grants and Loans outside of the Ordinary Road Works Scheme figures, but excluding Improvement Grant Expenditure."

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary stated that Mr. Radford was on a scale of £200 - £10 to £312. His present salary was £220 and an increment of £10 was due in a short time.

After discussion, the following Order was made:-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend approval of the application of Mr. Denis Radford for increase of salary."

#### CHARGES FOR MACHINERY AND MATERIAL

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of the following charges for 1938/39 as suggested by the County Surveyor:-

Steam Drill.....	£3:	0:	0d	per day
Engine and Granulator (large).....	£3:	10:	0d	per day
Engine & Granulator (small).....	£2:	15:	0d	per day
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3:	0:	0d	per day
Large Compressor, Drill Plant and Lorry...	£4:	0:	0d	per day
Small do. do. do. ....	£3:	0:	0d	per day
Roller.....	£2:	2:	0d	per day
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1:	5:	0d	per week
Ballybrennan Plant.....	£4:	0:	0d	per day
Concrete Mixer.....	£1:	10:	0d	per week

#### FOR MATERIAL - FLAT RATE AS UNDER

Rubble Stone.....	3/6d	per c.y.
Broken Stone.....	6/6d	per c.y.
Chippings screened from B.S.....	6/6d	per c.y.
Granulated Chippings.....	9/6d	per c.y.



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The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their Specifications."

#### DANGEROUS CORNERS

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of the Agreements entered into for compensation for transfer of land to County Council for widening of dangerous corners, with the following:-

Daniel O'Connor, Ballykerogue, Campile - Corner at  
Tinnock, Campile 10s.

Clement Power, Ballinamona, Campile - Corner at  
Ballinamona, Campile. £1.

Philip Murphy, Ballykerogue, Campile - Corner at  
Ballinamona, Campile. £2. 10s.

Catherine O'Brien, Ballinamona, Campile - Corner at  
Ballinamona. £1."

#### BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. D. Lennon, Hon. Secretary, St. Aidan's Hall, Buncloody:-

"Your letter to hand re St. Aidan's Hall. I was speaking to Father Murphy, and we have agreed to let you have the use of the Hall for the Petty Sessions, Court to be held every month, for the sum of £20 per year. You supplying portable furniture. We have chairs and benches which you can have the use of."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to offer to Buncloody Parochial Hall Committee a rent of £12 for use of Hall for District Court purposes."



### TAGHMON STREETS

The following under date 9th March 1938 was read from Mr. P. J. Cullen:-

"At a meeting of the above Association held on Monday night, March 7th, I was directed to call your attention once again to the deplorable condition of some of the streets of the village - particularly the one leading from the Square to the Catholic Church. The condition of this thoroughfare, in the opinion of our Association, is, to say the least of it, deplorable, and we have no hesitation in saying that it is really a disgrace to the public body responsible. Numerous complaints are reaching us, time after time, re same from ratepayers and others.

Being a body elected by the people, we deem it our duty to call your attention once again to the scandalous condition of this street. Taghmon and District, as a ratepaying centre, can compare favourably with any other district in the County, and the thoroughfare afforded to the majority who wend their way in this direction, particularly on Sundays, speaks sorely of neglect.

We ask you to send your Surveyor or a responsible officer for examination of same without delay."

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

### ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT

The Secretary stated that the following firms had been asked to tender for the Annual Printing Contract:-

The People Newspapers Ltd.

The Free Press.

Messrs. J. English & Co.

Messrs. Redmond Bros.

The Echo.

Only one tender had been received, that of the Echo at £115. 19. 0d. This was an increase of £4. 1. 6d over last year's figures.

The tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Thomas Kenny, 7 Grattan Terrace, Gorey, wrote under date 11th March 1938, that he was in communication with the Housing Department of Department of



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Local Government and Public Health as to certificate of appointed officer re Government Grant. Perhaps the Finance Committee would deal with the matter subject to the production of this certificate and as to amount of grant at a later date.

The Chairman said he understood the Government Grant in this case would be £45.

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

"That County Council be recommended to advance to Thomas Kenny, 7 Grattan Terrace, Gorey, loan of £230 which is maximum amount that can be advanced, this being conditional on the production of any relevant documents required by the regulations governing these loans.

Owen Hiney, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, to whom the County Council agreed to advance loan of £130, wrote under date 16th March, 1938, that when the loan was agreed to 15 months ago, he had been unable to find a contractor, as all were employed. When one was available the cost of building materials had gone up to a very considerable extent, with the result that he could not proceed with the erection of the house. On the loan of £130 he would require an extra £40.

It was pointed out that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, estimated the cost of erection of proposed house for Hiney at £200, and site value at £25. The Department of Local Government and Public Health would allow a maximum of £20 for site value. Taking this into consideration and the Government Grant of £70, the total amount of loan Mr. Hiney could receive under the regulations was £135.

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

"That it be pointed out to Mr. Hiney, Rectory Road,



Enniscorthy, that the full amount of loan which the County Council can agree to advance him, under the regulations, taking into consideration, the value of his house, <sup>and</sup> Government Grant, is £135. That he be asked to inform the County Council if he is prepared to proceed with the erection of his house with a loan for this amount."

If Mr. Hiney accepts this proposal it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to approve loan in this case being increased from £130 to £135.

#### OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES' AREAS

Arising out of a request from Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 5 for an adjustment of areas to meet public convenience the County Council referred the matter to the Secretary for submission of draft scheme.

The Secretary submitted the following:-

"The Old Age Pension Areas when the Act was passed in 1908 were made up of the old County Council County Electoral areas as follows:-

No. 1 Sub-Committee: County Electoral Divisions of Bannow, Rosslare and Bridgetown.

Bannow area covered the District Electoral Divisions of Ballymitty, Bannow, Clongeen, Duncormack, Harperstown, Harristown, Horetown and Newbawn.

Bridgetown area comprised the District Electoral divisions of Aughwilliam, Bridgetown, Kilcowan, Killag, Kilmore, Mayglass, Newcastle and Rathaspeck.

Rosslare area comprised District Electoral Divisions of Drinagh, Killinick, Kilsoran, Lady's Island, Rosslare, St. Helen's, Tacumshane and Tomhaggard.

No. 2. County Electoral Divisions of Fethard and Tintern.

Fethard area comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ballyhack, Fethard, Kilmokea, Rathroe and Templetown.

Tintern area comprises the District Electoral Divisions



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of Carnagh, Dunmain, Inch Killesk, Oldcourt, Rochestown, Tintern and Whitechurch (New Ross).

NO. 3. County Electoral Divisions of Killurin and Taghmon.

Killurin comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Artramon, Ballyhoge, Bree, Edermine, Killurin, Kilpatrick and The Leap.

Taghmon comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Adamstown, Carrick, Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Kilgarvan, Taghmon, Wexford Rural and Whitechurch (Glynn).

NO. 4. County Electoral Divisions of Coolgreaney and Gorey.

Coolgreaney comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreaney, Gorey Rural, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Gorey area comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballygarrett, Cahore, Courtown, Gorey Urban and Killenagh.

NO. 5. County Electoral Divisions of Enniscorthy and Killealy.

Enniscorthy comprises Enniscorthy Rural and Enniscorthy Urban.

Killealy area comprises the District Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Castleboro, Killanne, Killough-tim, Killealy, Marshallstown and Rossard.

NO. 6. County Electoral Divisions of Bunclody and Ferns.

Bunclody - Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Bunclody, Castledockrell, Kilrush, Moyacomb, St. Mary's and Tombrack.

Ferns - Ballyoughter, Ballycanew, Ballycarney, Ballymore, Ferns, Huntingtown, Kilbora, Kilcomb, Rossminge, The Harrow and Tinnacross.

NO. 7. County Divisions of Old Ross and New Ross.

Old Ross comprises District Electoral Divisions of



Ballyanne, Barrackvillage, Barronstown, Carrigbyrne,  
Clonleigh, Clonroche, Old Ross, Templeudigan and Whitemoor.

New Ross - District Electoral Divisions of New Ross  
Rural, New Ross Urban and Rosbercon Urban.

NO. 8. County Electoral Divisions of Ballyhuskard and  
Monamolin.

Ballyhuskard comprises District Electoral Divisions  
of Ardavan, Ardcolm, Ballyhuskard, Castle Ellis and  
Kilmallock.

Monamolin comprises the District Electoral Divisions  
of Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ford, Kilcormack,  
Killincooley, Monamolin and Wells.

The following is recommended:-

- NO. 1. Transfer of Horetown and Newbawn to No. 3.  
(Meetings to be held in Bridgetown and Wellingtonbridge).
- NO. 2. Transfer Carnagh, Dunmain and Oldcourt to No. 7.
- NO. 3. Transfer of Bree, Edermine, The Leap and Bally-  
huskard to No. 5. (Meetings should be held in Taghmon  
and Wexford).
- NO. 4. Transfer of Cahore to No. 8.
- NO. 5. Transfer of Rossard to No. 6. (Meetings for  
this Committee should be held in Ferns and Buncloody).
- NO. 6. Transfer Ballycanew, Huntingtown and Rosminogue  
to No. 4.
- NO. 7. No transfer.
- NO. 8. Ardavan, Ardcolm ~~and Ballyhuskard~~ to No. 3.

It was decided that the proposed transfers of  
District Electoral Divisions be brought to the notice of  
Old Age Pension Committees affected and that they be  
asked for their observations thereon.



EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS URBAN) 1938-39

Under date 16th March 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU(205/5)) stating that a provisional grant for road and footpath works to be undertaken in New Ross Urban area, had been fixed at £2795 for a scheme costing £3180, the balance of £385 being provided out of revenue by New Ross Urban District Council. The grant was subject to the usual conditions.

The Secretary stated that copy of the communication from the Department had been forwarded to the Town Clerk, New Ross Urban District, whose attention had been specially drawn to the decision that the local contribution of £385 could not be raised by way of loan or by overdraft.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Letter under date 4th March 1938 (G.448/38) from Department of Agriculture, gave the amounts lodged to the credit of Wexford County Council from above Fund for the three years up to 1937-38.

The Secretary said the following appeared to be the financial transactions for the Council for the three past financial years:-

	<u>Paid by Council.</u>	<u>Paid out by Department.</u>
1935-36	£415. 18. 3d	£634. 13. 10d
1936-37	£416. 7. 0d	£727. 17. 3d
1937-38	£836. 3. 1d	£766. 12. 0d
	£1668. 8. 4d	£2127. 3. 1d.

WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT AND MAIN ROAD ALLOCATION

The following under date 3rd March 1938 was read from Town Clerk, Wexford Urban District:-

"I am directed by the Finance Committee of Wexford Corporation to enclose, herewith, copy of a report received from the Borough Surveyor on the surface dressing of William Street and Distillery Road.



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I am also to point out that a sum of £300 is only allowed for the maintenance of the Borough Main Roads during 1938/39, and this amount would not permit of the expenditure estimated by the Borough Surveyor on these two roads in the current year.

The Committee would be glad, therefore, if the County Council could make some provision for the surfacing of these roads during 1938."

The following is the report of Mr. P. K. McNally,  
Borough Surveyor:-

"I wish to point out that it is absolutely essential that the portion of William Street resurfaced in 1935/36 should be surface dressed during the coming year. Similarly, the Distillery Road, which was surfaced in 1936/37 should also be surface dressed during the coming year. Due to the unsuitable nature of the local stone for bituminous macadam work, it is very necessary that a sealing coat be provided as soon as possible after the surfacing work has finished.

I estimate the cost of this work as follows:-

Surface dressing 3000 sup. yards at	
William Street at 4d .....	£50: 0: 0d
Surface dressing 5700 sup. yards at	
Distillery Road at 4d .....	£95: 0: 0d

Total Estimate..£145: 0: 0d."

Mr. Corish said that William Street and Distillery Road were steamrolled within the last two years and now required a "sealing coat".

The County Surveyor said that when it came to apportion the allocation for main roads for 1938/39 he gave the Urbans an amount somewhat higher in proportion to their mileage than the rural area. The amount allocated to Wexford Urban was as high as was possible. If a supplemental allocation was to be made it would be at the expense of the rural districts. On a strict allocation, Wexford Urban should receive £248 instead of the £300 allowed.

Mr. Corish said it was not possible to maintain the main roads in Wexford Urban District for a year for £300.

After further discussion, it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for the present.



### BUNCLODY SQUARE

In connection with application of Mr. R. W. Hall Dare have the square at Bunclody, his property, steamrolled at his expense, the following under date 11th March 1938 was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant-Surveyor:-

"I do not think we would be wise to undertake the doing of Mr. Hall-Dare's Square at Bunclody for the present year at any rate. We really have more work on hands than our machinery is able to cope with.

I do not think we would be able to supply any stones from Ryland for this job. We have taken over 2,000 cubic yards out for relief jobs alone this year as well as 1100 or so for ordinary work. It is probable that we will want as much next year. For a quarry which is getting more difficult to work every year this is quite a lot of stone, and is about the limit of its capacity.

The cost of doing this Square in Tar-Macadam would be about 3/2d to 3/6d per square yard."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of application for the present, the County Surveyor being requested to deal favourably with the matter when a suitable opportunity presents itself.

### INSURANCES OF COUNTY COUNCIL

In connection with the Insurances of the County Council as from the 26th March 1938 to 25th March, 1939, tenders were received from the following firms:-

Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., 1, 2 and 3 Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

Messrs. Kehoe & Co., 55 Dawson Street, Dublin.

Consolidated Brokers, 67 Dame Street, Dublin.

Messrs. Coyle & Co. (Brokers), 7 Anglesea St., Dublin.



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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION: McDonagh & Boland tendered at 35/- % and for Common Law Liability for officials in receipt of £350 and over 1s. 6d per cent.

The Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company, and Kehoe & Co. tendered at the same figures as those submitted by McDonagh & Boland.

Consolidated Brokers tendered at £1189. 18s.

Coyle & Co. tendered at £1219.

PUBLIC LIABILITY: Messrs. McDonagh & Boland tendered at 3/6d % on Wages and Salaries, indemnity £1000 on any one accident.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company tendered at the same figure.

Kehoe & Co. quoted at 5/- % indemnity on any one accident £2000.

Coyle & Co. did not quote.

Consolidated Brokers quoted at £118. 18. 3d.

In regard to other items of Insurances including Boilers, Fire, Motors etc., Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Messrs. Kehoe & Co., and Coyle & Co. did not quote.

Consolidated Brokers quoted at £85. 16. 3d and Irish Public Bodies £64. 5. 9d.

The following paragraph appeared in the circular letter issued to tendering Companies by the County Surveyor:

"The County Council is anxious, if possible, to consider a comprehensive policy dealing with all their Insurances, and if you find it convenient it would be well to submit Tender for such policy."

The County Surveyor mentioned that the only Company tendering ~~on~~ a Comprehensive Policy was the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., amount £1078. 15. 3d. McDonagh & Boland had quoted for part of the Insurances, not all, and their total figures were higher than those of



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the Irish Public Bodies for all the Insurances, the amounts being as follows:-

McDonagh & Boland £1109. 8. 0

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances £1078. 15. 3.

It was decided to take a poll as to whether the Finance Committee would consider only tenders which quoted for a comprehensive Policy.

For: Messrs. Cullimore and O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan.(3).

Against: Messrs. Corish, Keegan, Kelly and  
Chairman. (4).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee should be careful to select the lowest reliable quotation for their Insurances, as otherwise, they might run the risk of surcharge.

The figures submitted by Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Kehoe & Co., and the Irish Public Bodies were re-examined after which a vote was taken on the acceptance of the quotation of Messrs. McDonagh & Boland and the Irish Public Bodies Company for the Insurances quoted in their tenders.

For Messrs. McDonagh & Boland: Messrs. Colfer,  
Corish, Keegan and Kelly. (4).

For Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company:  
Messrs. Cullimore, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Chairman. (4).

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company and declared them accepted.

The following is the resolution of reference from County Council Meeting of 14th March 1938 to the Finance Committee:-

"That the Finance Committee on the 18th March 1938 be and are hereby empowered to deal with the consideration and acceptance of quotations for Insurances of County Council for year 26th March 1938 to 25th March 1939."



#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted under date 10th March 1938 (61912-13) letter from Messrs. Delap & Waller, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin, re inspection and report as to condition of Wexford Bridge. They were prepared to undertake the work for a net fee of 100 guineas, the County Council supplying men, boats and gear, and paying all out-of-pocket expenses.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to offer Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, the sum of 100 guineas to cover all expenses in connection with inspection and report as to condition of Wexford Bridge."

#### RUBBISH ON ROAD NO. 280 (BLACKSTOOPS - ENNISCORTHY)

Under date 11th March 1938, Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported he was informed that Mr. Michael Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, had dumped two or three loads of building rubbish on the sides of above by-road at Blackstoops near the former Urban District Council Depot. This was very unsightly and Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, should move in the matter with the view to getting the stuff removed.

The following order was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee ascertain if Michael Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, is responsible for depositing building rubbish on Road 280, and in the event of satisfactory information to this effect being forthcoming, that he call on Mr. Roban to remove this rubbish forthwith and that should he neglect or refuse to do so that he be proceeded against."

#### SWEETMAN'S CORNER - BUNCLODY

The following report under date 11th March 1938 was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-



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"The corner which Mr. O'Dempsey writes about is the junction of Roads No. 167 and 157 near Clohamon House on the back road from Clohamon to Bunclody. It is a corner at which a certain amount of care is required. There is not, however, a great deal of traffic on this road.

There are a number of other places, particularly where by-roads abut on main roads which would require to be done more urgently. I put in a number of these in the road proposals. They were, however, cut out for lack of funds."

It was decided that copy of report of Mr. Ennis be furnished Bunclody Development Association.

#### PERFORATION OF INSURANCE STAMPS

Under date 28th February 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Fund.206/G.14) that the Minister approved of the proposed perforation of Health and Pensions Insurance Stamps with the design agreed upon, and subject to the conditions in his letter of the 24th November last.

#### SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd March 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8195/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister consented to period of overdraft of £35,000 being extended to 31st March 1938.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following applications for committal to Industrial School were received from J. Leacy, Inspector N.S.P.C.C. and Superintendent W. Ryan, Enniscorthy:-

John Fintan Doyle, Edwardstown, Co. Wexford.

(Born 2nd April, 1926).

Anastasia Doyle, Edwardstown, Co. Wexford.

(Born 10th November, 1930).



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Annie Connors, The Moyne, Enniscorthy. (Born 13th  
June, 1924).

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th March 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

TAGHMON STREETS: The County Surveyor said that what he would call the "regular" road was not bad at all, and the Main Street had been steamrolled. There was a narrow lane which furnished what was considered a short cut to the Catholic Church and this was undoubtedly bad. However, he would do what was possible to have it levelled up, although he regarded it as of second rate importance.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS/WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT: The Secretary said that the County Surveyor had gone into the matter very closely, and he believed that Wexford had a claim to a certain amount. He would be satisfied if the County Council agreed to find another £100 for them.

The County Surveyor said the main thing was that the Urban Council had undoubtedly done a lot of footpath work on their main roads, and they might have applied for an allocation on that.

The proposal of the County Surveyor to provide the additional £100 was approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer.

BUNCLODY SQUARE: The County Surveyor said he would like to do this work if they could reach on it, but they had so much use for their machinery on County Council work that he could not promise when he would be in a position to deal with it.

Chairman - Stretch a point, if possible.

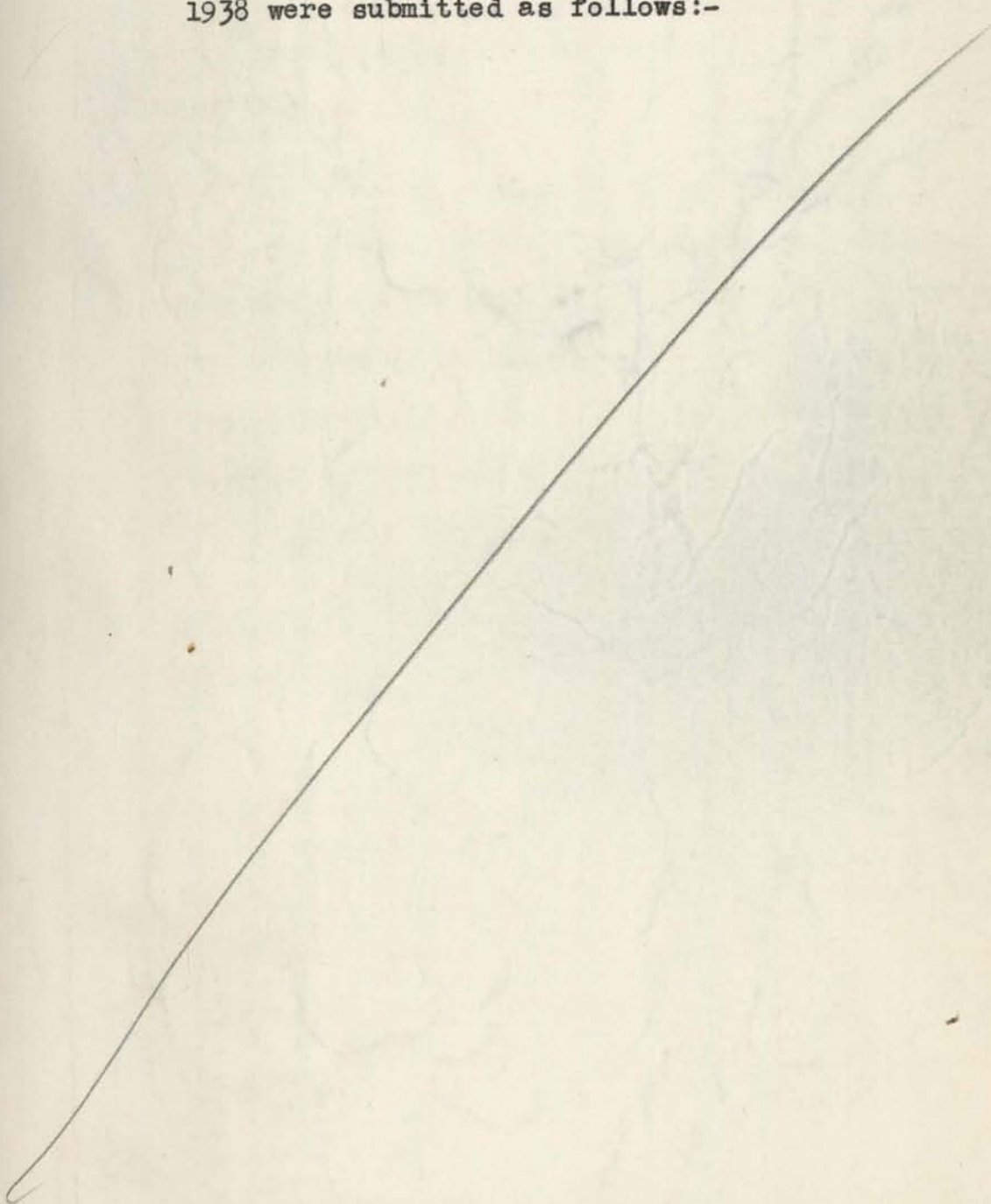


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On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer,  
the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect  
of meeting held on 18th March 1938, as submitted to this  
meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and  
approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 1st APRIL, 1938: Minutes of  
Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st April  
1938 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 1st April 1938.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish, Vice-Chairman County Council (presiding), also, Messrs. P. Colfer, 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 £5434. 6. 2d was examined and signed.

#### NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

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

"That, as the date for next meeting of the Finance Committee falls on Good Friday, the meeting of Committee be held on the previous day - 14th April."

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

Percentage collected on  
Warrant for 1937/38 plus  
two years' arrears.

E. J. Murphy	85.9
J. Curtis	85.9
S. Gannon	83.8
J. Cummins	82.0
M. Kehoe	80.7
J. Deegan	78.7
D. Kenny	78.2
J. J. O'Reilly	77.7
P. Nolan	77.3
J. Flood	76.5
P. Carty	76.4
P. Doyle	75.9
A. Dunne	73.9
M. McCarthy	71.3
W. Cummins	70.8
J. Quirke	70.5
W. Doyle	69.5
J. J. Sinnott	68.0
Average	76.5



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The percentage collected at corresponding period last year on current Warrant, plus total arrears was 67.8%.

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: The following under date 8th March 1938 (G.3043/3/38 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 22nd ultimo, and to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d less 5% to Collectors Carty and McCarthy, in respect of the lodgment of the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of their warrants for the current financial year.

In regard to Collectors Sinnott and Cummins, I am to state that the dates on which the moiety and arrears were closed is later than in the other cases, and the Council should, therefore, reconsider their decision in regard to the reduction made. Pending further consideration of this matter, the Minister sanctions payment at the rate of 6d only in these cases."

It was decided to await the result of representations being made to the Minister on behalf of Collectors Sinnott and W. Cummins, as recommended at last meeting of the Committee.

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES: Two tenders were received for printing Receipt and Demand Notes:-

English & Co., Wexford, at £37, and

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, at £26. 17. 6d.

The lower tender - Redmond Bros. - was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The following firms had also been asked to tender:-  
The Echo, Free Press and People.

#### INCREMENTS OF COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the *annual* increments be granted to the following members of the staff of the County Council as follows:-



Increment

J. H. Cadogan	£5. 6. 8d. (3rd March, 1938).
S. Hayes	£10. 0. 0d. (10th February, 1938).
J. Maloney	£10. 0. 0d. (10th February, 1938).
P. M. Donohoe	£7. 10. 0d. (12th April, 1938).
Miss Tobin	£5. 0. 0d. (13th September 1937).
J. J. A. Masterson	£10. 0. 0d. (13th December 1937).
Miss Moran	£6. 10. 0d. (9th August, 1938).

County Surveyor's Office:

D. C. Radford	£10. 0. 0d. (10th February 1938.)
J. O'Kennedy	£7. 10. 0d. (13th August 1938).
Miss Norton	At her maximum.

CARETAKER GOREY COURTHOUSE

In connection with the allowance of 7s. 6d per week agreed to at Finance Committee meeting of the 18th February last, to be paid Thomas Dwyer, Caretaker, in lieu of caretaker's premises at Courthouse, which were still occupied by the previous Caretaker, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister this payment date as from the 13th December 1937, date on which Thomas Dwyer took up duty."

DANGEROUS CORNERS- ROAD AT KILCLOHAN FROM CAMOLIN TO BALLYDUFF.

Memorial signed by 26 ratepayers asking for easement of dangerous corners on above road was received. This pointed out that motor traffic had increased considerably on this road for the past two years. One of the turns was considered a death-trap.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.



### FLOODING AT BALLINDAGGIN SCHOOL

The following under date 26th March was read from Mr. James Lawler, County Councillor:-

"I am asked to again bring the matter of the flooding of the road near Ballindaggin School before the Council.

The last time I brought the matter forward Mr. Barry was to see Father O'Byrne over the matter, but it seems nothing was done. The water was flowing over the ditch for the greater part of the day last Monday when a very heavy shower fell there. Please bring the matter before the Finance Committee at next meeting."

The County Surveyor stated that at the place complained there were two parallel roads with a tremendous "drop" from one to the other.

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

"That the County Surveyor arrange to meet Rev. M. O'Byrne, P.P. and Mr. James Lawler, M.C.C., at Ballindaggin in connection with flooded road near the local School and report result of interview to next meeting of Finance Committee."

### OULART STREETS

Under date 21st March 1938, the following was read from Shelmalier District Committee '98 Commemoration Association:-

"I have been instructed by my Committee to forward you, for submission to your Council at its next meeting, the following resolution, adopted at a meeting held at Oulart, on Sunday, March 20th 1938:-

"That we, the members of the Shelmalier District Committee of the '98 Commemoration Association, hereby protest against the delay of the County Council, despite repeated applications from other local bodies, in having the necessary repairs carried out to Oulart village streets, and in view of the forthcoming '98 Celebrations at this centre, we request the Council to have the work undertaken without further delay."

The County Surveyor said he intended to have the work



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carried out but money was not available until 1st April. He would arrange for its execution as soon as possible.

#### OLD AGE PENSION ACTS

Under date 31st March, 1938, the following was read from Mr. P. J. Cullen, Clerk of Sub-Committee No. 3, Local Pensions Pensions Committee:-

"In reply to yours of the 23rd March re the adjustments of districts I am directed by my Committee to seek further information from you regarding same.

(1) Do you mean that my Committee are to sit in Wexford occasionally.

(2) My Committee approve of the transfer of Horetown and Newbawn to Taghmon, but not Ardcolm, as they think it too far distant, more so than any of our present outlying districts.

(3) My Committee are seemingly in favour of all their meetings to be held at Taghmon as it being most central."

It was decided to inform Mr. Cullen that when the Sub-Committees were first established, meetings of No. 3 Sub-Committee had been held in Wexford and Taghmon alternately. The Finance Committee considered that it would be advisable that the District Electoral Division of Ardcolm should be transferred to No. 3 Sub-Committee and meetings could be held occasionally in Wexford to deal with applicants from that area.

#### SUPPLY OF TWO EXPENDITURE BOOKS

Tenders were received from Messrs. Dollard Ltd., Wellington Quay, Dublin, at £9 and John English & Co., Printers, Wexford, at £10. 10s.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded that the tender of Messrs. Dollard be agreed to.



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WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

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

"That the Minister be requested to sanction payment of 10/- per week to Mr. J. O'Kennedy for work in connection with writing up machinery records at Machinery Yard, Ennis-corthy, for a further six months as from the 1st April 1938"

PROPOSED EXAMINATION OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

Under date 24th March, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap of Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin:-

"We are this morning in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and we note and appreciate the resolution adopted by your Finance Committee.

We are quite satisfied to make the examination of the bridge, and to determine what load it is at present able to carry, what it can be made to carry with reasonable repairs and what such repairs might be expected to cost - and to do this for £105, which will cover all our personal and travelling expenses.

But we shall certainly want a boat, a substantial steady boat from which ladders or staging can be erected (possibly two painters ladders and planks between would be best) with 2 or 3 men to handle it, and the necessary ropes, and we shall probably want a carpenter for some of the time spent on the inspection, and further we shall almost certainly want a diver for a few days.

All this gear and all this assistance will be necessary if we are to do what you want, i.e., make a really thorough inspection and examination of the bridge.

We submit that it is not reasonable or usual to ask us to provide this gear and assistance, such gear and assistance must be frequently in use by the County who can provide it for much less than we could.

We submit that our function is to make the examination of the bridge with the help of gear and men skilled and unskilled, supplied by the County, and to report on what the examination reveals.

We are ready to waive any claim to personal or travelling expenses, but we think that the County should supply us with all the assistance we find necessary in the shape of gear or men to enable us to do the job properly."

The County Surveyor stated he had written to Mr. Delap that the Finance Committee had recommended payment of 105 guineas to cover all expenses in connection with



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inspection of bridge. He had written to Mr. Delap that as regards a diver, the County Council could supply a pump and diving suit, but would not make themselves responsible for the payment of a diver, as his remuneration would be £4 per day, which meant very often only a half hour's work for that period. It was possible that the County Surveyor would also be able to secure a boat to help in the inspection. In reply to this Mr. Delap wrote the following under date 30th March 1938:-

"It is difficult to discuss this question of expenses in connection with the proposed examination of your bridge, as until we have actually begun the work it will not be possible to determine what the expenses will be. I quite understand your Committee objecting to pay an unknown figure for expenses, but is it quite fair that we should have to pay the same unknown sum out of our fee which we had computed to be a reasonable one for the work involved without deducting for expenses?

However, we want to do the job, and as from what you tell us in your letter it does not seem likely that the expenses will be a very serious matter, we will be ready to do the work for the £105, and leave the question of expenses to be decided by the Committee when our report is in your hands. We will keep an account of all we spend, and leave it to the Committee to say how far they can meet us in the matter at the final settlement."

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

"That Mr. Delap of Messrs. Delap & Waller be informed that as regards their inspection of Wexford Bridge, the County Surveyor would be prepared to provide them with a small boat and diving plant but not a diver. In the opinion of the Finance Committee, with this concession Messrs. Delap & Waller may see their way to accept the fee offered by the Finance Committee for inspection and report, viz., £105."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Secretary submitted five cases of applications for loans for review as follows:-

Patrick Byrne, Kilcavan, Gorey: Farm Labourer and Carter.

"works occasionally with Farmers and carts"; does not



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appear to be in permanent employment; gives income as £2. 6. 0 per week, but is that only for the time during which he is employed.

Loan £200. Rent 4/10d per week. Will be able to meet it. Annual amount £12. 11. 0d.

Richard Murphy, Carrigabruise, Enniscorthy, appears to be only in intermittent employment. Income of £91 per annum offers a very poor prospect of being able to pay anything. The rent of 4/4d per week - £11. 5. 11d per annum - for loan of £180, does not seem producible out of the Income. In permanent employment.

Mrs. Wallace, Coleman, Arthurstown. Don't know what is meant by Income £15. Loan in this case is £150 and rent would be 3/8d per week. Area of her land 22a. Or. 11p. valuation £9. 15. 0.

John Redmond, Ballyclemock, Newbawn, states he is in permanent work. Described on Application Form as Labourer and on Solicitor's Certificate as Mason. Rent 1/2½d per week for loan of £50.

Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown, Farmer. Income £70. Loan £130. Area of his holding 26a. Or. 20p. Valuation on land £8. 15s; Buildings 10/-. Total £9. 5s. Amount of Annual Repayment £8. 3. 2d. Weekly rent 3/2d.

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee should satisfy themselves that each of these persons and all others who were selected for loans would be able to keep up the annual repayments for 35 years and in addition pay rates, insurances and cost of repairs.

The meeting then considered the circumstances of the five applicants referred to.

Mr. O'Byrne contended that in his view Patrick Byrne was well able to meet the repayments of his loan and the



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Finance Committee accepted this statement.

As regards Murphy, Mr. Kelly pointed out that he was at present paying 3/- for a house and he certainly would be able to pay ~~the~~ small increase necessary to meet the loan repayment more particularly when he knew that the house would be his property at the end of the repayment period.

In connection with the application of Mrs. Wallace, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that she be asked for further particulars as regards her income and that the Secretary communicate with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in the matter.

As regards John Redmond, Mr. Colfer said there could be no doubt that this man would be able to pay a rent of ls. 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per week and the meeting accepted this statement.

Mr. Kelly assured the meeting that he believed Sullivan would have no difficulty in providing his weekly rent and the meeting agreed with this view.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS:

1. Joseph Kavanagh, Cronecribbon, Inch, applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £300. Assuming site value to be £20 most he can get will be £225.

2. James Dempsey, Piercestown, applied for loan of £220 for house valued at £275. Taking site value as £20 he would be entitled only to £185.

3. William Furlong, Tullabards, Kilmore, applied for loan of £100 for house value £250. If site value be taken at £20 applicant would be entitled to loan of £180. House already completed.

4. Thomas Flynn, Tullibards, Bridgetown. Loan £100. House already completed.

5. James Kent, Rochestown, Foulksmills. Loan £170.

6. Thomas McGrath, N.T., Grattan Terrace, Gorey. Loan £230.



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1. Joseph Kavanagh: It was decided that this man who described himself as a farm labourer be requested to state the amount of his income and also why he did not apply for a labourer's cottage.

2. James Dempsey: On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the application be adjourned for further particulars as to income.

3 & 4. William Furlong and Thomas Flynn: It was decided to point out to these applicants that houses erected under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts must be built under the supervision of one of the officers of the County Council, and no evidence has been submitted to the Finance Committee as regards any inspection of these buildings by officers of the Council.

5. James Kent: Adjourned for particulars as to income.

6. Thomas McGrath, N.T.: Loan of £230 maximum agreed to, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer.

#### ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of James Kehoe, Slievenagorea, The Ballagh, for £20 for the burning of furze on night of 11th or 12th March.

Referred to County Solicitor.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Notification was received from Inspector of National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as to application under Section 58 (1)(B) Children Act 1908 for committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mabel Moorhouse, 9 years old, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy. The child was homeless and was living with her mother in a house which was dangerous and insanitary. The mother was



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Under date 30th March, 1938, the Inspector of the Garda Síochána, Wexford, notified his intention to make application under Section 58 (1)(g) of the Children's Act 1908, for the committal to Industrial School of Mary Condren (13 years), Bridget Condren (12 years) and Margaret Condren (10 years) children of Michael Condren, Ballykelly, Drinagh. The application would be heard before the District Court, Wexford, on 20th April 1938.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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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 1st April 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be received and considered."

DANGEROUS CORNERS: Referring to the corners at Camolin, Mr. Connors said that if there was no money available at present to have those corners removed, some plashing of boughs and skeoughs should be done.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought there was a general order that all corners be cut from time to time.

The Chairman said that if necessary they would renew that order. He thought that hedges should be cut on all corners.

Secretary - On all corners on which they obscure the view.

Col. Quin referred to what he described as a very dangerous corner on the Ferns-Buncloody road, about a half-mile outside Ferns.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he had had some trouble with the owner of the land on which the corner was situate years ago in regard to other corners, and might have to bring him to Court. It was a dangerous corner. If they liked, next November, he would put it on the list for easement.

Mr. Walsh referred to a corner at Mount Hanover, near New Ross, and asked the County Surveyor to have a look at it. It was, he said, a very dangerous corner, and he had some narrow escapes there himself. If the scrub were cut away there, one would have a view.

In regard to boughs overhanging roads, Mr. Bowe referred to hay being torn off loads.



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The Chairman said he thought there was a tendency to allow the road fences to grow up stronger, and come out over the roads more than in the past.

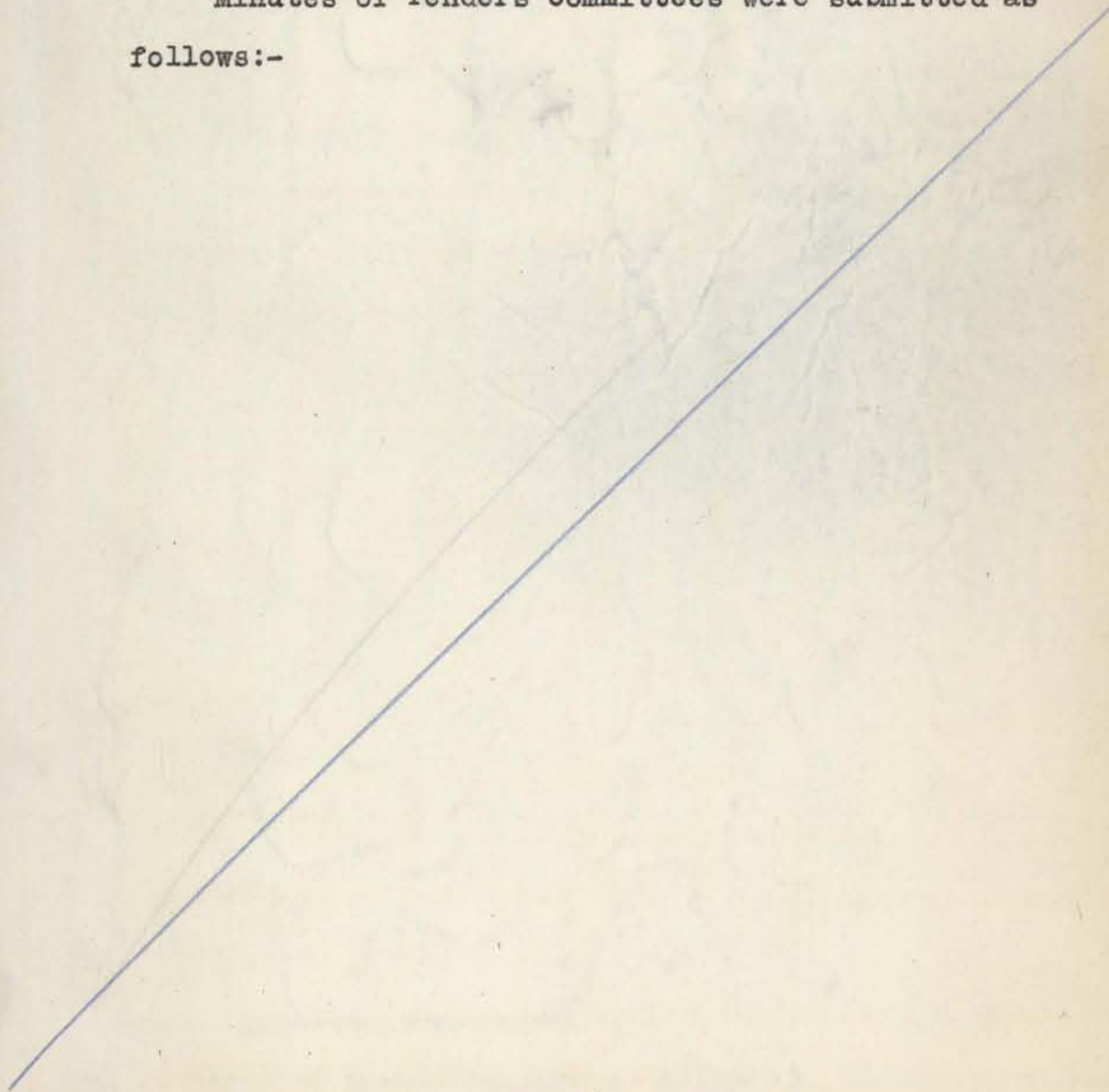
Referred to the County Surveyor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st April 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES MINUTES

Minutes of Tenders Committees were submitted as follows:-





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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

GOREY: A Meeting of Gorey Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse, Gorey, on 12th February, 1938.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman of the County Council), W. P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyors T. Treanor and R. J. Ennis were also in attendance.

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1941:-

84. Amount allowed £5.

Thomas Gaynor, Cumber, Co. Wexford, who gave as his Sureties, Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, Gorey, and William Kinsella, Castlewhite, tendered at £5 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

85. Amount allowed £15.

Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, giving as his Sureties, James Graham, Croghan, Inch and Andrew Kinsella, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

86. Amount allowed £15.

Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, who gave same Sureties as for No. 85, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

88. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Michael Fanning, Ahullen, and Terence Dunne, Tomathone, Gorey, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

89. Amount allowed £16.

Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Michael J. Fanning, Ahullen, and Terence Dunne,



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Tomathone, Kilanerin, Gorey, ~~giving as his Sureties,~~  
~~Michael J. Fanning, Ahullen, and Terence Dunne, Tomathone,~~  
Gorey, tendered at £16 and was accepted. This was the only  
tender.

102. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

104. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

105. Amount allowed £10.

James Mills, Clone, Castletown, who gave as his  
Sureties Michael Purcell, Barogue, and Richard Mills, Clone,  
tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

106. Amount allowed £13.

James Mills, Clone, Castletown, giving as his Sureties,  
Michael Purcell, Barogue and Richard Mills, Clone, tendered  
at £13 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

107. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Bergin, Clone, Castletown, giving as his  
Sureties, John Kinsella, Kilgorman and Joseph Bergin,  
Clone, Castletown, tendered at £5. 15. 0 and was accepted.  
This was the only tender.

108. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

109. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Bergin, Clone, Castletown, who gave same  
Sureties as for No. 107, tendered at £6. 15. 0 and was  
accepted. This was the only tender.

123. Amount allowed £11.

James Gethings, Cummer, Tinahely, giving as his Sureties,  
Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, Gorey and Richard Brown,



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Clounamona, Gorey, tendered at £11 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

124. Amount allowed £11.

Michael Kilty, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, giving as his Sureties, Joshua Kilty, Custodium, and Thomas Woodbyrne, Pallas, Inch, tendered at £16 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

142. Amount allowed £20.

William Walsh, Knockbrandon, giving as his Sureties, Richard Browne, Clounamona and Myles Byrne, Senior, Knockbrandon, tendered at £19.

Daniel Kinsella, Clonsilla, Gorey, tendered at £20.

The tender of William Walsh was accepted.

143. Amount allowed £9.

John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Byrne, Main Street, Gorey, and John Nolan, Main Street, Gorey, tendered at £9.

Thomas Sheehan, Ballymanane, Gorey, tendered at £9.

The tender of John Byrne was accepted.

144. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Keane, Moor, Killena, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Keane, Tomduff, Killena, and Thomas Whelan, Ballyduff, Killena, tendered at £9. 9. 0.

John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey, tendered at £9. 10. 0; Denis Redmond, Tomsilla Lower, Gorey, at £10; and James Dunne, Ballydane, Courtown Harbour, at £11. 10s.

The tender of Michael Keane was accepted.

182. Amount allowed £32.

Michael Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew, giving as his Sureties, William Kinsella, Castlewhite and Thaddeus Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew, tendered at £32.

William Walsh, Knockbrandon, tendered at £31. William



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Walsh's Sureties were not in attendance.

The tender of Michael Loughlin was accepted.

184. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

187. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Fox, Knockbrandon, Craanford, giving as his Sureties, Richard Browne, Clounamona and Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, tendered at £20.

William Walsh, Knockbrandon, tendered at £19. William Walsh's Sureties were not in attendance.

The tender of Patrick Fox was accepted.

203. Amount allowed £12.

John Donohoe, Ballyconran, Craanford, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Donohoe, Ballyconran, and Thaddeus Loughlin, Ballyellis, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

218. Amount allowed £13.

Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Francis Carty, Coolnastud and Patrick Bolger, Coolnaveigh, tendered at £13.

Daniel Kinsella, Clonsilla, and John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey, also tendered at £13.

Thomas Sheehan's tender was accepted.

334. Amount allowed £30.

Nicholas Redmond, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, giving as his Sureties, John Murphy, Ballygarron, Kilmuckridge, and George H. Steacy, Mount Forrest, Ballycanew, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

354. Amount allowed £10.

John Corrigan, Clounmore, Ballycanew, giving as his Sureties, George Steacy, Mount Forrest, and Aidan Kehoe,



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Mount Howard, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

355. Amount allowed £10.

David Doyle, Ballinagam, Clonevan, giving as his Sureties, John P. Sinnott, Cahore, and Thomas Doyle, Ballygarrett, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

356. Amount allowed £8.

Myles Ennis, Cahore, giving as his Sureties, John P. Sinnott, Cahore, and Thomas Doyle, Ballygarrett, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1016. Amount allowed £30.

William Murphy, Monasootha, Camolin, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Funge, 17 Main Street, Gorey, and James Gleeson, Esmonde Street, Gorey, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1024. Amount allowed £12.

Thomas Sheehan, Ballymanane, Gorey, giving as his Sureties, Francis Carty, Coolnastud and Patrick Bolger, Coolnaleigh, tendered at £8. 10. 0.

Michael Keane, Moor, Killena, tendered at £9. 9. 0;  
James Dunne, Ballydeane, Courtown Harbour, at £10 and  
Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort Park, at £11. 15. 0.

The tender of Thomas Sheehan was accepted.

1025. Amount allowed £15.

Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort Park, giving as his Sureties, James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey, and John Kinsella, Kilgorman, tendered at £15.

John Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey tendered at £14. 15. 0. Contract unsigned.

The tender of Patrick Kinsella was accepted.



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1026. Amount allowed £10.

Thomas Gaynor, Cummer, giving as his Sureties, Edward Breslin, Slievebawn, Gorey, and William Kinsella, Castlewhite, tendered at £8.

John Donohoe, Ballyconran, tendered at £8. 18. 0.

Patrick Nolan, Drummond and William Walsh, Knockbrandan, tendered at £9. 10. 0.

The tender of Thomas Gaynor was accepted.

Haulage Contracts: A large number of contracts were accepted for haulage of material, preference, taking into account the difference in price, was given to horse haulage.

ENNISCORTHY: A Meeting of Enniscorthy Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse, Enniscorthy, on 15th February 1938.

Present: Messrs. J. J. Bowe, John P. Kelly, and James Lawler, and P. Ronan.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Cullen and Ennis were also in attendance.

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1941:-

167. Amount allowed £40.

Michael Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, giving as his Sureties, Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus and Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, tendered at £39 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

235. Amount allowed £15.

John Connors, Mandoran Lower, Bunclody, giving as his Sureties, Matthew Breen, Mandoran, and John Connors, Glasslacken, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



238. Amount allowed £33.

James Finn, Ryland, Clohamon, giving as his Sureties, Martin Kearns and Patrick McClean, both of Coorduff, tendered at £33 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

239. Amount allowed £48.

Patrick Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, giving as his Sureties, Peter Byrne, Cloroguemore, and Michael Murphy, Cloroguemore, tendered at £48 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

242. Amount allowed £30.

Peter Murphy, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, Michael Murphy, Cloroguemore, and Peter Byrne, Cloroguemore, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

243. Amount allowed £30.

Owen Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, giving as his Sureties, Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus and Hugh Byrne, Kilmyskal, tendered at £24.

James Kehoe, Kyle, Bunclody, tendered at £24. 15. 0 and John Nolan, Ballycrystal, at £28.

The tender of Owen Doyle was accepted.

244. Amount allowed £50.

James Farrell, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, James Foley, Wheelagower, and John Delaney, Wheelagower, tendered at £47. 10. 0.

James Carroll, Boolenadurragh, tendered at £24, but on investigation it was found figure was given in error.

Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, tendered at £42.  
(Unsatisfactory Contractor).

The tender of James Farrell was accepted.



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245. Amount allowed £55.

Michael A. Doyle, Ballyprecus, giving as his Sureties, Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus and Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, tendered at £46. 10. 0.

James Kearns, Coorduff, tendered at £49. 17. 0d.

The tender of Michael A. Doyle was accepted.

261. Amount allowed £22.

William Doran, Tomona, Kiltaly, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin and James Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, tendered at £18. 17. 6d.

Edward O'Connor, Coolree, Ballindaggin, tendered at £21.

The tender of William Doran was accepted.

265. Amount allowed £19.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

266. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

267. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

281. Amount allowed £23.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

282. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

294. Amount allowed £60.

Owen Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, who gave same Sureties as for No. 243, tendered at £60, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

296. Amount allowed £22.

John Breen, Tombrack, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, John Doyle, Tombrack and Denis Kinsella, Bolachoir, Ferns, tendered at £21 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



297. Amount allowed £50.

John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Michael McGuire, Junior, Ballinakill, and Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, tendered at £49.

Robert Kinsella, Kiltomas, tendered at £50.

The tender of John Kavanagh was accepted.

298. Amount allowed £26.

Brian McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, giving as his Sureties, Denis Sinnott, Kilbora and James Kelly, Bayview, Camolin, tendered at £24. 10. 0.

John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, tendered at £25.

The tender of Brian McDonald was accepted.

315. Amount allowed £26.

Patrick J. Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Michael McGuire, Ballinakill and Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, tendered at £25, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

316. Amount allowed £19.

John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Michael McGuire, Ballinakill, and Patrick Kavanagh, Forties, Ferns, tendered at £18.

Brian McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, tendered at £19.

The tender of John Kavanagh was accepted.

317. Amount allowed £42.

James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Art Sinnott, Clone, Ferns, and John Donohoe, Effernogue, tendered at £41. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

366. Amount allowed £13.

Aidan Pendergast, Cullentra, Kiltaly, giving as his Sureties, James Forrestal, Grange, Killanne, and Martin



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Kearns, Coorduff, Clohamon, tendered at £10. 19. 6d.

Edward Leary, Cullentra, Kilttealy, tendered at £13.

The tender of Aidan Pendergast was accepted.

367. Amount allowed £22.

Edward Leary, Cullentra, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, William Corcoran, Kilttealy and Denis Murphy, Cullentra, Kilttealy, tendered at £22 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

368. Amount allowed £20.

James Morrissey, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, giving as his Sureties, Denis Murphy, Cullentra, Kilttealy, and William Corcoran, Kilttealy, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

369. Amount allowed £15.

Martin Doyle, Rathduff, Killanne, giving as his Sureties Patrick Brennan and John O'Leary, both of Springmount, Killanne, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

370. Amount allowed £29.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, giving as his Sureties, George Rowe, Grange, Newtown, and James Forrestal, Newtown, tendered at £29 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

371. Amount allowed £14.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, who gave same Sureties as for No. 370, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

372. Amount allowed £13.

Martin Cooney, Corrigeen, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Doolan, Corrigeen, Rathnure and Thomas Pender, Askinvillar, Kilttealy, tendered at £12. 15. 0d.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, tendered at £12. 18. 0.

The tender of Martin Cooney was accepted.



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374. Amount allowed £48.

John Cahill, Grange, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, John Kealy, Grange, and Walter Furlong, Grange, tendered at £48 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

375. Amount allowed £27.

Bertie Rowe, Grange, Newtown, who gave same Sureties as for Nos. 370 and 371, tendered at £27 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

376. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Doran, Glenglass, Killanne, giving as his Sureties, R. Rackard, Killanne and J. Breen, Aughnacappa, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

396. Amount allowed £16.

Laurence Dunne, Greenane, Killanne, giving as his Sureties, Nicholas Carty, Ballinlug and William Beattie, Greenane, tendered at £16 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

397. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

398. Amount allowed £26.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

399. Amount allowed £29.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

419. Amount allowed £20.

John Doran, Kilcotty, giving as his Sureties, Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy and John Stamp, Garrymoyle tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

420. Amount allowed £10.

Thomas Murphy, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Breen, Coolgarrow and John Stamp, Garry-



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moyle, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

421. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

423. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

424. Amount allowed £30.

John Doran, Kilcotty, who gave same Sureties as for No. 419 tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

441. Amount allowed £15.

Luke Mythen, Ballytarsna, Oulart, giving as his Sureties, Denis Lyndon and Martin Dempsey, both of Killagowan, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

442. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

443. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

444. Amount allowed £15.

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Edward O'Brien, Tubberlamina, Oulart, and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, Kilmuckridge, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

445. Amount allowed £10.

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, who gave same Sureties as for No. 444 tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

446. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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447. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

450. Amount allowed £30.

Michael Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Michael Murphy, Ballinamonabeg and Michael Stamp, Ballinacarrig, tendered at £30, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

490. Amount allowed £28.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

491. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

515. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

516. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

517. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

518. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

533. Amount allowed £30.

John Redmond, Junior, Crannrue, Edermine, giving as his Sureties, Philip Harris and James Harris, both of Brownswood, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

534. Amount allowed £12.

John Doran, Kilcotty, giving as his Sureties, Peter Doran, Market Square, Enniscorthy, and John Stamp, Garrymoyle, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



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537. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, giving as his Sureties, Michael Redmond, Ballinaslaney, and Michael Stamp, Ballinacarrig, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

538. Amount allowed £35.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, who gave same Sureties as for No. 537, tendered at £34. 10. 0, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

559. Amount allowed £20.

Charles Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Samuel A. Earle, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy, and Daniel Bolger, Castle Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £20, and was accepted. This was the only tender.

560. Amount allowed £10.

Charles Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, who gave same Sureties as for No. 559, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

561. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1014. Amount allowed £14.

No. tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1017. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1018. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1019. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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1020. Amount allowed £8.

Thomas Pender, Askinvillar, Kiltale, giving as his Sureties, Martin Morrissey and Thomas Cowman, both of Askinvillar, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

Haulage Contracts: In connection with haulage contracts, preference where possible, in view of the discrepancy in price, was given to horse haulage in distinction to mechanical haulage.

NEW ROSS: Meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse, New Ross, on 17th February, 1938.

Present: Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Kennedy, Michael Redmond and Thomas Redmond.

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

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1941:-

472. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

473. Amount allowed £24.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

574. Amount allowed £12.

James Blake, Ballinabanogue, Ballywilliam, giving as his Sureties, Timothy J. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross and Richard Audley, Ballinabanogue, tendered at £11. 17. 6d and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

575. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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576. Amount allowed £23.

John Doran, Gobbinstown, giving as his Sureties, James Gladney, John Street, New Ross and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £23 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

580. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

598. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

602. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

603. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

604. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

605. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

661. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

662. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

663. Amount allowed £36.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

664. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

666. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

668. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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690. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

691. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

692. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

721. Amount allowed £13.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

722. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

723. Amount allowed £10.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, and William Bohanna, Loughnageer, tendered at £9. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

724. Amount allowed £15.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Kinsella, and William Bohanna, both of Loughnageer, tendered at £13.

William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £14. 17. 6d.

The tender of James Kinsella was accepted.

727. Amount allowed £9.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 723 and 751, tendered at £8. 8. 0d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

742. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

744. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



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746. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

747. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

748. Amount allowed £15.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for No. 724, tendered at £14. 10. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

749. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

751. Amount allowed £5.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 723 and 727, tendered at £4. 18. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

801. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

804. Amount allowed £8.

John Murphy, Nook, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties, John Redmond and Peter Foran, both of Nook, tendered at £7. 19. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

806. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

808. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

Amount allowed £21.

809. A John Slator, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, giving as his Sureties, Philip Conway, South Street, New Ross, and Joseph Ahearne, Quay Street, New Ross, tendered at £21 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

828. Amount allowed £12.

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No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.



831. Amount allowed £12.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for 723, 727 and 751, tendered at £11. 12. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

847. Amount allowed £6.

Thomas Walsh, Tintern, Saltmills, giving as his Sureties Patrick Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, and Maurice Fitzgerald, St. Kearns, tendered at £6 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

850. Amount allowed £12.

John Slator, Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, giving as his Sureties, Philip Conway, South Street, New Ross and Joseph Ahearne, Quay Street, New Ross, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

851. Amount allowed £20.

Thomas Phelan, Junior, Ballinphile, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Phelan, Senior, Ballinphile and Michael Neville, Haggard, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

852. Amount allowed £6.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

855. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley's Hill, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Robert Foley, Newtown, Fethard-on-Sea, and John Power, Auldrige, Duncannon, tendered at £11 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

856. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley's Hill, who gave same Sureties as for No. 855, tendered at £11 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



869. Amount allowed £18.

Edward Mallon, Auldridge, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Whelan, Ballinphile and John Power, Auldridge, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

871. Amount allowed £9.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, John Power, Aldridge, Duncannon, and Robert Foley, Newtown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

874. Amount allowed £15.

Edward Banville, Haytown, Duncannon, who gave same Sureties as for No. 871, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

875. Amount allowed £8.

Daniel Grace, Lambstown, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Walter Byrne, and William Devereux, both of Lambstown, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1023. Amount allowed £12.

Mrs. Annie Hendrick, Rathfardon, Clonroche, giving as her Sureties, John Flynn, Ballindoney, and Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathnure, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

Contracts for Haulage: Haulage contracts were allotted to horse haulage wherever possible, taking into consideration, the difference in price between it and mechanical haulage.

WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE met on 19th February, 1938, in Courthouse, County Hall, Wexford.

Present: Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman County Council), presiding, also, Messrs. C. Culleton, John Day and Miss O'Brien



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The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Birthistle and Cullen were in attendance.

Road Contracts: The following tenders for roads were accepted, the period running from 1st April, 1938, to 31st March, 1941:-

622. Amount allowed £26.

John Furlong, Ballinclay, Killurin, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, and Timothy Connors, Ballinclay, tendered at £26 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

623. Amount allowed £15.

Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle, giving as his Sureties, William Gaynor, North Main Street, Wexford, and Edward Foley, Crossabeg, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

624. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

625. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

626. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

627. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

628. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

762. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

763. Amount allowed £13.

Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, giving as his Sureties,



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William Wright, Sea View, Murrintown and Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £13 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

764. Amount allowed £17.

Patrick Cullen, Forest, Taghmon, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Boggan, Growtown, and Michael O'Ryan, Tomcoole, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

766. Amount allowed £9.

Richard Cleary, Dirr, Cleariestown, giving as his Sureties, James Roche, Dirr, Cleariestown and Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

778. Amount allowed £15.

Peter Long, Kingsford, Barntown, giving same Sureties as for No. 763, tendered at £13. 19. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

779. Amount allowed £17.

Peter Long, Kingsford, Barntown, who gave same Sureties as for Nos. 763 and 778, tendered at £15. 19. 0d.

James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £16.

The tender of Peter Long was accepted.

781. Amount allowed £6.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

782. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

783. Amount allowed £7.

James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, giving as his Sureties John Stafford, Greenlake and William Wright, Trinity, tendered at £6. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



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785. Amount allowed £7.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

786. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

889. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

890. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

893. Amount allowed £13.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving as his Sureties, James Davey, Moor and Patrick Kehoe, Gibberpatrick, tendered at £11. 18. 6d.

James Doyle, Graigeen, tendered at £13.

The tender of John Davey was accepted.

910. Amount allowed £19.

John Davey, Balloughton, who gave same Sureties as for No. 893, tendered at £17. 18. 6d.

William Waters, Vernegley, tendered at £18. 15. 0.

James Doyle, Graigeen, Bannow, tendered at £20.

The tender of John Davey was accepted.

911. Amount allowed £7.

William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Whelan, 26 North Main Street, Wexford, and Patrick Kelly, Cornmarket, Wexford, tendered at £6. 9. 0d.

James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, tendered at £6. 14. 0.

The tender of William Waters was accepted.

913. Amount allowed £5.

William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge, who gave same Sureties as for No. 911, tendered at £4. 17. 0.

James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, tendered at £5.

The tender of William Waters was accepted.



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937. Amount allowed £14.

Thomas Pitt, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, giving as his Sureties, William Delaney, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, and Philip Furlong, Tullibards, tendered at £12. 19. Od.

Philip Connick, Bridgetown, tendered at £13.

The tender of Thomas Pitt was accepted.

954. Amount allowed £10.

James Jordan, Redhouse, Duncormick, giving as his Sureties, Stephen Coady, Cull, Duncormick, and Patrick Kehoe, Gibberpatrick, Duncormick, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

956. Amount allowed £18.

Patrick Kielty, Sweetmount, Bridgetown, giving as his Sureties, Edward Mernagh, Tullibards and Philip Furlong, Tullibards, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

957. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Kielty, Sweetmount, Bridgetown, who gave same Sureties as for No. 956, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

972. Amount allowed £9.

Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Rossieter, Ballykilliane, and James Hore, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

973. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, who gave same Sureties as for No. 972, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

974. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, who gave same



Sureties as for Nos. 972 and 973, tendered at £7 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

975. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

977. Amount allowed £21.

William Boggan, Hilltown, Ballycogley, giving as his Sureties, James Boggan, Walshestown, and William Devereux, Gurteenminogue, tendered at £20. 10. 0.

John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £21.

The tender of William Boggan was accepted.

978. Amount allowed £18.

John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, giving as his Sureties, William Sheill, Newtown, Kilmore, and Patrick Newport, Woodtown, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1010. Amount allowed £17.

Peter Barry, Woodtown, Rosslare, giving as his Sureties, Thomas O'Connor and Peter Bolger, both of Woodtown, Rosslare, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1011. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1012. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1022. Amount allowed £20.

John Furlong, Ballinclay, Killurin, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, Killurin and Timothy Connors, Ballinclay, Killurin, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.



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Haulage Contracts: Mr. Culleton said he had been asked to raise the question as to what was the policy of the County Council as to the employment of lorries and carters. It seemed that a system of employing lorries to the detriment of owners of horses had been brought in. He did not think it fair to employ the lorries of monopolists such as the Great Southern Railway Company, which did not pay rates, to do away with the employment of horses. He had been asked to put this matter before the meeting and he certainly thought ordinary carters had a decided grievance as they were depending on their horses to earn a livelihood.

The Chairman said it was not the policy of the County Council to give preference to lorries for haulage of material. There was a preference of 2d per yard, for horses as compared with lorries.

Mr. Culleton wished to know why the lorries of the Railway Company were employed. If lorries were necessary why should not local lorry owners be employed.

The County Surveyor said that with pre-mixed tar material it was a great convenience. They had trailers with tractors and saved a good deal by that, as while one was on the road the second was being filled. Unfortunately, time was lost waiting for ordinary lorries to be filled.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that when it was a question of keeping machinery and large squads of men going regularly the ordinary lorry failed badly. They were mainly employed by farmers and when required by the latter they disappointed as regards County Council work. This had happened time and time again. Lorries had to remain constantly on the job if road work was to be efficiently carried out.

Mr. Culleton said he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the County Council.

Where there was a difference of 2d per yard or less horse haulage was accepted as against mechanical haulage and in the case of tenders for the latter class quotations from lorry owners in rural districts were accepted.



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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, under date 21st March, 1938, relative to Contract for Road No. 244 and which had been forwarded to the County Surveyor from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for his observations:-

"I tendered for a contract for the upkeep of a road Enniscorthy meeting on the 15th day of February, for the sum of £42: 0: 0d. Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, handed this Contract over to a Blue shirt because I had no influence, as being a supporter of the Government. This contract was handed to this Blue shirt for the handsome sum of £47: 10: 0d from me at £42: 0: 0d. Have your Board any say in the matter, so if you can give me any redress I would be very much obliged to you for the same and help a supporter of the Government."

The County Surveyor said that in the first instance, he absolutely repudiated any suggestion that he would be influenced by personality or by any colour. The only matter by which he was influenced was in regard to whether a man was fit or willing to do the work. In this particular case, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, objected to Kearns as being a bad contractor. He (County Surveyor) had looked up the records, and found that he had a contract on that same road from 1932 to 1935, and every single quarter of the period he was behind and he had various sums of money stopped. For the three subsequent years, Farrell, who had the contract now, though he did not get his pay in full every quarter, the amounts that were held back were small. The other man - Kearns - would have been in court if they had been in a position to get some other one to do the work.

Chairman - I think the Tenders Committee were satisfied that this man should not get the work.

Mr. Walsh - He has the remedy in his own hands. All he has to do, according to himself, is become a Blue-shirt and he will get the job.



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Mr. Corish said he had been Chairman of meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee, and, after the statement of Mr. Culleton he ruled the discussion out of order and said the matter should be brought before the County Council. As regards the remarks concerning the Railways they should remember what the position was when the Government took over office about five years ago, when the Railways were in a wretched way. The action of the Government was the means of keeping on a large number of men who would have, otherwise, been unemployed. The shareholders (a number of whom were not in very affluent circumstances) were not getting any dividend. They should not forget when the Transport Bill was brought in, it provided that lorries, the property of the Railway, should, in certain areas, be used to feed the Railways. He would be very sorry that anything should be done to interfere with the Railway lorries. The Railways were paying reasonable wages to their lorry drivers and this could not be said for all private lorry owners.

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

"That, in the opinion of this Council, the Railway Company should pay Road Tax in respect of their transport vehicles used in the Wexford service to Wexford County Council."

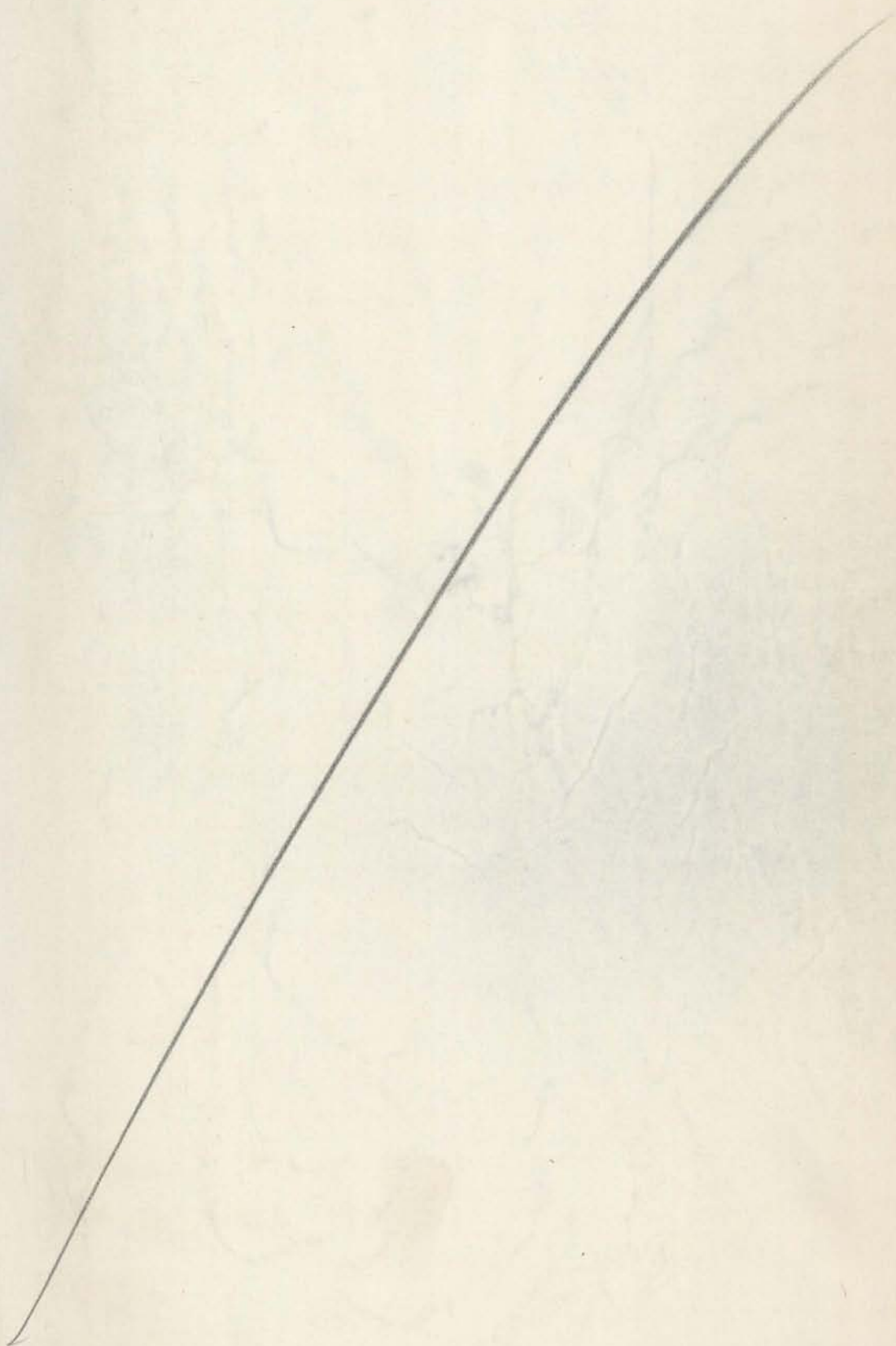
Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of the various Tenders Committee meetings in Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."



ANCIENT MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of Ancient Monuments Local  
Advisory Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st  
April 1938, were submitted:-





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A Meeting of the County Wexford Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st April, 1938.

Present:- Very Rev. Cannon Cloney, P.P. (Chairman) presiding; also, Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., and Miss Kathleen A. Browne.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

Letter was received from Mr. E. R. Richards Orpen, regretting he was unable to attend the meeting.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

Miss Browne proposed a vote of condolence to the Clergy of the Diocese on the death of His Lordship, Most Reverend Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns. Miss Browne said that the late Bishop took a deep interest in the history and antiquities of the County. He was Patron of the local Historical Society while it existed, and member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries. She was now able to say that the plaque to the memory of the mother of the poet, Tom Moore, which was inserted in the front wall of the house in Cornmarket, Wexford, in which she was born, was put up at the expense of His Lordship, who requested that no reference should be made to the matter during his lifetime. The Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee voiced the opinion of the whole community in their expression of regret at Dr. Codd's death.

Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., seconded.

The vote was passed in the usual way.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss Browne, a vote of condolence was adopted to Rev. Mark O'Byrne, P.P., Ballindaggin, in the death of his brother, Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, a valued member of the Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee.



NEW MEMBER

The Committee recommended the appointment, as successor to the late Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., of Rev. Joseph Ranson, C.C., Enniscorthy, on the motion of Miss Browne, seconded by Rev. P. Murphy, P.P.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS

The Committee desire to return their best thanks to the County Council for allocating £150 for the repair and preservation of the ancient and historical monuments of the County. The taking over of three of these, viz., Clonmines, Ferrycarrig, and Mountgarrett Castle, was considered by the meeting.

In connection with Clonmines, letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Board of Health, under date 1st October, 1937 (No.P.H. 79181-Loch Garman Pa) stated that the Board of Health are owners of the buildings and are empowered by Section 12 of the National Monuments Act 1930, to maintain them, and the Local Authority under Section 3(3) of the Act to strike a rate for the expenses of repair.

The meeting, after considerable discussion, decided to make a beginning of their practical work by taking steps for the preservation of the ruins of Clonmines, and, for this purpose, it was decided that the three members present should make an inspection on 6th April 1938, and, as a result, present a report as to what they believed was necessary for preservation.

The meeting wish to point out it would not be possible to make any recommendation for any extensive repairs for any old buildings and believe that if they can, with the least outlay, preserve what are considered the most important of the Ancient Monuments of the County it will be as far as they can be expected to go.



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

"That the Minutes of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st April 1938, and as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

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

"That, as recommended by Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee, Rev. J. Ranson, C.C., Enniscorthy, be appointed member of this Committee, vice Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., deceased."

#### FILLING VACANCY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr. McCarthy moved and Mr. Day seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That, in accordance with Notice of Motion already served by Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Raymond Doyle, Merchant and Farmer, Broadway, be co-opted a member of this County Council, vice Mr. Peter Doyle, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, whose appointment as County Councillor in succession to the late Col. Gibbon, was ruled to be invalid."

#### BALLINDAGGIN WATER SUPPLY

The following motion, which was circulated to the members of the County Council on the 26th February, 1938, stood in the name of Councillor James Lawlor:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 11th April 1938 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, that the said Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £720 (Seven Hundred and Twenty Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for the village of Ballindaggin."



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In moving his motion, Mr. Lawlor said that the matter of provision of this water supply had been before the Board of Health for quite a long time. It would benefit 20 families, and at least nine or ten would be prepared to take in the water. They expected to receive from the Government a third of the total cost and on this basis, the redemption of the loan would be £78 per annum. If the nine or ten people who stated they would take in a supply carried out their promises the redemption would, of course, be still less.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Bowe said he was not against the proposal, but there were other villages to his mind which required just as much attention as Ballindaggin. There was Rathnure, for instance, and in Boladurragh not a drop of water could be obtained for months.

The Chairman said the water supply for Rathnure was under consideration by the Board of Health.

Miss O'Ryan (Chairman of the County Health Board), pointed out that Rathnure would not be forgotten. There were only four families living in that village. The present policy of the Board of Health was not only to erect houses but also to instal water and sewerage systems in their villages. This was necessary if they were to keep in step with modern progress. Ballindaggin was an important village with a Church and School and a number of houses. When the bigger villages were furnished with sewerage and water systems Rathnure and all the other secondary villages would be considered.

Mr. Bowe said the Board of Education were erecting a new school in Kiltale where there was 130 pupils, and he considered before any new building of that description was proceeded with, some co-operation should be made between the Board of Health and Board of Education so that the



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school would be erected within a convenient distance of the water supply.

Mr. Corish agreed and pointed out that the new school which was being erected in Oylegate was not within convenient reach of water supply and the Board of Health found it was not possible to bring it into their sewerage scheme as the fall of ground was the wrong way. This was a very serious state of affairs and could have been avoided if there had been a consultation by the Board of Health and the Board of Education in the first instance.

Col. Quin said that it did not appear to be an economic proposition to proceed with the proposal for Ballindaggin if only half of the number of families affected were prepared to take in the water supply.

In reply, the Chairman said, of course, people who were unable to pay for water supply to their houses were entitled to a public supply from the Board of Health.

The motion was then adopted.

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

"That the attention of the Office of Public Works be called to the necessity, when this body is about to erect a school or any other public building in the County, for co-operation between them and the Board of Health so that water supply and sewerage system could be installed at the minimum "cost"."

#### RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT - COUNTY HOME, ENNISCORTHY

The following notice of motion, circulated to the members of the County Council on the 9th March, 1938, 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 11th April, 1938, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, that



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the said Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health of £3,000 (Three Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of carrying out renovation and improvement work at the County Home, Enniscorthy."

In moving this motion, Miss O'Ryan said that the repayment of the loan would be £440 per annum, practically equivalent to  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ and, of course, the instalments would be reduced annually. The expenditure was absolutely unavoidable.

Col. Quin, in seconding, said that in his opinion, not a farthing of this money would be wasted and in fact, if the amount were ten times what was proposed he would support it.

The motion was then put and passed without dissent.

RESIGNATION OF MR. CULLIMORE, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following, under date 22nd March 1938, was read from Mr. William Cullimore, County Councillor, Pearse Street, Wexford:-

"I regret having to ask you to place my resignation before the County Council. Owing to indifferent health and other private reasons, I find it impossible to give the attention to public duties which they require.

Please convey to the Chairman and the Members, my regret at having to sever an association which was pleasant and harmonious."

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

"That the resignation of Mr. William Cullimore as County Councillor, be accepted with great regret and that the necessary steps be taken to fill the vacancy thus created at the meeting of County Council on 9th May 1938."



## REPORT OF AUDITOR - COUNTY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The following report of Auditor of Local Government and Public Health under date 3rd February 1938 (A.6583/1938) was read:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council, including the County Library Committee, for the half-year ended 30th September, 1937, and for the preceding five half-years. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

Following is a comparative table of the rates made for the three financial years 1935/36; 1936/37; and 1937/38.

	<u>1935/36</u>	<u>1936/37</u>	<u>1937/38</u>
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
In respect of Roads	2. 6½	2. 3½	2. 7
" County Services	2. 9¼	2. 10½	2. 11¼
" Poor Relief	3. 0½	3. 1¼	3. 2
" Health District Charges including expenses under Labourers Acts. }	1. 2¼	1. 3¾	1. 5¾
	<u>2. 6½</u>	<u>2. 7½</u>	<u>10. 2</u>

It will be observed that the rate remained nearly stationary over these three years and that the slight increase which did occur in 1937/38 was spread over the four services included. In each of the three years an amount of 1d in the £ was included under Health District Charges with a view to a contribution as provided in Section 2 of the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931. A portion of this allocation is not required by the Board of Health and I am informed by the County Secretary that a credit for the unused portion will be given to the Health District in the Estimate for 1938/39.

The table below shows the amount of rates outstanding, with the percentage of the relative warrant at the close of each of the half-years indicated.

	<u>Half-year ended</u>				
	<u>30/9/1935</u>	<u>31/3/1936</u>	<u>30/9/1936</u>	<u>31/3/1937</u>	<u>30/9/1937</u>
Amount of Rates out-standing.	£. s. d. 98790.13.11	£. s. d. 39529.4.7	£. s. d. 93636.15.10	£. s. d. 36870.18.2	£. s. d. 99267.0.5
Percentage of Warrant.	85.3	34.1	81.6	32.1	78.6

The percentage of uncollected rates at 31/3/1937, was 2.0% lower than at the corresponding previous year and similarly the amounts outstanding at the close of the September half-years showed a tendency to decline.

The amounts now due to the County Council from the Urban Districts are:-



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	£.	s.	d.
Enniscorthy	2,497.	19.	2
New Ross	854.	11.	8
Wexford	6,738.	15.	9.

The amount due by New Ross represents one quarter of the current year's Demand; the amount due by Enniscorthy two quarters approximately; and the amount due by Wexford three quarters of the current year's Demand and one quarter of the Demand for 1936/37.

The total loans made to borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as at 30th September, 1937, amounted to £17,517. 12. 0. The instalments unpaid by borrowers at the same date amounted to £249. 6. 1, but included in this amount are arrears which in a few cases cover an extended period, and legal action is desirable in these cases failing some immediate improvement.

Mortgages to the Council in respect of dwellings erected by borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, bind the borrowers to effect fire insurances in the joint names of the borrower and the County Council up to the amount advanced as a minimum.

The County Council having considered the possibility of a borrower failing to renew the insurance at due date have thought it advisable to duplicate this insurance and have effected a general policy up to the total amount advanced, for which they pay an annual premium of £12. 10s.

The Commissioners of Public Works agreed to make a Grant to the Council of £230 for improvement works at Ballyhack Harbour, on condition that the County Council contributed a sum of £114. The County Council accepted this proposal and expenditure amounting to £344 on this scheme was incurred between October, 1936 and September 1937.

The Contractor who carried out the sewerage works at Rosslare for the Wexford Board of Health was obliged under the terms of his contract to restore the public road where opened, but the County Council undertook to carry out the restoration work themselves agreeing with the Contractor that he should pay them a sum of £200. The Council have made a claim on the Contractor for this amount.

In the March, 1936, half-year the Council made a special grant of £60 to the Library Committee to enable them to continue the services of an additional temporary assistant.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date."

The Secretary stated that as regards the duplication of Insurance policies under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts the Finance Committee had given the matter very close consideration and believed it essential that the County Council should have protection against any delay or neglect of the tenants in regard to insurance of the buildings.

He read the following letter from the Branch Manager of the



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Union Insurance Society (Ltd), 55 Dawson Street, Dublin,  
to explain the reason which actuated the Finance Committee  
to move in the matter:-

"We beg to advise you that though we duly made application to Mrs. Pender for payment of the premium for the renewal of the above Policy which became due on the 17th January last we have not yet received her remittance. It is essential if the property is to be covered, the premium for the renewal of the insurance should be paid at once, and we trust, therefore, you can arrange for remittance to be sent us immediately. The policy covered the building of the private dwellinghouse situated at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, in the sum of £250."

The meeting approved of the action of the Finance Committee.

The Secretary stated that the £200 due by the Contractor who carried out the sewerage works at Rosslare had been paid.

#### AUDIT ACCOUNTS OF ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

Under date 21st February 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded letter (No. A.4187-78) copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the above Institution in respect of half year ended 30th September 1937.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Committee of Management.

#### MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT

Under date 25th February 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/201/38) that a grant of £11918 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of main roads in the County for the year 1938-39, this amount being 40% of £29797 the sum passed by the Council for the upkeep of the main roads.



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MACHINERY OVERSEER AND PERMANENT STAFF OF THE COUNCIL

Under date 11th February 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RM/32) that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal of the County Council to place Mr. William Murphy, Overseer, on the permanent staff of the Council.

GRANTS URBAN ROADS

The Secretary said that no letter had yet come to hand from New Ross Urban District as to whether they would avail of the Government Grant of £2795 by putting up a local contribution from revenue of £385.

Mr. T. Redmond said the matter would be discussed that evening by the Finance Committee of New Ross Urban Council. He (Mr. Redmond) saw by the Press the Chairman had raised the point that these Unemployment Grants should be given without compelling the local bodies to provide a sum which imposed a very heavy burden on ratepayers.

The County Surveyor said that, in his opinion, there would be justification for a local contribution if the Local Authority was allowed to procure through loan the necessary amount. But, to have to find the total amount in one year did not appear to be equitable.

The Chairman said there was a possibility there might be an alteration as to the local contribution, but it would not apply to the present year if it was adopted.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS RURAL) 1938/39

Under date 8th March, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote RU/205/4, stating it was proposed to allocate grants for road and footpath works for rural areas during the forthcoming financial year. The grant provisionally determined for allocation to Wexford County Council was £5,000, subject to local contribution of £1750 towards works estimated to cost



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£6,750. The usual condition<sup>d</sup> attached to this Grant.

The Secretary stated that the Council would be able to provide the local contribution of £1750 out of revenue.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1937/38

Under date 9th March 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (SGQ/32) wrote stating that the Minister had approved of Road Improvement Grant of £13,500 under the terms of his letter SGQ/201, 13th November 1937.

#### GOREY SEWERAGE SCHEME

Under date 9th April, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote P.H.4838/4/38 Loch Garman (Pd) forwarding copy of Sealed Order fixing the Area of Charge for the expenses of providing a sewerage system and maintaining same at Gorey on the County Health District of Wexford as existed on the date of the Order.

#### REMOVAL OF BEACH MATERIAL

Under date 2nd April, 1938, the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) wrote (M.S.5110) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that on investigation of a complaint concerning removals of beach material from the foreshore adjoining the townlands of Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun, near Kilmore Co. Wexford, he has learned that large quantities of the material removed have been sold to your Council for use for road works.

The Minister is informed that removals at this place are likely to result in injury to the adjoining lands and it is feared that the removals, if continued, would be followed by breaches in the sea embankment with resultant encroachment of the sea. Arrangements have, therefore,



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been made to serve Prohibitory Notices under section 7 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 on the persons engaged in removals.

As a further preventive measure, I am to request that your Council will, as it did in a similar case at Blackwater, make the necessary arrangement with the County Surveyor to ensure that beach material from the foreshore in question will not, in future, be accepted for any of their road or other works. The Council's co-operation in this way will be much appreciated, as the continuance of the removals would apparently be indefensible in the circumstances.

I may add for the information of your Council that the removal of materials from State foreshore is not allowed except under licence from the Minister."

The County Surveyor stated that, in view of the proposal to serve Prohibitory Notices under Section 7 of the Foreshore Act, 1933, persons engaged in removing beach material from the townlands referred to in the letter of the Department of Industry and Commerce including, including, of course, the County Council, could not draw any more material of this description from the foreshore indicated.

Mr. Day believed that the removal of material from the beaches referred to was not the cause of any erosion and he regarded it as a hardship on people who had been in the habit of taking away this material for their own use. The prohibition should not apply to them.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Day:-

"That, as regards the proposal of the Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) to issue Prohibitory Notices relative to the removal of material from the beaches at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun, this Council is of opinion that permission should be given to persons who have been in the habit of securing material



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from these foreshores and who require same for use on their holdings or in connection with the erection of buildings on same."

REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY COUNCIL ON IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

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

"That Miss O'Ryan be re-appointed as Representative of Wexford County Council to attend and vote at General meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. and to exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership."

Subsequently, Miss O'Ryan stated she had been already appointed to represent the County Board of Health and proposed the appointment of Mr. John P. Kelly.

This was seconded by Mr. Culleton and agreed to.

MEETING GENERAL COUNCIL COUNTY COUNCILS

Notification was received from the Secretary to above that the next meeting of the County Councils' General Council would be held during Spring Show Week - May 3rd to 7th. Notice of any matters which the Council desire to have placed on agenda should be furnished by Friday, 22nd April.

Referred to Finance Committee.

LORRIES CROSSING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

Mr. Walsh said that New Ross Bridge was being repaired and only one line of traffic could now cross it. Big lorries were racing over it at a tremendous pace. The bridge was built sixty years ago, and was not suitable for heavy traffic. There was a notice on it prohibiting traffic crossing at more than three miles an hour. There would be serious trouble and heavy expenditure to the County Council unless they prevented heavy lorries speeding



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on it. He also asked that something be done to safeguard traffic on the approaches to the town from Cherry's Road, Ely Walks and Knockmullen, which were becoming slippery.

The County Surveyor said he checked the speed of lorries across the bridge, but as the drivers were responsible for the speed he could do nothing as he could not hold up the drivers.

Chairman - You told us in connection with the Wexford bridge, that you had a redress under the Road Traffic Act.

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

"That the County Surveyor in conjunction with the County Solicitor issue the necessary notices under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1933 which will ensure that all mechanically propelled vehicles will cross the <sup>New Ross</sup> Bridge at a reasonable speed and that said vehicles shall not exceed an "all-in" weight considered by the County Surveyor essential to secure the stability of the structure."

#### DIFFERENT RATES OF PAY FOR QUARRY WORK

Mr. Corish, referring to work in Brownswood quarry, said he knew the Council had not much control over the matter, but his information was that there were two gangs of men there doing the same kind of work, and that the members of one gang were paid 4s. a day, and the others 5s. a day. He had taken the matter up with the County Surveyor, and had received a letter from him. Having read the letter, which was to the effect that the gangs were working at the provision of material for different schemes, and that one of them was working in connection with minor employment schemes, Mr. Corish said he could see the County Surveyor's position in a general way, but he thought that when those minor relief schemes were dis-



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cussed in the Dail from time to time the Parliamentary Secretary laid it down very definitely that the work for which 24s. a week was to be paid was to be work analogous to that of agricultural labourers. He (Mr. Corish) suggested that having two gangs working opposite each other at different rates of pay on work analogous to County Council work, led to discontent. He thought that when men were doing the same kind of work the Council ought to make special representations to the Minister concerned with a view to securing that the men would be paid the same rate of wages. It was laid down that 4s. a day was to be paid to men doing work analogous to that of a farm labourer.

The County Surveyor said that in regard to the question of farm work, of course, Minor Relief workers were employed in the quarry. If the Council were to employ their own men it would mean less wages for relief workers. If, for instance, he had to spend £50 out of £100 on material, and if he employed the Council's men to get that material, it would mean £50 from the relief. He personally thought that one scale of wages for one gang, and another scale for another, was wrong. He would prefer to have them all getting 5s.

Mr. Corish asked the County Surveyor to make special representations to the Department to the effect that men doing the same kind of work in the same quarry get the same wages.

The Chairman said he thought the County Surveyor would be justified in paying the same rate.

Secretary - If he makes those representations to the Minister the point will be cleared up.

Mr. Corish - Without making formal representations couldn't you say that the Council are of opinion that this money should be paid - not to ask permission, so to speak.

Mr. Corish's suggestion was adopted and the County



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Surveyor was instructed to communicate with the Office of Public Works on the lines mentioned by him.

APPLICATION INCREASED WAGES

The following application, addressed to the County Surveyor, was submitted:-

"We, the undermentioned employees on Rock Drilling Plant, hereby apply for increase in our wages owing to increase in cost of living and the responsibility of our work, also to keep clean and in proper order our machines, we have to work during our dinner hour, and after hours, therefore, we feel we are entitled to an increase.

We respectfully ask your Council for increase of 15/- per week, and trust our application will be favourably considered."

(Signed) Thomas Stafford, Ballyhine, Barntown.  
Patrick Doyle, Clohamon, Ferns.  
John Kinsella, Killown, Kyle.  
Nicholas Carroll, Killown, Kyle."

It was stated that the applicants received weekly wages of £3 each.

The County Surveyor said it was not really the fact that the men had to work during their dinner hour. There might be a few minutes of the dinner period utilised by them in looking after the machinery, but this was not compulsory. As for the statement that they worked "after hours" they were paid at the rate of time and a quarter for overtime. He (County Surveyor) admitted that the men were compelled to work hard and he would have no objection to see them receiving an increase in their wages if the Council agreed.

Mr. Colfer gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the application of the four County Council employees engaged on Rock Drilling plant for an increase of 15/- per week in their remuneration be favourably considered



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at the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 9th May, 1938."

WORK AT KILTREA QUARRY

The following, under date 6th March 1938, was read from Jeremiah Freeman, Ballyhyland, Killanne, on behalf of the unemployed men of Kiltrea quarry:-

"On behalf of the unemployed in the Kiltrea area, I am requested to ask you to receive a deputation for hand breaking of stones at Kiltrea quarry. A large number of men were employed there before, and the work was discontinued. I do not know for what reason, and it provided much needed employment for a large number of persons.

The deputation will be at the County Hall about 12 o'clock."

The following statement was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

(1) This quarry supplies stone to Sections 10 and 17. We work it with the regular staff ~~drawn~~ from these sections. These men get reasonably constant work and some of them work also in Cherryorchard quarry.

(2) We formerly broke stones in this quarry by hand. I found, however, that the hand-broken stones were too <sup>a</sup> coarse for the roads, specially since motor traffic has so much increased. We now break with the breaker. This gives a much better grade of stone for the road, and also chips for tar-work. We never can have enough of these chips.

(3) We get about 600 cubic yards per year out of this quarry. Breaking 50 cubic yards per day at £3 the cost of the machinery would be 1/2 per cubic yard or £35 per year. Taking the wages of the engine men into account the actual machine cost would be under £30. The cost of the 600 yards would be about £200. Consequently, the



labour-content of the cost of the stones is not very much changed by the fact of breaking by machine. We do not carry out any machine-drilling or heavy blasting in this quarry."

Daniel Brien, Kiltrea, came before the meeting and said the other members of the deputation were unable to attend. He had been working in the quarry at Kiltrea at hand-breaking stones for thirteen years, and this year the work was discontinued. Except for a couple of months, he generally got a year's work every year, along with four or five more men. They were idle this year.

Mr. Kelly - Are there stones to be broken there now?

Mr. Brien - Yes. About 800 yards.

County Surveyor - I had men engaged there on a Minor Relief Scheme and I thought they were the men who were applying for the work now, and if they got it it would mean ousting our regular staff.

Mr. Corish - Are they going to get any employment in the quarry this year?

Mr. Ennis - These men did not work in that quarry for me this four years. We really have only work for our own Council men in the quarry. For every 60 yards that we put on bye-roads ten years ago, we can only put 45 yards now. These men were never regular employees of the County Council. While the road was being steam rolled a lot of extra men were brought into the quarry, but that is seven or eight years ago.

Mr. Keegan said he would like to find out where they were. Mr. Brien had said they worked ten months a year for thirteen years until last year and Mr. Ennis said they had not worked there for four years. There was some confusion.

Mr. Ennis - You can only take my word for it.

Mr. Kelly - Is it four years since you worked in



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Mr. Brien - It would be twelve months next May. We were sent out to Rathfyllane to patch the road owing to shortness of quarry work and/<sup>we</sup>were not called back. There were Aidan Martin, Freeman and two others.

Mr. Bowe - Aidan Martin was in the Board of Health sandpits last year and not in the quarry. That is definitely the case.

Mr. Brien said the names of the men were Aidan Martin, Jerh. Freeman, Paddy Buckley, William Cooper and himself.

County Surveyor - Four men working for twelve months would ~~hand~~-break three times the material we get out of that quarry.

Mr. Kelly - Is it cheaper to break by hand or by machinery?

Mr. Ennis - Cheaper out and out by machinery. You may take it we won't break stones in that quarry any more by hand.

It was decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further investigation.

#### BALLYBRO ROAD (ROSSLARE)

Mr. Culleton asked what position was the County Surveyor in about doing anything to improve the road from Ballybro, or further over nearer to Rosslare. There were complaints coming from all quarters about that road. It had been explained to him that the road was cut to pieces.

The County Surveyor said they would do the best they could with the small money they had, but a few weeks ago he was over that spot with Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor), and he had to say that unless it had cut to pieces in the interval, it was not cut then. It was a bad road. The traffic on it was equivalent to main road traffic. It was bad, but not exceptionally bad.



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Mr. Culleton said that the road would really want to be rolled.

The County Surveyor said the only way they could get a grant on that road would be as a tourist road. It was used by lorries, and used extensively in the Summer.

Mr. Corish said he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Tourist Association.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the County Surveyor bring the matter to the attention of the Tourist Association to apply to the Government for a Tourist road Grant, as the road in question was but a short distance from Rosslare strand, a very popular seaside resort.

#### TINACREE QUARRY

The following resolution was submitted from Mr. R. J. Hughes, Hon. Secretary, Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Club:-

"That the Council be asked to put the Tinacree Road, leading to the quarry, there, in proper repair, so as to give carters a chance to get up stones to the main road without any trouble. And further that all roads be done in the district out of this quarry. That the work should commence at once."

The following under date 6th April, 1938, was read from Mr. M. Doyle, Hon. Secretary, Irish Labour Party Branch, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, on the same subject:-

"At a meeting of the Kilmuckridge branch of the I.L.P. held on March, the 29th, a resolution was unanimously passed asking the County Council to restart work in Tinnacree quarry and repair lane leading thereto, as this lane is in a very bad state of repair and the people living in Tinnacree and Dundrum find great difficulty getting in and out of their places. This resolution also asks the Council to complete the work on Kilmuckridge Street by



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surfacing it. These works would relieve the unemployed in this district which is badly needed."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that at present there was 500 or 600 cubic yards of material in Tinacree and which so far, he had not been able to utilise.

The County Surveyor said if they required to re-open the quarry he would repair the lane.

#### BALLYMONEY (GOREY) ROAD

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that there was a very bad section on Ballymoney (Gorey) Road. He had inspected the place but would go there again.

The Chairman said the position was serious and the County Council had the responsibility.

#### BALLYMURRIN VILLAGE STREETS

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Corish, said that Ballymurrin streets had not been included in the Scheme for the improvement of village streets. He had seen the place recently and he did not think the streets were particularly bad. The road leading from Ballymurrin to Enniscorthy was in poor condition.

#### REPAIR OF GOREY ROADWAY

Referring to a roadway in Gorey as not having been properly repaired after excavations, Col. Quin said it should be put in order.

Mr. Keegan said the Health Board was responsible.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said there were trenches made by the Contractor for the sewerage scheme for the Health Board. He was negotiating with the Contractor in regard to getting the repair work done.

#### APPROACHES TO VINEGAR HILL, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor said he had been notified that the Government were providing a grant of £175 for repair of lane



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and approaches to Vinegar Hill Windmill.

#### COMPLAINT BY WORKMAN

Mr. Corish submitted the following letter which he had received from Edward Anglim, Saltmills, as to haulage of material:-

"I beg to ask you if you could do anything for me as there is a grant job started just at my door, and I have a horse and cart. I applied to the Surveyor for a job; he told me there was no cart wanting for a few days. He now has three farmers carting at this job, one of them has 40 acres of land and the other does mason work along with his farm and he has men employed himself. I am a labourer living in a Labourer's Cottage. My mother is an invalid. I will be obliged if you would speak to Mr. O'Neill, the Surveyor, to know why does he employ farmers before labourers. I have not worked for the past ten months as the farmers around here won't pay the high wages now. I applied for the dole, but got nothing yet."

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, gave an explanation but it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton that Mr. O'Neill should submit a written statement in the matter to the Finance Committee meeting on 14th April, 1938.

#### ACCIDENT TO WORKMAN

Mr. Corish brought before the meeting the case of a County Council worker - Patrick Mahony, Clonard, Wexford - who sustained an accident through a motor car when proceeding to his work close to 8 o'clock a.m. The Insurance Company had turned down the claim for compensation in this case. The County Surveyor should make further representations to them.

The County Surveyor said he would do this though he was afraid they would not agree to the payment. Mahony had been in his (County Surveyor's) office and had been promised re-employment when he was fit which was about all he (County Surveyor) could do. In reply to further representations already made he had a letter from the Insurance Company again turning down the claim. It



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appeared that a man could not obtain benefit until he had actually started work. In the case of a ganger who was injured after working hours the claim was allowed as it was considered he should be more or less on duty watching out for the condition of the road. But, it had not been found possible to get this principle applied to an ordinary road worker.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided that County Surveyor again communicate with the Insurance Company.

#### CAHORE PIER

The following under date 6th April 1938 was read from Mr. Philip Crowe, Ballygarrett, Clonevan, Gorey, as to extension of pier:-

"I am directed by my branch to write the Council and ask what has become of the scheme concerning the extension of Cahore pier. It is hoped by this branch that the Council will speed it up and try and start the work as soon as possible, as it would be a great help to the fishermen of Cahore and also it would give much needed employment. I enclose a list of the unemployed of the Cahore and Ballygarrett Districts. I wish you to read this letter at Council meeting of the 11th instant."

The County Surveyor said that as regards improvement of this pier he had had a letter from the Office of Works on 9th instant in which they stated they required further particulars as to the amount of unskilled labour the work would entail. He also had an interview in Dublin with the officials of the Public Works Department when they raised the question as to the small amount of unemployment in the area according to the Government records. The list given with the letter of Mr. Crowe appeared to upset the Government figures. He would do what he could in making



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out a case as to the unskilled labour content in the district and would report further to the Council in the matter.

#### WEXFORD AND NEW CEMENT FACTORY

Mr. Culleton said the County Council, as the premier body of the County should do everything possible to secure the third Cement Factory for Wexford County, and if possible for Drinagh at which centre the manufacture of cement had been successfully carried on for years. He proposed the following:-

"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce and Cement Ltd. be requested to favourably consider the claims of Wexford County for the establishment of the Third Cement Factory with special regard to Drinagh where a cement factory had been in existence for years."

Miss O'Ryan, in seconding the resolution, said it would have the hearty support of every one in the County.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT (1908) LICENCES

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

"That Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued as follows:-

New: Doyle Patrick, (Buttle Bros., Enniscorthy) Blackwater  
Kehoe Joseph, Blackwater.

Kehoe Owen, Raheenduff, Oulart.

O'Dwyer Simon R., Ballygow, Bannow.

Civic Guards wrote they have no objection to these.

Renewal: Lennon Denis, Bunclody.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Mr. George Molloy, Hon. Secretary to above, wrote asking the County Council to take part in the Easter Sunday



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Commemoration Ceremony to Crosstown Cemetery on 17th April 1938. Procession would assemble at Crescent Quay at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman said that any member who wished could take part in the demonstration.

#### RESOLUTIONS

MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS - GOVERNMENT GRANT-IN-AID: Resolutions as to increasing this Grant were received from Sligo District Mental Hospital and from Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital Committees. Resolution from the latter which is as follows was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That, with the view to the General Council of County Councils appointing a deputation to wait on the Minister for Local Government, the County Council be asked to bring under the notice of the General Council of County Councils the urgent necessity, in the interests of the ratepaying community, there is of increasing the Government Grant-in-Aid towards the maintenance of Mental Patients to a sum equal to half the cost of maintenance as this was the relative amount of relief given when the Grant in question was instituted."

ANTI-PARTITIONIST RESOLUTION: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Redmond:- "That we approve of the resolution adopted at the United Convention of the Anti-Partitionists for the Constituencies of South Armagh, South Down and Mourne, held at Newry on the 28th February last, protesting against the partition of Ireland."

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Under date 16th March letter was received from Cork County Council stating it was understood the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intended



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On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to take no action on this resolution.

UNITED NATIONAL LEASEHOLDERS' ORGANISATION: On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council approves of the provisions outlined in the Leaseholders new Bill presented to the Dail and would be glad if same were passed into law."

*Denis Kelly*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 9th MAY, 1938

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th May, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding); also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, R. Corish, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

(Mr. R. Doyle, new member, signed his declaration of office).

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £25347. 19. 9d Ordinary Account; £237. 0. 7d Enniscorthy Technical School Loan Account for transfer to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee; and £528. 7. 9d, Rosslare Road (Widening) Loan Account for transfer to Subsidiary Account, were examined and signed.

#### THANKS FOR ELECTION

Mr. Raymond Doyle thanked the members of the County Council for the privilege conferred on him by co-option as a County Councillor. He would co-operate with the Council for the welfare of the people of his native County in every way.

The Chairman said they were very glad to welcome Mr. Doyle to a seat on the Council. He hoped Mr. Doyle would have a pleasant time and would find himself in a position



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THE LATE MR. MICHAEL J. FURLONG, EX-COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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

"That letters from Rev. T. R. Furlong, C.C., Camolin, (son) and Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant County Surveyor (son-in-law) acknowledging vote of condolence by County Council in the death of Mr. Michael J. Furlong, Temple-scoby, Enniscorthy, a former member of their body, be inserted on the minutes of the day."

Fr. Furlong wrote:- "Please convey to the members of the County Council my appreciation of their kind motion of sympathy in the death of my father. I thank you for your personal expression."

Mr. R. J. Ennis wrote:- "Please convey to your Council on behalf of Mrs. Ennis and myself, our thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of the late Mr. Furlong, Templescoby. We would also like to thank you for your own personal expression of regret."

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL KEEGAN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. William P. Keegan, County Councillor, in the death of his brother, Mr. Michael Keegan, Goresbridge.

The Secretary added his personal condolence to Mr. Keegan in his bereavement.

ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Mr. Sean Murphy, Tilladavins, Tomhaggard, be elected a member of this Council vice Councillor William Cullimore, resigned, and that Mr. Murphy's name be added to the Finance Committee."



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In proposing the motion, Miss O'Ryan said that Mr. Sean Murphy was a keen farmer and fluent Irish speaker. She could promise on his behalf that he would be an active and energetic member of the Council.

Col. Quin seconded the motion which passed nem. con.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO AN CRAOIBHIN

Mr. M. Redmond, having spoken in Irish, proposed:-

"That the Wexford County Council congratulate the different Political Parties in the Dail on the unanimous selection of Dr. Douglas Hyde as President of Eire."

Dr. Hyde was the founder of the Gaelic League and had been associated with it for the whole course of his long life. He was deeply and vitally concerned for the welfare of Ireland and it was a matter of great pride to Irishmen to see his unanimous selection as first President of Ireland under the New Constitution.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion and pointed out that Dr. Hyde had given his life to the revival of the Gaelic language, literature and culture. His selection had clearly proved that in this part of Ireland they were not influenced by a man's religion. If he was a good Irishman he was appreciated, and in the case of Dr. Hyde they had one who gave his life work to the cause of Irish Nationality. In his election, the country has acknowledged the great debt they owe to him and in addition, had proved that the cause of Ireland was above Creed or politics.

The resolution was adopted nem. con.

#### ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WITH ENGLAND

Col. Quin proposed the following resolution:-

"That we congratulate the Government as to the result of the negotiations with Britain on the conclusion of the Economic War."

This was most gratifying to every Irishman, irrespec-



tive of class or creed.

Mr. T. Redmond, in seconding, said they should congratulate the Taoiseach, and the members of the Irish Delegation which prepared the way for Agreement, and the Government and the Irish people generally. The Agreement settled all questions which had been in dispute between the two countries, for a number of years, with the exception of the vital one of Partition. The Settlement left the ground clear for tackling that question later to a successful issue. It never was intended that Ireland should belong to any other country. The People of Ireland offered to England and their brethren in the North co-operation and good fellowship which would, in his opinion, have the affect of not only wiping out the Border but would be the herald of a New Era for Ireland as a whole and for Great Britain.

The resolution was adopted nem. con.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 14th APRIL 1938: 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 14th April, 1938.

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, Rates Inspector and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That the sympathy of the Finance Committee be extended to Mr. J. J. Sinnott, Rate Collector, in the death of his mother, which is deeply regretted by her many friends."

The Secretary also expressed sympathy with Mr. Sinnott.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £8585. 16. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Percentage of current warrant and of two years' arrears collected.</u>		
1.	J. Curtis	90.8
2.	E. Murphy	90.5
3.	S. Gannon	87.0
4.	J. Cummins	86.4
5.	D. Kenny	85.8
6.	J. J. O'Reilly	85.7
7.	M. Kehoe	84.9
8.	J. Deegan	83.4
9.	P. Nolan	82.2
10.	A. Dunne	80.5
11.	P. Doyle	80.0



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12.	J. Flood	79.7
13.	M. McCarthy	76.9
14.	P. Carty	76.7
15.	W. Cummins	75.1
16.	W. Doyle	74.6
17.	J. Quirke	74.3
18.	J. J. Sinnott	<u>74.0</u>

Average 81.4

The amount collected at the corresponding period last year was 72.9 per cent of current warrant and of total arrears..

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction third interim payment of Poundage to 15 Rate Collectors who have lodged 75% of their 1937/38 Assessments and Arrears applicable to 1936/37 since 15th March last."

Payment has already been made to the three Collectors (Sean Gannon, J. Curtis and E. J. Murphy) who had the required amount lodged by the 15th March 1938.

Under date 8th April, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.3043/5/38 Loch Garman) wrote that as regards the deductions from Poundage of Collectors W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott, the Minister was unable at present to reconsider his previous decision in the matter, but the question could be brought up in the light of the manner in which these Collectors closed their Warrants.

FLOODED LANDS: Letter was read from Mary Bolger, Coolback, Ballyanne, under date 31st March, 1938, in which she pointed out that the valuation of her holding was formerly £44. 5. 0 and the Valuation Department had now segregated £11. 15. 0 of this as being applied to land covered by water pro tem. Rates on this land worked out on a proportional basis, would be £2. 9. 11d and the



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applicant claimed she was entitled to a refund of this amount as she derived no benefit from the land since it was covered by water. Four other persons were affected similarly.

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

"That the application of Mary Bolger, Coolback, Ballyanne, for remission of £2. 9. 11, rates assessed on valuation of £11. 15. 0d on land, which is returned by the Valuation Department to be covered by water pro tem be agreed to provided Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, is satisfied that the County Council are empowered to grant the remission."

#### TEMPORARY RATE BOOK STAFF

The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the above selected the following:-

##### Enniscorthy:

Michael Breen, St. Senan's, Old Church Rd., Enniscorthy.  
Michael Kirwan, 49 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.  
Daniel Kirwan, St. John's, Enniscorthy.  
Francis McCoy, Oylegate, Enniscorthy.  
Thomas O'Rourke, 16 John Street, Enniscorthy.

##### Gorey:

Michael Doyle, Bruce, Clonevan.  
Thomas Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey.  
Michael McGrath, Market Square, Gorey.  
Christopher Redmond, 13 St. Michael's Place, Gorey.  
John Bolger, Garden City, Gorey.

##### New Ross:

James Whelan, Nunnery Lane, New Ross.  
James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross.  
Patrick Kehoe, Old Ross, Ballinaboola.  
John Flanagan, Palace East, New Ross.



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Wexford:

Timothy M. O'Leary, 4 Lower John Street, Wexford.

Patrick J. Furlong, 5 Pearse Street, Wexford.

Thomas Wafer, 7 St. Peter's Square, Wexford.

John Warner, 4 Michael Street, Wexford.

Patrick Sheehan, Green Street, Wexford.

RENT BALLYCULLANE COURTHOUSE

Application was received from Mr. P. Power, Merchant, Ballycullane, Co. Wexford, for payment of £2. 10. 0 rent at 5/- per week of Ballycullane Courthouse, his property, while utilised by Inspector of Weights and Measures.

The Secretary stated that the rent paid to Mr. Power for the use of the premises as a Courthouse was £12 per annum. A Court was held monthly at Ballycullane.

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

"That consideration of claim of Mr. Power for £2. 10s. rent of Ballycullane Courthouse, be adjourned. In the meantime, our Secretary point out to Mr. Power that, in the opinion of the Finance Committee £12 per annum paid to him as rent for this Court should cover all use of the Hall for County Council purposes."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the following five cases submitted to last meeting of Finance Committee the following were approved:-

P. O'Byrne, Kilcavan, Gorey (approved on the recommendation of Mr. O'Byrne).

R. Murphy, Carrigabruise (approved on the recommendation of Mr. Kelly).

John Redmond, Ballyclemock (approved on the recommendation of Mr. Colfer), and

Daniel Sullivan, Ballyelland, Davidstown (approved

on the recommendation of Mr. Kelly)



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The case of Mrs. Wallace, Coleman, Arthurstown, had been adjourned for further consideration.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Kennedy, County Councillor, informed him that Mrs. Wallace would be a sure pay of loan instalments.

The following, under date 13th April 1938, was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have been making some inquiries about Mrs. Wallace. Her brother is Manager of the Shelbourne Co-op, and is prepared to act as security for her, if necessary. She has three children working and they earn up to £7 per week. Personally I believe she is quite safe and is as well able to meet the loan charges as the majority of borrowers under the Act."

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

"That, in view of letter of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, under date 13th April, 1938, the Finance Committee are of opinion that Mrs. Wallace, Coleman, Arthurstown, will have no difficulty in meeting the instalments of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

With reference to the application of Joseph Kavanagh, Cronecribbon, Inch, Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, wrote under date 8th April 1938, that Mr. Kavanagh applied some time ago for a labourer's cottage, but was not selected for a cottage which was vacant for the previous twelve months. When this application was not successful he bought the site for the dwelling house for which he applied for a loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

According to return made by Mr. Kavanagh he stated he was in permanent employment and that his annual income was £71. 10. 0.

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



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"That the County Council be recommended to advance loan not exceeding £205, maximum for house valued at £300, to Joseph Kavanagh, Cronecribbon, Inch."

James Dempsey, Small Farmer, Piercestown, Drinagh, applied for loan of £185, maximum for house valued at £275 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He stated he had no income. His valuation is £4. 5. 0.

It was decided that Mr. Martin Kelly, Home Assistance Officer, County Board of Health, be asked to state if Dempsey was - in his opinion - in a position to pay 4s. 6d weekly instalment to repay loan applied for.

James Kent, Rochestown, Foulksmills, whose application for loan of £170 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was adjourned for further consideration at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, holds 43 acres 2 roods, valuation £29.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Committee agreed to recommend the advance in this instance.

Matthew J. McDonagh, Factory Worker, Main Street, Gorey, applied for advance of £225 in respect of house valued at £300 to be erected in Rafter Street, Gorey. Applicant stated his income was £124. 16. 0d.

The application was provisionally approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

In the case of application of Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital Attendant, Mr. Kelly said that the site selected by applicant was not a mile outside the Urban boundary at Enniscorthy.

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

"The Finance Committee will not agree to recommend advance to Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital Attendant, unless she procures a site for house which complies with



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County Council regulations."

Mr. Elgee said that the title of Mrs. Kate Granger, Raheen, Clonroche, who applied for advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was not in order as the Agricultural Credit Corporation held a mortgage from her for loan.

In connection with the cases of Thomas Kenny, 7 Grattan Terrace, Gorey; Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey, and Sean Butler, Courtown Harbour, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 7th April 1938 that when he heard from County Surveyor that the latter was satisfied as regards locations, sites, etc. he would write to applicants for their Title to plots on which they proposed building.

#### APPLICATION FOR QUARRY MATERIAL

The following under date 14th April 1938, was read from Miss Bridget Sinnott, Ballymotey, Enniscorthy:-

"I beg to make application to your Council for a few loads of rough stones to repair the laneway leading to my house. I am willing to draw the stones myself.

The laneway is in a very bad state, and there is no material available on my lands or convenient.

Trusting the Council will oblige."

The County Surveyor said, in his opinion, to agree to the application would establish a very bad precedent. If it had been in respect of a "through" lane used by a number of people, the application would be worthy of consideration, but he would not be in favour of agreeing to Miss Sinnott's request.

The meeting adopted the County Surveyor's recommendation, and it was decided that the County Surveyor notify Miss Sinnott that her application could not be acceded to.



### MOBILE SHOPS

The following, under date 9th April, 1938, was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Buncclody:-

"By directions of my Committee I am to inquire if the County Council have power to make a levy on street traders who frequent the town on Market and Fair days competing with the traders of the town. These people coming from outside the County and paying neither rent nor rates do great injury to the shopkeepers who have to pay both. The Committee understand that a levy is made on street traders in other towns."

Under date 12th April, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant as to the above.

As far as I am aware the County Council have no power to charge rates or make any levy against street traders. Some of the towns, no doubt, have power to charge fees and make regulations with regard to street traders, but in order to enable them to do this the Corporations have to make certain Bye Laws, as to the fees and the County Council have not the powers that the Corporations have in the matter."

It was decided to ask the County Councils General Council to consider at their next meeting the general position as regards street traders.

### NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

Notification was received from the Secretary, County Councils General Council, that the next meeting would take place in Dublin in Spring Show Week from May 3rd to 7th. Notice of any matters that the Council may desire to place on the agenda should reach him on or before Friday, 22nd



EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1938 ROADS (RURAL)

Under date 11th April 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote RU/205/32 that the Minister had approved of the Scheme for Road Works on an expenditure of £917 on which Government Grant would be £688 and local contribution £229.

The Secretary stated that the County Council had already agreed to provide out of revenue the local contribution referred to.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE ROADS (URBAN)

Under date 11th April 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote RU/205/109, that the Minister had approved of the Scheme for Road Works in New Ross Urban District entailing an expenditure of £990 to which the State would contribute £870 subject to a local contribution of £120.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Department's communication had been furnished the Town Clerk, New Ross Urban Council.

GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following under date 9th April, 1938, (G.11570-38 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of 4th instant relative to the proposed payment of 7/6d per week to Mr. T. Dwyer, Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse, in respect of travelling pending a decision on the question of the possession of the caretaker's premises, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state his sanction does not appear to be necessary to this proposal."

It was decided that rooms in Gorey Courthouse Building which were under the direct control of the Council should be allowed to be used for local purposes such as meetings



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of Agricultural Society, Gaelic League Branch, etc., and be let at 1/- per night up to two hours with an extra 1/- per night for meetings covering a period beyond two hours, half of these fees to be paid over to the caretaker.

#### CURRACLOE HANDBALL COURT

Under date 10th April 1938, the following was read from the Chairman and Hon. Secretary Curracloe Handball Club:-

"On behalf of the above Committee we write to state that the floor of the Alley was damaged to a great extent by the Tractor and Trailer in your employment when they drove in on it to load 2 tar steam boilers off the bank. In our estimation, it is damaged to such an extent that it will require a new floor. The damage was done on the 28th day of March 1938. We would like that some of your Engineers would come and inspect it and have the damage made good as soon as possible."

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to repair the damage done to floor of Curracloe Handball Court by Tractor and Trailer employed by the County Council."

#### COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

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

"That the out-of-pocket expenses of County Council Solicitor, Mr. J. Elgee, for financial year 1937-38 and amounting to £81. 4. 1d be recommended for payment to the County Council."



COMPLAINT OF CARTER

At the meeting of County Council on 11th April 1938 complaint was considered from Edward Anglim, Carter, Saltmills, as to his non-employment while farmers with large farms were working for the County Council, the following was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Two carters working on Poulfur-Saltmills Road are small farmers, one having 7 Irish acres and the other 9-10 acres.

Anglim worked as a carter on an Improvement job in this locality from 23rd August to 30th October 1937. He had a small pony and was not very efficient as the animal was shying from the roller. He is at present working as a labourer on the job but was anxious to get on his brother as a carter. If the brother had a suitable animal there would not be any trouble in starting him.

I believe that although the job is a Relief Scheme it is necessary to get a certain amount of work done, and that it is unreasonable to ask us to slow up work by employing unsuitable carters."

Mr. Colfer said that Philip Kennedy, Gurteens, Saltmills, and Andrew Power, Boley Hill, were farmers and had been employed.

It was decided that County Surveyor should visit the area, investigate all the circumstances as to Anglim's complaint and report to the Finance Committee.

KILTREA QUARRY

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that at the last meeting of the County Council, Daniel Brien stated he and other men had been employed in Kiltrea quarry up to the previous twelve months. He (Mr. Ennis) stated then he believed that neither Brien nor any of the men mentioned



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by him had been employed in the quarry for the past four years. Since the meeting he had looked up the records and found that Aidan Redmond had not worked in the quarry since 1930; Jeremiah Freeman since 19th December 1932; Patrick Buckley since 30th December 1933; William Cooper since 6th January 1934 and Brien himself since 30th June 1934. It also appeared from the records that work in this quarry was of an intermittent nature - sometimes only for a quarter of a year.

The meeting accepted Mr. Ennis's statement.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification under date 5th April 1938, was received from the District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to application for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Teresa Cullen (4 years old), illegitimate child of Elizabeth Cullen, at present an inmate of the County Home, Enniscorthy.

Referred to Mr. Elgee.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th April and as now submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

APPLICATION FOR ROAD MATERIAL: Mr. McCarthy asked if it would be possible to meet the application of Miss Sinnott and Mr. Kelly pointed out that the lane was so bad that a lorry could not use it, while Miss Sinnott was unable to obtain any material except from a County Council quarry.

The County Surveyor said that on a couple of occasions some material had been given for the repair of private laneways, but these were used by several farmers and by the general public and furnished ~~a~~ through routes. If the Council were to deal with all possible claims of this nature road material for the purpose could not be provided. As a matter of fact, their stock of material in quarries was almost run out and it was difficult at present to meet the actual requirements of the County Council. If they agreed to the present application they would be establishing a precedent which would lead to general confusion and which the Council would find impossible to continue in practice. He would not be against the supply of some material in the case of "Through" lanes which were of suitable general utility.

Mr. McCarthy asked if the County Council could stretch a point in this case. The Council would not be at a penny of a loss because the material would be taken out by Miss Sinnott's men.

The County Surveyor said if there was any secondary material which the Council could not deal with economically he might be able to allow Miss Sinnott to obtain some



of it. It could be easily understood that if inexperienced persons were allowed to work the face of a quarry they might easily spoil it.

Mr. Kelly agreed with Mr. McCarthy's observations in the matter and said that Clonhaston Quarry would be most convenient for the supply of any material required by Miss Sinnott.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

MOBILE SHOPS: Mr. Elgee said it might be possible to prosecute the owners of travelling shops if they were causing obstruction but this was very difficult to prove.

Mr. McCarthy said the towns could <sup>not</sup> make a charge on street taders; if they could they would.

Mr. T. Redmond - These people should leave the site or station, where they carry on business, in the same condition as they found it, and that power should be available.

Mr. Corish - You can prosecute them for that.

Chairman - For creating a nuisance.

Mr. T. Redmond - But they are gone out of the town then.

Chairman - They have some address.

Mr. McCarthy - Where they have established rights I don't think the Gardai can interfere.

The Chairman said that the Street Trading Act could be adopted and bye-laws adopted.

The Secretary said the General Council of County Councils was getting information on the matter.

It was decided to await communication from the General Council of County Councils in the matter.



CURRACLOE BALL ALLEY: The County Surveyor said he would go into the matter of the damage done at Curracloe Ball Alley with Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district. He could not accept the claim of the Committee that in consequence of the amount of damage done by the trailer and tractor, it was necessary for the Council to put in a new floor.

KILTREA QUARRY: Mr. Kelly asked if apart from working in the quarry, did the men in regard to whom complaint of disemployment had been made, work on the roads in the ordinary way.

The County Surveyor said that some of them did work on Relief Grants but they never were members of the ordinary staff of the Council.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Chairman:-

"That extract from Minutes of Finance Committee in the matter of Kiltrea quarry be forwarded Mr. D. Brien, who voiced the complaint of disemployment before the last meeting of the Council."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th April 1938 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING HELD ON 29th APRIL 1938: The minutes of this meeting as follows were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th April, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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 £4158. 15. 1d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. SINNOTT, PARK ANNESLEY

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Keegan that the following reply to vote of condolence to Mr. J. J. Sinnott, Rate Collector, in the death of his mother, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"I would be grateful if you would convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Finance Committee for their vote of sympathy to me in the death of my mother.

I also thank you sincerely for your sympathy. I am deeply grateful to you all."

RATE COLLECTION

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

	<u>Name of</u> <u>Collector.</u>	<u>Current Warrant and</u> <u>two years' arrears.</u>
1.	J. Curtis	93.8
2.	E. J. Murphy	93.3
3.	J. J. O'Reilly	90.9
4.	J. Cummins	90.2
5.	D. Kenny	89.4
6.	M. Kehoe	89.4
7.	S. Gannon	88.8
8.	J. Deegan	86.5
9.	P. Nolan	85.6



10.	P. Doyle	84.6
11.	P. Carty	84.5
12.	J. Flood	83.9
13.	A. Dunne	83.4
14.	M. McCarthy	82.9
15.	W. Doyle	78.8
16.	W. Cummins	78.6
17.	J. Quirke	78.2
18.	J. J. Sinnott	<u>75.5</u>

Average 85.2

The percentage collected last year at corresponding period of current warrant and of all arrears was 77.9%.

It was decided that the Collection close on Tuesday, 31st May 1938.

The Chairman said that comparing the lists of outstanding rates last year and lists of previous years, there appeared to be a big increase in the number of half yearly amounts carried over.

The Rates Inspector said the amount carried forward was no guide to the number of ratepayers in arrear. It happened often that the same ratepayers held several holdings on which the rates were in arrear.

The Chairman said that where rates were not being paid on holdings the Council should see they were not utilized for grazing.

In the course of further discussion it was mentioned that in the District Electoral Division of Ballygarrett no rates had been received for 500 or 600 acres of land which were being continually grazed.

It was decided that the Rate Inspector and Rate Collectors should lose no opportunity of watching for stock on farms which were stated to be derelict or semi-derelict and take all possible steps by seizure or otherwise to realise amount of rates outstanding.

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: The following under date 27th April 1938 was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors' Association:-



"I have been instructed by Rate Collectors to ask your Council to get sanction for poundage immediately so that Collectors may be paid same immediately they close their collections, as last year they were not paid until the 30th June."

The Secretary stated that the Minister had been requested to approve of payment of third interim to all Collectors. When sanction to this was received application for payment of the balance of poundage could be made in the cases of all Collectors who had satisfactorily closed their collections.

RATE COLLECTORS' EXPENSES - ATTENDING INTERVIEW WITH INSPECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC

HEALTH: In connection with decision of the Finance Committee (sanctioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health) to pay train or bus fare to Collectors who attended interview with Mr. Seumas Murphy, Inspector of the Department, on the 16th February, 1938, Rate Collector Sinnott wrote that no bus or train was available at the time he had to travel to Wexford and he cycled the whole distance.

It was decided that Mr. Sinnott be allowed the return bus fare from Clonevan to Wexford.

Rate Collector W. Cummins wrote that the distance from his home to Wexford was eight miles and he travelled in his own motor car.

It was decided he be allowed 4d per mile, the mileage allowed to Instructors under the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture. Total amount for 16 miles 5s. 4d.

RATE BOOK STAFF: The name of Michael Ffrench, Garrycullen, Ballycullane, was added to temporary Rate Book staff as recommended by Messrs. Colfer and Thomas Redmond, members of the Selection Committee for New Ross District.



CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY SURVEYORS - DEPARTMENT OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Under date 21st April, 1938, the following (IR/113) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to this Department's circular letter of the 26th April, 1937, in regard to the holding of a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin and I am to state that it is proposed to make similar arrangements for a Conference this year to be held in the Engineers' Hall, Dawson Street, Dublin, from the 3rd to the 6th May (inclusive) to enable the Surveyors to confer with the Department's officials on matters relating to their work and to exchange views with one another on these matters.

The Minister is anxious that County Councils will afford facilities to their Surveyors to attend the Conference and, as was done last year, arrange for some of the Assistants to attend if the County Surveyor is satisfied that suitable arrangements can be made for carrying on local services in their absence. It is suggested that Assistants who did not have the opportunity to attend last year's Conference might be specially considered this year."

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

"The Finance Committee approves of the attendance of the County Surveyor at Conference with Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) from 3rd to 6th May 1938 (inclusive). That the County Surveyor be empowered to make suitable arrangements for the attendance of Assistant Surveyors. And that Railway return fare and subsistence allowance of 15/- to cover absence from headquarters of 24 hours, and 5/- for day allowance be allowed."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided to advance to Samuel Bryan, Curratubbin, Killenagh, a loan not exceeding £200, on house estimated to cost £300, subject to compliance with the regulations of the County Council.

Patrick Martin, Moneyhore, Enniscorthy, applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £400.

The Secretary stated that according to the Regulations



£200 was the maximum amount which could be advanced in this case.

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

"That provided regulations governing advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts are complied with, the County Council be recommended to advance <sup>loan</sup> not exceeding £200 to Patrick Martin, Moneyhore, Enniscorthy."

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION: The Secretary stated that William Furlong, Tullibards, Bridgetown, who made application for loan at the last meeting of the Finance Committee had called to the County Council and withdrawn same. In this case the house had been erected.

INSPECTION FEES: Under date 27th April 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.7987/2/38 Loch Garman) as follows:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the proposal of the Wexford County Council to increase the fees to Assistant Surveyors who act as Valuers for the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, from one guinea to two guineas in respect of each house valued, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will not raise any objection to this proposal."

It was decided that the increased fee of £2. 2. 0d be paid for houses valued from 1st April 1938 onwards.

ROAD MATTERS

DANGEROUS CORNERS: Under date 18th April, 1938, Thomas Mullaly, Efferogue, Ferns, Hon. Secretary, Monageer Branch of the Irish Labour Party, wrote calling attention to dangerous corners at Knockduff, Ferns and at Garnduff, Clondaw.



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The County Surveyor stated that the County Council had turned down at their roads meeting all proposals for the repair of dangerous corners and it was only where money could be saved in regard to road proposals that a few corners here and there were dealt with. He believed, however, that there were corners which were more dangerous than those referred to by Mr. Mulally.

Mr. Kelly said he would like a statement as to the policy of the County Council in relation to dangerous corners, to which the Chairman replied for the present year, at all events, the County Council had decided to put all the money at their disposal to maintain the surface of the roads and to leave the corners as they were for better times.

PIER AT ST. HELEN'S: The following under date 14th April, 1938, was read from Mr. Richard Leary, Secretary of the St. Helen's Branch of the Sea Fisheries Association:-

"I am instructed by the St. Helen's Branch of the Sea Fisheries Association to request the Council to make a grant towards the necessary repairs to St. Helen's Harbour as it is in a very bad state since the big storms of the Winter.

I hope you will be good enough to put this application before your Council at the earliest possible date."

The County Surveyor said the old debris of the breakwater had been a bit flattened out by storms. Beyond that the Pier was the same as it had been for a number of years. He had applied for a State Grant several times, but the matter was not disposed of. It was listed for consideration when money was available, as an Inspector from the Office of Public Works had seen it.

It was decided that copy of the County Surveyor's observations be furnished to Mr. Leary.



ROAD - TACUMSHANE TO KILLINICK: Under date 20th April 1938, Mr. William O'Leary, Hon. Secretary, Ballymore Fianna Fail Club wrote calling attention to the poor condition of the road from Tacumshane to Killinick and the necessity for the erection of a danger post at Montfield National School.

The County Surveyor said with regard to the road he was doing the best he could with the money available. He would, however, erect a danger signal at Montfield National School.

Mr. Colfer called attention to the amount of traffic at the village of Wellingtonbridge and said it would be advisable if a sign with the words "Drive slowly" was erected on the road approaching the village. There were a number of children living in the village and the fathers of some of them would be prepared to put up the sign if they were supplied with it.

The County Surveyor stated he would look into the matter.

Mr. Colfer also called attention to the dangerous cross at Carrig-on-Bannow, where Mr. White, Farmhouse, had met with an accident recently. He (Mr. Colfer) understood that it would be possible for the County Surveyor to secure without cost, the necessary land for the easement of this corner.

The County Surveyor said he would see what could be done, but in his opinion, the easement of this corner would cost from £30 to £40.

ROAD RANDALSTOWN - TOMHAGGARD: Under date 27th April, 1938 Mr. Sean Murphy, Tilladavins, Tomhaggard, wrote:-

"The members of my Cumann (Tomhaggard Fianna Fail) desire me to request that the attention of your Council and of the County Surveyor be drawn to the very bad



condition of the roads in this district, with special reference to the road from Randalstown turn (on Wexford-Kilmore road) to Tomhaggard and also the Lingstown road.

They would also point out the urgency of removing dangerous corners on the road leading to the sea at Tilladavins and of widening a portion of the same road (about 150 yards). These corners are certainly nothing short of deathtraps."

The County Surveyor said there was no real through traffic on the road referred to and he was doing what was possible with the money at his disposal. A number of roads maintained by sea-gravel were ravelling owing to the abnormally dry weather. As for the corners no money was available. In view of the many applications received for easement of corners, in various parts of the county, the County Council could decide at their roads meeting to be held in Autumn whether they would provide funds for this purpose. It was not possible for him to deal with these matters unless money was provided.

#### APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for £6. 15. 0 claimed for the breaking of glass in two houses in Ram Street, Wexford, the property of Mrs. Mary McAlister, 1 Fortfield Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### NEW ROAD MACHINERY

Under date 29th April 1938, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be obliged if you will bring before the Finance Committee Meeting on to-day the matter of purchasing further Machinery. Last Autumn we purchased two new rollers which have given entire satisfaction, but we have also been obliged to hire two further rollers in order to carry on the work. Furthermore, our breaking plant is insufficient to keep up with the work we have on hands. When this increased work (owing to Employment Scheme Grants) was first taken up we had a fairly large stock in nearly all our quarries, and this enabled us to carry on up to the present. Now, we have arrived at the stage



when this stock is depleted, and in a number of our quarries we have no material at present. At this period we should be drawing out material for the coming year, and we have to await preparation of it in a great number of cases.

Under these circumstances, I consider that the Council should purchase two further rollers, and also two stone-breakers. It will not be necessary to purchase an engine to run the breakers, as generally speaking, these are available on hire. I estimate cost of this plant at £3,600, and the annual charge for a loan for ten years would be in or about £450. There will be no difficulty in meeting this charge out of the Machinery Account, and I strongly recommend the Council to agree to my suggestion."

The County Surveyor said that during the past two years through grants and loans they had a total expenditure of £62,000 added to the normal amount provided for in the Road Works Scheme. With the extra machinery which he now requisitioned it would be possible to carry on their road maintenance programme with efficiency.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the provision of road machinery in accordance with letter from County Surveyor under date 29th April 1938."

Passed.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - BALLYCULLANE COURTHOUSE

At the meeting of the Finance Committee, under date 14th April 1938, the Finance Committee pointed out that as regards the claim of Mr. Patrick Power, Landlord, Ballycullane Courthouse, for £2. 10. 0, rent of the premises, while occupied by Weights and Measures Inspector, the Committee were of opinion that the £12 per annum paid to Mr. Power for rent of this Courthouse should cover all use for County Council purposes.

Under date 23rd April, 1938, letter was read from Mr. Power, that if the usual rent was not paid for the hall, for the Weights and Measures Inspector, he would not allow it to be used by that official in future.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the



following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of Mr. Power's letter of 23rd April, the County Council be recommended to pay £2. 10. 0, demanded by him as rent for Ballycullane Court, while utilised by Inspector for Weights and Measures, this amount to cover a full year's work by the Weights and Measures Inspector, carried out at Ballycullane."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

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

"That Inspectors under Warble Fly Order be authorised (after having notified County Secretary to this effect) to serve Detention Notices on farmers, who are not dressing their cattle under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936."

OVERDRAFT

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

"That overdraft accommodation at an amount not exceeding £35,000 be obtained, according as it may be required, from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wexford, for a period of 6 months from 20th May 1938.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposal."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 29th April 1938 be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Ronan and adopted:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Deed of Conveyance by Mr. John Fortune and Mrs. Mary Ellen Fortune to Mr. Michael Kearns, of part of the Lands of Gorey Corporation Lands containing Five perches statute measure, on which the County Council hold a charge for £180, in order that the said Lands may be released from the said charge, which is now being paid off."

DANGEROUS CORNERS: Under date 7th May, 1938, Mr. J. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the corners complained of on the road to Mountpill at Montfield (Road No. 953) were very bad. The road was subject only to local traffic but even with that a couple of the corners were veritable deathtraps. No money, however, was available for their easement.

Mr. M. Redmond referred to corner at Oldcourt on the Templeshelin - Adamstown Road and pointed out that a number of serious accidents had occurred there.

The County Surveyor pointed out that in the past County Council had trouble in securing permission from the owners of land adjoining bad corners and who sometimes asked prohibitive prices for the small amount required. At the Conference the Surveyors had with the Local Government Department during the past week, the matter was mentioned and it was stated a Bill was being prepared which would simplify the procedure.



The Chairman said they had had a fairly full discussion on corners at the annual roads meeting of the Council, when the necessity to keep within the estimate for the actual maintenance of the roads was stressed. If the Council wished they could allocate money for the repair of dangerous corners at their Roads Meeting to be held next November and in the meantime, it would facilitate everybody concerned if the members would supply the County Surveyor with a list of what each member considered were dangerous corners in his area.

Mr. Walsh said at their Roads Meeting in November they should list the most dangerous corners irrespective of the classification of roads. Continuing, Mr. Walsh referred to a dangerous corner at Mount Hanover, near New Ross, regarding which the County Surveyor said he would examine the place and if possible, carry out some improvement.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: Mr. Corish said it was a great pity that the Council were unable, owing to the present condition of the law, to take advantage of the Grant which the Minister of Agriculture was prepared to give for the improvement of this Harbour. There were a number of boats operating there and more would be put on if the place was made available.

The Chairman said the real difficulty in this matter was that St. Helen's was not a scheduled Pier, and owing to that fact the Council were not empowered to spend money on its repair. It was, to his mind, a border-line case and it was possible that no objection would be made to any expenditure which the Council might make in order to re-inforce the Grant from the Department.

Mr. Doyle asked could the Council take up this matter of the repair of St. Helen's in the near future. Facilities



at the place were now so bad that five boats gave up fishing there last year and were now operating from Carne. The lobster fishing would begin immediately.

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate immediately with the Department of Fisheries in connection with Grant for repair of Pier at St. Helen's and inform the Department that the Wexford County Council are prepared to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of repair, and to instruct the County Surveyor to carry out the work as expeditiously as possible."

ROADS - TACUMSHANE - KILLINICK, RANDALSTOWN, TOMHAGGARD:

The following under date 7th May 1938, was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"With reference to recent complaints re above roads, I wish to report I made a special inspection of the area on the 28th April 1938. The roads in this area are maintained with sea gravel and some stretches with pit gravel. Due to the continued fine weather the gravel is in a loose condition. Otherwise, I saw no cause for complaint. As a matter of fact, I consider the roads to be quite good considering the prevailing weather conditions.

Mr. Doyle said there was a good deal of discontent regarding the condition of the road to Tacumshane.

NEW ROAD MACHINERY: The County Surveyor said that at the Conference of the County Surveyors with the Department of Local Government and Public Health a great deal of discussion centred round the question of providing road machinery. There would be no difficulty in obtaining sanction to the loan. He had inspected at the Dublin Show a facsimile Diesel-engined roller to the two the Council had obtained some time ago and made by Messrs.



Marshall, Gainsborough, England. It was erected to the same specification and he had tentatively agreed to the purchase at the same price as the two already supplied, viz., £1033. The existing price was £1187. He had received a 'phone message that morning that his offer would be accepted.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by the Chairman, that the Council approve of the purchase of the roller at £1033 as arranged by the County Surveyor and also the two stone breakers requisitioned by him at a price to be considered later.

Mr. T. Redmond asked if the purchase of this machinery would curtail employment of the men on the roads.

The County Surveyor said it would have the opposite effect as they could not employ men without the machinery. The money for the purchase of the machinery will not come out of the ordinary allocation for the maintenance of the roads.

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 29th April 1938 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: The following report of Scholarship Committee was submitted:-



A meeting of Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th April 1938. Present: Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; Gerald Hurley, Sean O'Byrne and Michael Redmond.

The County Secretary was also in attendance.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1939: Provisions of Scheme which obtained last year with the necessary changes as to dates were agreed to and recommended to County Council for acceptance with the following addendum:-

"When two members of the same family are successful in the same year at Examination for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships and secure such marks as would entitle them to award, one scholarship only will be awarded, the parents or guardians of the two successful pupils concerned to make the selection."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1939: The Scheme for 1938 with the necessary changes as to dates was recommended to the County Council for acceptance.



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

"That the Minutes of Scholarship Committee meeting held on 30th April 1938 be received and considered."

Arising out of examination of means of parents of applicants for University Scholarships several members believed that some criterion other than the assessability of parents or guardians to income tax under schedules other than A and B should be set up. They believed that people with very substantial incomes who should be able to provide University education for their children could be brought under the scheme on the present regulation.

Col. Quin referred to an application in which the parents who were National Teachers with a conjoint income of £588 were not assessable to ordinary income tax.

Mr. Corish said there was another application in which the income was given at £577, but there were seven other children under 18 years old and this application was within the regulations as owing to the number of the children under 18 there was a "nil" income tax assessment.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the Secretary said the scholarship schemes were revised every year.

Miss O'Ryan said it was wrong to suggest that the scheme was only for poor people. The Council never passed a Scholarship Scheme in that sense. It was intended for any person in the County who may have a big family, and whose means did not permit giving higher education to their children. There were very few people with big families who could give higher education to their children, and County Council felt, in the interests of the country, that they should subsidise these people and give a clever child an opportunity of availing of the scheme. She objected to it being recorded that the Scheme was intended for poor people.



The Secretary said out of the list of 28 applicants only four could get scholarships.

Mr. O'Byrne - It was not intended for poor people but for anyone who could not otherwise get higher education. I don't think, however, in deciding on the regulation about income tax, we ever contemplated that it should apply to salaries as high as those mentioned.

Mr. Smyth said he never thought that persons worth approximately £600 in income would be accepted.

After further discussion Mr. Bowe gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the Council at their meeting to be held on 13th June 1938 consider how best to arrive at a decision relative to the eligibility of candidates to compete for University Scholarships of this Council in order to comply with the provisions of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act 1918 which defines accepted candidates under this Scheme to mean such as are "in need of assistance " to secure the benefits of a University training".

That the decision of the County Council in this matter apply to their University Scholarship Scheme for 1939."

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

"That Messrs. J. N. Anglim, F. P. Barry, J. J. Kelly (Camblin) and R. Ryan (Ardamine) who have selected course in Agriculture in connection with University Scholarship Scheme be invited to attend next meeting of Finance Committee on 13th May 1938 with a view to having their knowledge of practical agriculture tested by the members of the Committee."

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



"That the 28 candidates applying under University Scholarship Scheme for permission to sit for Scholarship examination be deemed eligible."

The Secretary stated that the list of applicants as follows had been furnished Councillors with agenda papers of meeting:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbreviations:- C (Children under 18). I (Income).  
V (Valuation).

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1. Anglim, James Noel, "St. Anne's", Duncannon, Co. Wexford.  
C.1. I. £165. 15. 7d. V. £1. 10s. Widow.
  2. Barry, Francis P., Hillview, Coolcots, Wexford.  
C.2. I. £150. V. £21. 15s. Farmer.
  3. Brennan, Richard, Camolin.  
C.1. I. £60. V. £4. 15s. Tailor.
  4. Brewer, William J., Irishtown, New Ross.  
C.2. I. £200. V. £10. 2. 6d. Carpenter.
  5. Browne, Thomas P., Rock's Lane, Wexford.  
C.5. I. £182. V. £4. Baker.
  6. Butler, Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn.  
C.None. I. 7s. 6d per week N.H. Insurance.  
V. £1. 15s. Agricultural Labourer.
  7. Byrne, William, The Hollow, Camblin, New Ross.  
C.None. I. £87. 1. 6d. V. £39. 10s. Farmer.
  8. Corish Patrick J., Ballycullane.  
C.7. I. £577. V. £5. 15s. National Teachers.
  9. Creane, Una Maire, Riverchapel.  
C.4. I. £588. V. £8. 3s. National Teachers.
  10. Doyle, Bridget Teresa, Drimmagh, Rosslare.  
C.3. I. £170. V. £4. Railway Worker.
  11. Duggan, Anne Mary, The Leap, Enniscorthy.  
C.3. I. £150. V. £10. 15s. Blacksmith.
  12. Finn, Joseph, 16 Main Street, Gorey.  
C.7. I. £100. V. £18. Garage Owner.
  13. Hall, Philip Dermot, 10 Cornmarket, Wexford.  
C.None. I. £110. V. £12. Shopkeeper.
  14. Kelly, Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.  
C. 2. I. £107. V. £3. Railway Worker.
  15. Kelly, James Joseph, Camblin, New Ross. 1  
C.None. I. £120. V. £38. 10s. Farmer.
  16. Kinsella, James Joseph, The Square, Main Street, Bunclody.  
C.None. I. £105. V. £8. Guardians, Spirit Grocers.



17. Mulligan, Mary Teresa, Craan, Gorey.  
C.3. I. £90. V. £57. 5. 0. Farmer.
18. Murphy, Stasia, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.  
C.1. I. £200. V. £66. 5. 0. Farmer.
19. O'Connor, Joan, Gally, Enniscorthy.  
C.7. I. £200. V. £62. Merchant.
20. O'Donohue, Thomas Oliver, Johnstown, Clonegal, Ferns.  
C.4. I. £363. V. £4. Mother, National Teacher.  
Father, Pensioner.
21. O'Keeffe, Alice M., Station House, Rosslare Strand.  
C.5. I. £217. V. Railway House. Station Master.
22. O'Bourke, Catherine, Newbawn.  
C.2. I. £299. 6s. V. £41. Farmer and National  
Teacher.
23. O'Rourke, Laurence, Newbawn.  
C.2. I. £299. 6s. V. £41. Farmer and National  
Teacher.
24. Redmond, Judith Teresa, 13 St. Michael's Place, Gorey.  
C.None. I. £45 for 3 months. V. Cottage 3s. 6d  
per week. Mother, Shop Assistant.
25. Roche, Catherine Agnes, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown.  
C.4. I. £400. V. £78. 10s. Farmer.
26. Ryan, Robert, Ardamine, Gorey.  
C.3. I. £134. V. £21. 15s. Farmer and Road  
Ganger.
27. Sheil, Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.  
C.5. I. £119. V. £3. Railway Porter.
28. Teehan, John E., 101 Irishtown, New Ross.  
C.3. I. £200. V. £9. 10s. Publican and Insurance  
Agent.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

4th May, 1938.



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

"That the minutes of Scholarship Committee meeting of 30th April, 1938, in so far as same relate to Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be, and the same, ~~are~~ hereby confirmed and approved. That consideration of recommendation of Scholarship Committee relative to University Scholarship Scheme be deferred until a decision by the Council has been arrived at on Mr. Bowe's notice of motion."

THIRD CEMENT FACTORY

The following under date 29th April, 1938, (T.I.M. 9/84) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade & Industries Branch), Lord Edward Street, Dublin, re above:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 19th instant, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of your Council on 11th instant regarding the claims of Wexford County as a site for a third cement factory. I am to state that it will be realized that various technical considerations, such as the suitability and sufficiency of raw materials, water supplies, rail, road and river connections etc. enter into the question of the determination of the site of a cement factory, and these are matters primarily for the operating company. It is understood that the company, Messrs. Cement Ltd., have been investigating the possibilities of a number of districts, including County Wexford, with a view to the selection of the most advantageous site for the proposed factory, but the stage has not yet been reached at which a decision in the matter can be taken. Your Council may rest assured, however, that before a decision is arrived at the claims



of County Wexford will be fully considered."

The Secretary stated he had not received reply to the resolution forwarded in this matter to Cement Ltd.

#### MOTOR TAX ON RAILWAY LORRIES

Under date 29th April, 1938, the following was read from the Manager, Great Southern Railways, in connection with the above:-

"Your letter of 19th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Company forwarding the terms of a Resolution passed by the Wexford County Council regarding the above has been handed to me.

The tractors and trailers hired from the Company by your Council had, previous to hire, been attached to the Company's Waterford Depot, where they were taxed.

The equitable distribution of taxation of its motor fleet between the various Corporations and County Councils presents some difficulty to the Company, as vehicles taxed in one County have frequently to be hired to other County Councils. The practice generally adopted is to tax the vehicles in the Borough or County in which they are operating at the date of taxation. You can take it, therefore, that all vehicles operating in the County Wexford in January next will be taxed with your Council.

Apart from the Company's motor vehicles on hire to your Council, I am informed that in January last excise duty amounting to £180 was paid to your Council in respect of Railhead motor vehicles operating in County Wexford."

#### CELEBRATIONS OF 1798 INSURRECTION

In connection with the Celebrations in course of arrangement to commemorate the Rising of 1798, the following was read from Mr. James Wall, Hon. Secretary, '98 Commemoration Association, Buncloody Branch:-



"The Committee of above Branch have decided to erect a plaque in the wall of the Slaney Bridge at Bunclody, to commemorate the memory of the brave men who fell there in '98. They have instructed me to seek the necessary permission from your Council to carry out the project."

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

"That the application of Bunclody Branch of 1798 Commemoration Committee, for erection of plaque at Bunclody Bridge to commemorate the memory of the insurgents who lost their lives at this Bridge in 1798, be agreed to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

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

"That this Council will offer no objection to erection of plaque at Horetown, Taghmon, to commemorate the memory of the Insurgents who lost their lives at the place in 1798."

It was decided that this work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

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

"That where applications are made for the erection of plaques or other methods to commemorate scenes of the Rising of 1798, the County Surveyor be empowered to approve of these applications provided agreement be forthcoming that the work will be carried out to his satisfaction."

#### ROCK DRILLERS - INCREASE OF WAGES

At the meeting of the County Council on the 11th April 1938, Messrs. Thomas Stafford, Ballyhine, Barntown; Patrick Doyle, Clohamon, Ferns (Smith); John Kinsella, Killowen, Kyle (Smith) and Nicholas Carroll, Killowen, Kyle,



engaged on County Council Rock Drilling Plant applied for an increase of 15/- in their wages.

Mr. Colfer at the above mentioned meeting gave the following notice of motion for consideration at the present meeting of the Council:-

"That the application of the four County Council employees engaged on rockdrilling plant for an increase of 15s. per week in their remuneration be favourably considered."

Mr. Colfer was about to move his motion when Miss O'Ryan mentioned that an increase of 15/- per week was too much.

The Chairman agreed.

Mr. Colfer then moved his motion as follows:-

"That the four men engaged at rock drilling, Messrs. Thomas Stafford, Patrick Doyle, John Kinsella and Nicholas Carroll, be granted an increase in their wages of 7s. 6d per week."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

The County Surveyor denied absolutely the statement in the men's application that they had to work during dinner hour. They also mentioned overtime, but for this they were paid on the usual overtime Schedule. He admitted their work was the hardest of all road employees. They were paid £3 per week, the same wages as the Engine Drivers. He was quite prepared to recommend 7s. 6d extra per week for the rock drillers, but the Smiths who sharpened the tools had, in his opinion, a very easy job, compared with the drill men. The Smith work in the County Council workshop was much more difficult and more arduous than that dealing with rock drilling tools.

Col. Quin suggested that the rock drillers, but not the Smiths should receive 7s. 6d increase per week.

The County Surveyor said he was afraid that this might cause jealousy and trouble, but the Chairman asked Mr. Colfer to accept Col. Quin's suggestion.



After some discussion Col. Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following amendment:-

"That an increase of 7s. 6d per week be granted to Thomas Stafford and Nicholas Carroll (Rock Drillers) and that no change be made in the wages of Patrick Doyle and John Kinsella, (Smiths) attending on the rock drillers.

The County Surveyor stated there were two other men concerned.

The Secretary pointed out that they could be dealt with subsequently, as applications from them had not been submitted to the Finance Committee.

After further discussion Col. Quin's amendment was put to the meeting and adopted nem. con.

#### PAYMENT URBAN COUNCIL DEMANDS

The following under date 5th May 1938 was read from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"Referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to the Resolutions adopted at your County Council meeting in connection with the arrears due on foot of Demand I am directed to hand you the sum of £925 on account and to state that my Council have arranged to meet your Demand on each quarter day and to pay in addition the sum of £125 on account of arrears.

My Council have now made provision in their Estimate to meet these charges in future and if your County Council agree to my Council's proposal for the liquidation of their debt on these terms no further trouble will arise. My Council is of the opinion that the Department of Local Government will not agree to sanction the raising of a special loan to clear off the arrears, but the recommendation will be made to raise a loan in due course."

The Secretary stated that the following showed how Demands on Urban Councils stood at the moment:-



	<u>Urban Demands to</u> <u>31st March 1938.</u>			<u>Paid</u>			<u>Outstanding</u>		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Enniscorthy	3396.	4.	8	974.	4.	4d	2422.	0.	4
				28%			72%		
New Ross (Ordinary)	3193.	6.	6	2394.	19.	9	798.	6.	9
				75%			25%		
New Ross (Roads)	225.	0.	0	225.	0.	0	----		
Wexford	6876.	9.	5	3440.	0.	0	3436.	9.	5
				50%			50%		
	£13691.	0.	7	£7034.	4.	1	£6656.	16.	6
				51%			49%		

Mr. McCarthy said that Enniscorthy Urban Council could do no more than what they had done. They had paid a full year's demand within the year and had agreed to raise a special rate of 1/- to clear off the arrears.

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

"That letter from Enniscorthy Urban Council as to payment of Demand of County Council be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and which Committee is hereby empowered to deal generally with the payment of Demands by Urban Councils."

#### WAGES OF RELIEF WORKERS

Mr. Colfer submitted the following letter:-

"We, the undersigned unemployed relief workers at Burkestown, Ballycullane, condemn the action of the Local Government for reducing our pay by 2s. 6d per week. We, as married men, find it impossible to support our unfortunate wives and families. We hereby appeal to the Government to refund us the 2s. 6d which has been stopped on us. We also consider it very unfair and unjust to ask us to work for such a low rate of wages as 26 shillings per week. Hoping we shall be refunded the 2s. 6d without having to take further action. (Signed) James Flood, Peter Kehoe,



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Patrick Hurley, John Furlong, Patrick Quirke, William Burke, Simon Parle, Patrick Neville, Phil Rochford, Thomas Finn, James Codd, John Whelan, Thomas Mallow, Patrick Rossiter, Patrick Kirwan, John Rochford."

Mr. Colfer mentioned that these men were working on a Relief Grant in Burkestown quarry.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the men were working on a Rural Relief Grant.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the men received only a half day's pay for the half holiday, Saturday, whereas the ordinary staff of the County Council were paid a full day's wages. Up to recently the men were not employed at all on Saturday and received no remuneration consequently for that day.

Mr. Corish asked how the wages of 26/- was made up.

The County Surveyor said that the men worked for five full days - 25/-, plus 2/6d for the half day. The cost of insurance to the men brought the wages down to 26/-. The Surveyors were now authorised to use their discretion in the matter and owing to this instruction the men would be paid in the ordinary way and at the ordinary County Council rate.

#### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Letter under date 14th April 1938 from Department of Local Government and Public Health (F.36/38) transmitting copy of the Presidential Elections Act 1937 and Order thereunder and pointing out the steps to be taken by the Council in the event of an Election, was submitted.

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

The following analyses were made by County Analyst for Quarter ended 31st December 1937:-

Foods 263; Drugs 25. Total 288. Number adulterated 5 new milks; 1 Butter; 2 Olive Oils; 1 Camphorated Oil and 1 Castor Oil.



POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to the following:-

New Licence:

Mary E. Dunne, Main Street, Ferns.

Renewals:

Manager, Boro Co-operative Society.

James J. Codd, 26 & 27 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

James S. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross.

Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment (including proposals for payment to Contractors for roads and works as appearing on Forms 22 as certified by County Surveyor) submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

*J. Allen*

*13th June '38*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING - 23rd MAY, 1938

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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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A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd May, 1938, for the purpose of considering report of Mr. A. Delap (Delap & Waller - Consulting Engineers, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin) as to examination of Wexford Bridge, and the following notice of motion by Mr. Corish:-

"That, in view of the fact that Wexford Bridge is incapable of carrying present-day traffic a new bridge be constructed from Wexford old Courthouse to Ferrybank, the site of a former bridge."

Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presided, also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Mr. A. Delap were also in attendance.

The following report of Mr. Delap (which had been circulated to Councillors) was read:-



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### W E X F O R D      B R I D G E

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Wexford New Bridge, as it is called on the map, was built in 1863 and is therefore 75 years old. It has 30 spans of 40 ft., 2 of 20 ft., and 2 of 25 ft. each, and one opening span of 50 ft. Total length between abutments of about 1340 feet. The piers, or bents, between these spans each consist of 8 piles in a single row across the line of the bridge, the middle 6 at 4 ft. centres are vertical, the outer piles Nos. 1 and 8 rake outwards at an angle of  $12^{\circ}$  to the vertical. The piles, vertical and raked, are tied together by upper and lower pairs of wales  $12'' \times 16''$  and one pair of diagonals of  $12'' \times 6''$  pitch pine. Each row of 8 piles is capped by a  $14''$  square horizontal crosshead, and on this crosshead and directly over each pile rest the main longitudinal beams of the bridge; these beams are each 40 ft. long, nominally,  $14''$  sq. really and generally about  $13''$  to  $13\frac{1}{2}''$  square. Each beam is strengthened by being trussed or stiffened with a W.I. tie rod  $2\frac{1}{4}''$  dia. which runs parallel to the timber beam for its centre third and 2.75 ft. below its centre line.

The end of each timber beam rests in a C.I. shoe or saddle to which the tie bar is attached, the 2 shoes of 2 adjacent beams are coupled and form a saddle on the main crosshead of each of the piers. Resting on these longitudinal beams are C.I. buckle plates about  $\frac{3}{8}''$  thick, and on the buckle plates is about 1 ft. thick of road material. The road material, the C.I. plates, the beam itself and the tie bar form the dead load which each beam must carry. The weight of the shoes, which are heavy, are assumed to be carried directly by the piers. The cast iron supports of the tie rods, and the transverse members which steady the whole, are ignored in adding up the dead load as they are troublesome to measure up and they are not necessary to prove the case.

The case is, that the bridge as designed is not fit for the load it carries.

The factor of safety, which is the allowance always made for possible faulty material, or faulty workmanship or our own ignorance, is usually 5 in cases of this sort; that is, for instance, where wrought iron is used that has a breaking strength of 25 tons per square inch, it is sound practice to use a factor of safety of 5 and a working stress of  $\frac{25}{5} = 5$  tons per square inch.

No engineer with a sense of responsibility will cut down his factor of safety, it is a sacred matter on which the safety of the public depends.

In Wexford bridge, as shown by the figures to be submitted, the factor of safety has been cut down to an alarming extent, and there is worse still to come. At an early stage of this investigation it became clear that of the two parts which together go to make up each beam, viz., timber and tie rod, the timber is amply strong, while the tie rod is not nearly strong enough.



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The bridge as designed is not strong enough to carry its own weight without encroaching on its factor of safety, a thing no responsible engineer will do. Besides its own weight, 4 ton loads use it under the present restrictions, this load puts a stress on the bridge 50% beyond the safety point.

All this is on the assumption that the bridge is as it was when it was first put up 75 years ago. This is far from being the case. Much of the timber is patched and rotten, but the timber is several times larger than the original loads call for and it is not the timber that will first fail.

The tie rods of wrought iron  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. which give strength and stiffness to each beam were always too light for their job even when full  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. They have rusted badly and their strength is thus reduced in a number of places to under 2" dia. in one to  $1\frac{3}{4}$ ", and in one case the tie rod is rusted through and hangs under the bridge useless. In one case, at least, the C.I. shoe to which the tie rod is secured is broken across and this tie rod is useless.

There is much more that could be said about the condition of the bridge, but nothing to modify what this report is intended to convey, viz., that the bridge - always too light for any traffic - has become very dangerous; the action of wind and weather has cut down the margin of safety, which was always too small, to a point where it must soon vanish, and at the same time the increasing weight and speed of modern traffic all tend to still further narrow the margin on which the lives of the public depend.

With a full sense of the inconvenience this must cause to the users of the bridge, the bridge must be closed to everything of more than one ton in weight on two wheels, or two tons on four wheels, and these must not move at more than walking pace, and, further, the bridge must be inspected every day for signs of failure by a reasonable individual who will be instructed to report daily to the Council through their Surveyor.

Certain things have been referred to, such as a broken tie rod and broken or cracked shoes - these should be replaced at once, unless it is decided to shut the bridge to all wheeled traffic.

This report has been written in haste and much has been omitted because the writer considered the matter was of such importance that it should be brought before the Council with the least possible delay.

Should anything in this require further explanation, the writer will be glad to attend and answer any questions.



The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 13th May 1938 was read:-

"The County Surveyor stated that on receipt of this report he had interviewed County Secretary and County Solicitor as to the powers which the County Council had to restrict traffic on this bridge and in view of the serious statements in the report he (County Surveyor) took it on himself to fence off two spans which were referred to as defective. As regards weight, he arranged to have notices put up on the bridge that the maximum load would be 2 tons (all in) which was a "cut" of two tons in the present weight. He had fenced off both approaches leaving a ten foot gap, had also restricted vehicular speed to a maximum of five miles and had notified the Bus Office that their vehicles could no longer cross the bridge.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee would approve of the steps taken in the matter by the County Surveyor, and asked Mr. Delap who was in attendance, if the bridge would be worth repairing.

Mr. Delap replied in the negative. This was not an off-hand opinion, but was borne out by his close examination. They would not - in the ordinary course - erect a timber bridge on the site which would be capable of carrying modern traffic and to erect a grand new bridge of modern constructional materials on the present rotten structure would be waste of money. The present bridge had to bear two loads (1) the dead load which was the weight of the bridge itself, and (2) the live load, viz., vehicles, passengers, etc., passing over it. The dead load even produced a strain which was undesirable, but when added to the live load the strain was much greater than was legitimate on the standard engineering figures universally accepted. They were cutting the margin of safety in the



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design of the bridge by half and it could not stand up to that. No bridge would now be erected in accordance with the plans of this bridge. The only reason which prevented him from telegraphing to have the bridge closed completely was because it had been so carefully and constantly looked after. He admitted that by leaving it open even to light traffic they were taking a certain risk but as it would be watched day and night this risk would be greatly minimised.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor as regards restriction of traffic etc. on Wexford Bridge and, in view of the serious nature of the report of Mr. Delap we empower the County Surveyor to close this Wexford Bridge to all traffic should the occasion arise. Any person who brings traffic over and above the regulations published by the County Surveyor will be prosecuted. That the County Surveyor be further empowered to employ day and night watchmen at the structure to ensure the safety of the public. And we also empower him to take such further action in this matter as he may consider necessary."

The Chairman said that as regards alternate route to Wexford the Ballyboggan road should be strengthened to carry the traffic which was up to the present, utilising Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor said he had met heavy lorries travelling what would be the alternate road - Kylecross to Castlebridge - which would be about 4 miles.

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

"That County Surveyor be instructed to put Ballyboggan road - Kyle Cross to Castlebridge - into such a condition of repair as will allow of its use by modern traffic. That he apply to the Department of Local Government and Public



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Health for a State contribution to enable suitable repair to this road being carried out.

That a special meeting of the County Council be held on 23rd May, 1938, at 2.15 p.m. for consideration of Mr. Delap's report and of notice of motion by Mr. Corish as regards erection of new bridge.

That copy of Mr. Delap's report be furnished County Councillors with agenda paper for above meeting."

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

"That extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 13th May 1938 relative to Wexford Bridge submitted to this meeting be and the same is hereby confirmed and approved."

In reply to Mr. Kinsella the County Surveyor said he had no objection to the Bus service using the alternate route Kyle Cross - Castlebridge and was prepared to give a permit to that effect. If they applied to the Ministry for approval he would not oppose the application.

The Chairman said he would be glad if Councillors would put forward any matter they believed should arise out of report of Mr. Delap and put any questions which occurred to them to Mr. Delap in order to elicit the fullest information.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the tie rods could be repaired, as it appeared from the report the timber was all right, and able to carry ordinary traffic without danger.

The County Surveyor said that to replace the defective tie rods the whole structure should be dismantled. A new beam without any work on it would cost about £15 and he believed it was more expensive to put in tie rods than to put in a new beam.

Mr. Delap said the tie rods could not be replaced.



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In the first place, the tie rods are an essential part of the beam. The beam itself will not carry the load without the tie rod, and the tie rod that was in the thing the first day was not a match for the timber. It was less than a fourth of the strength of the timber. The tie rods are anchored by beautifully designed castings at the end, into which the beams sit, and these are bored out for the tie rods of the particular size. The shoe and the beam and the tie rod are all vital parts of the bridge. You can't alter any one of them without altering the whole lot. The timber was strong enough for its share of the work but the tie rods were not strong enough to aid the beams. The tie rods were never right. Steel tie rods would increase the strength.

Mr. Murphy referred to references in the report as to "design of the bridge not being fit for the load" and that "as designed the bridge was not strong enough to carry its own - dead - load without encroaching on the factor of safety". All this was on the assumption that the bridge was as designed 75 years ago and as if it had never carried present day ordinary traffic.

In answer to Mr. Keegan, Mr. Delap said he did not know if the piles were sound or defective. The top was so bad it was not worth while bothering about the piles.

The County Surveyor said that as the piles were in alignment it could be assumed they were sound under water.

Col. Quin suggested that the present tie rods of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches should be replaced by tie rods of 5 or 6 inches.

Mr. Delap said there were 480 shoes to be dealt with and it would be a big and expensive job to replace these. And even if the new tie rods were of steel they could not bring the bridge up to the weight of modern traffic.

Mr. Culleton believed it would be waste of money to



replace the tie rods for the extra amount of strength they would secure.

Mr. Delap said he gathered the Council would like to repair the bridge for at least about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years during which a new bridge would be in course of construction as the complete closing of the bridge for this period could not be contemplated. He believed if the Council desired to carry out sufficient repairs to extend the life of the bridge to say ten years the expenditure would be so high that the proposal would have to be ruled out. He was prepared to furnish estimates for both periods. Probably the partial reconstruction of the bridge for a further life of ten years to carry light loads would run to £20,000 or £30,000 after which they would have to build a new bridge.

The Chairman said that what the Council desired to know was the present condition of the bridge.

Mr. Delap said the bridge was not safe enough to carry itself; it was holding together from sheer habit.

Mr. Doyle contended that it would be necessary to have the services of a diver to present a really accurate report of the condition of the structure; otherwise, there would be obscurity as to its exact condition. Could they take it that the fact of the piles being in alignment presented absolute proof of their soundness under water?

The County Surveyor said that as a result of inspection in 1911 by Mr. Ryan, Engineer, Dublin, the piles were found to be in good condition. As they were in perfect alignment from end to end, it could be assumed so far as he knew they were sound; there might, of course, be a certain amount of wear from sand.

Mr. Kinsella said that to spend £30,000 as estimated by Mr. Delap to extend the life of the bridge for ten years would be throwing money away.



Mr. Delap said that the question of what the bridge was like under water was no concern of his as at the time of his inspection he found the timber better than he expected and the tie rods in a terrible state making the bridge dangerous.

Mr. Doyle held it was absolutely necessary to have the portion of the bridge under water examined by a diver before the Council committed themselves to anything. It was 27 years since the substructure was examined.

Mr. Keegan said when they arranged for a report as to the condition of the bridge he believed the Council considered this report would cover the entire structure, and not the superstructure only. For the money it cost he could not regard the report as satisfactory.

In reply to Col. Quin, Mr. Delap said it was possible to put a new "top" on the bridge but at very heavy expenditure and to his mind prohibitive expenditure for the value received. A lot of timber is rotten and when he referred to the fact that the timber was amply strong he meant taking it as a whole.

Miss O'Ryan said that the bridge was capable of such repair as would allow it to carry the traffic which had utilised it to the present. She thought the County Surveyor or some member of the Survey Staff should have from time to time seen any actual defects in shoes or the rods. If this had been done there would not have been the necessity to take measures to inform the public they were crossing the bridge at their own risk. If the faulty shoes and tie rods had been replaced the bridge traffic, as at present, could have gone on. In her opinion, a good case for the repair of the bridge to last this generation could be made.



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The County Surveyor said when repairs had been completed last year it was found some tie rods were defective. These and some shoes had been repaired. As all defects became apparent they were attended to.

Miss O'Ryan said if the defective rods and shoes had been looked after by inspection from time to time they would not have the pannicky report now under consideration.

The County Surveyor said he could not replace the rods and shoes at any earlier period. Since he came to the County he had been continually making good any defect found in the bridge.

Miss O'Ryan held that if the tie rods referred to by Mr. Delap had been made good prior to his examination they would not have the present pannicky report.

Mr. Corish was of opinion that their whole discussion should centre round the opinion of Mr. Delap that the bridge was dangerous.

Mr. Culleton pointed out that bits of patch work repair here and there would not put the bridge into a satisfactory condition. The structure would have to be completely stripped and any repairs to make the bridge safe - even to a limited degree - could be carried out only at a prohibitive cost.

Mr. Walsh said that as the report of Mr. Delap dealt with the superstructure only it was not sufficient to allow the Council to arrive at a proper decision. He feared they were called together on a wild goose chase as they understood they were to have a report covering the entire structure.

The Chairman pointed out that the margin of safety dealt with the lowest possible minimum load the bridge could carry.

Mr. Delap said they had no right to encroach on the



factor of safety universally accepted everywhere.

The County Surveyor said in reply to query by Mr. Corish that the bridge could be sufficiently strengthened to allow of it taking four tons, all in.

The following under date 21st May 1938 was read from the Chairman, Wexford Development Association:-

'A meeting of the Wexford Development Association was held in the Chamber of Commerce, Wexford, on the 20th instant and I was asked to forward the following resolution to you for the consideration of the Wexford County Council:-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Development Association, desire to draw the attention of the Wexford County Council to the serious position brought about by the discontinuance of the Bus Service between Kilmuckridge, Blackwater, Curracloe &c. and Wexford, due to the closing of Wexford Bridge to heavy motor traffic. A very noticeable decline in trade has taken place since the cessation of the service, which in our opinion constitutes a serious menace to the trade and prosperity of our town and we respectfully ask the County Council to instruct their officials in consultation with the representatives of the G.S.R. Bus Service to provide, at the earliest possible time, an alternative route by which the district at present cut off, may be served by motor transport as heretofore."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, to furnish the Development Association with copy of recommendation of Finance Committee of 13th May 1938 directing the County Surveyor to put the alternative route - Kyle Cross-Castlebridge - into a suitable condition of repair to carry the traffic, which up to now had utilised Wexford Bridge route.

In answer to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor said he believed that within the last two years the bridge had



carried loads of eight to ten tons.

Mr. Keegan held this had a great deal to do with bringing about the present situation.

Col. Quin was of opinion that if the bridge was repaired and a low speed limit imposed it would be safe for the present.

The County Surveyor said to strengthen the bridge to carry four tons all in would cost between £9,000 and £10,000.

The Chairman believed the weight after repair should run to at least five tons.

Mr. Culleton held that after the Council had spent £10,000 or £12,000 on the repairs referred to that day the public would not be satisfied and rightly so.

X Mr. Corish then moved the following motion standing in his name:-

"That, in view of the fact that Wexford Bridge is incapable of carrying present-day traffic, a new bridge be constructed from Wexford Old Courthouse to Ferrybank, the site of a former bridge."

He pointed out it was easy to take extracts from Mr. Delap's report and read into them certain meanings, but, he contended the report should be considered as a whole. As for the statement that the tie rods and shoes etc. could be repaired at a cost of £10,000 the cost might be considerably more when the bridge was stripped and probably other matters needing repair discovered. He considered the suggestion to patch up the bridge very bad finance and only putting off the evil day at enormous cost. If the repaired bridge was going to last only ten years it would be difficult to get a Bank to give a loan for ten years, because that period was a problematical one. The annual repayment of a loan for ten years would be almost half the annual



cost of repayment of a loan for 35 years for the cost of a new bridge. When the repairs were finished no engineer could venture to give the County Council a lease of the life of the bridge. It would be a jerry-built structure at the best. After money was expended on repairs Mr. Delap had said very definitely that the bridge would not be equal to modern traffic and it would be merely placed in the position that the County Council thought it was in up to a short time ago. It was not fair to leave a town like Wexford, which was dependent for a good deal of its trade on the area which the bridge led to, depending on such a bridge. If the proposed new bridge cost £100,000 the County Council could look forward to receiving one-third of the cost as a free grant from the Government. That was the usual proportion given to local authorities for such work. Assuming they got the loan for the proposed bridge repayable in 35 years, under the same conditions as the Local Loans Fund gave, the cost of repayment to the ratepayers would be only  $2\frac{1}{3}$ d in the £. At a previous meeting he gave in detail the incidence of the rate on various classes of ratepayers and the amount was very small. The few very large ratepayers in the County would not, he suggested, grumble at the money they would have to pay for the bridge. If the loan was for 40 years it would be a little over 2d and for 50 years the rate would be only 2d in the £ plus £102. In view of all the circumstances and the fact that Wexford town had been very badly hit for a number of years by the state of Wexford bridge, he would ask the County Council to pass his proposition. Col. Quin suggested that the bridge was in its present state because the County Council officials did not prevent certain traffic from passing over it. If it was necessary to have a Guard on the bridge to prevent traffic passing over at a certain speed it was a very precarious



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position for the people of Wexford to occupy from the point of view of trade. It would cost several thousand pounds to repay the loan necessary to make the present bridge right for ten years and at the end of that ten years the Council would have to undertake the building of a new bridge and undertake the payment of £3,904 a year for the purpose for 35 years. The present bridge was extremely dangerous and the position was extremely serious from the point of view of the County generally.

Mr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Mr. Kinsella said if the Wexford Harbour project was not going ahead the County Council might put some of the money voted for it into a new bridge.

Mr. Corish replied that the Government were not in agreement with the harbour scheme of the Harbour Board, and that Board had postponed consideration of the scheme, but were to get a dredger to keep the harbour clear.

Mr. T. Redmond said the members should have a clear idea that the quarter of a million they voted for the harbour project would be scrapped before they decided to build a new bridge.

Chairman - You may reasonably assume that when the Government did not approve of the harbour scheme it will not go on because it was contingent on the Government putting up one-third of the cost. If a bridge was required they would have to provide for it irrespective of any other scheme.

In reply to Col. Quin the Chairman said it was open to the Council to rescind the resolution agreeing to contribute to the improvement of Wexford Harbour.

Mr. Doyle said if engineers could satisfy the Council that the bridge could be repaired at a reasonable figure to give it an extended life of ten years, owing to the



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condition of the ratepayers and the country, the people according to present prospects, would then be in a better position to face the expenditure for a new bridge.

Miss O'Ryan said the Council could not take a vote on the question of the bridge without having before them an estimate of the cost of repairs to the present bridge. If a new bridge is required, every member of the Council would vote for it but if the old bridge could be repaired to serve during the present generation, she thought the members would agree to repair it and leave the erection of the new bridge over for some time. Even with repairs the bridge could not carry all kinds of modern traffic; but it would carry the traffic it had been carrying up to the present and a little more. She thought in that case the people "over the water", as the area was called, would not have a big grievance. If the lighter traffic such as private cars could cross, and if the heavy lorry traffic had to take an alternative route it would not be a very big inconvenience and against that these people could say they had not to pay for a new bridge. She suggested the Council ask for particulars of the cost of the repairs and the probable life of the repaired bridge and the possible cost of the new bridge.

Mr. Keegan asked if any guarantee could be given that with the new tie-bars the bridge could carry a five ton bus. That would cater for a lot of people. The alternative route would cater for people wanting to carry 5 to 10 tons, and they were only five or six in the whole County.

The County Surveyor said that the £10,000 would only replace the ties but beams would have to be replaced.

Chairman - They are the ordinary day-to-day wear.

County Surveyor - If you don't put them in when you are doing the ties you would have to open up the whole lot



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again. The beams cost £15 each, without any work on them. There are 240 of them. Nobody contemplated repairing the bridge to carry 10 tons. Possibly five tons would be the maximum. I would be inclined to stick to four tons, but  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons might be allowed if it covered a 26 seater bus.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed the following which was seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to prepare Estimate as to the cost of repairs to existing Wexford Bridge."

Proposing his motion the Chairman said after repair they did not expect the bridge to carry 9 or 10 tons. He did not think the New Ross bridge or many of the other bridges in the County could carry that. It would be sound policy for the Council to spend £10,000 on the bridge to repair it to carry ordinary traffic. He had come to the conclusion that if Mr. Barry had replaced the bad tie-rods last year before Mr. Delap examined the bridge they would not have had the alarming report Mr. Delap had given them because there would not have been any reason for it.

Mr. Delap - I dissent from that.

The Chairman said the bridge had carried whatever traffic was going over it. He denied that Wexford town had been badly hit by the state of the bridge except during the past fortnight when the buses did not run. It was not hit before that time. The repayment of the £10,000 on a 35 years' loan from Local Loans Fund would be £592 per annum and if they could get 20 years' service from the bridge he contended this would be good value. The cost of a new bridge after allowing for a  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  contribution from the Government would be for 30 years £4172 per annum and for 35 years £3904 per annum. The County Surveyor put in beams every time they were required and there was nothing in Mr. Delap's report to prove there is anything wrong with



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them. They could provide 66 new beams for £1000.

Referring to loans the Chairman said that this County and other Counties were probably at the peak period of this generation for housing activities. In Wexford they were building hundreds of houses, and they had a number of sewerage and waterworks schemes and were building four new hospitals. They had to deal with coming schemes for a new County Hospital, which would cost a minimum of £120,000 at present building prices, and the County would have to be responsible for £40,000 of that, <sup>loan for</sup> /which would have to be raised during the coming year. There were 20 or 25 villages that required sewerage and water schemes at £1,000 each within the next 10 years. If they were going to raise another £70,000 for a new bridge, he had been told, although he did not know if it was true that they would need an Act of Parliament to enable them to do so.

Mr. Corish disagreed with that statement.

The Chairman said very likely when the building boom was over materials would be cheaper and the Council might be able in twenty years' time to erect a new bridge at considerably less than the present estimated figure of £100,000.

In reply to Col. Quin Mr. Delap said that the Government of Eire accepted the figures of the Ministry of Transport for a definition of "modern" traffic, viz., 11 tons per wheel.

Chairman - It can be assumed that modern traffic in this country is up to 12 tons. There are very few heavier loads on the roads here.

Mr. Delap said the Ministry of Transport loading allows 50 per cent off for impact caused by speed.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Secretary said that the amount outstanding on County Council Loans and the amount



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of Loans sanctioned but not received was £79,497. The amount outstanding on the ordinary loans for Mental Hospital Committee was £6276 and for the new improvement scheme £14075.

The following statement gave the indebtedness of County Wexford Board of Health and County Wexford Board of Assistance:-

Wexford Board of Health

Due to Borrowers 31-3-38	£442734
Received since	<u>23100</u>
	£465834
Loans for houses approved by Co. Council -	
1000 houses -	£250000
Village Schemes -	<u>160000</u>
	410000
Amount received which is included in above figure	<u>106600</u>
	£303400
	<u>£769234</u>
Water Supplies & Sewerage Schemes -	
Amounts approved but not yet received:	
Ferns Water Supply (balance)	£170
Bunclody Water Supply (balance)	812
Gorey-Courtown Water Supply	25580
Ballindaggin Water Supply	720
Oylegate Water Supply	3400
Taghmon Water Supply	3376
Gorey Sewerage Scheme	<u>9200</u>
	<u>£43258</u>

Board of Assistance

Outstanding 31-3-'38	£8,367
Balances due -	660

Amounts approved of but not yet received:-

Completion new Hospitals -	£20,000	
Provision new Dispensaries -	13,000	
Dispy. Residence at Killenagh -	2,000	
Dispy. Residence at Killanne -	<u>2,000</u>	37,000
New Co. Hospital (Est.)		<u>120,000</u>
		£166,027

Summary:

Wexford Board of Health as above:	£769,234
do.	43,258
	<u>166,027</u>
	£978,519.



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Mr. Corish said that if the County Surveyor would say that in his opinion the repaired bridge would carry reasonable traffic he would not insist on the proposition to spend £100,000 on a new bridge. He hoped the repairs would be done in quick time if they decided to carry them out and that there should be some finality about the matter at the next meeting. It was a very serious matter and he would agree to adjourn his proposition to the next meeting.

The County Surveyor said it would not be possible to provide a detailed report and a hard and fast estimate by next meeting of the Council. No one would be prepared to give a considered estimate until after he had seen the bridge completely stripped.

The Chairman's motion to obtain report and estimate from County Surveyor was then put and passed, further consideration of Mr. Corish's motion being adjourned until the annual meeting of the Council on 27th June.

#### ANNUAL LEAVE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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

"That the application of County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. C. Bastible) for his annual leave from 1st to 30th June (inclusive) be agreed to."

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 21st May 1938 (P.H.15392/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister had approved of the annual leave for the period.



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 13th JUNE, 1938

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th June, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman), presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, R. Corish, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Col. Quin, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £12160. 4. 3d was examined and signed.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT VOTE CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer, it was decided that the following reply from Mr. Keegan, County Councillor, to vote of condolence to him in the death of his brother, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:

"Please convey my most grateful thanks to your Council for their kind sympathy occasioned by the death of my brother, and accept same for yourself and staff."

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT APPOINTMENT ON COMMITTEE

Under date 25th May 1938, Rev. Joseph Ranson, C.C., St. Aidan's, Enniscorthy, wrote acknowledging his selection as a member of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee vice Very Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., deceased.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, and adopted:-



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"That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council for 1938 be held on 27th June. And that, in consequence, no meeting of County Council be held in July."

STRIKING OF RATES FOR 1938-39

Under date 10th June 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.7846/3/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned such departure from the terms of Article 82 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as was necessary to enable the Rate for the service of the current financial year to be made by the Wexford County Council by a date not later than 13th June 1938.

The following resolution was proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, and adopted:-

"That we hereby allow and make the Rates for financial year 1938/39 as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 8th March 1938, and as set out and assessed in Rate Books for each Collection District for the 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 1939, 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 Council held on 8th March 1938 be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1938-39:-



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	£.	s.	d.	
Enniscorthy	3802.	16.	6	
New Ross	3415.	4.	11	Ordinary
	225.	0.	0	Roads
Wexford	7785.	13.	1	

(This was the special business of the meeting).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 13th MAY, 1938: Minutes of  
above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th May, 1938.

Present:- Messrs. R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean Murphy (new member who signed his declaration of office), Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed, after which Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council attended, and presided for consideration of the remainder of the business.

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4766. 7. 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Current Rate and two years' arrears.</u>
1. J. Curtis	95.3
2. E. J. Murphy	94.4
3. J. J. O'Reilly	92.9
4. J. Cummins	92.3
5. D. Kenny	92.0
6. M. Kehoe	91.0
7. S. Gannon	90.7
8. J. Deegan	90.5
9. P. Nolan	88.6
10. P. Carty	87.7
11. P. Doyle	87.4
12. M. McCarthy	85.9
13. A. Dunne	85.6
14. J. Flood	84.9
15. W. Cummins	81.7
16. W. Doyle	80.5
17. J. Quirke	79.5
18. J. J. Sinnott	<u>78.5</u>
Average	87.4



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POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS: Under date 2nd May, 1938, No. G.3043/6/38, the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 16th ultimo, and enclosure, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of third interim poundage to Rate Collectors who lodged by the 31st March 1938, the appropriate proportion specified in the Scheme. Pending the closing of the warrants the Minister is unable to sanction payment to Collectors who lodged the specified proportion later than that date.

I am to add that the sanction now given does not determine any right to assume that the maximum poundage will be paid on the moiety as a whole."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision refusing to sanction third interim payment of poundage fees to the following Rate Collectors:- J. Quirke, William Doyle, M. McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott, who lodged after the 31st March last the required amount to reach the standard necessary to qualify for poundage."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 25th April 1938 Thomas Gaffney, Kilbraney, Gusserane, wrote that the Contractor whom he had employed to erect building under above Acts told him that the £50 loan was not sufficient to finish the work, and in consequence, Mr. Gaffney asked that loan should be increased from £50 to £70.

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

"That extra £20 be advanced under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Thomas Gaffney, Kilbraney, Gusserane, making total amount of loan £70."

Michael Kirwan, Attendant, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, applied for a loan of £160 but £130 was the original figure agreed to. Subsequently, letter was read from Mr.



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Kirwan that this amount would not be sufficient to allow him to proceed with the building of the house, and it was decided that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, be asked to revise his valuation of the building.

Certificate on Form 3 was now read from Mr. Cullen to the effect that the market value of the house when completed would be £220 and site £20.

The Secretary stated that accepting Mr. Cullen's new figure, the total amount of loan which could be advanced to Mr. Kirwan was £145.

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

"That, in view of the revised valuation of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, relative to house proposed to be erected by Michael Kirwan, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, the advance be increased from £130 to £145. This is subject to Mr. Kirwan making title and carrying out the other regulations governing advances."

In connection with the case of John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, letter was read from applicant stating that the amount proposed to be advanced, viz., £175, was not sufficient. This letter was referred to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to ascertain maximum value of house, etc.

Report was read from the latter which stated that the house could be valued at £350 and it appeared Byrne had paid £100 for the site.

The Secretary stated that the maximum site value approved by the Department was £20 so that the value of the house and site must be calculated at £370. According to County Council regulations half of this amount, viz., £185 would be the full sum which could possibly be given for the loan in this case.



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On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to increase amount of advance to Byrne to £185.

Under date 5th May, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote he had informed Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, that unless she procured a site which would comply with the Council's regulations, they could not consider her application for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following report of Mr. A. Delap, M.A., M.Inst. C.E., and M.Inst.C.E.I. (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin), was read:-

"Wexford New Bridge, as it is called on the map, was built in 1863 and is therefore 75 years old. It has 30 spans of 40 ft., 2 of 20 ft., and 2 of 25 ft. each, and one opening span of 50 ft. Total length between abutments of about 1340 feet. The piers, or bents, between these spans each consist of 8 piles in a single row across the line of the bridge, the middle 6 at 4 ft. centres are vertical, the outer piles Nos. 1 and 8 rake outwards at an angle of  $12^{\circ}$  to the vertical. The piles, vertical and raked, are tied together by upper and lower pairs of wales  $12'' \times 16''$  and one pair of diagonals of  $12'' \times 6''$  pitch pine. Each row of 8 piles is capped by a  $14''$  sq. really and generally about  $13''$  to  $13\frac{1}{2}''$  square. Each beam is strengthened by being trussed or stiffened with a W.I. tie rod  $2\frac{1}{4}''$  dia. which runs parallel to the timber beam for its centre third and 2.75 ft. below its centre line.

The end of each timber beam rests in a C.I. shoe or saddle to which the tie bar is attached, the 2 shoes of 2 adjacent beams are coupled and form a saddle on the main crosshead of each of the piers. Resting on these longitudinal beams are C.I. buckle plates about  $\frac{3}{8}''$  thick, and on the buckle plates is about 1 ft. thick of road material. The road material, the C.I. plates, the beam itself and the tie bar form the dead load which each beam must carry. The weight of the shoes, which are heavy, are assumed to be carried directly by the piers. The cast iron supports of the tie rods, and the transverse members which steady the whole, are ignored in adding up the dead load as they are troublesome to measure up and they are not necessary to prove the case.

The case is, that the bridge as designed, is not fit for the load it carries.

The factor of safety, which is the allowance always made for possible faulty material, or faulty workmanship or our own ignorance, is usually 5 in cases of this sort; that is, for instance, where wrought iron is used that has a breaking strength of 25 tons per square inch, it is sound



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practice to use a factor of safety of 5 and a working stress of  $\frac{25}{5} = 5$  tons per square inch.

No engineer with a sense of responsibility will cut down his factor of safety, it is a sacred matter on which the safety of the public depends.

In Wexford bridge, as shown by the figures to be submitted, the factor of safety has been cut down to an alarming extent, and there is worse still to come. At an early stage of this investigation it became clear that of the two parts which together go to make up each beam, viz., timber and tie rod, the timber is amply strong, while the tie rod is not nearly strong enough.

The bridge as designed is not strong enough to carry its own weight without encroaching on its factor of safety, a thing no responsible engineer will do. Besides its own weight, 4 ton loads use it under the present restrictions, this load put a stress on the bridge 50% beyond the safety point.

All this is on the assumption that the bridge is as it was when it was first put up 75 years ago. This is far from being the case. Much of the timber is patched and rotten, but the timber is several times larger than the original loads call for and it is not the timber that will first fail.

The tie rods of wrought iron  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. which give strength and stiffness to each beam were always too light for their job even when full  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " dia. They have rusted badly and their strength is thus reduced in a number of places to under 2" dia. in one to  $1\frac{3}{4}$ ", and in one case the tie rod is rusted through and hangs under the bridge useless. In one case, at least, the C.I. shoe to which the tie rod is secured is broken across and this tie rod is useless.

There is much more that could be said about the condition of the bridge, but nothing to modify what this report is intended to convey, viz., that the bridge - always too light for any traffic - has become very dangerous; the action of wind and weather has cut down the margin of safety, which was always too small, to a point where it must soon vanish, and at the same time the increasing weight and speed of modern traffic all tend to still further narrow the margin on which the lives of the public depend.

With a full sense of the inconvenience this must cause to the users of the bridge, the bridge must be closed to everything of more than one ton in weight on two wheels, or two tons on four wheels, and these must not move at more than walking pace, and, further, the bridge must be inspected every day for signs of failure by a reasonable individual who will be instructed to report daily to the Council through their Surveyor.

Certain things have been referred to, such as a broken tie rod and broken or cracked shoes - these should be replaced at once, unless it is decided to shut the bridge to all wheeled traffic.

This report has been written in haste and much has been omitted because the writer considered the matter was of such importance that it should be brought before the



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Council with the least possible delay.

Should anything in this require further explanation, the writer will be glad to attend and answer any questions."

The County Surveyor stated that on receipt of this report he had interviewed County Secretary and County Solicitor as to the powers which the County Council had to restrict traffic on this bridge and in view of the serious statements in the report he (County Surveyor) took it on himself to fence off two spans which were referred to as defective. As regards weight, he arranged to have notices put up on the bridge that the maximum load would be 2 tons (all in) which was a "cut" of two tons in the present weight. He had fenced off both approaches leaving a ten foot gap, had also restricted vehicular speed to a maximum of five miles and had notified the Bus Office that their vehicles could no longer cross the bridge.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee would approve of the steps taken in the matter by the County Surveyor, and asked Mr. Delap who was in attendance, if the bridge would be worth repairing.

Mr. Delap replied in the negative. This was not an off-hand opinion, but was borne out by his close examination. They would not - in the ordinary course - erect a timber bridge on the site which would be capable of carrying modern traffic and to erect a grand new bridge of modern constructional materials on the present rotten structure would be waste of money. The present bridge had to bear two loads (1) the dead load which was the weight of the bridge itself, and (2) the live load, viz., vehicles, passengers, etc., passing over it. The dead load even produced a strain which was undesirable, but when added to the live load the strain was much greater than was legitimate on the standard engineering figures universally accepted. They were cutting the margin of safety in the



design of the bridge by half and it could not stand up to that. No bridge would now be erected in accordance with the plans of this bridge. The only reason which prevented him from telegraphing to have the bridge closed completely was because it had been so carefully and constantly looked after. He admitted that by leaving it open even to light traffic they were taking a certain risk but as it would be watched day and night this risk would be greatly minimised.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor as regards restriction of traffic etc. on Wexford Bridge and, in view of the serious nature of the report of Mr. Delap we empower the County Surveyor to close this Wexford Bridge to all traffic should the occasion arise. Any person who brings traffic over and above the regulations published by the County Surveyor will be prosecuted. That the County Surveyor be further empowered to employ day and night watchmen at the structure to ensure the safety of the public. And we also empower him to take such further action in this matter as he may consider necessary."

The Chairman said that as regards alternate route to Wexford the Ballyboggan road should be strengthened to carry the traffic which was up to the present utilising Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor said he had met heavy lorries travelling what would be the alternate road - Kylecross to Castlebridge - which would be about 4 miles.

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

"That County Surveyor be instructed to put Ballyboggan road - Kyle Cross to Castlebridge - into such a condition of repair as will allow of its use by modern traffic.

That he apply to the Department of Local Government and



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Public Health for a State contribution to enable suitable repair to this road being carried out.

That a special meeting of the County Council be held on 23rd May, 1938, at 2.15 p.m. for consideration of Mr. Delap's report and of notice of motion by Mr. Corish as regards erection of new bridge.

That copy of Mr. Delap's report be furnished County Councillors with agenda paper for above meeting."

#### ROCK DRILLING WORK

Under date 9th May, 1938, Thomas O'Donohoe, Dunmain, Gusserane, Rock Driller, made application for increase in his wages, similar to that awarded to T. Stafford and Nicholas Carroll, Rock Drillers.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to increase the wages of Thomas O'Donohoe, Rock Drill operator, from £3 per week to £3. 7. 6d as agreed to by Council in the cases of Thomas Stafford and Nicholas Carroll and as recommended by the County Surveyor."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter, under date 13th May, 1938, from Patrick Doyle and John Kinsella, Blacksmiths, employed in connection with Rock Drilling Plant:-

"We have seen by the report of the County Council Meeting in this week's "People" that it has been stated we are not qualified blacksmiths.

There must be some misapprehension about this.

Patrick Doyle has worked as blacksmith in the County Council Machinery Yard previous to Mr. Wm. Byrne, the present blacksmith, and this statement can be verified from your records.

We are both qualified blacksmiths and are prepared to do all the blacksmith work in connection with our plant.



We would be obliged if you would request the County Council to reconsider our application for an increase in wages."

The County Surveyor said that as he had stated at the last County Council meeting, the work of these two blacksmiths was not as onerous nor as skilful as that carried out at the Machinery Yard in Enniscorthy. It certainly was not as trying physically as the work of the Rock Drillers.

After discussion it was decided to make no order as regards the application of Messrs. Doyle and Kinsella for increase of wages.

#### CARNE PIER

Mr. Richard Spring, Polehore, Glynn, introduced the following deputation in connection with proposed repair to Carne Pier:-

Messrs. John Tierney, Joseph Rea, Thomas Ryan and James Ryan.

Mr. Spring said that Carne had the best lobster fishing on the coast and had also a good local market for pollock and mackerel. The industry was, however, greatly hampered owing to the short period boats could be used because of the restricted nature of the pier. He then read the following memorial signed by 37 fishermen and others:-

"We, the undersigned fishermen of Carne, and others who use this pier as a halt or perhaps refuge desire to place before the Wexford County Council the absolute and immediate necessity of raising the flooring and storm wall of the present Pier and lengthening same if possible.

We are very much handicapped owing to its present condition, being unable to start our fishing till late in the Season and having to end early. The number of boats fishing out of this place is 10, a very large proportion



of which are keel and, therefore, of deep draught. We are in a very exposed position, extreme South East of Eire and one of the worst spots for foul tides and winds. We would wish to point out that we have built up against the adverse odds of our Pier and weather conditions on this part of the coast a very good effort in trying to prove that an Irish fisherman can compete with the French poachers from whom, so far, we have not had much protection.

With the movement to improve the inland Fisheries that is being discussed at present, we, sea fishermen, would like some consideration to help us earn our living. The sea is very different to the inland waters for we stand so much to lose in gear, damage to our craft and risk to ourselves.

The plucky enterprise of Mr. Doyle in opening a bakery and store here, should be considered also as several visiting yachts have called here for supplies and would have stopped longer with us if our Pier gave decent protection. Mr. Ennis, the well-known boat builder of many boats would also benefit.

We believe that we are the largest lobster fishing port between Arklow and Kilmore. We are also only six miles from the Tuskar fishing ground.

There has been so much talk about the beneficial effects of the Trade Agreement with Great Britain and what benefit it will be to Eire that we earnestly request that our fishing industry, which is the most difficult industry of all, should be supported and the work we request done on the Pier should be put in hands at once."

Mr. Tierney said what was required was to raise the floor of the pier about 3 feet and the storm wall 5 feet to afford protection from South East gales which hit the boats broadside on. If this was done the fishing would be extended from about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  months to seven months. They were



obliged to pull up their boats from September to May. There were 20 families at least depending directly on the fishing, average 3 or 4 in each family. In addition to the ten large boats there were eight or ten small boats with a crew of two each. If the request now made was acceded to they would be able to deal with the herring fishing. Lobsters were exported and in a good season the big boats would average about £6 per boat.

Mr. Rea said if a grant could be secured from the Government it would help the unemployed in the area.

The Chairman said that the County Council would give every possible consideration to the request of the Carne fishermen.

The County Surveyor said that some time ago he prepared a scheme for extending the pier but the Department turned it down. The scheme for raising the pier did not go as far as the present application. They asked the Government for a grant and were informed that the application had been scheduled for consideration when money was available for that class of work and when unemployment in the district would warrant.

Mr. Rea said the boat slip had gone completely.

The County Surveyor said this slip was not built by the County Council. The latter had intended to do some work at the place but the local people put in this slip and did not provide for a sufficiently thick surface.

The Chairman said that the application of the fishermen would be considered at the June meeting of the Council.

The County Surveyor stated he would submit preliminary plans in the matter to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.



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APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY

Under date 6th May 1938 the following was read from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector for Enniscorthy district:-

"Will you be good enough to bring before the next meeting of the Council an application for increase of salary from me, as Inspector and Tuberculosis Officer for Enniscorthy District. I think I am correct in stating that I am the lowest paid Veterinary Inspector in the County Wexford, and my district is very large and most of my Sheep Scab inspections are in the Mountain District near Bunclody. During the year 1937 I had to deal with eighteen cases under the Tuberculosis Order (the number would have been much larger were it not for the Roscrea Factory taking a lot of the cows).

As each case of Tuberculosis entails two visits, I think the Council will agree that the remuneration is very small. I trust the Council will see their way to give me an increase as Inspector and Tuberculosis Officer."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that Mr. Ringwood was Veterinary Inspector for all Enniscorthy district. The salaries paid the other Veterinary Surgeons were:-

Gorey District: T. A. Mernagh, £140.

New Ross District: Mr. Lynch £120 and Mr. Taylor £71. 1. 0.

Wexford District: Mr. Staples £140.

Mr. Kelly gave the following notice of motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th June 1938 that subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture the salary of Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, be increased from £120 to £140 to bring him to the level of Veterinary Inspectors in Gorey and Wexford, and



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that in the event of the adoption of this motion the said increase date as from 13th May 1938."

#### COMMEMORATION OF 1798 AND COUNTY FEIS

Under date 11th May, 1938, the following was read from the Secretary of Feis Charman and 1798 Commemoration Association:-

"I have been directed by my Committee to invite the members of the Wexford County Council to march in state in our procession at New Ross on Whit Sunday, the 5th proximo. This procession is being organised in connection with the Feis and Commemoration Celebrations, and all public bodies have been invited to attend. Special travelling facilities have been arranged as on that date the County Feis will be officially opened. Would you please let me know at an early date if the Council will attend so that we may complete our arrangements."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that County Councillors be asked to march in the Feis and '98 Procession in New Ross and that when County Secretary has ascertained hour and place for lining up he communicate with the Councillors.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 9th May, 1938, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That Messrs. J. N. Anglin, F. P. Barry, J. J. Kelly (Camblin) and R. Ryan (Ardamine), who have selected course in Agriculture in connection with University Scholarship Scheme be invited to attend next meeting of Finance Committee on 13th May 1938 with a view to having their knowledge of practical agriculture tested by the members of the Committee."

The Chairman put a number of questions in connection



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with work on an ordinary farm to each of the applicants and as all answered in a satisfactory manner the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, Messrs. Anglim, Barry, Kelly and Robert Ryan have sufficient knowledge of practical agriculture to cover the provision to this effect in University Scholarship Scheme."

#### ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Dr. T. R. McCabe wrote under date 13th May 1938 that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant in County Council Office was suffering from influenza since 4th May 1938 and would be unable to resume work for a further period of ten days from 13th May 1938.

It was decided that the County Secretary be empowered to employ a temporary Clerical Assistant should he find this step necessary.

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 9th May, 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote L.1784/38 as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo and its enclosed letter from Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, containing suggestions as to action which might be taken to secure more general compliance with the requirements of the above Order, I am to state that the exercise by your Local Authority of the powers conferred on them by Article 8 of the Order should have the desired effect in that respect. I am, accordingly to suggest that, where such action is considered necessary, your Local Authority will authorise the temporary Inspectors to serve on stock-owners the prescribed notices as to Detention and treatment."

Reports were received from Warble Fly Inspectors as to serving of Detention Notices as follows:-

Inspector John Morrissey, Camross, Foulksmills (No. 9 Area). Notice on John Murphy, Courthoyle, Raheen.

Inspector D. E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway (No.13 Area). Notices on

W. Joyce, Butlerstown, Broadway.



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J. Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford.

A. Murphy, Moortown, Broadway.

P. Murphy, Churchtown, Kilrane.

N. Pettit, Rathmore, Broadway.

H. Boxwell, Ballymacane, Broadway.

Inspector W. Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane (No. 10 Area). Notice on James Whelan, Loughnageer, Foulksmills.

Inspector T. Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew (No. 5 Area). Notice on Patrick Nolan, Drummond, Carnew and Michael Byrne, Tinnabawn, Inch.

Under date 6th May, 1938, the following letter was read from Edward Woods, Barntown (Inspector No. 11 Area):-

"I wish to bring to the notice of your Council an incident which happened at Taghmon Fair on the 2nd instant. During my inspection of cattle on the fair I came to James White of Ballyclemock, Newbawn, who had seven cattle. When I put my hand on the first beast he asked me was I going to buy them and I said no I was looking for warbles. He then told me to get to hell or he would put me away. I examined five of his cattle and then asked him for his name and address. He gave them to me in a very bad manner and with abuse. I then examined the other two and he again ordered me away. I went to explain to him the position as regards my duties on the fair and he told me his cattle were his own and he did not care for me or the law. He then caught me by the neck and tried to knock me to the ground. I asked him did he not wash his cattle and he said yes. I said he did not as I could not find even one dead Warble on any of his seven cattle. He then threatened to strike me with a stick if I did not get away. I told him I need not go away as I had my duties to do and he then began to jeer me. I am sure he had not his cattle washed at that time as I could not find any signs of them being done. I would ask your Council to take a serious view of this case because



this man made a very bad impression on all farmers in the Fair as regards the Warble Fly Order. He got a very large amount of support in his attitude towards me and I found it rather difficult for the remainder of the Fair. There is a Fair on the 28th instant in Taghmon and I am of the opinion from what I heard farmers say it will be difficult for me to inspect cattle on the next Fair unless a serious view is taken on the case on which I report."

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with Mr. James White, Ballyclemock, Newbawn, in regard to the incident described in Mr. Woods' letter and that in the meantime, he interview Mr. E. Woods and base the provisions of his letter to Mr. White on information obtained from Mr. Woods at this interview. That Mr. Staples, M.B.C.V.S., be requested to attend Taghmon Fair on 28th May 1938 and report to the County Council any interference with Warble Fly Inspectors when carrying out their duties.

CORNER - JUNCTION MILL ROAD AND COURTTOWN ROAD, GOREY

The following under date 9th May 1938 was read from Mr. Joseph J. Stafford, Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the opportunity which now offers for the widening of road at the junction of the Mill Road and Courtown Road here. The house which stood at this point and which rendered the improvement impossible heretofore has now been demolished.

My Commissioners consider this one of the most dangerous bends in the area, and consider that the job should be undertaken before the heavy traffic to Courtown for this summer begins.

Would you please give the matter your early attention."

The County Surveyor said he always intended to deal with this corner and would have a report relative to it for submission to the Finance Committee meeting of 27th May 1938.



### LOSS OF MARE

The following under date 11th May, 1938, was read from Mr. William Wilson, Mount George, Ferns:-

"My son was taking pigs into Gorey on Monday. He had a very good mare. She slipped on the tar at Corrigneagh. Col. Quin came first to his assistance and helped him. He also put clay on the road to keep her from slipping. But, she was so much broken and hurt inside that she died that evening. She was worth £30, 7 years old.

If you would be good enough to bring it up before the meeting they might give me some help to get one, as I am in poor circumstances."

The County Surveyor said he had reported the matter to the Insurance Company.

### CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 7th May, 1938, Miss B. O'Connor wrote:-

"I am directed by the Curracloe Development Association to draw the attention of the County Council to the bad state of the following roads, Enniscorthy - Curracloe and Wexford-Curracloe from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown.

As the Summer season will commence in a few weeks' time we would be glad if your Council will put them in proper repair as soon as possible."

Referred to County Surveyor.

### APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION ALLEGED MALICIOUS INJURIES

Applications were received for compensation of £30 for the burning of trees, shrubs etc., the property of Captain C. S. Cookman, Ardcanrisk, Wexford; on behalf of John Leacy, Ballybuckley and John Stafford, Ballyeden, as Trustees and John Wickham, Bree, as tenant for life, for £100 for the burning of knock or coppice of heather gorse and underwood at Bree; £10 for rick of straw, the property of Richard Bishop of Garryntinodagh and £7 for destruction



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of thresher, the property of William O'Brien, Garryntinodagh, by fire.

The Secretary stated that these applications had been forwarded to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to oppose.

#### WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

Under date 25th April, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32) that the Minister would raise no objection to the arrangement, under which Mr. O'Kennedy, of the County Surveyor's Office, was paid 10/- per week, for writing up records at the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, being continued for a further six months from the 10th April, 1938.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL PRINTING

Under date 2nd May, 1938, the following was read from Mr. James Meyler, 17 Carrigeen Street, Wexford, Secretary of the Typographical Association (Wexford District):-

"I have been instructed by the above Branch to inform you that the Printing firms recognised as paying Trade Union Rate of Wages and observing Agreed Working Conditions in this County are as follows:-

"The People" Newspapers, Ltd., Wexford.

"The Free Press", Wexford.

"The Echo" Printing Works, Enniscorthy.

Messrs. English & Co., Wexford.

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.

These firms are quite capable of catering for any printing requirements of your Council without going outside the County."

It was decided to ask Mr. Meyler if there was any special reason why his communication was forwarded to the County Council.



SICK LEAVE - MR. O'KENNEDY

Under date 13th May, 1938, Dr. T. R. McCabe, L.R.C.P. & S.I., Selskar, wrote:-

"This is to certify that John O'Kennedy, Wexford, was under my care on February 7th, 1938, I advised him not to work for a further period of three weeks, but I am informed that he did so against my wishes."

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

"That leave of absence in accordance with certificate of Dr. McCabe be granted Mr. O'Kennedy, Assistant in County Surveyor's Office and that continuance of employment of Michael Kirwan for the period be approved."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 13th May, 1938, be received and considered."

ROCK DRILLING WORK: Mr. Corish said the men resented having been described as unqualified Blacksmiths. They had previously worked in the Machinery Yard.

The County Surveyor said he believed the men were qualified blacksmiths, but they could not weld a bar with the same skill and efficiency as the blacksmiths employed in the machinery yard.

APPLICATION INCREASE OF SALARY - MR. RINGWOOD, M.R.C.V.S.:

In connection with this matter, the following motion of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-

"That, subject to approval by Department of Agriculture the salary of Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., be increased from £120 to £140 to bring him to the level of Veterinary Inspectors in Gorey and Wexford Districts, and that, in the event of the adoption of this motion, the said increase of salary date as from 13th May 1938."

Mr. Kelly said as his motion set out, Mr. Ringwood who had the largest district in the County, would only have his salary brought to the same figure as the other Veterinary Inspectors in charge of an entire district. Mr. Ringwood was an excellent official.

Mr. Colfer seconded and the motion was adopted without dissent.

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



"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 13th May 1938, as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 27th MAY, 1938: Minutes of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th May, 1938.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6399. 9. 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and two years' arrears collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	96.0
2. E. J. Murphy	94.7
3. J. J. O'Reilly	93.4
4. D. Kenny	93.0
5. J. Cummins	92.5
6. M. Kehoe	92.4
7. J. Deegan	92.1
8. S. Gannon	91.3
9. P. Carty	90.2
10. P. Nolan	89.0
11. P. Doyle	87.8
12. J. Flood	87.6
13. A. Dunne	87.1
14. M. McCarthy	86.9
15. W. Cummins	83.4
16. W. Doyle	80.9
17. J. J. Sinnott	80.9
18. J. Quirke	<u>79.8</u>

Average 88.5.

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

"That lists of temporary uncollectable and irrecoverable Rates be submitted to the next meeting of the Finance Committee, and that Collectors be informed they will be



called upon to lodge any items included in these lists, which it is considered they could have collected during the year."

POUNDAGE RATE COLLECTORS: The following under date 23rd May 1938 (G.3043/7/38 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant regarding payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to reconsider his decision in the matter as conveyed in this Department's letter of the 2nd idem."

PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS: The following recommendation of Sligo County Council was referred to Wexford County Council for their views by the County Councils' General Council:-

"That Rate Collectors should be paid quarterly on a salary basis, plus Commission, as we consider the present system does not tend to expedite the collection of rates and is unjust to collectors who perhaps may have to wait for six or twelve months before they receive their poundage fees."

It was decided to inform the County Councils General Council that a similar recommendation was adopted on a couple of occasions by Wexford County Council.

SEIZURE AT TEMPLEDERRY, CLONEVAN: Mr. O'Byrne said it was stated that Rate Collector Sinnott seized six cattle, and it was alleged that three of these were taken from him by force.

The Rates Inspector said that six cattle were seized. He went to make arrangements with the Garda Síochána, and when he returned there were only three cattle at the place;



he had been informed the three others had been taken. He (Rates Inspector) considered this was a matter - not for him - but for the Rate Collector.

The Chairman said the rumour was that a man fought the Rate Collector and got away with three of the cattle.

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the Rates Inspector said the Garda knew what happened and took no action as far as he knew.

It was decided on the motion of Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that County Solicitor ask Rate Collector Sinnott for a report on the incident referred to and that Mr. Elgee advise the Finance Committee as to what steps should be taken regarding the matter.

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS: The following letter from the Enniscorthy Urban Council was referred by County Council to Finance Committee which was empowered to deal with same and also as to payment of demands on Urban Council generally:-

"Referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to the Resolutions adopted at your County Council meeting in connection with the arrears due on foot of Demand I am directed to hand you the sum of £925 on account and to state that my Council have arranged to meet your Demand on each quarter day and to pay in addition the sum of £125 on account of arrears.

My Council have now made provision in their Estimate to meet these charges in future and if your County Council agree to my Council's proposal for the liquidation of their debt on these terms no further trouble will arise. My Council is of the opinion that the Department of Local Government will not agree to sanction the raising of a special loan to clear off the arrears, but the recommendation will be made to raise a loan in due course."



The Secretary stated that Enniscorthy District Council owed 72% of 1937/38 Demand.

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

"That, before arriving at decision on the offer of Enniscorthy Urban Council to pay off their full indebtedness on the 1937/38 Demand, we are of opinion that Enniscorthy Urban Council should make further efforts to obtain sanction to overdraft or Loan to meet their debt to the County Council. Now that Enniscorthy Urban District Council have agreed to raise an adequate rate they may find it possible to secure sanction to overdraft or loan."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION OF ADVANCE: Under date 19th May 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.14715/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposed advance of £185 to John Byrne, Gorey Corporation Lands.

MICHAEL KIRWAN, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 19th May 1938, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had written to Solicitor for Michael Kirwan, Enniscorthy, informing him that the Finance Committee had agreed to increase amount of his loan from £130 to £145 but had not heard from him.

The Secretary said that certificate of Title had not yet been received in this case.

MISS MOLLIE FORTUNE: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 19th May 1938 that on 5th May he had written Miss Mollie Fortune, Mental Hospital, Attendant, that she would have to procure a new site for her proposed house. So far he had not received any reply.

NEW APPLICANT: John Wickham, 22 Irish Street, Enniscorthy, applied for loan of £230 for house estimated to cost £300.



The proposed site was only quarter of a mile outside the Urban Boundary and advances under recent loans could be made only in respect of houses to be erected a mile outside Urban boundaries.

The Chairman said this regulation did not apply to some of the older loans and proposed the following resolution:-

"That application of John Wickham, 22 Irish Street, Enniscorthy, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be agreed to, maximum sum not to exceed £200, amount to be allocated from any balance available from old Loan Schemes."

Mr. O'Byrne raised the question as to the payment of three guineas to County Solicitor in respect of surrender of mortgage under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Elgee should accept £1 in connection with this matter and Mr. Elgee agreed.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Under date 16th May 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2026-38) asking for particulars as to the arrangements which the County Council proposed making in 1938 to secure the effective dipping of sheep during the dipping period - 1st August - 31st October.

The Chairman said that a few years ago the Council had obtained the views of a large number of sheep owners in the County when it was found that these farmers had private dipping baths and were very strongly opposed to any regulation compelling them to drive their sheep on a particular date to a public dipping place where they believed it would be possible for their animals to contract disease. In view of this, the County Council appointed five Inspectors to supervise dipping and as he believed this to be the most advisable course to take he proposed the following resolution:-



"That the County Council be recommended to re-appoint the following as Inspectors under Agricultural Act 1931, and the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894 to 1935 and the Orders made thereunder (Sheep Dipping Order in particular):-

Enniscorthy District:- Mr. James Murphy, Johnsville, Ferns, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's, The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

Mr. Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kildealy and The Leap.

Gorey District:- Mr. Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Mr. Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue and Wells.

New Ross District:- Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

Wexford District:- Mr. James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin."

It was decided to inform Thomas Prendergast, Inspector, Gorey District, that unless he shows more activity in the discharge of his duties than was apparent for portion of last year's period the Finance Committee will recommend that his appointment be determined.



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~ OVERHANGING TREES

Under date 25th May, 1938, the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Wexford Engine & Threshing Machine Owners' Association, was read:-

"That the County Council be advised of the fact that on a number of roads throughout the County overhanging branches of trees prevent the free passage of Engines, causing damage to Trailers &c., and that the Secretary be instructed to request the Council to look into the matter."

The County Surveyor stated he had, prior to receipt of this resolution, communicated with the Assistant Surveyors and asked them to have the matter complained of attended to as far as was possible. It would be rather difficult to carry it out on a wholesale scale, but the bad cases were dealt with as they arose. If the Engine and Threshing Machine Owners would furnish lists of the places at which trees were interfering with their business, he would endeavour to deal with the matter.

The Secretary stated that hedges and branches of trees could only be lopped and pruned between the 30th September of one year and the 31st March of the next year.

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Wexford Engine & Threshing Machine Owners Association explaining the position.

~ PROPOSED NEW ALLOCATION OF AGRICULTURAL GRANT

The following suggestion from Meath County Council as to new method of allocation of Agricultural Grant was referred to Wexford County Council for their observations:-

"That, having considered the grave effect of accumulating arrears of Land Annuities on the finances of County Councils and as Councils are helpless to remedy this great deficit with which they are faced yearly, we recommend that existing legislation relating to the allocation of the



Agricultural Grant be amended. Such amendment to provide that Councils be authorised to distribute the whole of the Agricultural Grant payable to them over ratepayers holdings in the Rate Book in accordance with existing procedure, but that instead of allowing it by way of abatement of Rates on Demand Notes, it be issued in the form of a credit note to each Ratepayer. That the Rate Collector be authorised to accept this credit note towards payment of rates only where evidence is produced by the ratepayer that the land annuities for the last accruing period have been paid. We consider this method would be just, as that part of the Agricultural Grant withheld from the Council to meet the deficit in the land annuities would be withheld from those who caused the deficit."

The meeting considered that the proposed new procedure was not feasible and could not be carried out without considerable expense and even then it would not be satisfactory.

#### COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES

The Secretary of the County Councils' General Council wrote under date 16th May, 1938, stating that at the Spring meeting of the Council divergent views were expressed as to the desirability or otherwise of having the laws relating to Malicious Injuries repealed. It was urged that they were imposed on this country by Great Britain and were a reflection on the Irish people while, on the other hand, it was contended that they served a useful purpose by acting as a deterrent on maliciously disposed persons, and further that their repeal would result in greatly increased rates for Insurance. The General Council asked for the views of the Wexford Council.

It was decided to point out to the County Councils' General Council that on at least two occasions Wexford



County Council had adopted resolutions calling for the repeal of the laws providing compensation for alleged criminal injuries; but no action had been taken by the Government thereon.

It was also agreed that the Secretary should submit memorandum to next meeting of the Finance Committee relative to the position of Councils and ratepayers in the event of repeal.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS - RE-ADJUSTMENT OF AREAS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

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

"That the following scheme of re-adjustment of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee Areas, which has been arrived at by Finance Committee, after consideration of representations by these Sub-Committees, be submitted to the latter for final consideration prior to submission for approval to the County Council and Department of Local Government and Public Health. That it be pointed out to the Sub-Committees that it is not the intention of the Finance Committee to recommend any change in the remuneration of the Clerks of Sub-Committees consequent on adjustment of areas:-

No. 1 Sub-Committee:- To embrace the District Electoral Divisions of Aghwilliam; Ballymitty; Bannow; Bridgetown; Clongeen; Drinagh; Duncormack; Harperstown; Harristown; Kilcowan; Killag; Killinick; Kilmore; Kilscoran; Lady's Island; Mayglass; Newcastle; Rathaspeck; Rosslare; St. Helen's; Tacumshane and Tomhaggard.

No. 2 Sub-Committee: District Electoral Divisions of Ballyhack; Dunmain; Fethard; Inch; Killesk; Kilmokea; Rathroe; Rochestown; Templetown; Tintern and Whitechurch.

No. 3 Sub-Committee: To consist of the following District Electoral Divisions Artramon; Adamstown; Ballyhogue; Carrick; Forth; Glynn; Horetown; Kilbride; Kilgarvan;



Killurín; Kilpatrick; Newbawn; Taghmon; Wexford Rural and Whitechurch (Glynn).

No. 4 Sub-Committee: To consist of District Electoral Divisions of Ardamine; Ballycanew; Ballygarrett; Ballylarkin; Ballynestragh; Coolgreany; Courtown; Gorey Rural; Gorey Urban; Huntingtown; Kilgorman; Killenagh, Kilnahun, Limerick; Monaseed; Rossmínogue and Wingfield.

No. 5 Sub-Committee: To comprise the District Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin; Bree; Castlebor; Edermine; Enniscorthy Rural; Enniscorthy Urban; Killanne; Killoughram; Kíltealy; Marshallstown and The Leap.

No. 6 Sub-Committee: To comprise the District Electoral Divisions of Ballybeg; Ballycarney; Ballyellis; Ballymore; Ballyoughter; Buncloody; Castledockrill; Ferns; Kílbora; Kílcomb; Kílrush; Moyacomb; Rossard; St. Mary's; The Harrow; Tinnacross and Tombrack.

No. 7 Sub-Committee: To consist of District Electoral Divisions of Ballyanne; Barrack Village; Barronstown; Carnagh; Carrigbyrne; Clonleigh; Clonroche; New Ross Rural; New Ross Urban; Oldcourt; Old Ross; Rosbercon Urban; Templeudigan and Whitemoor.

No. 8 Sub-Committee: To consist of District Electoral Divisions of Ardavan; Ardcolm; Ballynuskard; Ballyvaldon; Bolaboy; Cahore; Castle Ellis; Castle Talbot; Ford; Kílcormack; Kíllíncooley; Kílmallock; Monáimolin and Wells."

ANNUAL LEAVE - COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 21st May, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.15392/38 Loch Garman (Sc.)) stating that the Minister had approved of the granting of annual leave to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for the period from the 1st June to 30th June 1938.

Under date 23rd May, 1938, the Department of Local



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Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.15392/38 Loch Garman (Sc)) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 17th instant with regard to the grant of annual leave to Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, and I am to state that the Minister would be glad to be informed at the earliest possible moment as to the arrangements which have been made for the discharge of Dr. Bastible's duties during the leave of absence in question."

The Secretary stated he had forwarded the following reply to this letter:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant No. P.H.15392/38 Loch Garman (Ac), and in reply have to state I understood that the Assistant County Medical Officer of Health would carry out the duties of County Medical Officer of Health during Dr. Bastible's absence. In this connection, I enclose copy of letter from Department dated 24th June 1936.

Dr. Bastible's leave has been approved by the County Council. The County Board of Health have also been notified."

The following is copy of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th June 1936 (P.H.133273/36 Loch Garman (Ab)):-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the proposal of the Wexford County Council to grant three weeks leave of absence to Dr. G. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, from the 1st proximo.

As regards the question of the appointment of a substitute for Dr. Bastible, I am to explain that Dr. H. Aughney, Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, is required by the conditions of her appointment to discharge the ordinary duties of County Medical Officer of Health during Dr. Bastible's absence, and there is therefore, no necessity for the appointment of Dr. T. J. O'Sullivan as substitute for Dr. Bastible."

It was decided that Finance Committee before taking further action in the matter, await reply from the Department of Local Government to letter of County Secretary under date 24th May, 1938.



CARNE PIER

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 27th May 1938:-

"As directed, I have examined the proposed scheme for improvement of Carne Pier. On the 20th instant I visited Carne and made a special inspection, and am not prepared to recommend the Council to adopt the proposal in its entirety. In September of last year I wrote a report for the Office of Works suggesting improvement at a cost of £500. In January last I wrote enquiring as to how the matter then stood, and got reply from Office of Public Works "That this proposal is not being overlooked". My proposal was to raise the Pier for a length of sixty yards by 1'6" in height - the new proposal asks for a height of 3 ft. and a length of 80 yards. I believe this latter will entail undue stresses on the existing work unless great expense is undertaken, cutting away and reinforcing portions of the existing work.

I am prepared to recommend a modification of my former plan by putting in a timber fender along the <sup>sharp</sup> side of the pier. This will give an increased height of 2'6" as protection to vessels and prevent them over-riding the edge of pier. I find my former estimate on the low side, and amend same, covering the fender. The cost will be £650.

If the full extent of the recent suggested improvement be undertaken the cost will be £1,550."

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

"That recommendation of County Surveyor as to repair and improvement of Carne Pier be recommended to the County Council for adoption on the understanding that the Council will receive a State Grant of 50% of the actual expenditure on the work."



COUNTY FEIS AND NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following under date 22nd May, 1938, was read from Hon. Secretary, County Feis:-

"It is the wish of the Feis and Commemoration Committees that New Ross Bridge be cleared of any obstruction for the Sunday of the Feis and Commemoration owing to the large contingents coming from many areas by train and bus.

I discussed the question with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and is prepared to facilitate us if granted permission by the Finance Committee, and so instructed. He estimates that the cost of clearing the Bridge would be roughly £5.

The Committees would appreciate your consideration of this matter at your next meeting."

The County Surveyor said if the Feis had been fixed for Sunday, 29th May 1938, he could have arranged, but to meet the request of the Feis Committee work for the local carpenters employed at the repair work must be stopped. He would, however, see that the Bridge would be cleared for the procession in connection with Feis on 5th June.

ENNISCORTHY MAIN ROADS

The County Surveyor reported that carters in Enniscorthy Urban District were in the habit of spreading sand on the main road between the Bridge and the turn to the Railway station. As a consequence, the people living there had been greatly inconvenienced by the dry sand blowing into their houses and had threatened to seek a mandamus to prevent this nuisance in future. The matter had been brought to the attention of the Enniscorthy Urban Council but they decided they would not institute proceedings against the carters concerned. Unless something was done to stop the practice the residents would certainly take action against the Urban Council or the County Council. One effect of the sand was to polish the concrete, as it wore away the little runlets in the concrete which prevented it becoming slippery.

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



"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Urban Council of Enniscorthy and notify them that the County Council require the Urban Council to take the necessary steps to prevent injury to Main Road between Enniscorthy Bridge and turn to Railway Station at Donohoe's Stores."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED WAGES

The County Surveyor submitted the following under date 21st May, 1938, from the men engaged in Kerlogue Quarry:-

"Now that all workers are having their wages increased, we, the County Council workers, apply to have our wages increased by 10/- weekly. Owing to the very high cost of living we find it impossible to support our wives and families and to procure the proper food necessary for such strenuous work required to be done by men working in the quarries. Will you please have application laid before next meeting of your Council."

It was decided to make no order on this application.

IMPROVEMENT GRANT BARTOWN - WEXFORD ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, asking him to report to the Finance Committee that subject to their sanction, he proposed using railway tractor and trailers for haulage on Bartown-Wexford Road from Carrigfoyle quarry. In case there should be any question as to the carters in the area, Mr. Birthistle wrote "I would like to mention that there will be work enough for all as happened on our previous grant work on this road."

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

"That application of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for permission to hire railway tractor and trailers for haulage from Carrigfoyle quarry be agreed to, provided he obtains from the carters of the area information that they (the Carters) are not in a position to carry out the work."



ILLNESS OF MR. O'KENNEDY - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

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

"That, in accordance with Medical Certificate from Dr. T. McCabe, L.R.C.P.S.I., seven days' sick leave as from the 18th May 1938, owing to Bronchitis, be granted Mr. O'Kennedy, County Surveyor's Office, and that the County Surveyor be empowered to employ Michael Kirwan, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, remuneration to be calculated at £3 per week during the absence of Mr. O'Kennedy."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education, the County Council be recommended to allow transfer of Edward Rutledge, Parnell Street, Wexford, County Council scholar under Secondary & Vocational Scheme from Christian Brothers, Wexford, to St. Peter's College, Wexford, as from the 8th February 1938."

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

"That as Joseph Lacey, Blackwater, candidate for award of Scholarship under Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Scheme at Easter 1937 received over 30% of marks for the four obligatory subjects, <sup>he</sup> be paid 12/6d expenses, viz., 3/6d to cover bus fare and 9/- for three days' board and lodgings at 3/- per day. That he be informed the County Council are not responsible for Medical or Birth Certificates or books etc."

PRINTING WORK OF COUNTY COUNCIL

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee on the 13th May, 1938, letter was read from James Meyler, Secretary Wexford Branch Typographical Association, pointing out that



the Wexford Printing firms were capable of carrying out any printing required by the County Council etc.

The Finance Committee decided to ask the Association if there was any reason why they had forwarded this communication.

Under date 19th May, 1938, the following was read from the Secretary, Wexford Branch Typographical Association:-

"In reply to your letter of yesterday re County Council printing in which you ask if there was any special reason for writing to the County Council, I wish to state that at a Committee meeting of the above Branch, attention was drawn to the fact that a Poster at the New Bridge with reference to the Bridge was printed in Dublin. I was instructed to write to the County Council and County Health Board with regard to printing being done outside the County."

The Secretary stated that he had furnished the County Surveyor with copy of letter from the Association and had received the following reply, under date 24th May, 1938:-

"In reply to your letter of 23rd instant re complaint of Wexford Typographical Association, I beg to inform you that I endeavoured to get posters for Wexford Bridge printed in Wexford, but was unable to do so. I enquired from Messrs. The People Ltd., Free Press and Echo, and the People supplied me with proof which I had to return. I had specifically set out in my draft the requirements of the Act in regard to size of type, and the proof supplied to me did not comply with these regulations. I was given to understand that such type was not available in the County and then I communicated with Messrs. Browne and Nolan, and also Messrs. Helys in Dublin, neither firm could undertake the job. I was then referred to Messrs. Corrigan & Wilson, who undertook the job and completed it to the requirements."

The Finance Committee decided that copy of County Surveyor's letter be furnished to the Typographical Association and also the opinion of the Finance Committee that the Association had no grievance in the matter.



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APPLICATION COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Notification of application was received from the Inspector, National Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford Branch, as to committal of Bridget Murphy, Screen, illegitimate child of Rose Anne Murphy.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for compensation for alleged criminal injury was received on behalf of Bridget Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford, for destruction of trees, slates and bricks at Distillery House, Wexford, amount claimed £7. 10. 0.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

COMPLAINT OF SUMMER TIME

The following resolution was received from County Longford Vocational Education Committee:-

"That this Committee draw the attention of the Government to the hardship on parents and students occasioned by the operation of Summer Time and to the unsuitability and inconvenience of Summer Time for the farming community, and, further, that this Committee ask the Government to abolish Summer Time."

The meeting decided to make no order on this resolution.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 27th May, 1938, be received and considered."

APPLICATION INCREASED WAGES: Mr. Colfer said that in view of the increased cost of living he would raise the question of increasing the wages of road and quarry workers at the meeting at which Road Works Scheme for next year would be considered.

✓ COMPLAINT OF SUMMER TIME: Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the adoption of the Longford resolution asking for the abolition of "Summer" time.

The Chairman and other members opposed.

✓ After discussion, it was decided to take a show of hands on Mr. Kinsella's motion, when six voted in favour and nine against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th May 1938 as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 10th JUNE 1938: Minutes of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th June, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council), presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean Murphy 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 £4769. 9. 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

CLOSE OF: List of Temporary uncollectable rates was submitted as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	1192.	3.	11
W. Doyle	803.	10.	7
P. Doyle	479.	1.	7
M. McCarthy	491.	0.	2
P. Nolan	563.	6.	11
S. Gannon	527.	3.	10
J. Deegan	521.	4.	8
J. Cummins	459.	3.	9
J. Flood	459.	18.	7
W. Cummins	1433.	10.	4
J. J. O'Reilly	285.	18.	11
D. Kenny	294.	18.	7
A. Dunne	828.	17.	4
J. J. Sinnott	1017.	2.	8
E. J. Murphy	245.	10.	0
M. Kehoe	227.	19.	2
J. Curtis	136.	15.	0
P. Carty	230.	19.	10

Total £10198. 5. 10

The Secretary stated that the total to be carried forward - £10198 - was £963 more than at the corresponding period last year. The Collectors said this was accounted for mainly by the additional year's Rates on derelict holdings. Six of the most backward of the Collectors had attended at the County Council Offices for interview.

Explanations as to increase of arrears in their



districts were read from Collectors J. J. Sinnott, Art Dunne and W. Doyle.

The principal point made by these Collectors was the difficulty of setting land. They had constantly visited derelict holdings, but could find nothing on them to seize.

Decrees had been obtained in a number of cases, but the Sheriff had in several of these made a nulla bona return. They did not resort to Court examination orders.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the following was agreed to:-

That all Collectors in cases in which "no goods" are returned on a decree for Rates should apply for examination orders. They should also ascertain from the Sheriff what action was being taken in regard to all decrees lodged with him. Several of the holdings in each Collector's district reported to be derelict should be inspected from time to time and a return made to the Secretary if any evidence is available as to whether the farm is grazed or mowed or used beneficially in any other way.

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

"That the temporary uncollectable Rates List submitted to this meeting be approved and amounts be carried forward for collection. That the irrecoverable Rates List as follows be also agreed to:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	109.	6.	3
W. Doyle	38.	6.	5
P. Doyle	32.	6.	3
M. McCarthy	97.	19.	11
P. Nolan	60.	11.	0
S. Gannon	50.	0.	1
J. Deegan	60.	3.	0
J. Cummins	19.	4.	7
J. Flood	29.	16.	3
W. Cummins	24.	12.	10
J. J. O'Reilly	14.	19.	3
D. Kenny	9.	19.	8
A. Dunne	158.	18.	6
J. J. Sinnott	13.	14.	2
E. J. Murphy	55.	18.	5
M. Kehoe	20.	18.	3
J. Curtis	23.	18.	4
Total	£890.	3.	6.



Arrears outstanding in respect of financial year ended 1934/35 and previous periods amount to £8506. 14. 0d as follows:-

No.	Name	<u>Total Arrears not carried forward to 1937/38 Warrant being arrears in respect of 1934/35 and previous periods.</u>			<u>Collected to 10th June 1938.</u>			<u>Arrears outstanding on 10th June '38 for year ended 31st March 1935 and previous periods and not carried forward to 1938/39 warrant.</u>		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1.	J. Quirke	813.	19.	1				813.	19.	1
2.	W. Doyle	913.	11.	4				913.	11.	4
3.	P. Doyle	116.	4.	6	1.	1.	11	115.	2.	7
4.	M. McCarthy	303.	14.	2		5.	0	303.	9.	2
5.	P. Nolan	874.	13.	5				874.	13.	5
6.	S. Gannon	799.	2.	7	36.	13.	6	762.	9.	1
7.	J. Deegan	118.	15.	1	3.	17.	3	114.	17.	10
8.	J. Cummins	338.	2.	10				338.	2.	10
9.	J. Flood	124.	12.	3	5.	14.	11	118.	17.	4
10.	W. Cummins	1439.	12.	5				1439.	12.	5
11.	J. J. O'Reilly	166.	12.	10				166.	12.	10
12.	D. Kenny	287.	18.	6				287.	18.	6
13.	Art Dunne	1083.	1.	11				1083.	1.	11
14.	J. J. Sinnott	747.	4.	11	13.	0		746.	11.	11
15.	E. J. Murphy	32.	16.	5				32.	16.	5
16.	M. Kehoe	252.	10.	0				252.	10.	0
17.	J. Curtis	88.	15.	7				88.	15.	7
18.	P. Carty	58.	15.	1	5.	3.	4	53.	11.	9
		£8560.	2.	11	£53.	8.	11	£8506.	14.	0

RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS: Under date 1st June 1938 the following was read from Rate Collector Curtis, Hon. Secretary, County Rate Collectors:-

"I am instructed by the Rate Collectors to ask the County Council to pay the full amount of the Guarantee Bond for them in future as they find it very hard to meet half the amount every year with the other expenses incurred in their work."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the amount of premium was £5. 12. 6d for each Collector or £101. 5. 0 for the 18 Collectors of the Council.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay the full amount of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds for County Rate Collectors."



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That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

RATE DISTRICT NO. 11: The Secretary stated that application had been made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the permanent transfer of District Electoral Divisions in No. 11 Area to the following:-

Collector Joseph Cummins (No. 8) - District Electoral Division of Bolaboy, and Collector W. Cummins (No. 10) District Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castle Talbot.

APPLICATION BY RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 30th May 1938, the following was read from Rate Collector Nolan (No. 5 District):-

"I respectfully ask the Finance Committee to pay me the sum of £5. 7. 0, the amount of Court Costs and Sheriff's expenses due in the case against Peter O'Brien, Ballyhire, for recovery of Rates.

I wish to point out that everything possible was done to recover the above costs. There was a seizure made on Mr. O'Brien's holding. The stock taken was belonging to a neighbouring farmer but as some point in regard to fencing came up the stock had to be released. The Land Commission then took over the place and this year they paid £80. 19. 3d Rates, but under the circumstances I could not pay the above costs due out of the amount received as would be done in every other case. So again, I ask the Finance Committee to be good enough to let me have this amount."

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

"That the Finance Committee consider the County Council should refund £5. 7. 0 law costs to Collector P. Nolan (District No. 5) in view of the facts set out in Collector's letter of 30th May, 1938."



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APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Rate Collector E. J. Murphy wrote applying for payment of the balance of poundage as he had closed his warrant.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to make application for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the payment in full of balance of poundage fees to all Rate Collectors who have now closed their Warrants."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO ADVANCES: Under date 20th May 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.14417/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would not raise any objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to advance loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the following:-

Patrick Byrne, Ballycomelone, Gorey. £200.

Richard Murphy, Carrigabruise, Enniscorthy. £180.

John Redmond, Ballyclemock, Newbawn. £50.

Under date 31st May 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.14417/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would not raise objection to the proposal to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, £130; and Mrs. Stasia Wallace, Coleman, Arthurstown, £150.

Under date 2nd June 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.15681-38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would not make objection to the County Council advancing under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, loan of £225 to Thomas Kenny, Wexford Street, Gorey.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION: Mr. James Doyle, Garryhasten, Clonegal, wrote that he was not proceeding with his application © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES Acts.



APPLICATION JAMES DEMPSEY: In the case of James Dempsey, of Piercestown, who applied for loan of £175, it was decided to ask Mr. Martin Kelly, Home Assistance Officer, Wexford, if, in his opinion, Dempsey would be able to repay the amount of the Loan.

Under date 3rd June, Mr. Kelly wrote:-

"I made enquiries concerning James Dempsey, Piercestown, I believe he is temperate and industrious. He has about eight acres of good land. He should be in a position to pay 4s. 6d weekly rent. I believe his friends in Wexford would help him. Also, Miss Dempsey, South Main St., Wexford."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to loan not to exceed £175 to James Dempsey, Drinagh, Piercestown, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

THOMAS GAFFNEY, KILBRANEY: The Secretary stated he had forwarded under date 2nd June 1938 the following letter to Thomas Gaffney, Kilbraney, Gusserane, who applied for loan of £140 and to which no reply had been received to the present:-

"It would appear from your letter that you intend putting up a house which is estimated to cost £140. If this is so, you will not be able to obtain loan of £70 from the County Council. The maximum loan which the County Council can grant in respect of a house valued at £140 is £55 and out of this all legal expenses, valuers' fees, cost of mortgage deed, etc. must be paid. I am writing to let you know this so that there will be no misunderstanding about the loan.

No commitment should be entered into in connection with house until you are notified by Mr. Elgee, County



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Council Solicitor, that the loan has been sanctioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLANNE: Under date 8th June, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote:-

"Referring to yours of the 5th ultimo, I have now heard from Mr. Nicholas Carr, Killanne, apologising for the delay in answering my letter and stating that he was satisfied with the loan of £90 sanctioned to him but that he was afraid he would have some difficulty in getting the tradesmen to build the house. However, he was to let me know in the course of the next few days as to how the matter actually stood."

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: Andrew Browne, Clonamona, Craanford, applied for loan of £100 on house value £200. He stated he was a farmer and that his annual income was 8/- weekly.

It was decided to ask Mr. Whitty, Home Assistance Officer, Gorey, for report as to whether, in his opinion, Browne would be likely to be able to meet his loan instalments. The instalment in this case would be 2/5d per week.

Miss Mary Keegan, Grattan Street, Gorey, applied for loan of £200 on house valued at £350. She gave her income as £50 but the Chairman stated several other members of the household were earning and that income of the family was up to nearly £4 per week.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to recommend the County Council to advance loan not exceeding £175, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Daniel Sheehan, Mason, Clohamon, applied for loan of £200 on house valued at £280. The income in this case was given as £150 per annum.

It was decided to ask Mr. Ronan, County Councillor, and



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Mr. Gerald Flood, Engineer to Health Board, for their observations on the application.

COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES AND GENERAL ELECTION POLLING DAY

Under date 2nd June 1938 the following was read from Mr. Patrick Redmond, Secretary, Irish Labour Party, 47 Garden City, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Committee to put before your Council at your next meeting, hoping they can see their way to give their workers 17th June off as it is polling day. The workers are willing to work two Saturday afternoons for same."

Following this letter, the following was subsequently received from Mr. Redmond:-

"I am directed by my Committee to bring under your Council's notice, and ask them to substitute the 17th June for Ascension Thursday, 26th May 1938, which was a recognised Catholic holiday and was included in the annual six days' leave. We would be grateful to your Council to substitute the 17th June and grant all Council workers a free day off."

The County Surveyor said that as regards the first request that the men work two Saturdays for election day, the proposal was not feasible as some of the members of a Road Gang might not wish to remain idle on Election Day and according to the Conditions of Employment Act only two hours overtime could be worked on any Saturday. They could not legally substitute the 17th June for Ascension Thursday, but he suggested that the men who wished to take the day "off" on the 17th June be allowed to do so and that although they did this they would be paid for Corpus Christi Church Holiday.

It was decided that the County Surveyor instruct Road



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Gangers to inform road and quarrymen they could be absent from work on 17th June 1938 without pay but that this absence would not interfere with their payment for Church Holiday on 16th June 1938.

Mr. C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, applied for leave of absence on 17th and 18th June 1938 in connection with general election.

Application for leave of absence on Election Day, 17th June 1938, was received from Miss Cathleen Tobin, Typist.

Applications for leave of absence for Election Day, 17th June and for the period of the Election Count, were received from Mr. J. H. Cadogan, John Moloney and P. M. Donohoe, Assistants in County Council Offices.

Mr. D. E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway, Warble Fly Inspector, wrote asking permission to be absent from duty on 17th June, date of General Election.

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

"That leave of absence be granted to members of the Clerical Staff of the Council for the period during which they will be engaged at work in connection with General Election ~~work~~. That Mr. Druhan, Warble Fly Inspector, be given permission to be absent from duty (without pay) on 17th June 1938."

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor said he was not yet in a position to furnish definite report as to repair of this Bridge. He had made enquiries as to pitch pine baulks. He had gone into this side of the matter assuming pitch pine was available and found that with stronger ties and shoes the cost might run up to £20,000, and which would give a fairly sound bridge for a number of years, but it would not deal



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with traffic above five tons all in. This, provided pitch pine was not available, would be putting a permanent structure on a poor base and the timber underneath could not be repaired without stripping the whole bridge. He had been thinking of strengthening the bridge with steel work, which could be done for about £5,000. It would, of course, be only a temporary job but might hold for at least five years and would carry traffic up to 5 tons all in. He had discussed the matter with Messrs. Delap & Waller. At first they did not approve of the proposal but afterwards, admitted it was worth consideration. By using rolled steel joists he would not interfere with the decking at all. When he had the details of the project further advanced he would submit it to the Council.

#### CARNE PIER

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Office of Public Works under date 27th May 1938 (S.W.1.22/2):-

"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 and to inform you that the Parliamentary Secretary is prepared to recommend the Minister to sanction a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote of  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  of the cost of the proposed improvements estimated at £500 provided the work can be carried out during the winter months."

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

"That the Council be recommended to inform the Office of Public Works they would be prepared to make a 50 per cent contribution to the County Surveyor's revised estimate of £650 for the repair of Carne Pier, work to be carried out at a period of the year which the County Surveyor considers suitable. The County Surveyor is not prepared to deal with the matter as a winter job."



POULDUFF PIER IMPROVEMENTS

The following under date 27th May, 1938 (C.87/13/36) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence relative to the making of a grant towards the cost of extending the Pier at Cahore (Poulduff), Co. Wexford, and to inform you that the question has recently been raised with the Parliamentary Secretary by the County Surveyor.

I am to state, for the information of your Council, that the Parliamentary Secretary is prepared to recommend the Minister to sanction a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote of one-third of the cost of the proposed extension estimated at £3028 on the assumption that the work can be done in the Winter months."

The County Surveyor said the work at Poulduff could not be satisfactorily carried out during the winter months. The County Council, when the matter of improvement at this pier was mooted, stated they would put up one-third of the cost. The Government said this was not sufficient, after which the Council increased their offer to half cost which every one considered a very liberal proposal. Now, the Council were expected to put up two-thirds and to have the work done in the winter months. He would not undertake the responsibility for carrying out the work during the period of the year suggested by the Department of Public Works.

The meeting was considering the advisability of calling attention to their former offer of half cost and to the fact that this work could not be carried out satisfactorily in winter when, at the suggestion of Mr. Keegan, it was decided to adjourn further consideration until next meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 24th June, 1938.



ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The following resolution was adopted at County Council meeting on 9th May 1938:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate immediately with the Department of Fisheries in connection with Grants for repair of Pier at St. Helen's and inform the Department that the Wexford County Council are prepared to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of repair and to instruct the County Surveyor to carry out the work as expeditiously as possible."

The County Surveyor said he believed a communication from the Government Department concerned would be received soon.

SAND ON MAIN ROAD - TOWN OF ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, under date 2nd June, 1938:-

"Your letter of the 30th ultimo in connection with the throwing of sand on the street at Templeshannon by the carters of the town was submitted to a meeting of my Council on the 1st instant. They passed a resolution requesting the Council to put the street in order immediately so that horse drawn traffic can travel safely over it, and thus eliminate the sand throwing by carters for the safety of their animals drawing loaded vehicles.

The sand is causing a nuisance to the traders of street and they have threatened legal proceedings against the Council if they do not abate the nuisance. The carters state that the street is so slippery that unless they throw sand on it their horses will fall.

When you inspected the street recently I explained the position of my Council in the matter and it is imperative that some steps should be taken to remedy the matter.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that, in his opinion,



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the people who suffered any hardship through sand blowing into their premises had a remedy against the carters who were directly concerned in spreading this sand on the street.

It was decided to refer the matter to County Council meeting of 13th June 1938.

DUFFRY GATE FOOTPATH, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 3rd June 1938 from Mr. Thomas McCarthy, County Councillor, 11 Rafter Street, Enniscorthy:-

"In view of the approaching All-Ireland '98 Demonstrations here on 26th June, I have been asked by the Committee to endeavour to get something done with the wide pathway at left hand side Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, in the way of having tar and chippings put down. This pathway is in a very bad state and the Urban Council have also passed a resolution to be forwarded to you in connection with the matter.

The procession will assemble at Duffry Gate, and as it is expected there will be from 20,000 to 30,000 people present, I would like the roadway there to be in a fairly decent condition. I hope you may be able to do something."

The County Surveyor said it was incorrect to describe the place as a footpath; it was a clay/slope with a concrete footpath, four feet wide, in front of the houses. It would take 1000 square yards to carry out the request of Mr. McCarthy at a cost of £100.

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

"That the Council be recommended to have footpath at Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, laid down in tar and chippings, cost not to exceed £100 and that the Urban Council of Enniscorthy be requested to have the work carried out under the supervision of their Town Surveyor."



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IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND ROADS AT ROSSLARE STRAND

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 23rd May 1938 (RGR/22/3)(23/5/38):-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo addressed to the Irish Tourist Association regarding the indifferent condition of the road from Rosslare Strand, leading to Rosslare Pier, St. Helen's Pier and Carne Pier, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that you will be so good as to furnish your observations in the matter.

Your report should state the classification and number or numbers of the road, the estimated cost of reconstruction and the contribution, if any, which the County Council are prepared to provide towards the cost of the work."

The County Secretary said he had forwarded the following reply:-

"In reply to your letter, I beg to submit particulars of Roads in question which may be divided into three sections:-

- (1) Rosslare Strand (at Concrete Road Grange) to Carne Pier (all County roads).

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Perches</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Part 994	160	
Part 996	350	
Part 997	600	
Part 999	<u>290</u>	
	1400 Perches	£4,200.

- (2) Kilrane to St. Helen's - County Roads.

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Perches</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Part 1003	260	
Part 1004	<u>300</u>	
	560 Perches	£1600.

- (3) T.8 18 1050 do. £3,500.



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No. 1 is very much used by Tourists in Summer time. Part of Road No. 999 between St. Iberius Turn and Ballyfane Cross had been improved by aid of Loan and Grant S.881. The part of 999 from Ballyfane to Carne is bad and not improved.

No. 2 is also used by Tourists. The part 1003 is fairly wide, but Part 1004 is very narrow.

No. 3 is a Trunk Road and was improved partially only (under Grant) some time ago. It never was fully reconditioned. At the least it should now get a 3" coat of tar macadam with some widening and strengthening in places.

The matter has not been yet before the County Council re contribution. I shall bring it up at next meeting of County Council on 13th instant, and let you know result."

The Chairman said he did not believe the County Council would be satisfied to face an immediate expenditure of say £4,650, half cost of the Scheme as estimated by County Surveyor. He was of opinion it would be better take the proposal in sections and carry out first the work on the County Road from Rosslare Strand (at Concrete Road Grange) to Carne Pier, the cost of which the County Surveyor believed would run to £4200.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to contribute (to be raised by way of Loan) £1400 estimated <sup>improvement</sup> 33 1/3% of cost of County Road from Rosslare Strand (at Concrete Road Grange) to Carne Pier, the balance of cost to be obtained by way of Government Grant."

#### STATION ROAD, ROSSLARE STRAND

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 8th June 1938 from Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Would you please ask the Finance Committee to agree



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to an extension of the concrete work at Rosslare Strand. The Section from the Railway Station to the turn at the Strand (O'Brien's Corner) is urgently in need of widening and of a footpath. Traffic is very congested here and the place is really dangerous in the Summer months. There is also a portion of the road-widening and footpath work under the loan to be completed. This work proved somewhat more expensive than anticipated. I estimate the cost at £600.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to carry out the improvements at Station Road <sup>Rosslare</sup> and also widening and construction of footpath as suggested by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in his report of 8th June 1938, cost not to exceed £600 and amount to be taken from the balance of £4000 set out in Road Works Scheme as Relief money in anticipation of supplemental Schemes."

#### ROAD AT CASTLETOWN CHURCH

The following under date 9th June was read from Rev. G. Dunn, C.C., Castletown, Inch:-

"I would be very glad if you could see your way to have the road opposite Castletown Church rolled and tarred. During the Summer months, I find it impossible to keep the front doors open on account of the dust which is blown in. Many people pass by thinking the Church is closed. We have had the walls of church and cemetery replastered lately but the general appearance is greatly spoiled by the bad road."

The County Surveyor said he had asked Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, for a report in the matter. He (County Surveyor) would be prepared to take such steps as would be necessary to obviate the nuisance complained of by Fr. Dunn.



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MANGAN LANE

The following under date 6th June 1938 was read from Mr. James Lawlor, County Councillor:-

"I have been requested by the residents and users of Mangan(Killanne) road to draw attention of the County Council to the deplorable state of it at present. This is a road known as Mangan Lane and formerly was a contract road, but as no contractor turned up on a couple of occasions, it is now done by direct labour. I am informed that at the time it was under contract that 40 c.y. of stones were specified for it, but at present this is cut down to 12 c.y. and one week's work for a man. There is no such thing as watertables on this lane except in the centre of the roadway, and last winter no lorry would travel on it. What the people there want is to revert back to the contract system and they will take it up between them. I know roads or lanes not near as important as Mangan, for instance, Wheelagour, for which £40 was specified. If what the inhabitants say is true that only 12 yards of stones and one week's work for a man is all the attention given to it, it would be far better under contract. Please bring this matter before the Finance Committee and oblige.

In the dry weather at present the road is not bad to look at, but in the winter there is nothing to be seen only mud."

It was decided that Mr. Lawlor, the County Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, consult regarding this matter at the County Council meeting on 13th June 1938.

CLAIM FOR LOSS OF MARE

On the 16th November 1937 claim for £40 was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey on behalf of James Sinnott, shopkeeper, Killinick, for loss of mare which he contended was fatally injured on the 16th October 1937, owing to obstruction left by County Council on the road at the entrance to his premises. The claim was heard at the Circuit Court and in connection with the matter the following report was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"The claim of Mr. Sinnott in respect of the alleged injury to his Mare at Killinick came before the Circuit Court Judge on 2nd June 1938 when he fully heard same and later inspected the site of the accident. He gave his decision to-day (3rd June) holding there was no responsibility on the County Council in respect of the accident,



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nor was there any breach of duty or of negligence on the part of the County Council officials in the matter, but that there was contributory negligence on Sinnott's part in as much as there was certain work at the entrance to his yard for which he sought to make the County Council and their officials liable. The Judge held he was not entitled to do this or to seek to make them responsible for work which he (Sinnott) should have done himself and accordingly dismissed the Civil Bill without costs."

#### WOODWORKERS WAGES, NEW ROSS

Under date 7th June 1938 Mr. John Crane, Branch Secretary (Irish Union of Woodworkers), 27 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross, wrote that the members of his Society had decided that the local rate of pay shall be ls. 8½d per hour as from 11th June 1938 and the rate for apprentices 10/- per week for first year and 10/- rise each year after full time has been served.

It was decided to inform Mr. Crane that the County Council had always paid the recognised trade union rates of wages according to locality.

#### ARREARS DUE BY BORROWERS - SMALL DWELLINGS ACTS

The Secretary stated that there were six borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acts heavily in arrear with instalments. He had sent a list of defaulters to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for legal action.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee stated he would take the necessary steps in the matter during the coming week.

Mr. Corish stated that in such cases the question of handing over the houses to the County Board of Health would be worth consideration.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, the meeting approved of the appropriate action being taken



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by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, against defaulters in the above and any future cases on lists supplied to the Solicitor by the Secretary.

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT - OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES  
AREAS

Under date 6th June 1938, the following was read from Mrs. Howard, Clerk No. 7 Sub-Committee:-

"Replying to yours of the 1st instant, my Committee at their meeting held on the 4th June on the proposition of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Colfer, decided that unless the Clerk be remunerated for the increased work consequent on the adjustment of areas they decline to accept the Finance Committee's transfer of three extra districts."

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposed adjustments of Areas of Sub-Committees (Old Age Pension Acts) which make very considerably for public convenience; also, to inform the County Council if, owing to transfer of certain units from one area to another there should be an adjustment of the remuneration of the Clerks to the Sub-Committees concerned and where there has been an addition to the area will the Department allow a proportionate increase in the Clerk's remuneration."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following under date 6th June 1938 was read from Edwin F. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane:-

"Owing to my education being not yet completed for the University Scholarship Examination I am wondering if it is possible that my Scholarship be extended for another year to allow me the opportunity of entering for it. I would be very much obliged if you would inform me of the same."



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Hoping it does not cause you any inconvenience."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of application to next meeting of Finance Committee, the County Secretary, in the meantime, to obtain from applicant explanation as to why he did not sit for the Leaving Certificate Examination in the present year.

Under date 7th June 1938 the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, C.2, wrote approving of the transfer of the Scholarship held by Edward Rutledge, Parnell Street, Wexford, from the Christian Brothers' School, Wexford, to St. Peter's College, Wexford, as from 8th February 1938.

#### SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 27th May 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8195/2/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister had consented to overdraft not exceeding £35,000 up to 30th June 1938.

#### REVISION OF VALUATIONS

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

"That the various applications from County Council Rate Collectors etc., <sup>for revisions of valuation</sup> as submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved. That they be submitted to the Commissioner of Valuation for his decision."

#### SUMMER HOLIDAYS OF OFFICIALS

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

"That the County Secretary and County Surveyor be granted their usual Summer holidays and that they arrange for the holidays of their respective staffs to suit the exigencies of work in their departments."



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EXTRA CLERICAL ASSISTANCE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The County Surveyor applied for extra clerical assistance for three or four weeks, to make out the holiday pay cards of road workers and to write up road and quarry records in arrear. Owing to Industrial and other Returns his own staff were not able to deal with the matter.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the request of County Surveyor for extra clerical assistance for one month - remuneration to be at the rate of 1s. 1d per hour. Proposal is to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

ILLNESS OF MR. O'KENNEDY, COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 25th May 1938 a further certificate was received from Dr. McCabe, L.R.C.P. & S.I., that Mr. O'Kennedy (County Surveyor's Office) was still suffering from Bronchitis and required a further seven days' sick leave from 25th May 1938.

Mr. O'Kennedy returned to duty on 30th May 1938.

The following under date 8th June 1938 (R/RS/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 2nd instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to employment of Mr. M. Kirwan at £3 per week during the sick absence of Mr. J. O'Kennedy, clerk in the County Surveyor's office."

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

"That Michael Kirwan, substitute for Mr. O'Kennedy, in County Surveyor's Office, be employed from 25th to 30th



May 1938 - date on which Mr. O'Kennedy returned to duty."

APPLICATION ERECTION KERBSIDE PETROL PUMP

Application was read from Mrs. Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross, for licence for Kerbside Pumps at *her* premises. She had a dual hand operated pump but was substituting it for two single all electric pumps.

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

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from the Inspector, Wexford Branch of National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of his intention to apply at Gorey District Court for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Anne Gowan, Annagh, Inch, 4 years old. The child was destitute and both her parents were dead.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 10th June, 1938, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The Chairman said it seemed to the Finance Committee that the collection of rates on derelict farms was a failure. Nobody was looking closely after this matter. The Finance Committee should endeavour to ascertain if there was any possibility of devising some system to deal with these holdings. He believed it might be possible to get the Department of Local Government and Public Health to provide an Inspector for a close examination of the situation in regard to these holdings.

Miss O'Ryan considered that a Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee should be appointed to deal specially with these derelict farms and if at all possible, to secure some method by which rates would be made available. It was well known that in a great many instances use was being made of these farms.

After discussion it was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish, that the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 24th June discuss the question of arrears of rates on derelict farms with the Rates Inspector and report to the County Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to Deed made between John Hempenstall, The Very Reverend James (Canon) Furlong and the Very Reverend Martin Murphy, The Agricultural Credit Corporation and the County Council of the County of Wexford, whereby the County Council Releases part of the Lands of Island Upper containing 1a. 1r. 5 p.,



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from their Charge for £90, in respect of Loan under the Small Dwellings Acts. The remainder of the said Lands the property of the said John Hempenstall to remain subject to their Charge."

Mr. Elgee said that up to the present as regards costs in connection with the surrender of mortgages, he had charged the usual fixed fees, viz., Two guineas for approval and one guinea for having the Deed executed. However, in deference to the wishes of the Council he would charge £1 only in future.

LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES - GENERAL ELECTION: Mr. Ronan said he considered it inequitable that the ordinary road and quarry workers of the County Council would have to lose a day's pay in order to take part in the General Election unless a similar rule would apply to the County Council Clerical Staff.

The Secretary stated he understood the staff would not object to having Election leave deducted from their annual holidays.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Bowe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That leave as applied for by the County Council Clerical Staff to enable them to act as officials at the forthcoming General Election be granted, provided the period of leave taken be deducted from their annual holidays"

POULDUFF PIER: Mr. Smyth said the fishermen of Poulduff were very much disappointed with the delay which had taken place as regards the Harbour Improvement work. The Council would remember that they first offered one-third which the Department stated was not sufficient. In consequence of this the Council increased their offer to one half, which the Department stated would be considered. It was very



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unsatisfactory that now after waiting two years the Council were expected to put up two-thirds.

The Chairman said it was better await the decision of the Department on the proposals submitted by the Finance Committee before any further discussion took place and this suggestion was adopted.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Department of Fisheries and ask them if the Scheme which he had submitted had been yet considered and with what result.

SAND ON MAIN ROADS, ENNISCORTHY: It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

The County Surveyor said the maintenance of the Main Roads in Enniscorthy Urban District was carried out by the Urban District Council, through an agreement with the County Council for a fixed sum. Parts of the road in question were polished and were certainly dangerous in places.

Mr. McCarthy contended that it would be most unjust to expect the Urban Council to carry out such a job as was necessary to obviate the nuisance on this road for the money voted by the County Council for the general maintenance of the entire Main Roads in the Urban district.

The County Surveyor admitted that to roughen the surface of concrete by use of emery wheel would be a very expensive job and there was no doubt but the action of the sand on the road had smoothened it out and made it slippery.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that constant complaints were ~~being~~ received by the Urban Council as to the condition of the road. Cattle and horses were constantly falling on it.

Mr. Lawler said he knew the place well and in his opinion, horses could only with safety draw over it a load of 5 cwt.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, under



whose supervision the concrete road was laid down, stated that the work was carried out by a contractor in exactly the same way as obtained on the Ferrycarrig Road and the portion complained of should be no more slippery than any other section. He believed that the carters responsible for using the sand had old stiff horses which they were definitely overloading. They also had the shoes of the horses "caulked".

After further discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for consultation between himself, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor and Town Surveyor of Enniscorthy, this conference to be without prejudice to the rights or responsibilities of any Body or Person.

ROSSLARE ROADS: Col. Quin advocated that the improvement works on this road should be carried out in concrete, as it was the cheapest method owing to its long life.

The County Surveyor agreed with Col. Quin, but said that if the roads were all done in concrete employment in the future would be greatly curtailed.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th June 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACT 1937

Under date 4th June, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (F.69/38) as to the appointment of seven members of the Council to the Seanad Electorate not later than one month after the dissolution of the Dail, viz., 27th May 1938.

Regulations for the conduct of the Elections were also



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enclosed.

Col. Quin proposed that the meeting agree to select unanimously the requisite seven members to form portion of Seanad Electorate.

Mr. Kinsella seconded, and the motion was adopted nem. con.

The following seven members were then selected:-

1. Kelly John Patrick, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer.
2. McCarthy Thomas, proposed by Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Smyth.
3. O'Byrne John, proposed by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. J. J. Bowe.
4. O'Ryan Ellen, proposed by Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Ronan.
5. Redmond Thomas, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Lawlor.
6. Sweetman Malachi, proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.
7. Walsh James Edward, proposed by Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Smyth.

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - FILLING VACANCIES ON SUB-COMMITTEES

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

No. 6 Sub-Committee: "That Mr. John McGrath, Askamore, Carnew, be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee as recommended by same, vice Rev. C. Ffrench, P.P., Monageer, resigned."

No. 8 Sub-Committee: "That, as recommended by Sub-Committee, Rev. E. Wheeler, C.C., Kilmuckridge, and Mr. Peter Cooney, Oulart, be appointed to the vacancies caused by the death of John O'Brien and William Devereux on No. 8 Sub-Committee."



"That Rev. N. Redmond, C.C., Blackwater and Mr. Patrick Adams, Ballyhaught, Blackwater, disqualified through non-attendance be and are hereby re-appointed, having signified their intention of attending in future."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following stood in the name of Mr. Bowe:-

"That the Council, at their meeting to be held on 13th June 1938, consider how best to arrive at a decision relative to the eligibility of candidates to compete for University Scholarships of this Council in order to comply with the provisions of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act 1918 which defines accepted candidates under this Scheme to mean such as are "in need of assistance" to secure the benefits of a University training. That the decision of the County Council in this matter apply only to their University Scholarship Scheme from 1939 onwards."

The Chairman suggested that copies of University Schemes obtaining in other Counties should be procured and examined as to the question of means of <sup>a</sup>parents or guardians prior to consideration of Mr. Bowe's motion.

Mr. Bowe fell in with the suggestion and his motion was accordingly adjourned for the present.

GOREY DUMPING GROUND

Under date 16th May, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.9948/38 Loch Garman (Pg)) enclosing copy of Sealed Order fixing Area of Charge <sup>on</sup> for the expenses of providing and maintaining dump at Gorey / Gorey Urban District Electoral Division.

UNIFIED ENGINEERING CONTROL

Correspondence was read from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, and the



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C.E.O., Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, stating that the proposed system of Unified Engineering Control as outlined by the County Council had been approved by these Bodies.

The County Board of Health and Public Assistance had referred the matter to their Engineers from whom the following statement was read:-

"At a meeting of the four Engineers to the Board, it was unanimously agreed to give every assistance possible to enable the Board to carry out a scheme of unification of the Engineering services of the County. The Engineers are in complete approval of the scheme provided their conditions are not worsened in any respect."

#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS

Minute was received from the Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee asking the County Council to take steps to declare Ferrycarrig Castle and Mountgarrett Castle as Ancient and Historic Monuments, and also to communicate with the owners and ask them if they were prepared to hand the buildings over to the Council. That the Office of Public Works be requested to agree to the proposal that these Castles be regarded as Ancient Monuments.

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

"That we agree to the request of Ancient Monuments Local Advisory Committee to take over as Ancient Monuments Ferrycarrig Castle (Wexford) and Mountgarrett Castle (New Ross) provided arrangements can be made with the owners. That the Office of Public Works be requested to advise the County Council in this matter."



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LICENCES POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That provided no objection be made by Garda Síochána licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

New Licences: Kathleen M. Codd, Baldwinstown.

Mrs. Christina Shortle, Castlebridge.

John Rochford, Main Street, Taghmon, and

Peter Cooney, Oulart.

Renewals: John Roche, Camolin and

John Farady, Camolin.

ENCROACHMENT ON ROAD AT UPTON, KILMUCKRIDGE

Mr. Smyth called attention to encroachment on road at Upton by Mr. Tony Bryan. He had been informed that flowers had been sown on the portion of the road taken in.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that he had brought up this matter at the last meeting and had asked the County Surveyor to go into it.

The County Surveyor said that some years ago there was a question about an encroachment by Mr. Bryan and he (County Surveyor) had visited the place with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. At that time, Mr. Bryan had built on an old foundation for his lodge and he has now extended the building further down still keeping to the line of the boundary wall. He recently had made a sort of projection or portico that went some distance out on the road, and he (County Surveyor) asked Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, to inspect the place and report.

Mr. Treanor said he could not see that the erection by Mr. Bryan could be described as a real obstruction, as the extent of the projection was only 18 inches. Mr. Bryan did not ask for permission nor was he given any for this



work but he said in order to make up for the encroachment he would widen the road at another point to provide a parking place for motor cars.

Mr. Keegan said he had been informed that at part of the place the encroachment was up to two feet. He could not see any reason why Mr. Bryan should have been allowed to do this. As a matter of fact, the attention of the Council should have been called to it long ago. He moved that Mr. Bryan be compelled to take down any portion of the building he had erected and which encroached on the public road.

Mr. Ronan seconded.

The Chairman said he had been informed about this matter, but from what he had been told he understood the projection was so small that it did not make any real difference to traffic.

The County Surveyor suggested he should inspect the place with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, and report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

This was agreed to, Mr. Keegan's resolution being adjourned pending consideration of County Surveyor's report.

CLERICAL STAFF - RATE BOOK WORK

Mr. Bowe said that at the second last meeting he went through the list of applicants for jobs on the temporary rate staff. Mr. Kelly and himself agreed upon the names of the people to go on. There was one man who got seven weeks' work in the County Surveyor's Office before, and who, he (Mr. Bowe) understood, was in receipt of 30s. a week pension, and that man went on the staff, while he found that a man in receipt of unemployment assistance had not gone on.

The Secretary stated that the County Councillors appointed to select the members of Rate Book staff for



Enniscorthy district were Messrs. Kelly and Sweetman. The men selected by them had been employed and it was quite wrong for Mr. Bowe to insinuate that the persons selected by the Committee were not employed when the contrary was the case.

Miss O'Ryan held that if they appointed two men to look after each district, the whole discussion was out of order. She would no more attempt to interfere with Mr. Corish's selections in Wexford than she would cut off her own hand, and if Mr. Corish and Mr. Cullimore did the work whether it pleased her or not, she was not going to criticise them at the County Council meeting. The Council appointed two men and these men should take the blame or the credit.

Mr. Kinsella - Mr. Kelly did agree with Mr. Bowe.

Miss O'Ryan - That makes no difference. Mr. Bowe was not on the Committee.

Secretary - We were bound by the selections made by the members of the committee, and we carried out their instructions.

The Chairman remarked that Mr. Bowe could criticise the members of the Committee.

Mr. Kelly said that the man to whom Mr. Bowe was referring was not a nominee of his (Mr. Kelly's).

The matter dropped.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE CARETAKER

\ The following letter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, under date 10th June 1938, and marked "without prejudice" was read:-

"You may remember that on the 11th March last the possession Summons herein came on for hearing but the Justice adjourned it until today when he granted a Decree. We pointed out to him that this Decree would be effective as regards Robert Valentine and that it could not affect our Client's Mother, Mrs. Valentine's occupation of same. This point did not occur to us when the case was before



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the Court in March, but we think you will agree that it is a substantial point, and if Mrs. Valentine is interfered with in her occupation of the Premises we think she would have good grounds for an Action against your Clients. In any event, we are asking the Justice to fix Sureties for Bail and when this is done we shall prepare the papers to complete an Appeal.

Without prejudice, to our Client's rights, he expects to get possession of a House which is not yet completed, but which will be ready for him to occupy by the end of July. If therefore your Clients would undertake not to execute the Warrant before the 1st August, we will undertake not to prosecute the Appeal."

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

"That this Council are prepared to allow Robert Valentine and his mother to remain in possession of caretaker's premises in Gorey Courthouse up to and including 30th July 1938 on the understanding that clear possession of the premises will be then handed over to the County Council."

#### OLD GATE, ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. T. McCarthy, County Councillor, Enniscorthy, under date 9th June 1938:-

"There is an old door or gate at the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, which the '98 Committee would like to get for the windmill on Vinegar Hill. If it requires the approval of the Council I would be glad if you would mention it on Monday. As far as I can see this old gate will never be required for any purpose by the Council."

The County Surveyor stated the old gate referred to by Mr. McCarthy would never be required by the County Council.

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

"That old gate at Enniscorthy Courthouse be handed over to Enniscorthy '98 Commemoration Committee for erection on Vinegar Hill."



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SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT

The following under date 14th May, 1938 (R.A.225/38) was read from the Private Secretary to the Taoiseach:-

"I am directed by the Taoiseach to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, embodying copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council with reference to the outcome of the recent negotiations with representatives of the British Government."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PRESIDENT OF EIRE

The following acknowledgement was read:-

"Dr. Douglas Hyde desires to express his sincere appreciation of your kind message on the occasion of his election as President of Ireland.

He trusts that under the guidance of Divine Providence he may be enabled to discharge the duties of his high post faithfully and in the interest of the people of Ireland.

He thanks you again for your kind message."

*J. Allen*

*27th June 1938*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING - 27th JUNE, 1938

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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 27th June, 1938.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, W. P. Keegan, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, and Myles Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs. J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen, R. J. Ennis and T. Treanor.

Mr. Delap (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Milesworth Street, Dublin) was also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £37418. 6. 7d instalments Public Bodies etc. and £336. 3. 4d monthly salaries, were examined and signed.

#### RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Colfer proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Denis Allen, T.D., be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year to hold Office until his successor has been appointed and has taken Office"

Mr. Colfer said that Mr. Allen had held the position for four years and he (Mr. Colfer) expressed his sincere wish that he would remain in office for a further four years.

Mr. T. Redmond seconded the motion which was supported by Mr. McCarthy, who stated that Mr. Allen had been most impartial in his rulings and had given everyone an



opportunity of putting their views fairly and fully before the Council.

No other proposal was made and Mr. Allen was declared unanimously re-elected Chairman.

He returned thanks for the kindness of the Council in re-electing him to the position. He would do his best with the help of the members which had been given so generously in the past. He asked for a similar measure of their support in the future.

Mr. Allen then signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

#### RE-ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution:-

"That Richard Corish, T.D., be re-elected Vice-Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year to hold Office until his successor has been appointed and has taken Office."

The motion, having been adopted without dissent, the Chairman declared Mr. Corish re-elected Vice-Chairman.

In returning thanks, Mr. Corish said that owing to the very regular attendance of the Chairman he had practically nothing to do as Vice-Chairman and he hoped the same circumstances would prevail in the coming year.

He then signed his declaration of office.

#### NEW MEMBER OF MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The Chairman (who had given previous notice of the proposal) moved:-

"That Mr. Sean Murphy, Tilladavins, Tomhaggard, County Councillor, be appointed member of Mental Hospital Committee vice Mr. W. Cullimore, County Councillor, resigned."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.



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RESIGNATION OF MR. WILLIAM KINSELLA FROM FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

The following under date 21st June 1938 was read from  
Mr. Kinsella:-

"I wish to inform you that I am resigning from the  
Finance Committee, so please inform the Committee.

Thanking you for your courtesy."

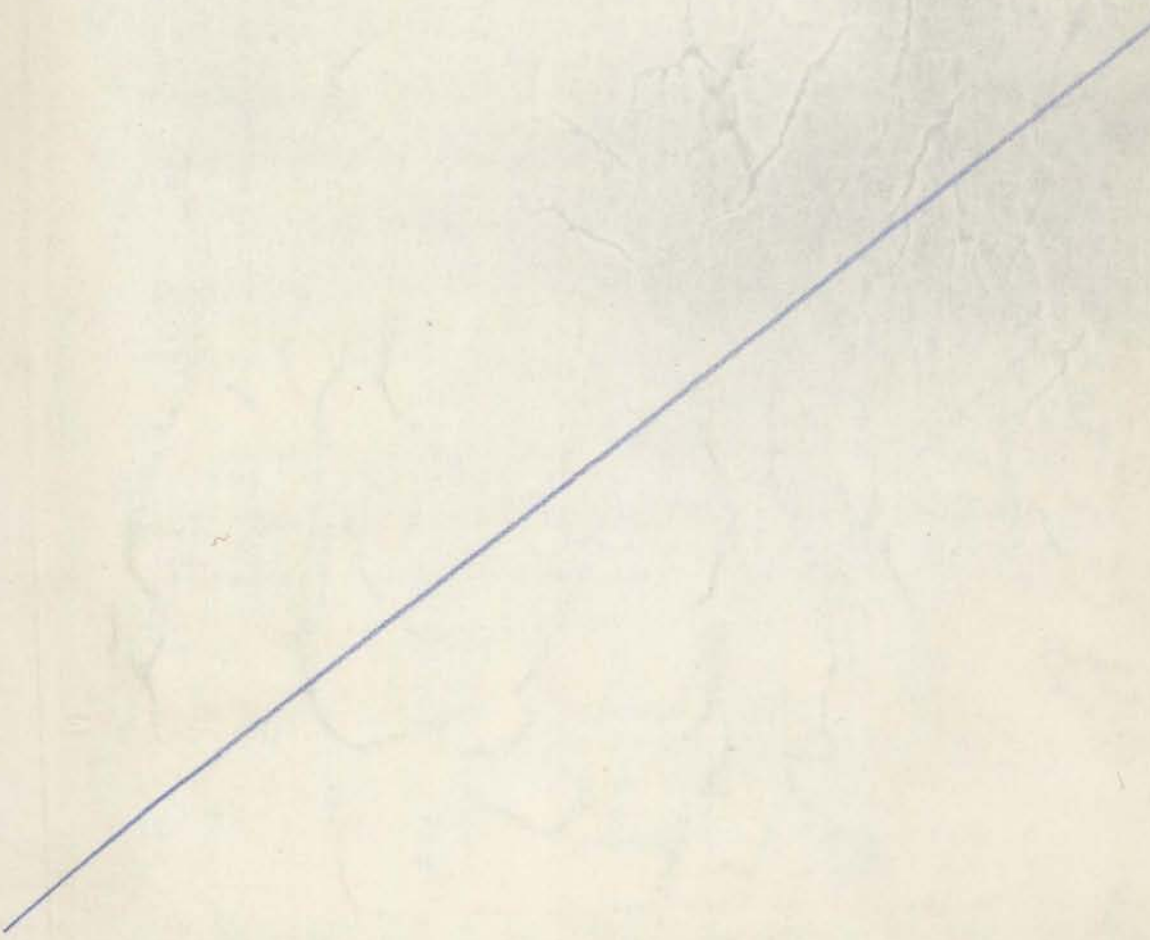
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth:-

"That the resignation of Mr. William Kinsella, County  
Councillor, be accepted with regret and that Mr. Thomas  
McCarthy be appointed to the vacancy."

The motion was adopted nem. con.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 24th JUNE 1938: Minutes of above meeting were  
submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th June, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. P. Keegan, Sean Murphy, 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 £5115. 3. 6d was examined and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, a vote of condolence was adopted to the family of the late Mr. Andrew F. Barden, formerly of Corse, Fethard, Ex-Rate Collector, New Ross Guardians and who died at Cambridge, New Zealand, on 23rd June 1938, in his one hundred and first year. Mr. Barden retired from office in 1897.

It was decided that copy of vote of condolence be furnished to Mr. Philip Murphy, M.C.C., Ballykerogue, nephew of deceased.

RATE COLLECTION

TEMPORARY UNCOLLECTABLE RATES: The following final (revised) lists of Temporary Uncollectable and Irrecoverable Rates were approved:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Temporary Uncollectable Rates to be carried forward to 1938/39 Warrant.</u>				<u>Irrecoverable Rates.</u>			
	<u>Amount</u>			<u>Percentage 1937/38 Warrant.</u>				
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.	
J. Quirke	1192.	3.	11	13.6	109.	2.	1	
W. Doyle	779.	13.	4	15.8	38.	6.	5	
P. Doyle	479.	1.	7	7.9	32.	6.	3	
M. McCarthy	491.	0.	2	8.3	97.	19.	11	
P. Nolan	563.	6.	11	7.5	60.	11.	0	



<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Temporary Uncollectable Rates to be carried forward to 1938/39 Warrant.</u>				<u>Irrecoverable Rates</u>
	<u>Amount</u>			<u>Percentage 1937/38 Warrant.</u>	
	£.	s.	d.		£. s. d.
S. Gannon	527.	3.	10	6.9	50. 0. 1
J. Deegan	521.	16.	0	6.5	60. 3. 0
J. Cummins	459.	3.	9	7.0	19. 4. 7
J. Flood	459.	9.	3	10.7	29. 16. 3
W. Cummins	1433.	10.	4	15.9	24. 12. 0
J. J. O'Reilly	285.	18.	11	4.6	14. 19. 3
D. Kenny	294.	18.	7	5.5	9. 19. 8
A. Dunne	829.	15.	2	19.1	158. 18. 6
J. J. Sinnott	1015.	7.	7	14.5	13. 14. 2
E. J. Murphy	293.	7.	11	5.1	8. 0. 6
M. Kehoe	228.	9.	2	4.8	20. 18. 3
J. Curtis	136.	15.	0	2.2	23. 9. 4
P. Carty	230.	19.	10	4.4	69. 10. 4
	£10242.	1.	3	8.6	£841. 11. 7.

RATES ON DERELICT FARMS ETC.: The meeting discussed and approved issue of special Form to Rate Collectors to secure particulars as to extent and amount of Rates due on Derelict Farms and Holdings on which Rates are not being paid, in order that a close inspection of these places be made to discover if any use is being made of them so that the matter of recovering outstanding rates should be duly dealt with.

EXPLANATION FROM COLLECTORS: Mr. W. Cummins, Rate Collector (No. 10 district) wrote that the reason for the increase of arrears of Rates in his district was because of the current rate on derelict farms which alone was £78. 13. 9d, and on semi-derelict farms £50. 9. 11d; on farms in hands of Auctioneers and which did not realise sufficient to meet the current rate £58. 7. 5d and current rate on other holdings covered by decrees £221. 14. 1d, making a total of £409. 6. 0. He spared no pains, he claimed, to reduce his arrears, but owing to the handicap under which he was obliged to work he found it quite impossible to do this.

Mr. M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) wrote that in all



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suitable cases he had obtained decrees for rates. He would take out examination orders for the amounts if not paid to his Solicitor immediately.

RATE COLLECTORS AND PAYMENT BY SALARY, ETC.: The Secretary read letter from County Secretary, Dublin County Council, re payment of Rate Collectors in his area. The seven Rate Collectors received each remuneration of £460 per annum, made up of £300 salary and £160 commission based on a poundage of 3d in the £. The average warrant would be approximately £52,000. In County Wexford there were 18 Collectors and the total Rate Warrant would not amount to one third of that of Dublin County.

The meeting did not consider the conditions of salary and commission obtaining in Dublin County applicable to County Wexford and no order was made.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following report under date 22nd June 1938 to the County Surveyor, was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin) :-

"On 9th May we reported to your Secretary on Wexford Bridge, and this report was considered by your Council on the 23rd, when you were asked to estimate the cost of making the bridge fit for traffic, either for the time necessary to design and build a new bridge, or for sufficient time to carry the rebuilding over to a later generation.

Since then we have, as you know, had several consultations with you, and have given the matter a great deal of consideration.

We have arranged to examine the bridge underwater, and hope to have this examination complete on the 24th June.

If this under water examination shows nothing worse than what we have seen above water, we think that the bridge can be made fit to carry reasonable traffic at reasonable speeds for a few years more, under a drastic system of inspection and a high annual percentage for maintenance and repairs.

The cost of this temporary restoration of the bridge we estimate as follows:-



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from the rest. For some reason these piles were strapped with wrought iron evidently when the bridge was being built. The conclusion he arrived at was that when these piles were being driven and met the hard they were split in the driving. It was difficult to make a close examination as all the piles on that side of the river were coated with mussel shell to a depth of six to eight inches. The strapped piles were held by iron which had greatly deteriorated and was now of no great use. Looking at the bridge as a whole there was nothing very wrong below water. From low tide, to high water it had deteriorated considerably and above that it had very seriously deteriorated. Between low and high water the tie bars were practically gone. As he had stated generally speaking the bridge above water had been very carefully and constantly looked after by County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said the £6,000 estimate would provide temporary strengthening to take vehicles of five tons "all in" at 15 miles per hour and would allow for the possible passing in opposite directions of two vehicles of the weight referred to.

Mr. Delap said it might be possible with the estimate under consideration to say that the bridge would have a further five years of life.

The County Surveyor said that even if the Council started that day to consider the erection of a new bridge it would take from three to five years to have it completed.

Mr. Delap said that with the proposals now made the main and cross steel girders could be afterwards taken out of the bridge uninjured and could probably be utilised for County Council work or, if steel prices advanced the Council would get what they cost.



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The County Surveyor pointed out that the proposed system of repair would not entail lifting the decking of the bridge whereas if the ties etc. were strengthened or replaced the entire structure would have to be stripped. Another advantage was that there would be no interference with the light normal traffic at present utilising the bridge and the repair could be done out of hand, while the repair of the tie rods would take at least 12 months with the decking of the bridge raised. The suggested repair would allow for bus traffic.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that the report of Mr. Delap and minute of Finance Committee thereon be referred to the County Council for consideration.

#### ROAD ENCROACHMENT AT UPTON, KILMUCKRIDGE

In connection with this matter consideration of which was adjourned from meeting of County Council of 13th June, 1938, for report of County Surveyor, the following was read from Mr. A. Loftus Bryan:-

"Will you please convey my regrets to the Council for having contravened their regulations. Far from trying to obstruct or in any way damage the amenities, I have endeavoured to improve them. You will see by the enclosed sketch that I have added a very considerable area to the roadway opposite my Hydro. My object in doing this was to give parking space free of the actual County road, thereby not causing other road users any inconvenience. I have not yet completed this scheme owing to pressure of work on the farm.

Since I took over possession of this property from my father in 1925, I have endeavoured to give the utmost amount of employment in the district. As you are, no doubt, aware the compensation money for the old Upton House was not received by me, it was spent elsewhere outside Wexford County. Every penny spent here on building and farm labour has come out of my own pocket. I am stressing this point in order to make it quite clear to everyone that I have the interests of my County, County and immediate district at heart. Upton Hydro is the first of its kind in this country. People have come and are coming in increasing numbers from all parts of the world for treatment.

In my own humble way, I am, therefore, helping to advertise and develop my country as a health resort.



I ask the County Council under the circumstances to be good enough to pardon any oversight on my part and to accept my apologies."

The County Surveyor said that the road in question was made in the "famine times" about 1847 and it was not until 1851 that an Act of Parliament provided for the 30 foot clearance of buildings from the centre of the road. The first extension was made at the place on the site of the old lodge. It had since been further considerably extended but the extension was kept in line with the old boundary wall. The porch in the first instance, (and at the time it was seen by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district) was out only six or eight inches but it was now out three feet and was nine feet wide. As a set off, Mr. Bryan had opened the road on the far side. The road was normally 25 feet wide but opposite the premises the width was 62 feet; it was 26 feet wide at the other side of the entrance gate. Owing to the manner in which the road had been opened a parking place for motor cars, clear of the travelling surface had been provided. If Mr. Bryan had, in the first instance, made application to the Council and had sent the sketch he (County Surveyor) would have approved.

Mr. Keegan said that a number of very influential people, who were large ratepayers, were not satisfied unless some action in the matter was taken against Mr. Bryan.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.

EMPLOYMENT ETC. IN KILMUCKRIDGE AREA

The Chairman said that during the meeting he had received the following:-

"A deputation from the Kilmuckridge Labour Branch would be thankful for a hearing in connection with the opening of Tinnacree quarry, or any other work in our district, as there are so many unemployed here at present, the names of whom we can supply."



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The following constituted the deputation:- Messrs. Michael Lawlor (spokesman), John McCarthy, Michael Sinnott, William Smith, Michael Donohoe, Myles Murphy and Patrick Dempsey.

Mr. Lawlor said they would like to know why Tinnacree quarry had been so long closed.

The County Surveyor said there was a surplus of material there.

Mr. Lawlor said the Council were drawing sea gravel eight miles to roads adjoining the quarry. If the surplus material was not utilised the quarry might remain closed for 20 years.

Mr. Lawlor also pointed out that the deputation requested that the road from Kilmuckridge to Ballinure turn (about 400 yards) be steamrolled and treated with tar macadam.

Mr. Keegan said that Tinnacree material might be a bit dearer than sea gravel but it made a better and sounder road. During dry weather and practically for a considerable time in Summer sea gravel roads ravelled and were really a nuisance.

The Chairman said it was the policy of the County Council to provide all possible employment and in the case of Tinnacree it would be to the advantage of the workers if the quarry was opened and all possible roads maintained from it.

The County Surveyor said that the real difficulty was that in the case of some of these roads, the quantity of quarry material to be provided would not be sufficient to fill the ~~exp~~ pot holes. He understood that the average cost of sea gravel was from 5/- to 6/- per yard and the cost of haulage for the quarry material to Kilmuckridge street was 4/- per yard. It would be very expensive to



make an alternate road to the quarry. He considered the road from Blackwater to Riverchapel should be steamrolled out of the Employment Vote (Rural) and would be done in sections when money was available and this would allow of a substantial amount of material being taken from Tinnacree quarry. The section suggested by deputation could possibly be dealt with this year.

In reply to the Chairman he said he would substitute quarry material for sea gravel for the lower end of the district as far as he could reasonably do so.

After further discussion the meeting approved of the suggestion of the County Surveyor that he should approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health and ask them to sanction the opening of one of the works in the district on account of the difficulty of getting out material from Tinnacree quarry and the number of unemployed in the locality.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that the Council should discontinue the use of sea gravel on all roads for which quarry material could be made available.

Mr. Lawlor also referred to bog at Morriscastle, 25 acres of which required draining. Six people were concerned in the matter.

It was pointed out that application to have this work carried out under Minor Relief Schemes Vote had been made already.

It was decided that the County Surveyor again call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the application.

Mr. Michael Sinnott, Morriscastle, a tenant on the Boyce Estate which had been taken over by the Land Commission said he had no road into his holding and was obliged to use the strand as a thoroughfare. The attention of the Land Commission had been already called to the matter.

It was decided that Mr. Sinnott furnish a detailed



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written statement which the County Secretary is instructed to forward to the Land Commission with the opinion of the Finance Committee that Mr. Sinnott had a distinct grievance owing to the delay in providing him with a road to allow of his working his holding to advantage.

#### SALARY OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN

The following letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 10th June 1938 (G.8434-38) to the Library Committee was forwarded by County Librarian for consideration by County Council:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant and previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the salary of the County Librarian being increased by a sum of £25 as from 1st April 1938 with one increment of £15 as from 1st April 1939 and a final increment of £10 as from 1st April 1940. The maximum salary suggested by the Committee cannot, however, be sanctioned.

I am to add that the sanction now given is conditional on the County Council agreeing to place a supplementary grant of £15 at the disposal of the Committee during the current financial year, and that the necessary provision will be made in the subsequent Estimates to avoid any reduction of the amounts available for the purchase of books, etc."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to handing over to County Library Committee for the current financial year £15 as a supplementary Grant in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 10th June 1938 No. G.8434/38."



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following report for presentation to the County Council was approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman:-

"The great trouble in connection with the administration of this Scheme has been the question of determining by valuation or by income the parents or guardians who were "in need of assistance" to provide University Education for their children.

The latest regulation to determine eligibility providing no income tax was payable on direct income was found to be unsatisfactory and the object of Mr. Bowe's notice of motion is to devise some better criterion.

It would appear that the provisions under this head in Secondary and Vocational Scheme are worth consideration. They are as follows:+

Competition for both Scholarships and Bursaries is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the County of Wexford, and in respect of applicants from rural areas who are rated on a valuation not exceeding (a) £120 in the case of families with six children or more; (b) £110 for families with four or five children; (c) £105 two or three children; (d) £100 one child.

In the case of applicants from Rural and Urban 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 question of a Candidate's eligibility under this clause shall be determined before the date fixed for the examination.

In a number of the University Schemes for other Counties the valuation is given as not to exceed £100 and gross income £250 with increase in some cases of £25 in respect of each child under 16.

Having considered this point of income from several angles it would appear that the provisions in the Secondary and Vocational Scheme furnish the most satisfactory figures.

Other small changes could be made in the Scheme as follows:-

1. Medical Certificate to be provided.
2. Statutory Declaration by parents or guardians<sup>as</sup> to means.
3. Information as to matriculation of student.
4. Qualification as to residence to read as follows:-

The Children of persons 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 a Courthouse, or other public institution, are eligible to compete for University Scholarships provided they come within the provisions as to valuation and/or income.

5. The following clause which was inserted in Scheme for 1938 to be retained:- When two members of the same family are successful in the same year at University Examination and secure such marks as would entitle each to a University Scholarship, one scholarship only will be awarded, the parents or guardians of the candidates in question to make the selection."



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ERECTION OF HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, under date 22nd June 1938:-

"Three Contractors as under have tendered to do the work in connection with Harbour Master's House, Courtown at the following figures:-

James Mythen, Mount Alexander £350.

James Daly, Riverchapel, £320.

William Cousins, Ballycale, £290.

William Cousins, proposes building outside walls and parting walls in mass concrete. The others specify concrete cavity work for outside walls and concrete blocks for parting walls."

It was mentioned that Mr. Cousins had a good deal of work at cottage building and it was questionable if he would be able to complete the work within the specified period.

Mr. Keegan and Mr. Colfer were of opinion that a house as specified by Messrs. Daly and Mythen would be freer from damp than one built in mass concrete.

The County Surveyor said he favoured mass concrete. He had gone into the matter with Mr. Dunbar, Engineer to the Board of Health, but subsequently came to the conclusion it would be advisable to have the house erected by contract rather than by direct labour.

After discussion it was decided that the County Surveyor select the tender which he considered most suitable and in respect of which the building would be completed by the scheduled period and that he report on the matter to the Council when he had made his decision.



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SAND ON MAIN ROAD, ENNISCORTHY URBAN

The County Surveyor said he had been in correspondence with Imperial Chemicals as to the use of Hydrochloric Acid to counteract the polished effect on the Enniscorthy Main Road from Enniscorthy Bridge to Donohoe's Corner and would report result of experiments later.

APPLICATION RE ERECTION OF GARAGE

The County Surveyor submitted the following application from Sergeant P. J. Mullen, Garda Siochana, Oulart, under date 20th June 1938:-

"I have erected a garage to house my motor-car in the garden at rear of Station to which access is from the Public road.

The garage is 16 feet by 10 feet by 8, and is a timber structure.

My Authorities direct that I have the permission of the County Council as the structure is built slightly less than the required distance from centre of the Public road. The structure is about 25 feet from the road but is in a field and it is not possible that any obstruction could be caused thereby. I would be grateful if you could let me have the necessary permission."

The County Surveyor said that as a matter of fact the building was 26 feet from the face to the opposite road and only 15 feet from the centre of the road.

It was decided that County Surveyor inform Sergeant Mullin that the County Council have no power to over-ride the law which provides that no new building can be erected within 30 feet of the centre of a public road unless on the site of a former building.



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ROAD AT TOBERDUFF, GOREY

Mr. Keegan asked if the County Surveyor had taken any steps with regard to flooding from public road at Toberduff Lane in which six farmers were concerned.

The County Surveyor said he had made application for inclusion of this <sup>in</sup> Minor Relief Schemes list.

The Chairman believed that it would be more advisable if the matter was dealt with direct by the County Surveyor as it meant only putting a pipe across the lane.

The County Surveyor said he would do what he could in the matter.

APPLICATION ERECTION KERBSIDE PETROL PUMP

At the meeting of County Council on 13th June 1938, application was read from Mrs. Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross, for licence for kerbside pumps at her premises. She had a dual hand operated pump but was substituting for it two single all electric pumps.

It then ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> decided to refer application to the County Surveyor for report.

The County Surveyor stated he had inspected the place on the 20th June and found that several years ago the County Council had allowed two pumps to be erected outside Mrs. Ellis' place which was adjacent to the Royal Hotel, New Ross. The street at this place was not very wide and what Mrs. Ellis proposed was to substitute two small pumps for one of the larger ones. This would mean that there would be three pumps instead of two in the row, but the pathway would be widened by six or eight inches. He considered the application might be approved.

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

"That, in view of report of County Surveyor, we recommend the County Council to agree to the application of



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Mrs. Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross, to substitute two small petrol pumps for one of the larger ones opposite her premises."

APPLICATION ERECTION ROAD SIGN

The following under date 17th June 1938, was read from Messrs. O'Connor, Dunne & Co., Hotel, Ferns:-

"Will you please give us the necessary permission to erect a small sign of direction to the Hotel at the corner opposite to Mr. Haughton's underneath or beside the Road sign.

It will be small and light, only 18" by 9".

I have been requested by the Cyclists Touring Club to which the Hotel is affiliated to have this done as the two roads are confusing to strangers."

The County Surveyor was not in favour of granting the application and read report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, that he would not be inclined to allow the sign with the name of the Hotel to be attached in any way to the road sign but if it were put on a separate post in an approved position and so as not to cause obstruction to road users he would not make objection.

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

"The Finance Committee are not prepared to recommend the County Council to agree to request of Messrs. O'Connor Dunne & Co., Ferns for placing of sign with name of Hotel underneath or beside the road sign, but consider if the Hotel sign be erected on a separate post and to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor the County Council should not withhold permission."

DRAINAGE OF "PILL" AT LOUGHARD (KILLINICK)

Memorial re above signed by nine land holders was submitted as follows by the County Surveyor:-



"We, the undersigned, would be thankful if you would include the draining of the Pill at Loughard, Killinick in your next scheme for relief work. Our lands are badly flooded in the Summer and Winter months and a comparatively small scheme would be of great benefit."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to schedule the work of draining Pill at Loughard, Killinick, for favourable consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

#### HIGH COURT ON CIRCUIT

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the County Registrar under date 21st June 1938:-

"As announced in the Press to-day the High Court Circuit will sit here on 6th July. On this occasion two Judges will sit. Hence it will likely be necessary to prepare the Council Chamber as a second Court. In this case it will be necessary to equip a robing room for the Judge. Some provision will have to be made for a supply of hot water. I shall be obliged if you will give the matter your immediate attention."

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Murphy to recommend the County Council to agree to the use of the County Council Chamber for High Court Judge and that the County Surveyor make the necessary arrangements to meet the convenience of the Judge. That if required, the Old County Council Chamber be placed at the disposal of the District Justice for his Court on 6th July, 1938.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

In regard to charges for use of rooms in Courthouse Building, Gorey, under the control of the County Council, query was received from Mr. T. Dwyer, Caretaker, if charge was to be made in respect of meetings of Gorey Town



Commissioners. He also asked permission to put a notice on bulletin board of the Courthouse that Caretaker should receive 12 hours' notice of all meetings.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan to inform the Caretaker of Gorey Courthouse that no charge should be made as regards use of room in Court building for meetings of Gorey Town Commissioners. There will be no objection to the Caretaker putting on bulletin board the notice as suggested in his letter to apply to all applications for use of rooms in Court Building.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, wrote as to application to Enniscorthy District Court, for committal of Margaret Hennessy (who was an inmate of County Board of Health) to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Gorey, wrote under date 13th June 1938 (767/38 Co.) that he intended to make application to Gorey District Court for committal to Industrial School of Michael Devine (12 years) some of Thomas Devine, Eire Street, Gorey, under Section 81(1)(B) of the Children's Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Some members of the Finance Committee expressed the opinion that Devine's father should be able to make a weekly contribution towards his maintenance in Industrial School and it was decided that the matter be referred to the County Solicitor with a view to taking action on this point.



### REQUISITION FOOD AND DRUGS SUPPLIES

Under date 14th June 1938 the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, forwarded requisition for supplies for Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts for half year to end of December 1938.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to order supplies for Inspectors under Food and Frugs Acts as requisitioned by Chief Inspector, Garda Siochana, Wexford, under date 14th June, 1938."

### COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING

The Secretary to County Councils' General Council wrote that the annual meeting would be held during Horse Show Week (August 2nd to 6th inclusive) and that notice of any matter which it was desired to be placed on agenda should reach him before 23rd July.

Adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting.

### EXTRA CLERICAL ASSISTANCE - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The following under date 17th June 1936 (R/RS/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 15th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to employment of a temporary Clerical Assistant in the County Surveyor's office for a period of one month at remuneration of 1/1d per hour.

The enclosed query form should be completed in respect of the person selected for employment."

### EXTENSION PERIOD OF OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of overdraft accommodation to Wexford County Council of



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£35,000 from 1st July 1938 to 30th September 1938."

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

The Secretary to above forwarded Report of Directors with Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for year ended 31st December 1937. The Ordinary General Meeting had been scheduled for 30th June and the nominee of Wexford County Council had been notified.

It appeared from the Statement of Accounts that the claims paid represented only 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % of the premiums.



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 24th June 1938 be received and considered."

POUNDAGE: Mr. T. Redmond said that the Collectors who had closed their Warrants had not yet received the balance of their Poundage.

The Secretary pointed out none of the Collectors had closed their Warrants by the prescribed date, viz., the 31st March 1938. The Finance Committee had passed a resolution asking for the Minister's sanction to payment of this balance. Payment could only be made, without sanction, if Collectors closed their Warrants by the 31st March 1938.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of balance Poundage fees to Rate Collectors. Many of the Collectors have no source of income other than that derived from Rate Collection, and it is a hardship on them not to be paid poundage immediately after Warrants have been closed."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Delap said that nine tenths of the timber under water was as good as when put down. He then referred to the statement which he made at the Finance Committee on 24th June 1938 and in reply to Mr. Corish said there was no immediate danger of the bridge collapsing with proper maintenance and constant inspection. There was no reason why the steelwork would not give the results expected. But five years' life was as much as they could count on.

Mr. Kinsella said that after spending £6000 on the bridge the Council would be in the same hole as at present. A number of ratepayers who were slow in parting with money



believed it was useless to spend the £6000 now. If the Council did not intend to erect a new bridge within five or six years it would be foolish to spend this large sum.

In further reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Delap would not commit himself to the repair of the bridge, giving the structure a longer life than five years. It would take fully a year to prepare all the preliminary work for a new bridge and before they would be ~~in~~ position to advertise for Tenders.

Mr. Corish asked if the County Council decided for a new bridge would a lesser sum than the £6000 keep the bridge going until a new bridge was erected.

Mr. Delap said it could be kept in its present condition with a lesser sum but that would mean the existing restricted light and slow traffic.

Mr. Corish considered that if they agreed to provide a new bridge it would be foolish to spend £6000 on the repair of the existing structure. And they should remember a loan would be given only for the period the bridge would be regarded as effective.

Mr. Kinsella contended that the position was very serious for "over the water" people and for the residents of the town of Wexford. The people of the rest of the County were not very favourable to Wexford Town and the three other towns of the County were benefiting at the expense of Wexford owing to the condition of the bridge.

The Chairman denied that the rest of the County was influenced against Wexford district in any shape or form. The people of the three other districts of the County and their representatives on the Council were concerned with the County as a whole and would be found in favour of having a new bridge in Wexford if it was necessary. Two could play at Mr. Kinsella's game and if they were to have an



inuendo such as he mentioned the rest of the County outside Wexford might be forced into taking a different line of action.

Mr. Kinsella stated he meant to convey to the Council by his remark that on this particular question it would not be natural to expect districts outside of Wexford to take the same interest as the people of Wexford who were so vitally affected.

Mr. Keegan said that the districts outside Wexford had voted in favour of providing a large sum for Wexford Harbour improvements and when the matter was under consideration every Councillor displayed the greatest interest in helping the people of Wexford in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be admitted that every Councillor considered the County as a unit and they were not in the habit of differentiating in any way as between district and district. If the County Council would recommend the spending of the £6000 they would be providing a bridge which would meet the present normal traffic. If they did not adapt the recommendations of the Engineers were they to leave the people without a bridge, or a bridge which would deal with only 2 tons "all in" at a very low speed.

Mr. Corish held that the matter under consideration was not alone serious from the point of view of Wexford and Castlebridge district but of the whole County. He would not suggest that the people of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross were in any way against having a new bridge if they were convinced it was really necessary. It was all very well to say "spend £6000 and you will have a bridge for five years" but that was only putting off the evil day. It was necessary to do something in the way of repair, but it was futile to wait to have in five years the same problem



as at present. The report of Mr. Delap and the County Surveyor was very serious from the point of view of Wexford County and it was very foolish to spend the £6000 for the anticipated results. The five years' plan would entail the equivalent of a penny in the £ and for a new bridge the cost would be  $2\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £. If they could make a temporary repair to carry on the bridge in preparation for the erection of a new bridge it would be very foolish to spend £6000. He had been speaking to a number of large ratepayers who shared this view. He thought they might ask the County Surveyor and Mr. Delap what would it cost to repair the bridge to bear its present traffic and they could proceed with the proposals for a new bridge in the interval.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor had been asked for a report as to the cost of putting the bridge into reasonable repair. They had no report up to the present that the bridge had been unable to carry existing normal traffic. It had been carrying all the traffic of farmers and traders and no complaint had ever been made that it was not up to the work expected so far as trade and commerce were concerned.

Mr. Corish said that numbers of vehicles with a weight far above that stipulated by the County Council had used the bridge. If they borrowed £70,000 <sup>for</sup> the local contribution from Local Loans Fund they would pay £4200 for 35 years.

Mr. T. Redmond said that if they spent £6000 now and at the end of five years they had to spend a further £6000 they would find eventually a new bridge would have to be erected.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that even after spending £6000 there would be annual maintenance of about £200. Latterly the cost of annual maintenance had gone up to £700. He had inquired as to cost of pitch pine



and found it was double what they paid for it previously.

Mr. Keegan said they would have to maintain the bridge even if a new bridge was not built.

The County Surveyor said that the idea of spending the £6000 was to give the Council an opportunity of "looking round" in the matter of a new bridge.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the expenditure of the £6000 would reduce the annual maintenance by £500 and they would have for the five years a set off of £2500 against the £6000.

Mr. Delap said that the recommendation to spend the £6000 was really in preparation for the erection of a new bridge. Before the actual building of this could be undertaken it was necessary that borings (which meant a long and tedious process) to see what the foundations were ~~XX~~ likely to be and also an inspection and survey of the site should be made.

The Chairman said they had no guarantee that the Government would be prepared to furnish a grant of £30,000 towards the cost of a new bridge. In reality, he did not regard the building of a new bridge as urgent but it was urgent to put the present bridge into repair. Then they would not forget they were now at the peak period as regards building and of the cost of materials and they might save a very substantial amount by waiting for five years. They could realise the amount of building all over the country when they considered the amount in hand in County Wexford alone.

Mr. O'Byrne considered it was worth spending £6000 to provide for the convenience of the people at their normal traffic for five years. Then there was the difference in the cost of maintenance now and after the outlay for the five years' period which was worth consideration.



Mr. Corish asked were the Council going to spend the £6000 and leave the question of the new bridge in abeyance?

Miss O'Ryan moved:- "That the Council agree to the proposal to expend out of revenue £6000 on the repair of Wexford Bridge. That the Minister be requested for sanction of increase in amount of County Council overdraft to meet this expenditure and that the County Council make application for the 40% main road maintenance grant in this instance.

Mr. Michael Redmond seconded.

Mr. Kinsella said he could not see what harm would be done by starting negotiations for securing a grant and considering erection of a new bridge. In respect of this matter they had expert advice but they would not take it.

The Chairman said the Council were proposing to carry out what the Engineers suggested for strengthening the bridge for the next five years.

Mr. Corish held this was only a make-shift.

Miss O'Ryan said the only alternative to the proposal to expend the £6000 was to have a limit of weight on the bridge of two tons "all in" for the next five years.

Mr. Keegan said if they came to erect a new bridge in five years they might be able to have a large amount of material required in the structure manufactured in Ireland and probably prices would be lower.

Mr. Thomas Redmond held that in agreeing to spend the £6000 they were not ruling out the question of a new bridge; they were making provision for immediate needs.

Mr. Corish considered that if the Council gave unqualified support to the view that the £6000 would put matters right the question of the erection of the new bridge might be shelved for years. Was there any guarantee this would not happen?



The Chairman said that his attitude was that if the bridge, after the proposed repairs, was doing its work they should postpone the question of erection of a new bridge. They should have the clearest possible evidence a new bridge was absolutely essential before taking any further steps.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be the duty of the County Surveyor after a year or so to report to the Council and if it were necessary to move further it would be pointed out in this report.

Mr. T. Redmond considered that the County Surveyor should, when the proposed repairs were effected, report to the Council.

The County Surveyor said that if they secured the 40% Main Road Maintenance Grant the actual contribution by the Council would be £3600. If the repairs were executed out of loan no State Grant would be available.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan agreed to have the following addendum to her motion:-

"That when the repairs to Wexford Bridge covered by the £6000 are carried out the County Surveyor furnish a comprehensive report to the County Council. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and County Surveyor, arrange to discuss the question of Wexford Bridge, repairs etc. with Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health."

The motion with addendum was then put and adopted.

The County Surveyor said that in the event of the repairs being carried out extra money should be allocated in next Road Works Scheme for the maintenance of the alternate route.

In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said the repairs would never reach a stage to block the traffic; they would take six or eight months.



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ROAD ENCROACHMENT AT UPTON: The County Surveyor said that as he had pointed out at the meeting of the Finance Committee he had inspected the place with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who would deal with any point of law which would arise. Having stated the circumstances as detailed in Minutes of Finance Committee of 24th June 1938 the County Surveyor said that if no action was taken by the County Council against Major Bryan the latter should ease the two corners at parking place. Major Bryan said that there were eight or ten cars constantly parked there and if they were allowed to remain on the ordinary road surface they might be a nuisance and a danger. If, as he informed the Finance Committee, Major Bryan had in the first instance, sought the permission of the Council and had supplied the necessary sketch he (County Surveyor) would have approved.

Mr. McCarthy proposed:-

"That in view of the statement of the County Surveyor as regards encroachment on road at Upton, Kilmuckridge, by Major A. Loftus Bryan, no action be taken by the County Council provided Major Bryan carries out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor easement of corners at motor parking place."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Keegan said it was a very bad example to allow Major Bryan to do what he liked as regards the County roads without applying to the County Council. People in the district were not satisfied and he should be obliged to restore the road. He proposed the following:-

"That Major Bryan be directed to remove the porch or projection at Upton which encroaches on the public road to an extent of three feet out by nine feet wide."

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Smyth said that in view of Major Bryan's action



people in the district complained there was one law for him and a different law for everyone else. The alteration Major Bryan made gave a "wind" to what was formerly a perfectly straight road. Cars were constantly parked opposite the place and constituted a danger.

The County Surveyor said the object of Major Bryan in widening the road was to avoid the parking of cars on the travelling surface.

Miss O'Ryan said that Major Bryan seemed to believe he was working in the interests of the County. She thought it might be advisable to adjourn the matter until they had a report from the Gorey Members of the Council who could visit the place with the County Surveyor. She believed it would not serve any useful purpose to order the removal of the porch in question without very definite investigation. She then proposed:-

"That the County Council Representatives for Gorey District, with County Surveyor, inspect the encroachment at the road at Upton, Kilmuckridge, and report to the Council."

Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Smyth said that even if the Council did not go so far as to direct Major Bryan to remove the projection they should record a very strong protest against his action.

Mr. Keegan said he would like to know if it was open to anyone to open a road to make a parking place for motor cars.

The County Surveyor said that the land for the widening was taken from Major Bryan's land.

The Chairman said he thought some other members of the Council and not the Gorey representatives (in whose area this particular place was situate) should inspect and report. He suggested Mr. Corish and Mr. Kinsella. It was a



"cheeky" thing for Major Bryan to erect this projection, but he (Chairman) could not regard it as in any way interrupting the flow of traffic.

County Surveyor - As I stated already, if Major Bryan had made formal application I would have agreed to it.

After further discussion, Miss O'Ryan withdrew her motion and a poll, with the following result, was taken on Mr. McCarthy's proposal.

For:- Messrs. Kennedy, Kinsella, Lawlor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Redmond (M), Redmond (T), and the Chairman (10).

Against:- Messrs. Corish, Keegan, Ronan and Smyth. (4).

Mr. Colfer (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

EMPLOYMENT KILMUCKRIDGE AREA: The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of 24th instant re above. Herewith are particulars as requested.

The Roads referred to are Index No. 213 Section 8. No.344. Sec. 15. No. 345. Sec. 15. No. 346. Sec. 15.

Road Nos. 213. 344. 345. and 346 Amount allowed £160 Length about 10 miles

	<u>c.yds.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Where obtained</u>
Road No. 213	80	2/8	Courtown
" " 344	100	3/0	Roney
" " 345	80	3/6	Cahore
" " 346	100	4/6	Roney.

If a breaking ground obtainable on road 346 I estimate <sup>/of</sup> that cost broken material from Tinnacree on Roads No.s 344. 345. and 346 would be 13/6, 11/6 and 10/- respectively.

Road No. 213 is rolled for about three quarters of its length.



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The County Surveyor said that by using quarry material for sea gravel for first period it would mean a disadvantage as they would have potholes but after a few years the quarry material would prove the more suitable. He believed these Kilmuckridge roads should be done by quarry material. If these four roads were to be kept in reasonable condition a considerably higher price should be allocated. In his opinion, they were rather worse than any other road in the County and they were subject to bus and tourist traffic.

Mr. Smyth said some effort should be made by the Tourist Association to secure a grant for repair of these roads as during the summer months they were used largely by tourists.

The County Surveyor said they were able to do two small sections at Riverchapel, but if they had to wait for Relief Grant on the same scale it would take ten years to complete the entire road.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to request the Tourist Association to approach the appropriate Government Department with a view to securing State Grant to repair road Ardamine to Kilmuckridge and that he supply data etc. to the Association to assist in helping this application."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Bowe:-

"That the Council, at their meeting to be held on 13th June 1938, consider how best to arrive at a decision relative to the eligibility of candidates to compete for University Scholarships of this Council in order to comply with the provisions of Section 10(2) of the Irish University Act 1918 which defines accepted candidates under this



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Scheme to mean such as are "in need of assistance" to secure the benefits of a University training. That the decision of the County Council in this matter apply only to their University Scholarship Scheme from 1939 onwards."

Mr. Bowe was not in attendance and it was pointed out that as the Scheme had to be printed without further delay the County Secretary should explain to Mr. Bowe the recommendations of the Finance Committee in the matter of means and which recommendations had been accepted by the Council.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 24th June 1938, as submitted to this meeting, be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### LOAN ROAD MACHINERY

The following motion, which was circulated to the members of County Council on 17th May, 1938, stood in the name of the Chairman:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of County Council to be held on Monday, 27th June, 1938, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford - That the Wexford County Council borrow from the National Bank Ltd., £3,600 (Three Thousand Six Hundred Pounds) repayable in seven or ten years - whichever of these periods is sanctioned by Minister for Local Government and Public Health - for the purchase of Road Machinery."

In moving his motion the Chairman said as they believed it would not be possible to procure loan from Local Loans Fund they had decided to apply to the Treasurer of the



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County Council.

Mr. Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted.

REMUNERATION LAY SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

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

"That the remuneration of the six Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for sheep dipping period of 1938 be fixed at £20 each plus actual cost for items of postage."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to the following:-

New: Michael J. Redmond, 46 Main Street, Gorey; Garrett Byrne, Bree.

To issue provided no objection be made by Garda Síochana.

Renewals: Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that next meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 8th August 1938.

*J. Allen*

*8th Aug. 38*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 8th AUGUST, 1938

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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 August 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), C. Culleton, R. Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and M. Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2748. 11. 6d was examined and signed.

#### DRAINAGE RATES - SOW AND KILMANNOCK AREAS

The following resolutions were proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond, and adopted nem. con.:-

"That we hereby strike Rate for Sow Drainage Area for year ending 1st March 1939, 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."



"That we hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of year ending 1st March 1939, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January 1927, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934, No. 9/94/34, amount £83. 7. 10d, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended or their successors in Title."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 8th JULY 1938: Minutes in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th July, 1938.

Present:- Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne and John Murphy.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6918. 14. 4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

1938/39 COLLECTION: The Assistant Secretary stated that the 1938/39 Collection was about to begin and a number of Collecting Books were at present being distributed by the Rate Inspector.

The following letter, sent to each Rate Collector, on 7th July, 1938, was approved:-

"I am sending under separate cover to each Rate Collector supply of forms on which are to be returned particulars of rates outstanding on derelict farms and on farms on which rates are not being paid. These forms should be accurately filled in and returned to me by the 19th instant.

As regards Temporary Uncollectable Rates, I have to inform Collectors that in cases in which "No Goods" are returned on decrees, Collectors should apply for Examination Orders. Collectors should also ascertain from the Sheriff what action has been taken, in regard to decrees lodged with him. It is essential that Collectors should follow up the matter of Decrees with the Sheriff as far as possible. If all Collectors take a really active interest in this aspect of the Collection, it will have a very beneficial effect on their work generally.

As regards the new Collection which is now about to begin, Collectors should see that Demand Notes are issued at the earliest possible moment so that returns at the end of the first quarterly period after the beginning of the Collection, may show favourable comparison with the published returns from other Counties.



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I would again stress the absolute necessity for Collectors following up Court Decrees with Examination Orders in all suitable cases. They should also get in touch with the Sheriff as regards the execution of decrees within a reasonable time after they have been lodged.

A few seizures by Collectors on their own warrants during last year's collection had satisfactory results. Collectors should adopt this procedure in all suitable cases during the present collection.

As returns for Department of Local Government and Public Health have to be submitted in respect of each moiety separately, Collectors are requested to note that they should, in every instance, make separate lodgments in respect of second moiety as distinct from lodgments in respect of first moiety and arrears."

The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. Seamus Murphy, Local Government Inspector, attended at the County Council Offices on 6th July, 1938, and dealt with matters relating to Rate Collection, Demands of Urban Councils and the general financial position. Mr. Murphy intended interviewing the following Collectors on the occasion of his next visit:- J. Flood, J. Quirke, J. J. Sinnott, W. Doyle and W. Cummins.

POUNDAGE: The following letter, under date 28th June 1938, No. G.3043/8/9/38, Loch Garman, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, and enclosure, relative to payment of poundage to 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% of the assessment for 1937/38, plus the full arrears applicable to the 1936/37 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 second moiety I am to state that in view of the percentages carried forward the Minister will raise no objection to the remission of the deduction of 5 per cent made in the cases of Collectors P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Deegan, D. Kenny and P. Carty. Poundage at the rate of 7d in respect of their first moiety and arrears may be paid to Collectors P. Nolan, S. Gannon, J. O'Reilly, A. Dunne, E. Murphy, M. Kehoe and J. Curtis.

I am to add that as the delay in closing the first moiety of their warrants for 1937/38 by Collectors W. Cummins and J. Synnot has not been offset by satisfactory carried forwards, in these cases payment at the rate of 7d on the first moiety and arrears must be subject to a deduction of 5 per cent."



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It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to agree to the payment of full poundage fees on second moiety and arrears in the case of Collector William Doyle, who was only short £3. 13. 6d of the stipulated lodgment.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that poundage as sanctioned be paid to all the Collectors at the present meeting of the Committee.

The following are the deductions ordered by the Department in the cases of five Collectors:- J. Quirke, £6. 8. 8d; William Doyle, £3. 15. 4d; J. Flood, £3. 3. 10d; W. Cummins £6. 12. 9d; J. J. Sinnott, £5. 5. 0d. All these deductions were made in respect of poundage of first moiety and arrears of 1937/38 collection.

LAW COSTS, COLLECTOR P. NOLAN: The following letter, under date 28th June 1938, No. G.1847/38, Loch Garman, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, relative to the result of legal proceedings taken by Collector P. Nolan for recovery of rates, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he raises no objection, in the circumstances, to a refund of a sum of £5. 7s. 0d to this Collector."

PREMIUMS, COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS: The following from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 30th June 1938, No. G.18431/38, Loch Garman, was submitted:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 20th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he raises no objection to



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the proposal of the Wexford County Council to pay the amount of the premiums on the Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds."

NO. 11 COLLECTION DISTRICT: Under date 28th June, 1938, the following letter, No. G.13231/4/38, Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that provided the procedure set out in Article 94 of the Public Bodies Orders has been complied with he sanctions the re-distribution proposed of the former No. 11 Collection District among the Collectors for Districts Nos. 8 and 10."

Article 94 of Public Bodies Order reads as follows:-

"The Council may from time to time with the consent of the Minister previously obtained, make any change in the Division of the County Health or Urban District into Collection Districts. Notice of the intention to propose such a change shall be given by a member of the Council in accordance with the rules and standing orders for the regulation of the proceedings of the Council."

The Chairman stated she would give the requisite notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 8th August 1938 regarding the abolition of Collection District No. 11 and the extension of the boundaries of Collection Districts Nos. 8 and 10, by the inclusion of the Electoral Division of Bolaboy with Collection District No. 8, and the inclusion of the Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castle Talbot with Collection District No. 10.



PRINTING LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES: In connection with the printing of lists of Temporary Uncollectable Rates for the information of individual members of the Council, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that lists of Irrecoverable Rates should also be printed and furnished to the local Councillors.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that a sufficient number of copies of the lists should be printed to enable a supply for the whole County to be furnished to the members of the Finance Committee.

Quotations for the printing of the lists were submitted as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
The Echo Company, Enniscorthy	18.	4.	0
The Free Press, Wexford.	26.	0.	0
Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.	28.	10.	0
The People Newspapers Ltd., Wexford	33.	18.	6.

Messrs. J. English & Co., Wexford, wrote that, as they were closing down for the staff's annual holiday, they were not in a position to submit quotation.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the quotation of the Echo, Enniscorthy, at £18. 4. 0, being the lowest, was accepted.

TEMPORARY BORROWING

Under date 1st July 1938, the following letter, No. G.8195/3/38, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultim@, 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



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the aggregate £35,000 (Thirty five Thousand pounds).

This sanction extends to the period ending 30th September 1938.

The enclosed duplicate of this letter may be transmitted to the Treasurer."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: In reference to application from Daniel Sheehan, Clohamon, Ferns, for loan of £200 in respect of house, estimated value £280 and Government Grant £70, the meeting noted that, according to Scheme, the maximum loan which could be granted in the case of a house valued at £280 would be £180.

The following letter from Mr. P. Ronan, M.C.C., Ferns, was submitted:-

"In reply to yours of the 1st instant re Daniel Sheehan, Clohamon, I wish to state that the figure which he gives as his earnings would be correct, as he is working on the village Scheme here as a mason. The figure £200 seems a large amount considering he is a mason and would be capable of building the house himself. I would advise a smaller sum under the circumstances. As to the question of his suitability, in my opinion, he is quite suitable, as he is respectable and I think he is a man who would pay his instalments all right, provided he is working, but he has no other means."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the amount of loan in this case should not exceed £150; loan to be granted subject to the usual conditions regarding location, site, title, etc., being observed and to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health being obtained.



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MICHAEL KIRWAN, KILLAGOLEY, ENNISCORTHY: The following letter, under date 2nd July 1938, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of to-day's date and in reply write to say, that on the 19th May last I wrote to Mr. Jordan, Mr. Kirwan's Solicitor, informing him that the Council had provisionally approved of an Increase in the Loan to the above from £130 to £145, and on the 20th May I received a letter from Mr. Jordan, stating that he would write me immediately he heard from Mr. Kirwan, but so far I have not heard from him, and I am today writing to Mr. Jordan impressing upon him the necessity of his Client informing us what he intends doing in the matter."

PATRICK MARTIN, MONEYHORE, ENNISCORTHY: The following letter, under date 2nd July 1938, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and in reply write to say, that on the 13th May last I wrote to Patrick Martin informing him that a Loan had been provisionally sanctioned to him under the above Acts for the purpose of erecting a Dwellinghouse, but since then, I have not heard from him. I am writing him again today to ascertain if he proposes availing of Loan, and when I hear from him I will let you know."

THOMAS GAFFNEY, KILBRANEY, GUSSEANE: The following letter, under date 2nd July 1938, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday and in reply write to say, that on the 24th July 1937 I had written to Thomas Gaffney for Particulars as to his Title, but I do not appear to have received same from him, and have asked him now to let me have this information at once, and have also



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pointed out, as directed in your letter, that no commitment should be entered into in connection with the House until the Sanction of the Local Government Department has been received. When I hear further from him I will let you know".

SAMUEL BRYAN, CURRATUBBIN, KILLENA: Under date 2nd July, 1938, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday with reference to the above, and in reply write to say, that at the moment I am unable to certify Mr. Bryan's Title as being in order owing to the fact, that the Property on which he proposes building is held under a Yearly Tenancy, and under the Provisions of the Act the Title must be either Fee Simple or else, Leasehold Interest for 60 years to run. On the 21st May last I wrote Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, who are acting for Bryan, informing them that if they could get a Lease of the Premises for say, 99 years I would then be in a position to certify, but since then I have not heard from them. I am writing them again on the matter today."

Under date 6th July, 1938, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote as follows:-

"Referring to previous correspondence herein, I send you herewith Copy of a letter I received this morning from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Bryan, from which you will see that Bryan is anxious to avail of the Loan when I am satisfied that his Title to the Plot on which he proposes to build is in order."

The following is copy of letter of Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, referred to in foregoing:-

"We are in receipt of yours of the 2nd instant.

The delay in this matter is that Mr. Bryan's Landlord



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has arranged to give him a Lease for 99 years but we must get the Land Commission's Consent to this Lease as it is Registered Land, and we have applied for the Consent. We do not anticipate there will be any difficulty in getting it, and when the Title is in order we will forward the papers to you.

Kindly note that our Client is still anxious to get the Loan. Please do not allocate it to anybody else."

MISS MARY KEEGAN, GRATTAN STREET, GOREY: Under date 2nd July 1938, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and have written to Miss Keegan informing her that a Loan had been provisionally sanctioned under the above Acts to her, and asking her to send me on Particulars as to how the Premises are held on which she proposes building. I have also asked her to send in the Certificate from the Housing Officer to you."

JAMES DEMPSEY, PIERCESTOWN, DRINAGH: Under date 2nd July, 1938, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote as follows:-

"I have also written to Dempsey informing him that a Loan had been provisionally sanctioned, and asked him to send me in Particulars of his Title."

As regards application of James Dempsey, Piercestown, Mr. Murphy stated that he would be in a position to submit particulars as to this application at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

OUTSTANDING INSTALMENTS OF LOANS: Statement showing the amounts outstanding on foot of loans in respect of the period to the 31st March 1938 was submitted. The total outstanding was £127. 7. 5d on a year's collection of £1077. 10. 6d.



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Mr. Elgee stated he would proceed by Civil Bill as soon as possible against the most backward of the defaulters and would send result of proceedings to the Secretary immediately the cases had been dealt with.

Approved.

#### BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted the following draft agreement in connection with the proposed use of Buncloody Hall as Courthouse:-

"Memorandum of an Agreement made and entered into for and on behalf of the Committee of Management of St. Aidan's Hall, Newtownbarry, (hereinafter called the Landlords of the one part, and The County Council of the County of Wexford, having their Offices at the County Hall, Wexford, in the said County of Wexford, (Hereinafter called the Tenants) of the other part, Whereby it is mutually agreed as follows.

1. The Landlords will let and the Tenants will take from them as Tenants from year to year, the use of St. Aidan's Hall, Newtownbarry, for the Purpose of Holding the Sittings of the District Court therein, on the Third Saturday in each Month, or on such other occasions as the District Justice may require to hold a Court in Newtownbarry. The Tenancy to Commence on the                      day of                      1938.
2. The Tenants shall pay to the Landlords for the use of the said Hall as aforesaid the yearly rent of £12, same to be paid by Half yearly Instalments of £6 each the first of such Instalments to be paid on the                      day of                      and day of                      in each year.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate the letting hereby made by giving the other party three Months previous Notice in writing of their intention to do so, such Notice to terminate on a gale day.



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4. The Tenants shall supply such Portable fittings and furniture as may be necessary for the accommodation of the District Justice, and the District Court Clerk, and at the termination of the letting hereby made the Tenants shall have the right to remove such fittings and furniture.

In witness whereof the Landlords have affixed their hands, and the Tenants have affixed their Common Seal hereto the day and year first herein written."

The terms of the agreement were approved on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP - J. J. O'NEILL

The following letter, under date 28th June 1938, from Rev. J. Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, was submitted:-

"I have a note from Mrs. O'Neill of Bushville, Taguat, stating that the Council has made no personal allowance for her son, John Joseph, in respect of his attendance in the College during the year. Mrs. O'Neill pays the personal extras to the College for her son and the College only makes a demand on the Council for £40, leaving her £10 to provide these extras.

The sum paid by the Council to the College was a pro rata payment of a total sum of £40, namely £25 odd, allowing for an absence of 13 weeks. Mrs. O'Neill feels that she has a corresponding pro rata claim of the £10 for personal extras.

I shall be glad if you kindly bring the matter to the notice of the Finance Committee."

The annual value of J. J. O'Neill's Scholarship is £50. The amount of the school fee was reduced from £40 to £25. 1. 2d. A pro rata payment of the £10 balance would be £6. 5. 0.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that £5



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be recommended for payment of balance of John J. O'Neill's Scholarship to meet incidental expenses of the holder.

HOLIDAYS - VETERINARY INSPECTOR LYNCH

The following communication under date 1st July 1938 from Mr. J. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, was submitted:-

"I propose taking a holiday for a course of spa treatment from 13th to 28th instant inclusive. I have arranged with Mr. Taylor, V.S., to do duty in my absence.

I presume he will be remunerated same as last year.

Thanking Council and all, in anticipation."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Mr. Lynch be granted leave as applied for, Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, to do duty during his absence from 13th to 28th July inclusive at remuneration of £2 per week, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following letters under dates 30th June and 5th July 1938 respectively from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector, Enniscorthy, were read:-

"I called to interview John Walsh on 28th June re figures marked X. He was not at home and had not left a list of places he was gone to. I called again on 30th and was informed he had gone to England on 28th to see a brother who was sick."

"I had an interview with John Walsh last evening, and he informed me that he only returned from England yesterday morning the 4th. As you will see by Form W.F.3 he only did one day's work last week."

The following communication, under date 5th July 1938, was sent to Temporary Warble Fly Inspector John Walsh:-



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"I enclose copy of report received from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector. Please send explanation to reach me by Friday, 8th instant.

I would call your attention to the following regulation set out in printed list of instructions for Warble Fly Inspectors:-

"When setting out his work each morning the Inspector must leave at his residence such particulars in writing of the townlands he proposes to visit during the day as will enable the Supervising Veterinary Inspector to get in touch with him. He must not absent himself from duty, by leaving his district or otherwise, without the prior permission of the Local Authority. In case of illness, the fact should be reported to the Local Authority without delay."

Under date 6th July 1938, the following letter from John Walsh, Temporary Warble Fly Inspector, was read:-

"I have been absent off duty from the 28th of June. I had word from a brother in hospital in England, that hadn't been heard of for the past six years, and I had to cross over to him. It was when I came back I found out that I should have applied for leave. I expected to get back on the 29th to start work on the 30th, but I got delayed. I started to work on the 4th of July. Trusting that my enforced absence will cause you no inconvenience."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to inform Mr. Walsh that, by absenting himself from his work without permission or notification to either the Veterinary Inspector or the County Council, he had disobeyed the regulations of the Department of Agriculture set out clearly on the printed list of instructions for Warble Fly Inspectors.

It was also decided to notify him that serious notice will be taken of any failure in the future on his part to comply with instructions from the Department of Agriculture or County Council in connection with the carrying out of his duties.



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APPLICATIONS - MALICIOUS INJURIES

Notifications regarding Malicious Injury Applications were submitted as follows:-

George McIlhagga, Kilcarbery, Enniscorthy, £15 damage to tyre and tube of motor car.

James Kehoe, Slievenagorea, The Ballagh, £20, burning of two knocks of furze.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, to defend.

TEMPORARY CLERK - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The following letter, under date 27th June 1938, No. R/RS/32, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 22nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to employment of Mr. M. Kirwan for one month in the office of the County Surveyor."

ROAD ROSSLARE STRAND TO CARNE PIER

Under date 7th July 1938, the following letter, No. R/RGR/32/3 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) was submitted:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th instant relative to your application for a special grant of 66 2/3% of the cost of reconstructing the County Road leading from Rosslare Strand to Carne Pier, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he is prepared to consider favourably an application for a grant of 50% of the cost of the work estimated at £4,200.

I am to add that favourable consideration will also be given to an application for a grant, on a similar basis, towards the cost of reconstructing the road from Kilrane to St. Helens."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman that the County Council be recommended to accept the offer from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with road Rosslare Strand to Carne Pier and that the sum of £2100, the Council's share



of the cost be raised by loan.

It was also decided to refer to the Council the proposal of the Minister regarding reconstruction of the road from Kilrane to St. Helen's.

#### ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had earmarked a sum of £400 for the erection of weighbridge for the purpose of checking the weights of motor lorries, etc. for Local Taxation Department. He (County Surveyor) proposed that weighbridge should be erected at the County Hall premises.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that arrangements could be made by which cattle would be weighed on fair days at the weighbridge.

The following quotations were submitted by the County Surveyor:-

W. & T. Avery Ltd., 105 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.	Steelyard	£. 301
do.	Ticket	320
do.	Dial	366
E. & A. Ashworth Ltd., Dewsbury	Steelyard	303
Henry Pooley & Son Ltd., 105 Middle Abbey St., Dublin.	Steelyard	315
do.	Dial	385
Samuel Denison & Son Ltd., Hunslet Foundry, Leeds.	Steelyard	317
do.	Ticket	407.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to accept quotation from Messrs. W. & T. Avery Ltd., 105 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, at £320 for machine (Ticket).

The County Surveyor stated that, in addition, it would be necessary to erect a weigh office in connection with the weighbridge, but he would be able to get the entire cost



out of the £400 allocated by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The position of the weighbridge and all other detailed arrangements were left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

MULRANKIN ROAD

The Chairman and Mr. Murphy stated that they had received representations from the Bridgetown Fianna Fail Club regarding the poor condition of Mulrenkin Road.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) Alderman Corish and himself had interviewed Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on 7th July 1938 in connection with proposal of the County Council to expend a sum of £6000 on the repair of Wexford Bridge. They had placed before Mr. Courtney the application of the Council for maintenance grant of 40 per cent on the proposed expenditure of £6000. He (County Surveyor) would go into the matter more fully when the Chairman and Mr. Corish would be in attendance at next meeting.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES - EX-OFFICIO INSPECTORS UNDER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS ETC.

Accounts paid for motor hire in regard to above, were examined by the Committee. Miss O'Ryan stated that 8 hours' "waiting time" seemed very long.

6. 12. '37.	Wexford to Taghmon and return, 18 miles at 6d per mile Waiting time, 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	s. d. 9. 0 8. 0
7. 12. '37.	Wexford to Blackwater etc. and return 30 miles at 6d per mile Waiting time, 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	15. 0 8. 0
9. 12. '37.	Wexford to Kilmore Quay, etc. and return 36 miles at 6d per mile Waiting time 8 hours at 1/- per hour	18. 0 8. 0



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13. 12. '37.	Wexford to Duncormick etc. and return 33 miles at 6d per mile	s. d. 16. 6
	Waiting time 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	8. 0
14. 12. '37.	Wexford to Blackwater and return 22½ miles at 6d per mile	11. 3
	Waiting time, 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	8. 0
15. 12. '37.	Wexford to Ballyvaldon, Screen, etc. and return, 28 miles at 6d per mile	14. 0
	Waiting time 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	8. 0

Waiting time was also charged by owners of hackney vehicles as part of agreement for hire of cars from other Garda Stations.

It was noted that on 7. 12. 37 that amount charged for hire of car from Gorey to Cahore, Ballygarrett, Ballycanew, etc., and return, 23 miles, was £1 while 23 miles at 6d per mile would only amount to 11/6d; also, for hire of car from Gorey to Ferns, Balloughter, etc., 23 miles, £1 was charged while 23 miles at 6d per mile would only amount to 11/6d.

On 14. 12. '37 for car from Gorey to Inch, Coolgreany, Hollyfort, Monaseed, Rock Tavern, Craanford, etc., and return 25 miles for which the charge was £1, would amount only to 12/6d at 6d per mile.

The meeting considered that some arrangement should be arrived at by which "waiting time" should not be charged for.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan (Chairman), seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to request the Minister for Justice to authorise ex-officio Inspectors appointed under Weights and Measures Acts and who own motor cars, to use their own cars where possible, at a rate not exceeding 6d per mile, in connection with the carrying out of their duties as ex-officio Inspectors, as this arrangement will obviate the necessity of paying, in addition to the ordinary mileage rate, a further payment of 1/- per hour for "waiting time" charged by motor hirers.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th July 1938, be received and considered."

NO. 11 COLLECTION DISTRICT: The following motion, of which notice was given by Miss O'Ryan on 22nd July, 1938, appeared on agenda paper:-

"That Rate Collection District No. 11 be amalgamated with Rate Collection Districts Nos. 8 and 10, as follows:- Electoral Division of Bolaboy to No. 8 District (Collector J. Cummins) and Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castletalbot to No. 10 District (Collector W. Cummins)."

(The Secretary mentioned that this motion was circulated to members of the Council on 26th July 1938.)

In the absence of Miss O'Ryan, the above motion was (by permission of the meeting) moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. S. Murphy and adopted.

ROAD KILRANE - ST. HELEN'S: In connection with proposed extensive repair to this road it was decided to first carry out the improvement of Road from Rosslare Strand to Carne Pier, after which the road Kilrane - St. Helen's will be dealt with.

ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE: The County Surveyor, in reply to queries, said that a special fitment would be necessary to have weighbridge deal with cattle.

The Chairman said that the Department were supplying money for this weighbridge to weigh motor vehicles, and he did not see how they could provide for the weighing of cattle. If they undertook this class of work it would be necessary to have some officer in charge of the weighbridge and he (Chairman) could not see how the County Council



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could arrange for his payment. He considered it the duty of a Municipal Authority to provide facilities for the weighing of cattle. They could easily understand that if the County Council could provide a weighbridge at Wexford, the other County towns would be looking for a similar privilege.

Mr. R. Doyle said that the weighing of cattle in Wexford was important as it was a shipping port.

The Chairman said that persons interested in having a weighbridge for cattle in Wexford town should approach the Corporation.

Mr. Corish said any representations made to Wexford Corporation in the matter would receive very careful consideration.

The matter dropped.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Culleton said he had been asked by farmers and others whether the County Council were seriously going to throw £5,000 into the Slaney.

Chairman - The County Council came to a certain decision after fully considering the matter at the last meeting, and we will not re-open it to-day.

Mr. Culleton - I will give notice of motion to discuss it again at the next meeting.

Secretary - What phase of it do you want to consider?

Mr. Culleton - The question of erecting the new bridge and going into the finance of it.

Secretary - Mr. Corish has notice given in connection with the new bridge, but he will not move it until he sees what will happen the motion to repair the old one.

Mr. Corish - It is accepted that the new bridge will have to be built eventually.

Chairman - We won't discuss it to-day again.



The Secretary said that Mr. Corish's motion would have to be disposed of before Mr. Culleton could move anything in connection with a new bridge.

Mr. Culleton asked when Mr. Corish intended moving his motion and the Chairman said when they knew what position the Government would take up in the matter.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 8th July 1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 22nd JULY 1938: The Minutes of this meeting as follows, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd July, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council (presiding); also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean Murphy, 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.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5569. 2. 7d was examined and signed.

PAYMENT TO RATE COLLECTORS - WORK AT ABATEMENT FORMS

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

"That £106. 1. 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 as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>No. of Abatement Forms.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>		
		£.	s.	d.
James Quirke	246	6.	3.	0
William Doyle	164	4.	2.	0
Philip Doyle	207	5.	3.	6
Michael McCarthy	198	4.	19.	0
Patrick Nolan	183	4.	11.	6
Sean Gannon	240	6.	0.	0
John Deegan	316	7.	18.	0
Joseph Cummins	256	6.	8.	0
John Flood	179	4.	9.	6
Walter Cummins	369	9.	4.	6
John J. O'Reilly	252	6.	6.	0
Denis Kenny	235	5.	17.	6
Art Dunne	248	6.	4.	0
John J. Sinnott	252	6.	6.	0
E. J. Murphy	235	5.	17.	6
Maurice Kehoe	203	5.	1.	6
John Curtis	260	6.	10.	0
Patrick Carty	199	4.	19.	6
Totals	4242	£106.	1.	0."



ABATEMENT RATES - AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1938/39

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

"That Abatements of Rates in respect of Agricultural Grant 1938/39, as set out on Abatement Forms submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby agreed to."

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE

Under date 9th July 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.3043/10/38 Loch Garman) that in the circumstances stated by the Finance Committee the Minister would raise no objection to payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to Collector William Doyle (No. 2 District) in respect of lodgments on foot of the second moiety and arrears of his warrant for the financial year ended 31st March 1938.

FILLING VACANCIES ON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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

"That the following be appointed members of the Library Committee:-

James Kennedy, M.C.C., vice J. Cummins.

Sean Murphy, M.C.C., vice W. Cullimore.

Raymond Doyle, M.C.C., vice J. F. Heffernan."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Mr. Edward Kelly, Ballynadarra, Enniscorthy (an attendant in County Mental Hospital) wrote under date 11th July 1938 applying for an additional loan of £40 to complete building at Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He had been provisionally granted loan of £130 but stated that, owing to increased cost of building materials he was in a difficult position as to the completion of the house without a further increase in the loan.



The house was almost completed.

The Secretary stated that Kelly had not yet made title to plot and in a letter to him on 25th May last Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote:- "I have to warn you not to enter into any commitment regarding the building of the house until I inform you that the Council have received the sanction of the Minister to the advance being made."

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

"That the maximum amount of loan for Mr. Edward Kelly, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy, be fixed as soon as Mr. Kelly's Title to plot is certified by County Solicitor after which Certificate of Value will be obtained from Assistant Surveyor."

#### OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - ADJUSTED DISTRICTS

The following under date 25th June 1938 (A.359/1 Wexford County) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, Old Age Pensions Branch:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th instant; and, in reply, I am to state that the Minister will raise no objection to the re-adjustment of the areas of the respective Old Age Pension Sub-Committees in County Wexford, as proposed by the County Council at their meeting on 13th instant.

With regard to the remuneration of the Clerks of the Sub-Committees, I am to point out that this is a matter for the Revenue Commissioners, in accordance with the Financial Instructions for Pension Committees and Sub-Committees issued by the Department of Finance."

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

"That in view of the transfer of two Electoral Divisions from No. 2 to No. 7 Area and to the resolution of Sub-Committee for last-named area that their Clerk should receive additional remuneration for the extra work, we recommend the application to the Revenue Commissioners for favourable consideration and believe that a sum of £2



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per annum should be added to remuneration of Clerk for No. 7 Area. As Clerk for No. 2 Area has only a salary of £10. 13. 9d we consider no deduction could equitably be made from same."

Under date 8th July 1938 the Clerk of No. 2 Sub-Committee wrote that the latter were satisfied with the proposed re-adjustments of area.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following reports were submitted from Veterinary Inspectors re working of above Order for season 1938.

Enniscorthy District: Mr. Ringwood reported:-

"The working of this Order in my district was carried out, in my opinion, better than the previous year.

At the beginning of the period I made an attempt to get the small farmers to bring their cattle to centres; although this was not successful it had good results, as the farmers dressed the cattle the day before or day appointed and they sent word to the centre that they had done so, and I sent the Inspector to verify it.

I had occasion to warn Inspector James Doyle about his figures on Form W.F.3, as I found he was returning cattle as dressed which the owners had only promised to dress.

The Inspector John Walsh is badly situated for his district. To get from his residence Kereight to, say Boolavogue and back on a bicycle, would leave very little time for work. His reports did not cover as much work as the others. If possible, it would be better if he would reside in Enniscorthy during the period.

The Department Inspector, Mr. White, paid a few visits in my district, and as far as I know, was satisfied with the working of the Order."

Gorey District: The following was read from Mr.

Mernagh, M.R.C.V.S.:-

"Herewith my report re the working of the Warble Fly Order in my area for 1938. The three Inspectors did their work well, T. Kenny and P. Ryan especially being very thorough in their examination of the cattle. The farmers on the whole seem to have carried out the dressings better this than last <sup>season</sup>, but the Inspectors seem to waste a lot of their time in the beginning of the term (first week) going to places to find no cattle dressed and then in doubtful cases having to go back to see if the dressing had been carried out. Inspector Kenny complained of this matter to me, and I arranged with him to send out post cards to the different farmers for the first week stating the day he would call and to have the cattle dressed. He told me this worked out well. I make the suggestion as



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I think it would bring the matter more forcibly before the farmers.

I would also like to suggest that something should be done to stop people exposing cattle for sale at fairs that have definitely not been dressed."

New Ross District: Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., Inspector for portion of New Ross District, reported:-

"Considerable progress has been made during season, much more so than on any previous one.

I consider inspection of Fairs and a serious talk with owners chiefly responsible for this.

Owners have been warned that animals infested with live warbles will be stopped at ports or quarantined at the other side.

This is undoubtedly coming and the sooner the better.

Inspection on farms is often of little use for various reasons. I don't suggest that it should not go on or that it should be relaxed, but it is on the market that you get a fair idea of how the work is progressing.

While dealers can purchase infested cattle with impunity progress must necessarily be slow.

Inspectors Carty and Morrissey whose work I supervise, are both keen and efficient officers."

Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., Inspector for portion of New Ross District, reported as follows:-

"I beg to submit my report re the working of the above Order in my area during the present year.

As the Order has now been in force for three years there should be a marked reduction in the number of animals affected; and, although this, to a certain extent, is true, there are still a large number of animals infested under the present way the order is worked. The Inspector finds it hard, to get over four dressings during the season, and this will not, by any means, include all the owners, as some may not have the wash in stock, and others, for various reasons, may not be prepared to treat the cattle the day the Inspector calls.

My suggested remedy would be the strict enforcement of the Order, requiring the owners to dress all the affected animals during the first seven days of each month. If this was carried out it would mean that all affected cattle would receive five dressings during the season and, in this way, would insure all affected cattle receiving treatment. The owners to furnish the Inspector with a Form giving date when and number of cattle treated.

On the 27th April I called on the following:-

A. Whitney, Old Ross.  
L. Dwyer, do.  
T. Rochford, do.



L. Kehoe, Bigerin.  
Mrs. Magee, do.  
P. Hickey, Knockmullen.

All those have received first dressings, and, are now being treated to the second application.

The Inspector finished his second round about the 14th May, and has now started on the third round. He finds that owners are carrying out the regulations satisfactorily. It is noticed that the more advanced the case is the more beneficial the treatment.

June 15th called on the following:

Mrs. Lynch, Ballycohere - No Warbles.  
J. Murphy, do. Third Dressing.  
Mrs. Redmond, do. do.

Mrs. E. Kehoe, Ballyleigh, has dressed her cattle four times during the first week of each month and will dress again before the Order expires.

P. Fogarty, Ballyleigh, 3rd Dressings.  
Mrs. Brennan, do. do.  
Mary Bolger, Coolback, do.  
M. Bolger, do. do.  
J. Fogarty, Ballybanogue, do.

The Lay Inspector has given me every satisfaction. He is most willing, and has a very good way of taking the owners and explaining the Order to them.

The owners, as a rule, are willing to carry out the Order, but are too prone to suit themselves as to when they will apply the dressings. In my opinion, unless the Order is tightened up it will take a long time to get rid of the Warble Fly plague."

Wexford District: The following report was submitted from Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S.:—

"Re your request for my observations on the working of the Warble Fly Order for the season 1938 -

The three inspectors working the Wexford area - a very big district in which there is something like 1500 stock owners, - carried out their orders very efficiently. From what I have seen of my visits to the local farms and inspection of stock shown on the local fairs, I believe that the best results we have yet had in the effort to eradicate the Warble Fly, are those of season 1938."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Walsh's district comprised the following District Electoral Divisions:—

The Harrow, Tinnacross, Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Bree, Ballyhogue and Ballyhuskard. He resided at



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the most southern point and Mr. Ringwood's statement that Enniscorthy town would be the most central point from which Mr. Walsh could work was correct.

It was decided that the matter be dealt with when the appointment of Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 was next under consideration by the Council.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 5th July 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote as follows (No. L.2388/38):-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to previous correspondence on the subject of Sheep Dipping arrangements for the forthcoming dipping period, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to the re-appointment as Sheep Dipping Inspectors of the six persons who were employed in that capacity last year with remuneration in each case, as last year, of £20 for the dipping period plus actual expenditure on postage..

It is noted that one of the Inspectors, Mr. T. Prendergast is to be warned as to the necessity for increased activity in the discharge of his duties."

The following are the names etc. of the Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors referred to in Department's communication:-

#### Enniscorthy District:

James Murphy, Johnsville, Ferns.

Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.

#### Goey:

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.



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New Ross:

M. J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

Wexford:

James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

Letters were read from them accepting the terms and conditions of their appointments for the forthcoming Sheep Dipping Season.

Under date 8th July 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.2147/36) that the Garda Síochána would assist as in previous years in connection with the enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order. They would prepare and furnish to local Authorities lists of sheep owners and notice of intention to dip would be available at the various Garda Stations. Where no local regulations requiring dipping of sheep at specified times and places obtained, the Gardai would report any instances of infringement of the Order that came under their Notice, but could not be expected to participate actively in the work of supervising the process of Sheep Dipping. They would forward notices of intention to dip to the Lay Inspectors concerned.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: The following results of the recent examination of students for University Scholarships were furnished by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, under date 14th July:-

Robert A. Scanlon,  
Brandane, Bannow.

Passed the First University  
Examination in Arts. Renewal  
recommended.

Gerald Coffey,  
Baldwinstown,  
Bridgetown.

Passed the First University  
Examination in Agricultural  
Science Part I. Renewal  
recommended.

Peter Doran,  
73 Main Street, Gorey.

Passed the First University  
Examination in Engineering.  
Renewal recommended.



James Doran,  
73 Main Street, Gorey.

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Rejected at the First University Examination in Engineering. May present again in Autumn. Further report then.

William Lambert,  
Sunnyside, Broadway.

Rejected at the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Part I. May present at a Supplemental Examination in Autumn.

John Flynn,  
Ballynaclare, Campile. )

John P. Kehoe,  
Creacon, New Ross. )

Passed the Second Year (Honours) College Examination in Arts. Renewal recommended.

Anne Hickey,  
Westgate, Wexford.

Passed the Second Year (Honours) College Examination in Science. Renewal recommended.

James J. Meyler,  
Blackhall, Glynn.

Passed the Second University Examination in Engineering with First Class Honours. Renewal recommended.

James G. Delaney, B.A.  
Parnell Street,  
Wexford.

Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination with Second Class Honours.

Thomas Cullimore, B.A.  
Green Street,  
Wexford.

Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.

William Murphy,  
Coolhull,  
Wellingtonbridge.

Passed the B.Agr. Sc. Degree Examination.

Nora O'Sullivan,  
Camolin.

Report in Autumn."

It was decided to inform James Doran, who had failed his first engineering examination that the renewal of his Scholarship is conditional on his being successful in the Autumn at the first University Examination in Engineering.

As regards Scholarship of Mr. William G. Lambert, letter under date 13th October 1937 was read from Mr. Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at University College, Dublin, recommending that this Scholarship should be held over for annual session 1938-39 to allow of Lambert spending 1937/38 period doing practical agriculture on a farm.

The following is the concluding paragraph of Professor Drew's letter:-

"Before proceeding to his third year course next session, Mr. Lambert must, of course, complete his first



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year examination by passing in the subjects in which he was rejected at previous examination. This must be done in June 1938."

The Finance Committee on 15th October 1937 adopted the following recommendation which was confirmed by the General meeting of the Council on 21st October 1937:-

"That the County Council be recommended to renew University Scholarship to Mr. William G. 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."

It was decided that Mr. Lambert be requested to submit an explanation as to his failure at University Examination in June 1938 and also that he furnish evidence that he spent 1937-38 period doing practical agriculture on a farm as recommended by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at University College, Dublin, and ordered by the County Council.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEME: With reference to application by Edwin F. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane, for an extension for a fifth year of his Scholarship under Secondary & Vocational Scheme the Finance Committee had decided that consideration of application should be adjourned to obtain information from applicant as to why he did not sit for Leaving Certificate Examination in 1938.

The following was read from Mr. Todd, under date 23rd June, 1938:-

"In answer to your letter of the 20th instant, I beg to inform you that the Master told me there would be no use in me sitting for the Leaving Certificate examination this year because I did not know enough to sit for it. I am only in fifth year this year, and it is usually sixth year students who usually sit for this examination."



The Scheme provided for a continuation of Scholarship for a fifth year only in cases of outstanding merit, and as the members did not think this applied to the present application they felt reluctantly obliged to refuse to accede to Mr. Todd's request.

The following was read from the Office of National Education No. Trg.2/51575 - 22nd June 1938:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed to say that the approval of the Scheme as submitted by your Council for the year 1939 is receiving attention, and that a further communication will be sent to you at an early date."

CARNE PIER

Under date 12th July 1938 (S.W.1/22/2) the following was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of 21st ultimo relative to the proposed improvement of this Pier and to state that, after full consideration of the matter, he is not prepared to vary the terms of his recommendation as set out in our letter of 27th May last."

The Secretary stated that in their letter of 27th May last the Office of Public Works stated that the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to grant one third only of the expenditure estimated at £500, work to be carried out during the winter months.

When this offer was considered by the Council resolution was adopted asking for a State contribution of half of £650 revised estimate of County Surveyor and that the work should be undertaken at period considered suitable by this officer.

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



"That provided the Office of Public Works are prepared to contribute £217 one-third of County Surveyor's revised estimate of £650 for improvement work at Carne Pier, and to agree to the work being carried out during a period of the year selected by the County Surveyor (who considers it could not be satisfactorily undertaken in the winter) we recommend the County Council to arrange for proceeding with improvements immediately, balance of cost of work, viz., £433, to be provided from County Finances."

#### ROAD MATTERS

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1938/39 (ROADS RURAL): Under date 14th July, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/9) referring to their letter of 8th March last (RU/205/4) as to submission of the balance of the programme of road and footpath works proposed to be carried out in the County during the current financial year and pointing out that provided the Council contributed £1521 a grant of £4312 was available - total for the Scheme, £5,833. The works were subject to the usual conditions as to employment of labour etc.

The County Surveyor said that the amount under the Schemes worked out in districts as follows:-

	£.
Enniscorthy	1723
Gorey	2370
New Ross	870
Wexford	<u>870</u>

Total £5833.

Continuing, the County Surveyor stated that the sum total which could be made applicable to work in the various Electoral Divisions eligible for employment grant would run to £10,000, so that he could take only half of it. The expenditure was governed by the number of unemployed in the district multiplied by an arranged factor which at the



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moment was 30.

The following are details of the works proposed to be undertaken:-

Enniscorthy District:

Palace Lane. Completion of. Amount £600. This lane was widened under a previous grant and was subject to heavy beet traffic.

Improvement of road adjoining Boolavogue Church £200.

Road from Enniscorthy town to Carley's Bridge £923.

He (County Surveyor) had received instructions from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 14th June (R/RM/32) directing him to have a proposal for the improvement of this road included in the accepted list under the employment schemes vote for the current year.

Miss O'Ryan said that in the whole County there was not in her opinion, a road which required more attention than that from Red Pat's Cross to Bree. It was practically carrying the biggest traffic of any road into Enniscorthy from that area and it was stated that people ran the risk of breaking their necks so bad were the potholes. It required immediate attention certainly as far as Borodale.

The County Surveyor agreed with Miss O'Ryan and said he would have been in favour of including in the Scheme the road she referred to as a substitute for the Carley's Bridge proposal but as the Committee could recognise he had been directed by the Department to include the latter in his proposals.

After discussion, Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to ask the Department to agree to substitute for the Carley's Bridge proposal the improvement of road from Red Pat's Cross near Enniscorthy to Bree via Galbally and in asking for the



consent of the Department to this recommendation he point out the very considerable amount of traffic this road carries.

Mr. Kelly said that the road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater through Kilcotty - an important thoroughfare - was in very poor condition and if possible, something should be done with it.

The County Surveyor said it was not possible to include this particular road in the present Scheme.

Gorey District: Road southwards from Ardamine towards Ballygarrett and same road northwards from Kilmuckridge - £2370.

New Ross District: Duncannon Line leaving village via coast road - £870.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Colfer, said that in New Ross only one Electoral Division, viz., Ballyhack, was eligible according to the rules and regulations of the Department.

Mr. Colfer considered that New Ross was very badly treated as regards road work generally. The roads in the district were in a very poor condition and in regard to the matter of grants it seemed to him that the North of the County was able to secure three-fourths of the money.

The County Surveyor said he certainly would like to do more work in New Ross if it were possible, but Mr. Colfer would admit that so long as the present regulations made by the Department were in force, he could not as regards any State-aided Scheme, go outside them. Work under this Scheme was governed by the number of unemployed in district Electoral Divisions.

Wexford District: Continuation of work from Kilmore Village towards Bridgetown, £870.

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



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"That the Council be recommended to adopt the County Surveyor's recommendations as to work under Employment Schemes Vote 1938-39 - Roads Rural - substituting Road from Red Pat's Cross to Bree vice Road Enniscorthy - Carley's Bridge."

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT 1938-39: The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote under date 14th July 1938 (RGM/201/38) that a provisional allocation of £11,918 being 40% of £29797 amount allowed by County Council for maintenance of main roads for year 1938-39 had been made on the usual conditions.

It was stated that application had been made to the Department to agree that the amount to be spent on repair of Wexford Bridge should rank for the 40% recoupment.

ROAD TACUMSHANE - KILLINICK: Under date 5th July 1938 Mr. William O'Leary, Ballybeg, Killinick, Hon. Secretary Fianna Fail Club, Ballymore, wrote that the Club called attention to the poor condition of the road Tacumshane - Killinick which was "fast crumbling away" with transport of heavy lorries and bus traffic from Kilmore to Wexford. They also called attention to the necessity for the erection of a danger sign at Montfield School and stated that a deputation would attend the meeting of the Finance Committee meeting of 22nd July 1938 relative to repair of lane which formed "a tie up" of Roads from Killinick to Rosslare and to Broadway.

Messrs. Willoughby Ross and William O'Leary attended as the deputation.

Mr. Ross said the road Killinick to Tacumshane was very bad particularly to the cross of Greenfield. It was a serious inconvenience to people attending Mass at Ballymore Church.

Referred to County Surveyor.



Mr. Ross, referring to the lane, said it was situate about a quarter of a mile from Killinick and, if repaired, would be a great convenience to the many people using it.

The County Surveyor said the lane was very narrow, and it would be expensive to make it the requisite width. It was very dangerous at the Broadway turn, and as a matter of fact, motorists could pass it without knowing of its existence. Something might be done in the matter.

Referred to County Surveyor.

As regards danger signal at Montfield School, the County Council had already agreed to provide this and it would be erected when available.

It was also agreed that the hedge at the place, which obscured the view, should be reduced.

APPLICATION INCREASED WAGES: Twenty road and quarry workers - Edenvale area - applied for an increase of 10/- per week in their wages owing to the increase in cost of living. They also asked that the working day would be changed to 8 a.m. - 5.40 p.m. instead of 8.20 a.m. - 6 p.m. as at present.

It was decided that the following extract from Minutes of County Council meeting of 13th June 1938 be furnished applicants:-

"Mr. Colfer said that in view of the increased cost of living, he would raise the question of increasing the wages of Road and quarry workers at the meeting at which Road Works Scheme would be considered."

The County Surveyor was requested to furnish his observations as to request re change of working hours.

WICKLOW GAP QUARRY: The following under date 8th July 1938 was read from Mr. James O'Neill, Clonroe, Tinahely:-

"On behalf of the men engaged at hand breaking stones at Wicklow Gap quarry (Gorey district) I beg to make appli-



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cation to have the pay increased from the present amount 3/6d per yard to 5/- per yard. The stones in this quarry are very hard and as a consequence, the output per man is small, from five to ten yards in each pay period which, at the price, affords a very small wage. In view of the above facts, I hope that the Council will give favourable consideration to this application."

The County Surveyor said that the cost of breaking in this quarry by machine was 3/3d per cubic yard, and the men were paid 3/6d.

Mr. Colfer said it was not fair to put man versus machine.

It was pointed out that it would be difficult to satisfy the Auditor if the difference between hand and machine breaking was over 3d per yard.

The Committee directed the County Surveyor to submit report of the working of this quarry to next meeting of Finance Committee setting out the amount broken by each man and his earnings during the breaking period.

COMPLAINT OF ROAD - GOREY TO CARNEW: The following under date 8th July 1938 was read from Mr. Herbert J. Hill, Agent Bank of Ireland, Gorey:-

"I find it necessary to travel to Carnew at least twice weekly, and think it well to call attention to the impossible state of this road. As you are aware this is practically a main road carrying heavy traffic from this side of the County to Carlow, and it appears to be merely patched annually, which would appear to be a waste of money unless a proper job is made of it. The stretch between Gorey and Craanford is by far the worst end, and motor car springs are constantly being injured on this road. I am sure the local members of the County Council will be able to bear me out in my contention, but undoubtedly the road shows grave



signs of neglect.

If you, yourself, had the time to travel over this road I am sure you will agree with my statements. I trust you will find it possible to make a suitable recommendation to your Council in this matter."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 16th July 1938, from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have your of 12th instant re above, and in reply beg to state that during past month of bad weather when repair work should have been in progress this road deteriorated, particularly for week preceding date of your letter. Before receiving copy of Mr. Hill's letter from you, and when weather had somewhat improved repair work had been put in hands, and is now progressing, road being improved as a result. Mr. Hill's reference to road being merely patched annually and his opinion thereon may be taken as showing his knowledge, or rather his want of knowledge of such matters, when it is remembered that some six or seven years ago it was so hollow for its entire length that water would not pass off, and was in consequence really a bad road, so much so that Mr. Hill's predecessor, and possibly himself, often took a very circuitous route to avoid it. The road now as a result of "mere patching" is well brought up, and water does not lodge, and in my opinion, it is in a very much improved condition. His "grave signs of neglect" remark, so usual in discussing road matters, does not apply."

It was decided to inform Mr. Hill that repair to this road held up on account of weather, had been resumed and that during the past few years it had been very considerably improved.

Mr. Keegan said that to his knowledge the road was very much improved.

AUGHNAGOPPLE QUARRY: Under date 6th July 1938, letter was read from Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, that Lady Coy was prepared to sell the fee simple of this quarry for £40. It was formerly leased by County Council at £2 per annum, but lease had expired.

The County Surveyor said he did not intend to use the quarry in future and it was decided to inform Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, accordingly.



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ROADS ETC. BRIDGETOWN DISTRICT: The following under date 15th July 1938 was read from Mr. Peadar Byrne, Hon.

Secretary to Public Meetings in Bridgetown:-

"Two meetings of the residents of Bridgetown were held in Bridgetown on the 4th and 11th instant. Public representatives were present at the second meeting. The meetings were convened to discuss ways and means of getting certain improvements done to roads leading into village, to road through village and to sewage in village. John Sinnott, Bridgetown, presided at both meetings.

The periodic flooding of the Moor road leading by Catholic Church, Protestant Church, School and doctor's residence was a cause for grave complaint; the urgent need for repair to same was stressed. The absence of a public water supply in Bridgetown was deplored. The residents depend for their water supply on privately owned pumps.

Re road from Bridgetown to Wexford - via Newcastle Cross - it was pointed out that there is an immense motor traffic over this road. It is a bus route and during the winter months thousands of tons of beet are drawn over this road to Bridgetown Station. Last year 10,000 tons of beet left Bridgetown Station.

The meeting unanimously decided to acquaint the County Council of the urgent need for a satisfactory job on the main Bridgetown-Wexford road - via Newcastle Cross. They feel that the men responsible for local administration will not allow this unsatisfactory state of affairs to continue once they are convinced that there is a genuine public grievance.

I have been instructed by the meeting to bring these matters to the notice of the County Council in the hope that steps will be taken to get the work in hand immediately."

It was decided that County Surveyor furnish to next County Council meeting report as to roads mentioned in Mr. Byrne's communication, and, to point out to the latter that he should communicate with County Board of Health as regards water supply and sewerage system for Bridgetown.

BALLYMURN STREETS: The following under date 14th July 1938 (R/RU/205/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, applying for a grant of £150 under the Employment Schemes Vote for the purpose of improving the streets of Ballymurn, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that having regard to the number of recipients of Unemployment Assistance resident in the area, the making of the proposed grant under the Vote would not be justified."

Referred to County Council meeting.



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BOG AT TINNACREE, KILMUCKRIDGE: The following under date 1st July 1938 was read from Mr. M. J. Sinnott, Tinnacree, Kilmuckridge:-

"I would be very grateful to you if you would use your influence to bring the Bog in the above Townland under one of the Minor Relief Schemes. The mouth of the outlet needs opening and in my opinion if that was done the remainder of the job would be only the matter of a few days. The River seems to be in a fairly good state, but with the shifting sand the mouth got "choked up" with a sand dune during the Winter months. This bog grazes 30 Head of Cattle for me during the Summer and so far I cannot approach it due to flooding. Every other year, I was <sup>able</sup> with the aid of neighbouring farmers, to clear the "outlet" but this year the task seems formidable. Trusting you will do your very best in the matter for me. You will kindly remember I was discussing this matter with you at the last Finance meeting."

Referred to County Surveyor to report to next meeting of Finance Committee.

ROAD AT MORRISCASTLE: The following under date 4th July 1938 was read from Mr. M. J. Sinnott, Tinacree, Kilmuckridge:

"Your letter dated 30th June re a written statement re the roadway from Morriscastle Road to the above Townland. I have been in communication with the Irish Land Commission about this roadway for a considerable period. They promised to put the matter in order and went so far as to state "you will have the roadway" without stating a definite date". That was 12 months ago. They also sent me a map of the lands across which the roadway was to pass. I would be glad if you could bring to their notice the untold hardship I have to endure to get my milk and farm produce to the Morriscastle Road across the Beach. If they could put the work into execution soon the metalling can be carted cheaply from Tinacree Quarry, only a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile distant, that is whilst the fine weather lasts.

My farm is on the Boyce Estate. E.D. Cahore.  
Should you require more information I will very kindly let you have it and any letters or maps in my possession."

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

"That copy of letter of Mr. M. J. Sinnott, Tinacree, Kilmuckridge, under date 4th July 1938, as to road to his farm, be furnished the Minister for Lands and that he be informed the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council are of opinion the construction of said road should be undertaken without delay."



TRAVELLING EXPENSES COUNTY SURVEYOR: It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve of payment of £8. 14. 0 expenses of County Surveyor attending Local Government Department Conference in Dublin (four days) - Office of Works; Messrs. Delap & Waller, Engineers, Dublin re Wexford Bridge and consultation with Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health re same, also at Dublin.

MEMORIALS OF 1798 INSURRECTION: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to agree to the erection of monuments to commemorate Insurrection of 1798 at the following places:- At Ballyellis on Road 42; at Clough, Gorey, near Pump; at Pound Cross, Little Cullinstown, between Rourke's Cross and Foulksmills."

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MACHINERY YARD: In connection with proposed extension of Machinery Yard premises, the County Surveyor stated that about half an acre adjoining existing Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy, ~~which~~ he considered would be worth acquiring. He had been in negotiation with the Manager, Enniscorthy Co-op in reference to the matter.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that Messrs. Kelly and McCarthy, with the County Surveyor, be appointed to negotiate with the Manager of Co-operative Agricultural Society in the matter and that they be requested to report result to next meeting of Finance Committee.

NOTICES ON PUBLIC ROADS: The following resolution was adopted:-

"That advertisements be issued that painted or printed



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notices on County roads for the purpose of advertising Hotels or sale of goods, etc., cannot be erected without the consent of the Council and that the County Surveyor take steps to have removed all notices of this description in respect of which the permission of the Council has not been given."

PAYMENT FOR LAND FOR QUARRY AND CORNER: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That £6 be paid Andrew Byrne, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, for surface damage to 24 square perches of land in Brownswood quarry at 5/- and that £3 be paid to Patrick Nolan, Templenacroha, Palace, for land acquired for easement of corner."

WEXFORD TOWN - NEW WATER WORKS SCHEME

The following, under date 14th July 1938, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 7th instant with copy of advertisement herein.

I do not think that the County Council are in any way affected by this Scheme and accordingly, they need not take any action in the matter."

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

"That, as regards installation of new Water Works Scheme by Wexford Corporation the Finance Committee will insist on having a proper restoration made in the case of interference with County property; County roads must also be restored and all restoration work carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. This provision should be inserted in specification for Waterworks prior to submission of same to intending Contractors."



BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

It was arranged that the County Surveyor interview District Justice as to the furniture required in Village Hall, Bunclody, for the purpose of holding District Courts therein.

BEACH MATERIAL - FORESHORE BALLYHEALY SOUTH & RINGBAUN

The following letter under date 1st July 1938 (M.S. 5110) re above was read from Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14 Stephen's Green, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo on the subject of the restriction of removals of beach material from the fore-shore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to state that, in consequence of the representations made by your Council and interested persons, he has under consideration the grant of licences for the removal of limited quantities of material to persons requiring it for their own use.

Enquiries in the matter are proceeding and a further communication will be addressed to you as soon as possible."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

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

"That, in accordance with letter of 16th July 1938 (Ilgh) from Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Council be recommended to issue Pay Order for £204. 1. 7d, amount assessed on Wexford County under above Act for financial year ended 31st March 1938."

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 7th July 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote (C.7840-38) that seven samples of butter had been taken up in the County on 9th and 10th June last, three in



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Bunclody and four in Enniscorthy. The Public Analyst certified they were genuine.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS 1878 TO 1936

Under date 11th July 1938, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas & Weights & Measures Section, 6 Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, wrote (48376) that £24. 15. 0 was due for comparison and verification of the County standards (Weights and Measures) and £11 for adjustment of these standards, amount to be paid Accountant, Department of Industry and Commerce. Also, £1. 5. 0 due Messrs. Miller and Co., Dublin, for repairs to petrol measure.

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

"That, in accordance with letter of 11th July 1938 (48376) from Department of Industry and Commerce, the County Council be recommended to pay £35. 15. 0d to Accountant of this Department and £1. 5. 0 to Messrs. Miller & Co., Dublin, for work under Weights and Measures Acts."

INCREASE OF SALARY OF MR. F. S. RINGWOOD, M.R.C.V.S.

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

"That, as regards the increase of salary to Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, agreed to by Wexford County Council at their meeting held on 13th June 1938, said increase apply only to Mr. Ringwood's remuneration for the general duties under Diseases of Animals Acts, increase being from £75 to £90 per annum; no alteration to be made in the remuneration of £25 for duties under Bovine Tuberculosis Order or of £25 remuneration under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order."



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SANCTION OF REMUNERATION MR. LYNCH'S HOLIDAY

Under date 9th July 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2898-38) that no objection would be offered to the employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. as Veterinary Inspector for duties in Mr. Lynch's district during the latter's absence from 13th to 28th July 1938, remuneration being calculated at £2 per week.

ERECTION HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE, COURTTOWN

The County Surveyor reported he had accepted the tender of James Daly, Riverchapel, at £320 for erection of above building.

The action of County Surveyor was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy. He was satisfied that William Cousins, Ballycale, who tendered at £290 would not be able to complete the work within the specified period.

RE APPLICATION FOR LOAN £3600 FOR MACHINERY

Under date 9th July 1938, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Directors were prepared to grant the above loan on the usual conditions and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The Secretary to County Councils' General Council wrote that annual meeting would be held during Horse Show Week, August 2nd to 6th (inclusive) and asked if the County Council had any matters to submit to the meeting.

No order.



PROPOSED LOANS TO FARMERS

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"1. That we request the Government to float a loan to stock derelict farms to the extent of three million pounds, at  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  to be repaid over a period of 15 years for amounts not exceeding £150.

2. In dairying Counties and Districts, that such a loan be administered through the Co-operative Creameries.

3. In tillage and grass feeding districts such a scheme could apply also, in so much as purchase of machinery on easy payment system and in case of cattle feeding to procure stuffs at stall feeding periods on a similar system."

It was decided to make no order on this resolution.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd July 1938 be received and considered."

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - ADJUSTED DISTRICTS: The Secretary stated that an acknowledgment as to the application to increase remuneration to Mrs. Howard, Clerk to No. 7 Sub-Committee had been received from the Revenue Commissioners:

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER: Mr. M. Redmond said he was informed that two cattle, the property of Miss Murphy, Oldcourt, Adamstown, grazing at Killurin and dressed under above Order, had died as the result of poisoning after being dressed for warbles.

The Chairman said that he understood a Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture had investigated this case and had reported that the animals did not die as result of warble fly dressing, but because they had eaten some noxious weed. He suggested that the County Secretary should communicate in the matter with the Department of Agriculture and with the local Veterinary Inspector and ask for their observations.

This was agreed to.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - ROAD RED PAT'S CROSS TO GALBALLY:

Under date 2nd August 1938, Mr. James Fortune, Sparrowland, Hon. Secretary to Bree Motor Owners, wrote asking the County Council to receive a deputation as to taking immediate steps to have the road from Red Pat's Cross to Galbally put into repair.

The following attended as a deputation:-

Messrs. Samuel Deacon, Clonmore, Bree; Garrett Byrne, Bree and James Fortune, Sparrowsland, Bree.



Mr. Deacon, who acted as spokesman, asked if any definite decision had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the proposed substitution of Bree road for road to Carley's Bridge. Time was getting on and the road was gradually becoming worse.

The County Surveyor said that the resolution of the Finance Committee asking for the substitution had been forwarded to the Department. The recommendation of the Finance Committee would be strengthened by the views of the motor owners.

Mr. Deacon said that every motor owner would agree that the two miles of the road at the Enniscorthy end was almost impassable. An accident occurred on this road the previous day as the steering wheel of a motor car broke on account of the potholes.

The County Surveyor said he had been over the road since the meeting of the Finance Committee, and there was no doubt of it being badly potholed.

Mr. Byrne said that people with ponies and traps were afraid to travel over this road as they might break the springs of their cars. It would be impossible to draw corn over it after harvest.

Col. Quin did not consider it such a terribly bad road. He had been over others which were a good deal worse. He met very little traffic on it.

The County Surveyor said there were worse roads, but that under discussion was one of the very important County Roads, in fact it was - from the point of view of traffic - almost equivalent to a main road.

Mr. McCarthy said as he walked this road three or four times each week he was familiar with its condition. It was certainly as bad as was represented by the deputation and by Miss O'Ryan at the meeting of the Finance Committee. It



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was full of large dangerous potholes and it was necessary for the safety of the travelling public some repairs should be effected.

The Chairman said the Council were doing their best for the roads with the money at their disposal. They would certainly have the potholes filled.

The County Surveyor said that they had repaired under Relief Grant the section of the road through Bree beside the School and Church. If they could arrange with the Department the piece at Red Pat's Cross was the next section to be attended to.

Mr. Deacon thanked the Council and the County Surveyor for the manner in which they had received the deputation, and for the steps taken by them to effect repair on this road.

In connection with the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the Districts of Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, Mr. Colfer asked if £870 had been allocated for the road from Kilmore village to Bridgetown. There was a meeting about a month ago in Bridgetown in connection with sewerage and other matters, and statements were made about the road leading from Sleedagh. He understood that that was the worst road. That was why he was surprised about the money being allocated for the road leading from Kilmore village to Bridgetown.

The County Surveyor said that they had had a lot of complaints about the Bridgetown - Kilmore road. There was a tremendous amount of beet traffic on that road, to Bridgetown station. They did about a third of the road, and he considered that the proper thing to do with the relief grant was to finish off one particular road.

Mr. Corish said Bridgetown street was in a wretched condition and the County Surveyor admitted it was bad. He



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(Mr. Corish) believed every Councillor would be in favour of having something done with this street.

Mr. Culleton said that the road from Bridgetown to Wexford via Newcastle was the one that required most immediate attention.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said they started with relief grants on the road between Kilmore village and Bridgetown. It was in a deplorable state. It carried a huge volume of beet traffic - a much larger volume of beet traffic than the other road, as far as he knew. The street of Bridgetown was very bad, but he thought it would be wrong to do anything with it until there was something done about the sewerage. He was not against doing the street some time, but he thought a lot of other work should be done first.

Mr. Corish agreed, but he thought the County Health Board would do something for a sewerage system in Bridgetown in the very near future. What he wanted to secure was that when that was done, something would be done with the street.

Mr. Colfer asked if the £870 for the road from Kilmore village would finish the section.

Mr. Birthistle said it would go near finishing it. He thought the Council ought to complete that road. Even if the money would do a job in Bridgetown it would not be right to do it until water and sewerage had been attended to first.

Mr. Corish said that their information was that it was absolutely impossible for children to get to school there in certain periods during the winter, and the doctor and other people had to go with motors to bring them to or take them from school.

Mr. Birthistle said that the only flooding he knew at the moment occurred in a very heavy time just at the end of Bridgetown. The canal water backed up but this was very occasional.



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Mr. T. Redmond said he had referred at previous meetings to the practice of bringing up isolated roads here and there. The County Council had provided an extra 4d in the £ to improve the roads this year and it was definitely understood that no isolated applications for additional road expenditure would be considered. And yet this is what the Council were doing at practically every meeting. He had been asked if anything was going to be done with the roads in the Hook parish ever again. The roads there had come to such a pass that people could not go to Mass or children to school. They had the worst roads in the County there. The question of a road here and there could be raised everywhere. It had been suggested that instead of a County Council there should be a parish Council. He suggested that instead of multiplying public bodies they should be abolished.

Chairman - I don't believe there is a road in the County - except probably three times a year - that the children can't go along. We had a very full discussion here months ago about the money we were going to provide for the roads and agreed to raise a certain amount by vote of the Council so there is not much use now in criticising about the roads.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the Chairman had forgotten the decision that no question of roads should be raised during the year until the road estimates came to be considered again.

Chairman - No question of providing <sup>further</sup> money for any road because money is not there, but the Council are entitled to criticise in regard to a road being made and in regard to road maintenance, but not to suggest a further allocation for any road.

Mr. T. Redmond - I would like to see an extra shilling put on, but where is it going to be got?



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The County Surveyor said that there had been two Relief Grants - in part of the parish of the Hook dealing with the Slade and Churchtown end of it. There was the main line down through Fethard, on past Dungulph, and they would carry that on nearly up to the other road during the coming year; and there was the part from the road from Poulfur going towards Saltmills done under relief grants. It was all a question of money.

Mr. T. Redmond said that in regard to the grant work on the road from Porter's Gate to Slade, it was stated it was money thrown away unless the road received a dressing of tar.

Mr. Smyth contended that the road north of Ballygarrett, which was the worst portion, should be done first in Gorey district.

The County Surveyor said that the Department wanted continuous lengths of road dealt with and not bits here and there. When he was over this road in dry weather he could not say that any one section was better than another.

Mr. Colfer complained that New Ross area did not get fair treatment over the figures for link road maintenance.

The County Surveyor said that recently a long line of main road had been included in the area and roads which formerly had an allocation of £12 or £15 as County Roads had now an allocation of £90. He had made what he considered was the best selection possible for the Employment Grant and as he explained already he would have had put on the road from Red Pat's Cross instead of that to Carley's Bridge if he had not been directed by the Department to put the last named road in the list.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were then approved.



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BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement dated the 2nd day of August 1938 between the Rev. Denis Murphy, P.P., and Mr. Denis Lennon, and said County Council as to the letting of St. Aidan's Hall, Newtownbarry, for the purposes of holding the Monthly Sittings of the District Court, at the yearly rent of £12."

REMOVAL BEACH MATERIAL - FORESHORE BALLYHEALY SOUTH AND

RINGBAUN: The following letter under date 28th July 1938 (M.S.5110) was read from Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to the letter of the 1st instant from this Department on the subject of the restriction of removals of beach material from the foreshore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to state that he is now prepared to consider applications for licences to remove limited quantities of material therefrom.

Licences will be confined to persons requiring the material for their own use and not for sale, and will stipulate that removals must not be made from the beach or banks landward of the line of high water of ordinary medium tides.

This decision has been communicated to the local interested parties."

Mr. Murphy said that owing to the formation of the foreshore, it was very difficult to define what was the line of high water and in consequence the men affected were anxious that an Inquiry should be held by the Department. The proposal seemed to mean that as the tides varied differ-



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ent parts of the bank would have to be marked out.

The County Surveyor said it was certain that permission to draw road material would not be given.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:-

"That the Department of Industry & Commerce, before fixing the high water mark at Ballyhealy South and Rinbaun, be requested to send one of their Inspectors to the County to obtain the views of the local people concerned.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 22nd July 1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 5th AUGUST, 1938: 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 5th August, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, 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 £5295. 19. 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The Chairman said he wished to call attention to the recent close of the Rate Collection especially the number of cases in Enniscorthy and Wexford with under one year's rates outstanding. There were 128 ratepayers in Enniscorthy and 149 in Wexford who came under this head and he could not <sup>but</sup> believe with some effort a great many of these would have paid. In Gorey and New Ross there were about 30 or 40 in each. In parts of the County there were townlands in which a majority of the people who in the past paid their rates, came in as defaulters. He could only conclude that the Rate Collectors did not press for payment in these townlands. The Finance Committee should ask themselves if they were going to allow this state of affairs to continue.

Miss O'Ryan said she could endorse, as regards portions of South Wexford, what the Chairman had said. There were, in one townland, nine persons who defaulted in respect of one half year's rates.

The Chairman said the increase in the number of defaulters of a half year when compared with last year was



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very serious. The past year could not be described as a bad year and practically all the land of the County was put to some use.

Mr. Keegan said that in the arrears sheets he found names of people who were much better able to pay than many who had discharged all their liabilities to the Council.

After further discussion it was decided that arrangements be made by which the Rate Inspector would accompany the Rate Collectors in backward areas, district by district, calling on ratepayers in arrear. That in view of the increase in the amount of Rate Arrears the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the services given by the Rate Inspector during the past year.

That Rate Collectors be informed that unless a substantial improvement in the collection of outstanding arrears be made the Finance Committee will not recommend payment of interim poundage.

That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with ratepayers who are in arrear, including persons who owe one half year only and who are considered to be in a position to pay, demanding immediate payment of outstanding arrears along with the first moiety of current rate.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the continuance in this County of the system of acceptance of "part payment" of Rates, in respect of current Rate Warrants."



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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOAN: Under date 28th July 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.20570/1938 Loch Garman) stating the Minister would not raise objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to make advance of £175 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Edward Hudson in respect of house at Tomduff, Enniscorthy.

APPLICATION JAMES DEMPSEY, PIERCESTOWN: With reference to application for loan of £175 the Committee considered it would be more advisable for Mr. Dempsey to apply for the tenancy of a labourer's cottage rather than incur a liability for 35 years of payment of a weekly instalment of 4/11d in addition to meeting legal expenses in respect of a Small Dwellings Loan.

JAMES KENT, ROCHESTOWN: With reference to application in this case for loan of £170, letter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, from Messrs. Colfer & Son, New Ross, Solicitors for Mr. Kent, was read. The letter pointed out that Mr. Elgee (as the holdings of Mr. Kent were not registered) stated he was not in a position to certify the title. A considerable number of holdings purchased under the 1923 Act were not yet registered as the Land Commission had not sufficient staff to cope with the work.

Mr. Elgee said that Kent was a yearly tenant and the sale of the estate to the Land Commission was not yet completed. He had a similar case with an applicant named Roche and the Land Commission turned down his application to recognise the title pending the holdings of Mr. Roche being vested in him. He feared they would do the same in Mr. Kent's case and they could only wait until Mr. Kent was in a position to make title.

The Chairman said that the estate was vested in the Land Commission but not, up to the present, in the tenants,



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but this would be done eventually. The only thing the Finance Committee could do would be to press the Land Commission to issue vesting orders to the tenants.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, request the Land Commission to proceed as quickly as possible with the issue of vesting order of his holdings to James Kent, Rochestown, and, in fact, to the other tenants on the estate."

#### NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following report under date 5th August 1938, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"At present, I am carrying out repairs to the timber decking of the swing opening span. It has been necessary to replace the longitudinal timbers resting on the main iron girders, and I find that the cover plates on two of the latter at points of "contrary flexure" are defective. These are on the down stream East side, and I am arranging for their replacement. As far as noted while repairing the remainder of the "swing" the other plates were fairly sound. I am satisfied that there has been no undue stress on either the top or bottom flanges of the girders as the plate webbing and angle iron are in perfect condition. The webbing plates are truly flat, and this would not be so if the flanges were overstressed.

I do not consider there is immediate danger, but as this is such a very important structure I am reporting the matter.

I advise that early next year a fully detailed examination should be made of all the iron work, and necessary steps taken to make good all defects."

The County Surveyor said that the bridge was 70 years old and although there was apparently no danger a good deal



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of the structure at which danger might be expected was covered up and could not be examined closely without a certain amount of stripping. He was providing by the suggested examination against any possible contingency. It might, after examination, be found that certain repairs were necessary.

The report of the County Surveyor was approved.

EXTENSION OF MACHINERY YARD AT ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 27th July from Mr. F. Daly, General Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society:-

"We confirm conversation with yourself, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Kelly yesterday, respecting extension of leases of Stores etc., presently held by County Council, and additional ground.

We duly reported our discussions to our Board Meeting last evening, and whilst they complain that the rent of the additional acre is very small - when consideration is taken of the value of the extension or renewal of existing leases - they are nevertheless prepared to agree to the tentative arrangements made yesterday at our interview, as follows:-

The Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd. agree to lapse the unexpired portions of all existing leases and give a new lease to include the four lettings plus one statute acre of the adjoining Camp field for a term of 99 years at an annual rent of £75, with an option to surrender at the expiration of each 20 years, legal costs of transfer for the purchaser's account as customary."

The Secretary said that the following were the rents paid to the Co-operative Society at the moment:-

Store and Yard £50; Small Coal Yard £5; Small piece of ground £2 and Store at end of workshop £3. Total £60.



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The County Surveyor admitted that the sum demanded by the Society was high, but they could not get a place as suitable and as convenient in Enniscorthy town or any where near it. They could not have the Machinery Yard at the County Hall as the space there was not adequate.

Mr. McCarthy said it was next to impossible to procure in Enniscorthy Urban area a site suitable for building.

The County Surveyor stated that the existing leases with the Co-operative Society would expire in 1944.

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

"That, in connection with proposed extension of Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, we recommend the County Council to accept the offer made on behalf of Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd., under date 27th July 1938, annual rent to be £75 per annum."

#### THROWING SAND ON MAIN ROAD, ENNISCORTHY URBAN

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor said he had just received the hydrochloric acid in connection with experiment to provide runlets in Main Road between Enniscorthy Bridge and Donohoe's corner and which had become polished and slippery by the practice of carters throwing sand on the surface. He would carry out the experiment immediately, but it was not to be taken that this step was to relieve Enniscorthy Urban Council of any responsibility they had in the matter. The complaint which had been made was by hotelkeepers and other residents along the route that the sand was blown into their houses injuring furniture, clothes, etc.

As regards the question as to who should take proceedings against the carters who were carrying on the practice of throwing sand, Mr. McCarthy said he thought the legal opinions on the point were divergent.



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The County Surveyor held that as the action of the carters created a nuisance to the residents the Urban Council should proceed against them. He thought the County Council might, in the first instance, see what was the result of the experiment and if it was found that the acid did not roughen the road surface they might ask the Urban Council to take steps to prevent the continuance by the carters of the practice of throwing sand on the road.

Mr. Keegan said that the trouble was caused by overloading horses. He believed the matter had gone on quite long enough and they should now ask the Urban Council to have the practice discontinued. He proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Colfer, and adopted:-

"That Enniscorthy Urban Council be requested to take the necessary steps to prevent carters spreading sand on road from Enniscorthy Bridge to Donohoe's corner, as we believe this practice causes a nuisance."

#### APPLICATION UNDER MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

The Chairman said that many persons who made application for repair of lanes etc. under Minor Relief Schemes Vote were under the impression they could count on repair being carried out if the County Council recommended it to the Office of Public Works.

This, however, was not the case.

The function of the County Council was confined to the recommendation of every suitable scheme. The selection was made by the Office of Public Works and they were influenced by the incidence of unemployment in each particular electoral area. Besides, the amount set aside would meet only a percentage of the applications. Up to the present, the Office of Works had selected about ten per cent of the applications recommended by the County Council.

It was very necessary that ratepayers should not



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ignore the fact that the Council could not spend any of their own money on private lanes. All such repairs were paid for entirely by funds provided by the Government.

#### TACUMSHANE - KILLINICK ROAD

The County Surveyor said he had made a special examination of this road. It was fairly rough and pot-holed. Small pot holes came in the road and these were filled and levelled off, which was all that could be done with the money allocated for repair. On looking up his records he found he was given one-third of the amount estimated by him and without more money he could not promise any improvement.

The same set of circumstances, the County Surveyor stated, applied to the roads in Bridgetown district.

#### FLOODING AT BALLINOULART AND TINNACREE, KILMUCKRIDGE

Under date 4th August 1938, the following memorial was read from ten ratepayers concerned:-

"We, the undersigned landowners, ratepayers and residents in the undermentioned townlands, beg to petition the Wexford County Council to have the stream which runs through the following townlands and which is the cause of the flooding on the public road at Ballinoulart and a very large area of lands at Tinacree, Ballinoulart, Ballyteigue and Cullentra (cleaned) Outlet to the sea on the boundary between Ballinoulart and Tinacree. We ask to have this done under the Scheme of Minor Relief Grants. There is a very large number of unemployed in the district."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.



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BALLYTHOMAS (WICKLOW GAP) QUARRY

The following report under date 4th August 1938, was read relative to the application of the men engaged at hand breaking material in above quarry to have the rate for breaking increased from 3/6 to 5/- per cubic yard:-

"I beg to report that statement as set out in mens' application for increase is in accordance with facts, as I found on investigation that the average output per man is about three-quarter c.y. per day. On the other hand, an increase to five shillings would make material too costly.

I am of opinion that machine breaking is the only way out and believe men would not be adverse to this method."

It was decided that County Surveyor consult with the men concerned as to having material in Ballythomas quarry broken by machine.

ROAD GOREY-CARNEW

The following under date 29th July 1938, was read from Mr. Herbert J. Hill, Agent, Bank of Ireland, Gorey:-

"I am much obliged for your letter of 28th instant in this matter, and agree that some repair work has been going on on this road. My main complaint is that the road is usually allowed to become extremely bad and is then merely patched in places. The fact that bad weather held matters up is not quite the case, as while the road was deteriorating in February, March and April last we had first class weather and nothing was done to prevent the road becoming worse, though one day during that period I indeed saw rough stones being placed on the road a short distance outside Gorey. These stones were then covered with mud from the side of the road, possibly by way of "cement". This would appear to be a very antiquated method of road repair, and was similar to work which I saw undertaken in Kerry some 40 years ago.

I am obliged, however, for your taking notice of my



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complaint, and trust that the Surveyor will shortly see this road properly repaired."

It was decided to mark this communication "read".

#### GROVE LANE (GOREY)

The County Surveyor submitted the following memorial under date 19th July 1938 signed by nine users of above lane:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to bring to the notice of the County Council, the condition of the lane known as Grove Lane, connecting the two Hollyfort Roads, and leading across the Bann River between Great Grove and Little Grove. This lane leads to several farms and cottages, and its condition in Winter<sup>time</sup> makes traffic of any kind completely impossible.

We would point out that there is no alternative route connecting these roads."

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

"That Grove Lane, Gorey, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

#### EXTENSION OF HOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 25th July 1938, from Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, Banogue, Gorey:-

"I am writing to you for permission to extend a building to a house at Banogue, Gorey. The house already there is less than 30 feet off road. I was speaking to Mr. Treanor and he told me to write to you. I would be very thankful for your permission to do so."

The County Surveyor said this application dealt with a building which was 19 feet from the centre of the road. Mr. Kavanagh proposed to fill in a dangerous place under



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the hill and adjoining the house so that the extension of the building which would not obscure the view would be an improvement.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

FLOODING AT BALLYKELLY, NEW ROSS

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following letter under date 25th July 1938 from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross, acting on behalf of Mr. Henry Long, Ballykelly:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and have sent a copy to our client requesting his instructions.

Referring to the date on which we visited the place with you and the Parties interested, it is our recollection that there was no evidence to suggest that a drain carrying the water from the public road ever ran beside the fence lately removed by Mr. Long.

The puzzling feature of the case was, that there was no apparent trace of any arrangement for dealing with the sudden flooding of the road other than a hole that had been made in the road fence a short time before by a road worker."

Mr. Elgee said he had had an interview with Mr. Long after receipt of letter from Messrs. Colfer & Son and he (Mr. Long) was to see Messrs. Colfer about sending a further letter. So far no letter had been received.

The County Surveyor said he advised that the County Council should take proceedings in this case. The only drainage was by the fence which had been removed by Mr. Long. Portion of the flooding was caused by water from Mr. Long's land on the opposite side of the road.

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



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"That, in the event of promised communication from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors for Mr. Henry Long, not being regarded as satisfactory by Mr. Elgee, proceedings as to the flooding of road at Ballykelly be taken against Mr. Long who, we are advised, is responsible for same."

#### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 2nd August 1938 from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The following contractors have been defaulting, and I would be glad if you arrange to take up the roads:-

Road No. 466 James Doyle, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.  
do. 578 John Doran, Gobbinstown, do.  
do. 702 Michael Shannon, Campile.  
do. 799 Michael Shannon, do. "

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to take into his own charge the following roads:- 466, 578, 702, 799 or to take such other steps towards securing the maintenance of said roads as he considers advisable."

#### RIVER AT ASSALY, KILLINICK

Application for the cleaning of river which runs through the lands of Assaly Little (Killinick), Ferney, Ballydusker and adjoining townlands, was received from eight ratepayers affected.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided to schedule application to have the work carried out under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.



INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Inspector B. Carr, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 27th July 1938, that he intended making application at Enniscorthy District Court on 11th August 1938 for the committal to Good Shepherd Convent Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Browne (12 years and 4 months) and Mary Kate Neill (8 years and 2 months) illegitimate orphans.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th August 1938 be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: Mr. McCarthy said that the Rate arrears were steadily creeping up. The seizure by the Rate Collector on his warrant was effective but costly to the Collector and was subject to a certain risk. When the Rate Collector obtained a decree it was lodged with the Sheriff and perhaps it would be found that several prior decrees were in existence. The Government should be asked to reconsider the present position and adopt legislation under which it would not be necessary for the Collector to take out a decree, but that on proof of the amount due the Rate Collector would be given a distress warrant enabling him to seize anything on the land.

The meeting approved of the suggestion of Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. T. Redmond held that in several districts a good deal of the arrears was due to the fault of the Collector.

The Chairman said they had put forward last year a recommendation that the services of the County Solicitor be given to the Rate Collectors. It was a deterrent to the collection that outside Solicitors were employed. They would, of course, relieve the Collectors of the costs of employing a Solicitor. If the County Solicitor was acting they could immediately follow up decrees by examination orders and all other necessary legal steps could be taken promptly.

Mr. Smyth complained of the difficulty of farmers in Maccamore district paying their rates owing to the high valuation of their land.

The Chairman's suggestion was approved.



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BALLYTHOMAS (WICKLOW GAP) QUARRY: Mr. Culleton asked what had been the usual practice in Wicklow Gap and Edenvale - hand-breaking or machine?

The County Surveyor said that the Council agreed that they should go to 2d or 3d for hand-breaking over the cost of machine-breaking and they were giving 3/6 a yard. Now the men were asking for 5s. That was out of the question altogether. There was no doubt that a man could not earn much by hand-breaking if he could only break three-quarters of a yard in a day.

Mr. Culleton asked if there could be a compromise. If they started breaking by machinery they would be putting a certain number of men out of employment.

The County Surveyor said that even if men broke a full yard they would get only 3/6d a day. Working with a breaker they would get 5s. a day.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor said it was not that the men were satisfied to go back to machine breaking, but they could see no other way out.

Mr. Colfer said the biggest point was that there was such little difference between the amounts for hand-breaking and machine breaking - only 3d. There should be a greater allowance. Of course 5s might be rather high.

County Surveyor - You would have to get the law altered. It was practically agreed that we give 2d or 3d extra for hand-breaking as against machine-breaking, but if you make a bigger difference you would probably be surcharged.

Col. Quin said they had to think of the cost. They had been howling about not having enough money for the roads. They should think of the ratepayers.

Mr. Culleton said he thought they should try to arrange a compromise. Perhaps the men would be inclined



to agree to something less, and perhaps they could ask for permission to make an agreement with them on something less. After all, it was very nice for Col. Quin to talk about the ratepayers. He (Mr. Culleton) was not there to squander the ratepayers' money, but they should remember that the people concerned had to pay rates, too. Where were they going to find the rates? In some cases, the installation of machinery could not be avoided, but in any case in which they thought they could avoid putting men out, it was up to them to provide work for them, and not to drive them to starvation. It was all very well for the Department to make cast-iron orders, but if they went too far the people would not stand starvation all the time. He suggested that a Committee consider the matter with representative from the two places, Wicklow Gap and Edenvale.

Mr. Corish - What's the County Surveyor talking about in regard to the law on the matter.

County Surveyor - When I say the law I mean the Auditor will surcharge if you spend more money than is necessary in preparing material.

Mr. Corish - You mean that if the Council passed a resolution to give men more money the Auditor would not agree.

Secretary - If it could be shown that there could be an alternative method.

Mr. Culleton said there was a tendency to drive the men off the face of the earth and put in the machine instead.

Chairman - I think we have opposed that all the time. Where hand-breaking was feasible we have adopted it.

Col. Quin asked if it was meant that all machines should be scrapped.

Mr. Corish - It might not be a bad idea if you did, and put something on the men's breakfast table.

The Secretary said he thought that the point as to



whether they could give 9d or 1s. increase for hand-breaking over machine-breaking as mentioned by some Councillor, should be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Mr. Colfer said the increase would not mean so much.

The County Surveyor said that in Ballythomas Quarry, while the men were working for the Council at a small wage they could not get any unemployment assistance. If they got the same money over a shorter time they would get the unemployment assistance for the balance of the time, so he really beleived they would be better off if they got the same amount of money for a shorter time.

Mr. Colfer asked if he would be in order in proposing, say, 4s. a yard for hand-breaking.

Chairman - I suggest that you raise the question of what you would allow for hand-breaking at the November meeting.

Mr. Elgee said he would have the opinion for next meeting.

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

"That as recommended by University Authorities renewals of Scholarships to the following be and the same are hereby agreed to:-

Coffey Gerald  
Doran Peter  
Flynn John  
Hickey Anne  
Kehoe John P.  
Meyler James J.  
Scanlon Robert A."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 5th August,  
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1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

SEALED ORDERS - WATER SUPPLIES ETC.

Under date 19th July 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (P.H.11145/38 - Loch Garman Pd) forwarded copy of Sealed Order (Public Health)(Special Expenses)(June) Order 1938, giving the County Health District of Wexford as area of charge for the following Water Supplies:-

Camolin; Coolgreaney; Ferns; Knocknasilloge and for water supply and sewerage system at Oylegate.

PAYMENT ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that since last meeting the following sums in respect of Road Grants had been received:

£688 (Employment Grant 22nd July 1938).

£890 special Grant (Enniscorthy - Killealy road 22nd July 1938) and

£870 New Ross Urban Council (22nd July 1938).

SANCTION OF INCREASE OF SALARY MR. F. S. RINGWOOD, V.S.

The following under date 22nd July 1938 (L.2662/38) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant in the matter, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to the proposal of your Local Authority to increase from £75 per annum to £90 per annum the remuneration of Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Local Authority Veterinary Inspector in the Enniscorthy district, in respect of duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts, other than duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, with effect as from the 13th May last."



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### KILANERIN VILLAGE

Mr. Keegan referred to the necessity of having the water tables at Kilanerin village attended to and it was decided that the County Surveyor obtain report in the matter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, for next meeting of Finance Committee.

### ANALYST'S REPORT FOR JUNE QUARTER

It appeared from Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 30th June 1938 that the total number of analyses carried out was 285, made up of Foods 222; Drugs 60; Waters 3; Number adulterated:- 8 whole Milks; 1 Skim Milk; 1 Butter and 2 Olive Oils.

### RENEWALS LICENCES UNDER POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

Connolly E. O'Neill, Buncclody.

Daly F., Manager Co-op, Enniscorthy.

Hamilton William R., Bullring, Wexford.

Hill H., Ballycanew.

O'Connor P. J., North Main Street, Wexford.

Redmond E., The Harrow, Ferns.

Tackaberry N., Buncclody."

### PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting including payments to Contractors for Roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22, be



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T. Allen  
12th Sept. 38



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING, 12th SEPTEMBER, 1938

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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 September 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman (presiding). Also Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs. Birthistle, Cullen, Ennis and O'Neill.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1543. 12. 6d and for £31. 10. 0 (payment Enniscorthy Technical School) were examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 19th AUGUST 1938: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th August, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman), presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7009. 0. 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following, showing the percentage of Rate collected to date, was submitted:-

1.	S. Gannon	8.0
2.	J. Deegan	6.5
3.	D. Kenny	6.5
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	6.3
5.	P. Doyle	5.8
6.	W. Cummins	5.7
7.	J. Quirke	5.5
8.	W. Doyle	4.8
9.	A. Dunne	4.8
10.	J. Cummins	4.2
11.	P. Nolan	3.9
12.	J. J. Sinnott	3.9
13.	J. Flood	3.6
14.	E. J. Murphy	3.5
15.	M. McCarthy	3.4
16.	J. Curtis	3.1
17.	P. Carty	2.3
18.	M. Kehoe	1.7 (ill).

Average 4.8.

The Secretary said that Rate Collectors had been directed by Rate Inspector to have all new arrears lodged by 31st August 1938, and were being notified that as well as collecting arrears they must lodge first moiety of current Rate during the first moiety period.



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ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 17th August 1938, Collector Maurice Kehoe (District No. 16) wrote that he would cease work for a fortnight as he was obliged to undergo an operation for hernia. He had handed his books to Collector J. Curtis (District No. 17) who was satisfied to take charge of the collection.

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

"That the necessary leave of absence (owing to illness) be granted Rate Collector Maurice Kehoe and that, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and of the Sureties of Messrs. Kehoe and Curtis, the latter be appointed substitute for Mr. Kehoe during his absence from duty."

RATES PAID TO AUCTIONEER: Letters under date 26th July, 27th July and 8th August, 1938, from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, as to payment of Rates by Michael Culleton, Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, and Agnes Murphy, Galbally, Crossabeg, were submitted. It appeared that the ratepayers in question employed Mr. Michael Kehoe, Auctioneer, Wexford, to set the grass of their holdings, and rent and rates were to be paid out of the first moiety of the letting money. The persons who had taken the lettings were afraid that as Mr. Kehoe had become bankrupt and had not accounted for the money he received for Rent and Rates, their stock might be seized.

The following is an extract from letter of Messrs. O'Connor & Co., under date 8th August 1938:-

"We are trying to come to some arrangement whereby the second moiety of the letting money would be paid pro rata to the County Council and the Land Commission. If we can come to terms then there will be no trouble in collecting



the second moiety from the persons who have taken the grass. If they cannot have the use of the lands it will be very difficult to come to an arrangement about the second moiety and then you will get nothing."

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

"That the matter of payment of Rates on the holdings of Michael Culleton, Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, and Agnes Murphy, Galbally, Crossabeg, be left in the hands of the Rate Collector concerned to act as instructed by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor."

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND PAYMENT OF RATES: The following, under date 4th August 1938, was read from Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"A demand for Rates in respect of the year 1938/39 on my Commissioners' new houses was before their meeting held on the 2nd instant, and I am directed to inform your Council of their decision that no Rates be paid on these houses pending the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation on the appeal which has been made against these valuations."

The Secretary stated that he wrote the following letter to the Town Clerk, Gorey, under date 11th August, 1938:-

"Please refer me to the Statutory Authority under which your Commissioners claim to act in refusing to pay poor rates as assessed for 1938/39 until appeal against the Valuations has been decided."

Under date 13th August 1938, the County Solicitor, whose advice in the matter was sought, wrote that the County Council had no power to allow the Gorey Town Commissioners to withhold the payment of Poor Rates pending the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation on the values which have been placed on the houses in question.



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

"That Rate Collector Dunne be directed to furnish list of Gorey Town Commissioners' new houses which have been completed and that said list be compared with relevant Valuations.

That the County Secretary, after interview with County Solicitor, report to Finance Committee the exact position as to payment of Rates on these houses."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEME: Under date 12th August, 1938, the Department of Education forwarded (Trg.2/48583) statement showing results of recent examination for Scholarships and which set out in order of merit on the basis of Sections 8 and 9 of approved Scheme

- (1) The candidates who had passed the examination.
- (2) Those who failed, and
- (3) Those who were absent.

Under date 18th August 1938 (011.2/48582) the Department of Education wrote that as regards Clause I, paragraph 2 of the 1938 Scheme, which reserved a scholarship for Boys and a Scholarship for Girls attending Schools at which the average attendance for the year previous to examination was less than 80, or in which the staff normally engaged during the year comprises not more than two teachers, a greater average attendance than 79 notwithstanding, Kieran C.

O'Regan of Duncannon N.S., average attendance 54 and Annie Kennedy of Chapel Convent N.S.(Kilmore), average attendance 57.6, were eligible for Scholarships on verification of the fact that their place of residence is two miles from an approved Secondary School.

The Secretary stated that K. O'Regan was 12 miles from a Secondary School and Annie Kennedy, about the same distance.



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

"That, in accordance with Results of Examination furnished by the Department of Education for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships and Bursaries, and of letter from this Department under date 18th August 1938 (O11.2/48582) the County Council be recommended to make the following awards:-

SCHOLARSHIPS:      Boys:

- (1) Kieran C. O'Regan, Duncannon.
- (2) Laurence J. Doyle, Corlican, Killurin.
- (3) Patrick Sinnott, Drinagh, Wexford.

Girls:

- (1) Angela M. McCormack, Drimma, Rosslare Strand.
- (2) Margaret M. Doyle, Drimma, do.
- (3) Annie Kennedy, Kilmore Quay.

BURSARIES:

Michael McCarthy, 1 Upper King Street, Wexford.

Patrick J. McGarrigle, 19 Slaney Street, Enniscorthy.

Felix J. Murphy, 12 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.

James J. Breen, 25 North Main Street, Wexford.

James P. Hendrick, 7 Duffry Street, Enniscorthy, and

Patrick J. Brennan, 3 Pearse Street, Gorey.

It was decided that any student who avails of Scholarship in a day Secondary School is to be awarded a £30 Scholarship only.

RENEWALS OF SCHOLARSHIPS ETC.: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That, in view of satisfactory reports of Principals of Schools renewals of Scholarships be recommended to the following for school year 1938-39:-

<u>Name of Pupil</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year Awarded.</u>
1. O'Neill Mary A.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1935



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<u>Name of Pupil.</u>	<u>School.</u>	<u>Year Awarded.</u>
3. Carroll, Mary A.	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1935.
4. Carty, Elizabeth	" " "	"
5. Jordan, Laurence	St. Peter's College, "	"
6. O'Leary, John K.	" " "	"
7. O'Brien, John A.	" " "	1936
8. Doyle, William F.	" " "	"
9. Devereux, Elizabeth	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	"
10. Foley, Annie	" " "	"
11. Lawless, Peter	C.B.S., Gorey.	"
12. O'Brien, Maire	Convent of St. Louis, Monaghan.	"
13. Ronan, Elizabeth	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1937
14. O'Neill, John J.	St. Peter's College, "	"
15. Power, Mary Bridget	St. Louis Convent, Carrickmacross.	"
16. O'Regan, Patrick J.	C.B.S., Wexford.	"
17. Devereux, Mary Ellen	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	"
18. O'Donnell, Donal	Good Counsel College, New Ross.	"

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

"That, in view of the satisfactory reports of Principals of Schools we recommend the award of bursaries of £15 in each case for school year 1938-39 to the following students:-

<u>Name of Pupil.</u>	<u>School.</u>	<u>Year Awarded.</u>
1. Donovan, Margaret	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	1935
2. Breen, John	C.B.S., Gorey.	"
3. Carty, Edward	St. Cairan's College, Bray	"
4. Leeson, James A.	C.B.S., Wexford.	"
5. Treacy, Matthew	C.B.S., Enniscorthy.	"
6. McConville, Richard	" "	"
7. Jordan, Samuel	" "	1936
8. Cullen, Thomas P.	Blackrock College, Dublin.	"
9. Rutledge, Edward	St. Peter's College, Wexford.	"
10. Tracey, Maurice	C.B.S., Enniscorthy.	"
11. O'Hanlon, Michael A.	" "	"



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<u>Name of Pupil</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year Awarded</u>
12. O'Leary, Timothy J.	C.B.S., Wexford.	1936
13. Doran, Anna	Loreto Convent, Gorey.	1937
14. Lennon, Michael M.	St. Peter's College, Wexford.	"
15. McCrudden, Laurence	C.B.S., Wexford.	"
16. Ryan, William F.	" "	"
17. McDonald, Peter	" "	"
18. Donovan, Annie	Loreto Convent, Wexford.	"

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with Agricultural Scholarship of William G. Lambert, the following letter under date 17th August 1938, was read from his mother, Mrs. E. M. Lambert:-

"I am writing on behalf of Gerard, who is away from home at present. The delay was caused by waiting for the enclosed evidence of his practical work on the land, ordered by the Council. Professor Drew's letter has not yet come to hand as I understand this is a very busy period with him.

Acting on Professor Drew's advice, he worked on a local farm and under Mr. M.T. Connolly's supervision (see letter) for the first half of the session. He then attended the "Albert Model Farm" where he remained until June 20th.

Concentrating on the practical side, which is the most important, he had not sufficient time to work up the subjects of his 1st year, but intends doing them next session. He was most successful in his 2nd year's course and now has his practical done.

Will you kindly co-operate with me in putting this before the Finance Committee and ask that the Scholarship be continued.

It was no easy matter for me last year to pay all his expenses, as I myself had an operation in Dublin last January."



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Under date 16th August 1938, Mr. Richard Davis, Airdowns, Broadway, wrote that Mr. Lambert had been attending his farm and had helped with the production of beet, tobacco, and corn crops for the period 1937-38, and gave assistance to Mr. Connolly, Instructor in Agriculture, on the occasion of his visits in connection with experimental work.

Under date 11th August 1938, Mr. Connolly, Instructor, wrote that Mr. Lambert was present with him in the laying down of certain field experiments during the season 1937-38 and had afterwards displayed an interest in the progress of these experiments.

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

"That Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University College, Dublin, be requested to inform the County Council if he would be prepared to recommend a continuance of University Scholarship to Mr. William G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway."

#### DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The following was submitted as to indebtedness of Urban Councils on foot of County Council Demands:

##### Year ended 31st March 1938:

<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Demand	£3396.	4.	8d.	
	Paid	£974.	4.	4d.	
	Due	£2422.	0.	4d.	(71%).
<u>New Ross:</u>	Demand	£3418.	6.	6d.	All paid.
<u>Wexford:</u>	Demand	£6876.	9.	5d.	
	Paid	£4240.	0.	0d.	
	Due	£2636.	9.	5d.	(38%).

##### Year ended 31st March 1939. Amounts due to 30th June 1938:

<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Demand	£950.	14.	1d.
<u>New Ross:</u>	Demand	£910.	1.	3d.
<u>Wexford:</u>	Demand	£1946.	8.	3d.



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No payment had been made on foot of the foregoing amounts.

Mr. Corish said the Collector for Wexford Corporation was in hospital for several weeks suffering from double pneumonia, but had now recovered and would be effective immediately.

Mr. McCarthy said the Rate Collector of Enniscorthy Urban was under suspension and the Collection was held up pending the final decision of the Minister. He (Mr. McCarthy) believed as soon as the position was clarified, the Minister would consent to overdraft or loan which would admit of the Urban Council wiping out their indebtedness to the Council for last Year's demand.

The meeting noted the position.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ANDREW BROWNE, CLONAMONA, CRAANFORD: wrote under date 16th August 1938 that in his application for loan of £100 under above Acts he only gave 8/- weekly as his income. This, however, represented wages only, as last year he received in addition £25 for corn, £16. 10. 0 for a horse, £23 for cattle and £7 for potatoes, making a total of £71. 10. 0d.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to agree (subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) to advance loan of £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Andrew Browne, Clonamona, Craanford, Gorey."

NICHOLAS HAYES, NINEACRE, BROADWAY, wrote under date 10th August 1938 asking for a "supplement" to loan of £100. As all building materials had advanced in price he was not in a position to meet all the bills for the building, and if possible he asked the Council to grant him a little more.

It was stated that this house had been completed for



some time and that the applicant had received the amount of loan applied for.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hayes that the Finance Committee did not feel in a position to recommend the advance of a small supplemental loan which would entail cost of preparation of second mortgage, stamps, etc.

#### PREPARATION OF ROAD MATERIAL

The following, under date 13th August, 1938, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As directed, I have looked into the powers of the County Council to give Workers employed at stonebreaking by hand in the Council's Quarries a preference of 1/- per cubic yard as against the breaking of stones by machinery.

I have gone carefully through the various Local Government Acts, and cannot find any Section in those Acts, nor, in the different Orders made under them, directly bearing on the question.

When dealing with Contracts for Road Maintenance however, it is laid down in paragraph 18(4) of the Procedure of Councils Order of the 30th January 1899, that the Council may accept the lowest or any other Tender. However, as a matter of fact, I believe it has been the practice to accept the lowest Tender in all cases except under exceptional circumstances.

It has to be borne in mind however, that the County Council have only a certain sum of money allotted for each Section of Road, and if the cost of breaking the material by hand for the repairs of that Section is unduly increased over and above the cost at which such material could be prepared by Machinery there will naturally be less material available for the same money for the repairs, and consequently, the stretch of Road would rapidly deteriorate.

This being so, and having regard to the Provisions of Sec. 61(2) which enacts, "That where a proposal is made at a meeting of a Local Authority to do any Act in consequence of which an illegal payment is to be made out of the Funds of the Local Authority or a deficiency is likely to result to such Funds, it shall be the duty of the responsible Officer of the Local Authority to make objection to such payment and to state the grounds of such objection" I am of opinion, and in view of what I have stated above, it would not be legal for the Council to increase the amount which is at present paid to Quarry Workers breaking stones, over the amount which the same work would cost if the work was done by machinery, the present preference in favour of hand breaking being 2d to 3d per cubic yard, and the Secretary of the Council who is the responsible Officer should so inform the Council."

Mr. Corish proposed and the Chairman seconded the following recommendation which was adopted:-



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"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and also the Office of Public Works and ascertain if, in the case of road repairs carried out under Employment Grants, Relief or other State Grants, the Council can have material prepared by hand, and if there be any provision or regulation governing wages to workers in this regard, or any comparison to be made between such wages and the amounts paid for preparing material by machine."

#### WAGES OF ENGINE ATTENDANTS

Mr. Liam Moran, Church Street, Enniscorthy, Secretary Enniscorthy Branch of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, wrote as follows under date 5th August 1938:-

"Owing to the high cost of living, the nature of the work done, the hours worked and the fact that these men are most times away from home, I would ask that all engine attendants wages be increased from 36/- to 50/- per week."

The County Surveyor said there were 15 or 16 men concerned. He would have no objection to these men securing an increase of wages but, in his opinion, they had as good, probably even a better time than men working in a quarry. He believed the application should be considered with a general revision of wages and which Mr. Colfer had given notice to raise at the meeting at which Road Works Scheme for next year would be considered.

Mr. Colfer said these men had to work longer hours than ordinary workers.

The County Surveyor said that the men had to "get up steam" in the mornings but they were "off work" in the middle of the day.

Mr. Corish said engine attendants worked from six o'clock in the morning until seven in the evening, but the real point of the application was that as they were so often away from home they had to keep two houses going.



The County Surveyor said that it would be advisable to adjourn the application until the question of a general increase in wages be dealt with.

The Chairman proposed that the application be adjourned until the meeting of the County Council to consider Road Works Scheme, at which Mr. Colfer was raising the question of an all-round increase in the wages of County Council road employees.

Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following:-

"That the wages of Engine Attendants of Wexford County Council be increased (subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health) from 36/- to 40/- per week."

On a show of hands, two voted for this proposal and six for the Chairman's motion which was declared carried.

#### CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENT

The following under date 16th August 1938 (S.W.1/22/2) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of the 28th ultimo relative to the proposed improvement of Carne Pier, Co. Wexford, and to state that he has again considered this matter. I am to inform you that this Department is concerned primarily with the relief of unemployment and that it is our duty to select for each locality the most suitable employment scheme which is submitted. The amount of the grant from the Employment Schemes Vote for a particular scheme is governed by the proportionate number of recipients of unemployment assistance registered in the area at the time.

In the circumstances, I am to say that the Parliamentary Secretary is not prepared to recommend the grant of



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33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the cost of the proposal, estimated at £650, unless the work can be done in the winter months, when the Unemployment Assistance position in the area would justify the expenditure of moneys from the Employment Schemes Vote."

The Chairman said they could inform the Office of Public Works that as far as possible the County Council would carry out the work in the winter.

The County Surveyor said he was perfectly prepared to carry out the work in the winter, but it was probable it would be held up or damaged by storms. If it was washed away or injured he did not think the responsibility for its non-success should be placed on his shoulders.

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

"That, in regard to proposed improvements at Carne Pier the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council feel that as they are providing two-thirds of the money they should be guided by the advice of their County Surveyor as to the most suitable period of the year in which to carry out the work. That the County Surveyor point out to the Office of Public Works that as the Wexford coast at Carne is ravaged each winter by violent storms the work, if carried out in the Winter months might be destroyed in one night."

#### FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS

Under date 16th August, 1938, (T.I.F./3128) letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade and Industries Branch, 51 Dawson Street, Dublin) that at the Machinery Yard of the County Council at Abbey Quay, Ennis-corthy, the following required to be affixed:-

Form F.I Abstract 1937 and Electricity Regulations  
Form F.I.954.

Referred to County Surveyor.



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## WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following under date 2nd August 1938 was read from  
Mr. A. Delap (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers,  
16, Molesworth Street, Dublin):-

"In June we put before you a scheme for strengthening Wexford Bridge, by the addition of steel work that would cost about £6,000, this sum including £1,600 for sundry repairs.

It has been suggested that the method then proposed would cost more than the condition of the bridge would justify and that a cheaper method that would still carry the desired load for a limited time might be found.

I have been looking into this, and find that it would be possible to lighten the dead load on the bridge by removing the cast iron floor plates and the road material over them, and substituting a deck of scotch fir 4" thick on the roadway and 3" on the footpaths. This deck would permit the use of 5-ton loads on the bridge and would materially lighten the dead load it now carries.

It would still be necessary to make good any parts of the bridge that were seriously defective and this would apply particularly to the tie rods.

I have not been able so far to get a firm price for the scotch fir but expect it will be between 4/- and 5/- per cubic foot.

With 20% added for erection and fastening, the cost would be --

@ 4/- per c.f. ...	£3,600	} Average £4,050.
@ 5/- per c. f. ...	£4,500	

We anticipate that it may be necessary to renew 20% of the tie bars of the main beams -

This would cost ... ... £300.

The cost of removing the existing road surface, road material and C.I. plates may be ignored, as the road material may all be used on other road works and the C.I. plates disposed of at a profit.

The cost of the temporary restoration of the bridge on these lines may be estimated as follows:-

Timber work erected ...	£4,050
Sundry repairs ...	300
Total ...	£4,350

Say ... £4,500.

From this it appears that the cost of the timber deck will not be very much below the cost of the steel work as per my letter of 22nd June, but there are two points to be taken into consideration - one is, that the timber deck will be all of homegrown timber and no money will go out of the country; the other is, that instead of adding very seriously



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to the weight carried by the very doubtful timberwork below the deck level, the load on this part of the work will be very substantially lightened.

If you think this proposal is worth considering, I shall be very glad to go further into details on my return from leave in about three weeks' time."

The County Surveyor said that one objection to the first proposal to repair in steel was it would put 18 tons extra "dead load" on the bridge while the present proposal instead of putting on extra weight would lessen the weight. If they could be sure of what was under water, steel would make the best job. There were 360 piles in all in the structure. They knew that on the far side of the bridge there were seven or eight split piles and, of course, no guarantee could be given as to what might be discovered as regards the soundness of piles or what might happen when the repairs were being carried out.

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

"That the County Surveyor arrange an appointment with Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Road Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, for the purpose of considering the proposal set out in letter of Mr. A. Delap (Delap and Waller) under date 2nd August to the County Surveyor.

And that the County Surveyor report the result of his interview to the Finance Committee."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Mr. Keegan said that Robert Valentine, who occupied the caretaker's premises in Gorey Courthouse, had on the application of his Solicitors, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, been given up to 31st July to vacate the premises. This promise had not been carried out: as a matter of fact, he (Mr. Keegan) had been informed at last meeting of the Council that Valentine had been granted an extension up to 1st September by the District Justice. The Council should



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realise the position and that they were paying 7/6d to their permanent caretaker in lieu of these premises.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had had the electric light to the caretaker's premises cut off and the meeting approved.

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

"That the County Solicitor communicate with Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, and point out that it was on the strength of the statement in their letter of 10th June 1938 that Mr. Valentine would get possession of a house by the end of July the Council agreed to allow him to remain for the period to that date. The County Council now find that Mr. Valentine has been granted an extension of occupation to 1st September next. The Council are obliged to pay the present caretaker 7/6d per week owing to the fact that they have not been able to secure possession of the premises occupied by Robert Valentine."

#### CONTINGENCY FUND - COUNTY

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

"That £25 be withdrawn from County Contingency Fund for Section 4 (Bridge at Kiltennel) and £35 from same fund Section 15 (Damage at Donamore)."

#### STEAM ROLLING - BUNCLODY SQUARE

The following, under date 13th August 1938, was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Buncloody:-

"My Committee have directed me to inform the Council that Mr. Hall Dare has the necessary road metalling prepared and on the spot for the work of having the square tar-macadamed. They hope that while the present summer weather lasts

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material required for the carrying out of the work as they have already signified their readiness to do."

The County Surveyor said he would carry out the work as soon as possible.

#### ROAD BALLYCULLANE TO POULFUR

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

"That the County Surveyor make representations to the Irish Tourist Association with a view to securing a State Grant for repair of road from Ballycullane to Poulfur."

#### ROAD FROM WINDMILLS HILL, WEXFORD TO SPORTS GROUND

Mr. Corish said that the Urban Council had steam-rolled the section of this road within Wexford Borough Boundary and perhaps a bit extra and he considered, in view of the large amount of traffic carried by this road, particularly on days of Gaelic Games and other sports, the County Council might deal with the balance.

The County Surveyor said he had no money to meet Mr. Corish's request. All he could do for the present year was to fill the potholes.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER AT ST. LEONARD'S CROSS, BALLYCULLANE

Mr. Colfer urged that some easement should be carried out at this corner. He understood the County Surveyor to say he would be able to repair these corners by "draws" from Contingency Fund.

The County Surveyor said that where money could be saved on maintenance he would try and deal with corners, but this could not be a general rule. The amount in Contingency Funds was very small and he could not agree that it should be utilised for easement of corners. There were many corners equally as dangerous as that at St. Leonard's, and members should not forget that at last Roads Scheme meeting it was decided to cut out all money for corners.



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If members wanted corners eased it was necessary that the money for the work should be provided.

#### UNEMPLOYED EX-SERVICE MEN

"No order" was made on the following resolution received from Cork Corporation:-

"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to consider the cases of all Ex-Service men presently unemployed, but in receipt of small pensions with a view to securing for them equal rights in the matter of employment on relief schemes with those in receipt of Unemployment Assistance."

#### REMAINS OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT

The following resolution (submitted from Kilkenny Corporation) was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we, the Members of the Kilkenny Corporation, request that the Public Bodies of Ireland will co-operate in endeavouring to bring every possible pressure to bear on the British Government to surrender the Remains of the late Sir Roger Casement, so that they may be re-interred in accordance with his dying wish, in Glasnevin Cemetery."

#### WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER

At the last meeting of the County Council Mr. Michael Redmond raised the question of compensation to Miss Murphy, Old Court, Adamstown, in respect of two animals which were grazing at Killurin and which it was reported, died as a result of Warble Fly dressing.

The meeting decided to ask the Department of Agriculture and local Veterinary Inspector of the Council for a statement of the result of their investigations in the case.

Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Local Veterinary Inspector, wrote as follows under date 18th August 1938:-



These two animals were found dead on May 12th 1938. I saw them on Saturday, May 14th 1938 following a report from "Garda", Killurin, on that day.

On P.M. found a considerable quantity of berries in oesophagus (swallow) and stomach. These on examination proved to be Ivy seeds and, in my opinion, were the cause of the animals' death."

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided that copy of communication from Mr. Staples be furnished Mr. Michael Redmond, County Councillor.

The Assistant Secretary applied for £20, the same remuneration as last year, for work in connection with Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, and the application was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.



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 August 1938 be received and considered".

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: The Secretary reported that Mr. Kehoe had returned to duty.

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND PAYMENT OF RATES: The Secretary stated that Collector Dunne had not yet furnished list of Gorey Town Commissioners' houses as requested by the Finance Committee. When this was received Finance Committee would resume consideration of the action of the Gorey Town Commissioners.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with Agricultural Scholarship held by W. G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, the Secretary reported that Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, had not yet replied to the resolution of the Finance Committee asking if he would be prepared to recommend continuance of University Scholarship in this case.

In connection with the award of University Scholarships for 1938/39, the following report was read from Dr. Denis J. Coffey, President University College, Dublin:-

"A good competition of 28 candidates, of whom all but five had Honours Leaving Certificates. The average of the answering is good as 18 candidates received from 1100 marks upwards of whom the 13 highest would qualify as eligible Scholarship Candidates. Of the latter the first ten are from 1296 marks upwards. The highrst candidate is of exceptional quality receiving so high a total as 2227 marks. The first, second, third, and fourth, in order of merit are recommended for Scholarships as follows:-



	<u>Marks.</u>
1. Corish Patrick J., Ballycullane.	2227
2. Anglim James H., St. Anne's, Duncannon.	1526
3. Browne Thomas P., Rock's Lane, Wexford.	1466
4. Crean Una Maire, Riverchapel.	1421

and in the case of vacancies, the following in order of merit, viz.:-

5. Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn	1399 $\frac{2}{3}$
6. O'Rourke Laurence, Newbawn.	1375 $\frac{2}{3}$
7. Kinsella James J., The Square, Bunclody.	1333
8. Roche Katherine, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown.	1307

The remaining candidates in order of merit are seen on table.

I congratulate the County Council on a good series of candidates."

The Secretary stated that the following complete results of the Examination under University Scholarship Scheme had been furnished to County Councilors:-



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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1938

The following is result of examination for above Scheme as furnished by President, University College, Dublin.

(The names of the candidates appear in order of merit).

Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are recommended for Scholarships, subject to the provisions of the Scheme.

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1. Corish, Patrick J., Ballycullane. (Science) (2227 Marks).
2. Anglim, James N., "St. Anne's", Duncannon, Co. Wexford.  
(Agriculture). (1526).
3. Browne, Thomas P., Rock's Lane, Wexford. (Arts or Science).  
(1466).
4. Creane, Una Maire, Riverchapel. (Arts). (1421).
5. Butler Thomas, Blackhall, Glynn. (Classical). (1399 $\frac{2}{3}$ ).
6. O'Rourke, Laurence, Newbawn. (Arts). (1375 $\frac{2}{3}$ ).
7. Kinsella, James J., The Square, Main Street, Bunclody.  
(Arts). (1333).
8. Roche, Katherine, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown.  
(Commerce). (1307).
9. O'Donohue, Thomas O., Johnstown, Clonegal, Ferns.  
(Classical). (1304).
10. Brewer, W. J., Irishtown, New Ross. (Arts). (1296).
11. (O'Rourke, Catherine, Newbawn. (Arts). (1256).  
(tie) (Ryan, Robert, Ardamine, Gorey. (Agriculture). (1256).
12. Duggan, Anne M., The Leap, Enniscorthy. (Commerce). (1226).
13. Kelly James J., Camblin, New Ross. (Agriculture). (1216).
14. Kelly Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.  
(Engineering). (1215).
15. Murphy Stasia, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.  
(Science). (1210).
16. Doyle, Bridget Teresa, Drimmagh, Rosslare.  
(Science). (1200).
17. Redmond, Judith, 13 St. Michael's Place, Gorey.  
(Arts). (1158).



18. O'Connor, Joan, Gally, Enniscorthy. (Science). (1113).
19. Mulligan, Mary T., Craan, Gorey. (Science). (1096).
20. Barry, Francis P., Hillview, Coolcots, Wexford.  
(Agriculture). (1062 $\frac{2}{3}$ ).
21. Brennan, Richard, Camolin. (Commerce). (1022).
22. Sheil, Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.  
(Engineering). (1004).
23. Finn, Joseph, 16 Main Street, Gorey.  
(Engineering). (995).
24. Hall, Philip D., 10 Cornmarket, Wexford.  
(Arts or Commerce). (914).
25. O'Keeffe, Alice M., Station House, Rosslare Strand.  
(Arts). (886).
26. Teehan John A., 101 Irishtown, New Ross.  
(Medicine). (803).
27. Byrne, William, The Hollow, Camblin, New Ross.  
(Classical). (741 $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary Wexford County Council.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

6th September, 1938.

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It was stated that candidate Mr. Patrick J. Corish, who had secured first place at the Examination intended to become a Secular Priest.

The Secretary stated that up to the present no intimation to this effect had been received. Since initiation of the Scheme Scholarships had not been awarded successful candidates who were studying for the priesthood. In the event of Mr. Corish not availing of Scholarship it would, in the ordinary course, be awarded to Thomas Butler, Glynn. It had been reported that the last-named intended to become an Augustinian Friar.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 9th September 1938 was read from Rev. T. B. Veale, O.S.A., Principal, Good Counsel College, New Ross:-

"As a result of my interview with Mr. Frizelle (Jun.) on Tuesday, 6th instant, I went to Dublin yesterday to interview our Father Provincial re the possibility of Thomas Butler, Blackhall, Glynn, accepting the University Scholarship. Here is the result of the interview briefly:

Butler on being told that he had a chance of securing the Scholarship, expressed the wish that he would like to avail of it. This means that he is not joining our Order now. He will attend his Lectures in the National University, Dublin, as an ordinary layman and when he gets his Degree he will be perfectly free to either join the Order or not, as he pleases. The Father Provincial thought it just that this option should be given to the student in question, as a percentage of students leave the Novitiate each year. The point to remember then, is that the Augustinian Order has absolutely no claim on Butler now: he attends the University as an ordinary layman. When he gets his B.A. degree, he will be gladly accepted as a candidate for our Order if he thinks he has a vocation: if



he decides otherwise, the Augustinian Order will certainly have no right to interfere with his freedom of choice.

In conclusion, I would like to assure you that I greatly appreciate the courtesy you have shown me in this matter."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That in accordance with report of President of University College, Dublin and results of examination as submitted by him, University Scholarship be awarded the following:-

1. Patrick J. Corish, Ballycullane.
2. James N. Anglim, St. Annes, Duncannon.
3. Thomas P. Browne, Rock's Lane, Wexford.
4. Una M. Crean, Riverchapel.

That, in the event of any candidate accepted for Scholarship not availing of same, vacancy be filled by the selection of next candidate in order of merit, and who complies with all the conditions of the Scheme.

That our Secretary be directed to communicate with the Vicar Capitular and ask him if it be a fact that Mr. Patrick J. Corish is about to pursue his ecclesiastical studies at Maynooth College. Should an affirmative reply be received, that vacant Scholarship be awarded to Thomas Butler, Blackhall, Glynn.

That congratulations be offered to the schools which presented for examination the winners of these Scholarships on the high standard of merit obtained."

PREPARATION OF ROAD MATERIAL: In connection with the recommendation of Finance Committee, the County Surveyor stated he had written to both Departments and had received an acknowledgment to his communication.



The Chairman pointed out that up to the present a preference of 2d or 3d per cubic yard was made in favour of hand broken material.

The County Surveyor in reply to Mr. Culleton, said that the cost of breaking road material by machine varied from 3/- to 3/3 and they allowed 3/6 for hand breaking. The average earnings of a man handbreaking was £1 per week for six weeks, a total of £6. While working at the machine for three weeks they got nearly as much. For four weeks they certainly would. It was questionable with the employment allowance if they were *not* better off by receiving a higher rate for a shorter time *than* a starvation wage for hand breaking material. The Council would realise that it was a point on which it was impossible to generalise.

Mr. Culleton held that the men who had a short period of employment suffered in not being able to earn wages for a longer period.

The County Surveyor said as against £1 for handbreaking the men would receive 12/- when they were out of work.

Mr. Culleton contended that the whole system would have to be changed as people would not agree to starve all the time. It was preferable to break material by hand for more or less continuous employment than to have employment for short terms on a higher wage and have men trying to live afterwards on 12/6d per week.

Mr. Doyle said that looking at the matter from the point of view of the ratepayers, when they employed workers on machines and then threw them out of employment, they were not done with the men. They had to provide Relief Schemes or Home Assistance to keep them going, and if, after taking this into account, they found it cost less to break



by hand, it would be better to maintain that system.

Col. Quin said it was the business of the County Council to get the work done in the cheapest manner, and it was admitted this was by machinery.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor stated that there was no general demand for hand breaking in the County.

Mr. Corish believed it was terribly dangerous doctrine to advocate hand breaking if wages were to be £1 per week.

The Chairman said the duty of the Council was to get work done as cheaply and as efficiently as possible. They could not deal with economic effects.

Mr. Doyle believed that efficiency, from the engineer's point of view, might really mean inefficiency when it came to deal with actual money for work and relief.

Mr. Colfer was of opinion that a general system of hand breaking could not be carried out. Anyone who know the quarries of the Council was aware that there were only five or six quarries in which hand breaking could be carried out. It would cost £500 or £600 to give a decent wage all round and that was not much out of the Council's expenditure.

After further discussion, the suggestion of Mr. Corish that the matter be adjourned for reply from the two Government Departments concerned was adopted.

WAGES ENGINE ATTENDANTS: Mr. Corish proposed the following:-

"That, as regards application for increased wages by Engine Attendants, we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee and that the wages of these employees be increased from 36/- to 40/- per week."

Mr. Corish pointed out that these men were continuously away from home and, if married, had, as he mentioned



at the Finance Committee meeting, to keep two houses going.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The County Surveyor said the men lived in County Council van, but they would have extra expense for food.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that by adopting the proposal of Mr. Corish they were taking a few men and leaving all the others out. That he did not consider reasonable.

On a show of hands 4 voted for the proposal of Mr. Corish and 10 against.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee in the matter was then adopted nem. con.

CARNE PIER IMPROVEMENTS: The County Surveyor said he would do the work in the winter if necessary, but he had pointed out to the Office of Works the damage that was done by storms previously and told them that he was not prepared to ~~take~~ the responsibility of carrying out the work unless he was relieved of the responsibility for damage done by storms.

Mr. Corish said that when the County Surveyor's protest appeared in the Minutes it would clear him.

Mr. Doyle - It would be no use attempting to repair it in the Winter. It would have to be done some other time.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided to take up the question of repairs ~~to~~ to the pier with the Minister for Fisheries, the Chairman remarking that it was with that Department the question was raised at first.

It was further decided that Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, be asked to take a special



interest in this matter and endeavour to make an arrangement by which the work can be carried out with the greatest possible chance of success and efficiency.

In connection with approach to Carne Pier, letter signed by 37 ratepayers, was received from the Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann stating that in connection with the completion of the road to Carne Pier, with particular reference to the approaches to the pier, the County road did not lead directly to the pier. The only means of access for vehicles was by a private roadway 400 yards in length through a field owned by Mr. William Joyce, Butlerstown, Broadway. This road is a right-of-way to two houses and the occupiers keep it in repair. It would be a great convenience to local residents if the right-of-way was replaced by a public road. A road giving direct access to the Pier could be used by fishermen and boat-owners, farmers drawing seaweed, etc. Also in view of growing popularity of Carne as a seaside resort the road would be a convenience to visitors. The cost of acquiring and re-surfacing the road by the Council would not be very costly and that the outlay would be justified by the great advantage to the district.

The County Surveyor said that the County road mentioned was provided for by a scheme already adopted to spend £4200, made of 50-50 by grant and loan, which would do the road from Ballyfane Cross to Mr. Joyce's gate. Regarding the right-of-way through Mr. Joyce's field, some time ago that matter was before the County Council and the then owner, Mr. John Joyce, wanted the right-of-way fenced if the Council took it over, or something like that, and the matter fell through. It was used by everyone going to Carne Pier and he understood that local people put some gravel from the shore on it from time to time. It was only a short length.



Mr. Murphy said he understood Mr. Joyce would be agreeable to the Council taking over the right-of-way.

In reply to Col. Quin the County Surveyor said that the cost of the converted right-of-way would be less than £10.

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

"That the County Surveyor interview Mr. Joyce, Butlerstown, Broadway, and ascertain if he be agreeable to allow the County Council to take over the right-of-way through his field at Carne for conversion to a public road and on what terms. And that the County Surveyor report result of his interview to the Finance Committee."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 30th August 1938 from Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer, pointing out that he had been making enquiries about the cost of timber for the decking of Wexford Bridge and found that by using larch  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " thick for the roadway and 3" thick for the footpaths the load on the bridge could be still further lightened and the cost brought down to about £2580. Boat Builders and people who use larch stated that  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " larch was stronger than 4 inch Scotch fir.

Using this the new figures would work out as follows:-

13,000 cubic ft. larch at 2/3d	£. 1463
Fastening	360
Renewal of tie bars (say)	500
Contingencies (say)	<u>250</u>
Total	£2579.

The County Surveyor said he had written to arrange an appointment with Mr. Courtney but the latter was on holidays As the Department of Local Government and Public Health was putting up 40% of the cost it would expedite the work of repair if the matter could be arranged between himself and the Department's Engineers.



Mr. Corish said it was very necessary that the repairs should be carried out before Winter sets in.

The Chairman said the matter would come up on report to Finance Committee. The latter would not cause any delay in dealing with it.

ROAD BALLYCULLANE TO POULFUR: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter received from the General Manager, Tourist Development Association, under date 8th September, 1938:-

"In reply to your letter of 7th instant with reference to the above, I wish to assure you that I shall take up with the Local Government Department the question of securing a State Grant. I assume that representations will also go direct from your Council."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT ST. LEONARDS: Mr. Colfer contended that the County Surveyor had at Road Works meeting in November last stated that payment of easement of corners on Main roads could be met out of the maintenance amount.

The County Surveyor said that only applied to cases in which a saving could be made in the maintenance figure.

Mr. Colfer said he raised the question because an accident between a motor car and cyclist was narrowly averted at St. Leonard's owing to the car travelling slowly but many cars passed there at 60 miles an hour.

The County Surveyor said he was doing four corners on that road at present. There were hundreds of corners to which the same thing applied as at St. Leonard's, but he could not do every corner at once with the money provided.

RESOLUTION UNEMPLOYED EX-SERVICEMEN: Mr. Corish said there was a good deal more in the resolution than appeared to present itself to the Finance Committee. Ex-Service men who had pensions never got their turn for work on



relief schemes because men drawing a high scale of unemployment pay got preference and the ex-service men who get 8s. a week pension and who would be otherwise entitled to 17s. 6d a week relief money would only get 9s. 6d relief and only get their turn for employment with the men drawing 9s. 6d relief. He proposed the adoption of the resolution.

Col. Quin seconded.

The Chairman said he discussed the matter with the Minister for Industry and Commerce and was told that if the resolution was put into operation it would raise the whole question of the means test for every section of relief recipients as well as pensioners. He thoroughly agreed with Mr. Corish that it was a great hardship and he agreed with the resolution.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 19th August 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 2nd SEPTEMBER 1938: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on 2nd September 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5012. 19. 8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to 2nd September 1938:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant.</u>
1. S. Gannon	11. 3
2. D. Kenny	11.3
3. J. Quirke	10.7
4. J. J. Sinnott	10.7
5. W. Cummins	9.0
6. J. Deegan	8.9
7. P. Doyle	8.6
8. J. Cummins	8.5
9. W. Doyle	8.3
10. P. Nolan	8.1
11. A. Dunne	7.4
12. J. J. O'Reilly	7.1
13. J. Flood	6.3
14. M. McCarthy	5.2
15. J. Curtis	5.1
16. E. J. Murphy	4.7
17. P. Carty	2.8
18. M. Kehoe (ill)	<u>2.4</u>
Average	7.8

RATE COLLECTORS AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE: The following under date 24th August 1938 (G.22352/38) as to the proposal of the Council to arrange for the County Solicitor to deal with the legal work of the Rate Collection, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-



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"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant regarding payment of legal expenses incurred in connection with the collection of Rates, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he is not prepared at present to relieve the collectors of the obligation to take effective steps whether by summary distress under their collecting warrant or otherwise, for the recovery of the Rates.

The question of new legislation to strengthen the Collector's powers is at present under consideration, and the Minister suggests that the Council should not press the matter until the proposals for legislation are published."

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR MAURICE KEHOE (DISTRICT NO. 16):

The following letter under date 31st August 1938 (G.23583/38-Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th instant, 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 sanctions the appointment of Collector Curtis as temporary deputy for Collector M. Kehoe. The position in the matter on the 30th proximo should be notified to this Department."

RETURNS OF OUTSTANDING RATES: It was decided that Returns of outstanding Rates with names etc. of ratepayers concerned be prepared half yearly giving the position as on 1st May and 1st November of each year.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTIONS TO LOANS: Under date 26th August 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.15681/2/38) approving of advances of £120 to Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminaun, Gorey, and £150 to James O'Brien,



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Ballyhit, Barntown, and under same date wrote (H.19516/38) approving of advances of £180 to Sean Butler, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour and £100 to Mrs. Kate Granger, Raheen, Clonroche.

CASE OF JAMES DEMPSEY: The following under date 18th August 1938 was read from Mr. James Dempsey, Piercestown, Drinagh:-

"With reference to letter of 12th instant from Mr. Elgee stating that my application for loan under the above Act has been turned down, also suggesting that I should apply for labourer's cottage, I beg to say that as I have the house almost completed according to specification made out by Mr. R. Murphy, Appointed Officer, Enniscorthy, it would be almost impossible to alter same. I may add that this house has been built on my own land, of which I am the sole owner - five acres in all.

Therefore, I would feel very grateful if you could see your way to reconsider my application. I can assure you I will repay according to specified conditions."

Applicant had applied for loan of £175 which would be covered by an instalment of 4/4d per week.

Mr. Dempsey's communication was in reply to query of County Secretary asking him for a statement of income.

Miss O'Ryan said she had been informed this applicant had two cows, sold milk and fattened pigs.

After discussion, it was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan to recommend the County Council to advance £125 to Mr. James Dempsey, Piercestown, Wexford.



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

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

"That in accordance with assessment of £157. 13. 10d as set out in schedule to letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (S.13204/1938) the County Council be recommended to pay same."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP OF MR. W. G. LAMBERT: Under date 31st August 1938 letter was read from Albert Agricultural College, Glasnevin, Dublin, that Professor Drew was expected back to duty immediately when he would deal with the letter from Wexford County Council as regards University Scholarship of Mr. W. G. Lambert.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, as Patrick Sinnott, Drinagh, has decided to avail of his scholarship at Christian Brothers, Wexford, a non-residential institution, his Scholarship, in accordance with Scheme, be fixed at £30 per annum."

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Medical certificates were submitted from Dr. Thomas Pierse, M.D., Wexford, as to the illness, owing to migraine, of J. Mohony, Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, as from 22nd August 1938. It was expected he would be fit for duty by 5th September 1938.

GOREY COURTHOUSE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES

The following under date 27th August 1938, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and in reply write to say that I have today written to Messrs. Huggard,



Brennan & Godrey, Solicitors, Gorey, to know if Valentine has vacated the Caretaker's Premises at Gorey Courthouse, and impressing upon them the necessity of his so doing at once. When I hear further in the matter I will let you know."

Mr. Keegan pointed out that according to letter received from Messrs. Huggard and Brennan, the caretaker's premises were to have been vacated by Valentine by 31st July last and without any notice to the County Council a further extension up to 1st September 1938 had been granted. So long as the Council could not obtain possession of the premises they were at a loss of 7/6d per week, which was paid the present permanent caretaker in lieu of occupation of the caretaker's portion of the Gorey Courthouse.

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

"That the County Solicitor, (Mr. Elgee) be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain possession of the caretaker's premises at Gorey Courthouse from Robert Valentine."

#### WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

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 payment of 10/- per week to Mr. J. O'Kennedy (County Surveyor's Office) for work in connection with writing up machinery records at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, for a further six months' period as from 10th October, 1938."

#### LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF MACHINERY

The following under date 30th August 1938 (S. Loch Garman) was read:-



"With reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo in regard to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £3600 for the purchase of road machinery, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is noted from the loan form submitted in connection with this proposal that the Council propose to have the loan repaid over a period of 7 or 10 years. Having regard to the nature of the machinery to be purchased it is considered that the loan proposed to be raised might be repaid over a period of five years and the loan form already submitted is therefore returned herewith for amendment to the reply to query 6 thereon."

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 30th August, 1938 (S. Loch Garman) the County Council be recommended to agree to have the period of repayment for loan of £3600 for the purchase of Road Machinery, fixed at five years."

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The Secretary reported that for the week ended 27th August 1938, Thomas Prendergast, Inspector under Sheep Dipping Order, had reported that of 24 sheepowners who had served notice to dip their sheep 14 did not do so.

It was decided that Mr. Prendergast be directed to furnish fuller details in these 14 cases with a full explanation covering each case as to why dipping was not carried out. That, in the event of the County Secretary being of opinion Mr. Prendergast's explanation is not satisfactory this officer be suspended.



REMOVALS BEACH MATERIAL BALLYHEALY SOUTH AND RINGBAUN

The following under date 22nd August 1938 (M.S.5110) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 11th instant with enclosure on the subject of removals from the foreshore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to state that the Minister is advised that the line of high water of ordinary medium tides is approximately 15 yards seaward from the bank or frontage. In licences authorising the removal of beach material here it will therefore be stipulated that no removal is to take place within a distance of at least 15 yards from the bank or frontage."

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

"The Finance Committee of Wexford County Council are of opinion - from consultation with the local people - that the stipulation in letter from Department of Industry and Commerce - Transport & Marine Branch, under date 22nd August 1938 (M.S.5110) that no removal from beach at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun is to take place within a distance of at least 15 yards from the bank or frontage will not meet with the convenience of those concerned. They have already suggested that an Inspector from the Department should consult with the local people and unless this suggestion be adopted they feel it will not be possible to come to a satisfactory arrangement in the matter."

FITTING OUT BASIN AT KILMORE HARBOUR

The following, signed by 24 fishermen, users of Kilmore Quay harbour, was read and referred to County Surveyor for report:-



"We, the undersigned fishermen, request that while the various repairs are being made to the Kilmore Quay harbour, the condition of the fitting out basin will not be overlooked.

That something should be done is proved by the fact that our boats are not safe there during the winter months and that damage is constantly done to them.

When it is borne in mind that there is no other place to lay them up, it is obvious that the position is most serious to us.

We therefore request that the existing opening from this basin to the harbour be closed, and that an opening be made in the east wall of the basin; which alteration will stop any run getting in and damaging our boats."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification of application from Inspector of National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children under date 24th August as to committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Reck, Bellefield, Enniscorthy, aged 13, and who was residing with her grandparents - old age pensioners - who were not able to exercise proper guardianship over her, was referred to County Solicitor.



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 2nd September, 1938, be received and considered."

GOREY COURTHOUSE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES: The following under date 5th September 1938 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I wrote to Mr. Valentine on receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, and now enclose copy of a letter written by him to Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, from which you will see, that he states the house he has been promised will be definitely vacant by the end of September, and he asks the Council to give him an extension of time up to that date, so I will be glad to have the Council's Instructions on the matter. In any event, I could not have the Decree for Possession executed much before then as I have to give the Relieving Officer one weeks Notice of my intention to proceed with the Execution."

The following is letter from Robert Valentine referred to in Mr. Elgee's communication:-

"I am now informed that the house which I am promised will be definitely vacated by the end of September.

I fully expected that I would have been able to secure the house sooner, but owing to the new house which is at present being built by the party whose house I am securing not being complete until practically the end of September I could not vacate.

Perhaps in the circumstances you would kindly let me know if it would be possible to secure an extension until this period required for which I shall feel grateful."

Mr. Keegan said that the District Justice gave a stay of execution on the decree for possession up to a certain



period to enable Valentine to procure a house. This was further extended to the 31st July last on application of Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Valentine, who stated that the latter would vacate the premises by that date. Now it appeared that Valentine had secured a further extension to 1st September and he wished to know how that came about?

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that as long as the Warrant for possession was not signed, the District Justice was entitled to give extensions for non-vacation of the premises to what he believed was a suitable date. As a matter of fact, the present ~~order~~ to extend the period to the 1st of September had been made in Mr. Elgee's absence, and without notice to him. The Warrant was now signed.

Mr. Keegan said he would like an explanation as to whether the District Justice could keep a tenant in occupation as long as he liked. Was it he or the County Council owned Gorey Courthouse?

Mr. Elgee said as the decree was now signed it could be executed.

The Chairman was of opinion that seeing the short interval which would elapse to the 30th September the extension of the period to that date might be agreed to provided it would be regarded as final.

This was proposed by Mr. M. Redmond, seconded by Col. Quin and adopted.

Chairman - I think the Council will agree that the further application for extension should not have been made without notice to our Solicitor.

KILMORE HARBOUR BASIN: The County Surveyor said it would not be possible to comply with the request to make some improvement at the fitting out basin at present as no funds for the purpose were available. A proposal could be brought forward in November.



Chairman - Do you think it necessary.

County Surveyor - It is very hard to say. In some ways I think it would be an advantage.

Chairman - We will have to defend it when it comes up.

It was agreed that the County Surveyor bring forward a proposal in November to cover the work, as there was no money for it at the moment.

Mr. Doyle said he supposed that if the County Surveyor brought forward a proposal it would not be possible to do anything this winter.

Mr. Corish - No; he won't get the money until March.

The County Surveyor said the real point about such matters was that if they were not provided for in one year's estimate they could not do them, and they would have to wait until the next year. They had no provision made for this particular work.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 2nd September, 1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

"That the following report submitted by Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee in respect of their meeting held on 7th September 1938 be received and approved."



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ANCIENT MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1938

A meeting of Local Advisory Committee under Ancient Monuments Act 1930 was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th September, 1938.

Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., presided.

Also present:- Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Rev. J. Ranson, C.C., and Miss Browne.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

The meeting considered correspondence between County Council and Office of Public Works from which it appeared that on 20th June last recommendation of the Committee to the County Council to take over Ferrycarrig Castle and Mountgarrett Castle as Ancient Monuments had been approved and forwarded to the Office of Public Works with a request to the latter to advise the Council in the matter.

Under date 24th June, the Office of Public Works wrote they were glad to learn of the proposals regarding the maintenance of these two Castles and asked in what particular way the Committee required advice.

Under date 24th June letter was written by County Council to the Office of Public Works stating that the County Council were under the impression that before any of the £150 voted for maintenance of Ancient Monuments could be spent a declaration was required from some Government or other Authority that the Monuments proposed to be taken over by the County Council were of historic and national interest. This was really the point on which the Council required information.



No answer to this had been received.

It was decided that copies of this correspondence be forwarded to the T.D.'s for the County and that they be asked to interest themselves with the Office of Public Works in connection with the proposal of the County Council to take over Ferrycarrig Castle and Mountgarrett Castle as Ancient Monuments with a view to their maintenance and also any other monuments in the County which it is considered should be taken over by the Council.

That the Office of Public Works be requested to inform this Committee if, as a result of visit of Mr. Leask, Inspector of their Department, it is possible to obtain schedule setting out what monuments in the County should - in their opinion - be regarded as of historic or national interest and suitable for maintenance by the County Council.

COOLHULL CASTLE: Miss Browne submitted letter under date 23rd August, 1938, from Mr. W. A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge, stating that one side of the Castle at Coolhull, owned by his family, had gradually been undermined by the action of the weather with the result that this side was in grave danger of slipping out and falling. The Castle was, otherwise, in excellent condition, and the present danger could be prevented by filling in a foundation. He would be glad if something could be done in reference to the wall as, if unattended to there was a risk it might fall on stock and property. He understood that he could remove this in the circumstances. Personally, he would regret such a step and this was his reason for writing Miss Browne in the hope that something might be done by Ancient Monuments Committee or by the County Council. He would see that the work was carried out if



cement was furnished or if the cost of the cement was refunded to him.

Miss Browne said that Coolhull Castle was, in certain aspects, unique and was, in fact, of outstanding importance. She proposed that the County Surveyor be asked to inspect the Castle and give the Committee an estimate of the cost of the work as outlined in letter of Mr. Murphy.

It was also decided to communicate with the Office of Public Works and ask if Coolhull Castle can be scheduled as an Ancient or Historic Monument.

GRANGE CHURCHYARD: Thanks were offered to Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, for his personal exertions and supervision in having the old monuments, including the Whitty monument, and surroundings in Grange Churchyard - Kilmore Old Church - cleaned up. The work carried out by Father Murphy had effected a transformation at the place, which it was difficult to realise.



LOAN OF £2100 - ROSSLARE ROAD TO CARNE PIER

The following notice of motion, which had been circulated to County Councillors on 26th July 1938, stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice to move at the meeting of my County Council to be held on 12th September 1938, that the Wexford County Council raise by loan from their Treasurer, the sum of £2100, half cost of improvement of Road from Rosslare (at Concrete Road, Grange) to Carne Pier, the period of repayment to be either seven or ten years as agreed to by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Miss O'Ryan, previous to moving her motion, pointed out that if the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had cut down the period for repayment of machinery loan from 10 to 5 years it was unlikely he would consent to any longer period for road reconstruction.

Accordingly, she moved her motion in the following amended form:-

"That the Wexford County Council agree to raise by Loan from their Treasurer the sum of £2100 (Two Thousand One Hundred Pounds) half cost of improvement of road from Rosslare (at Concrete Road, Grange) to Carne Pier, the period of repayment to be five years."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Col. Quin said this loan, taken in conjunction with all the other loans of County Council and County Board of Health, was regular squandermania and never seemed to stop. They should consider the financial position of the rate-payers.

The motion was adopted, Col. Quin being the only dissident.



AMALGAMATION OF NO. 11 RATE DISTRICT

The following, under date 20th August 1938 (G.13231/5 /38) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 11th instant and to state that he notes the decision of the Council regarding the amalgamation of Collection District No. 11 with Districts Nos. 8 and 10."

WATER SUPPLY - MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer, and passed:-

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement made between the Enniscorthy Urban Council and the Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance providing for supply of water to the Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, water to be paid for at the rate of 6d per 1000 gallons passing through the meter at the Mental Hospital."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Doyle asked what was the position with regard to repair of St. Helen's Harbour.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Allen and himself had brought the matter to a certain stage with the Departments and it was now being discussed between the Office of Public Works and the County Surveyor regarding the plans.

Mr. Doyle said that unless something was done within the next two months a great deal of damage might result.

Further consideration of the matter was adjourned.



MAIN ROAD - ENNISCORTHY BRIDGE TO DONOHUE'S CORNER

Mr. Keegan asked if anything further had been done in connection with preventing the nuisance to the residents and polishing of the road by carters spreading sand for the purpose of getting a "grip" for their horses.

The County Surveyor stated he tried an experiment with concrete blocks and hydrochloric acid. It was not satisfactory, and of course, in the circumstances, it was useless to try it on a road constructed in the same manner as the blocks on which the experiment had been made. He was now in communication with rock drilling manufacturers relative to provision of a special cutter for use with hammer drill. The Enniscorthy Urban Council were acting as contractors to the County Council in the matter and if they did not prevent damage the County Council would be obliged to take what legal steps were necessary to have the nuisance abated.

Mr. Keegan said that the people in the vicinity were suffering from the nuisance and neither the County Council nor the Urban Council were taking any steps to abate it, which was unfair.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that if the Urban Council had taken the maintenance of the road under contract from the County Council the latter could proceed against them, as they did against any other defaulting contractor, if they failed to carry out their contract by allowing a nuisance to be created.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Culleton, it was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for report to the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee to be empowered to take such legal action as the Solicitor of the Council considered necessary in the circumstances.



ROAD BREE- ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor referred to this road which he said was very little less in importance than a number of main roads. It was probably the worst road in the whole County. The Council would be obliged to have it reconstructed by loan in the same manner as the Rosslare - Carne Pier Road.

Mr. Doyle said the money should be borrowed for repayment over a reasonably long period.

The Secretary said it was doubtful if they would - in the future - be able to secure a longer period of repayment than five years for any repair of roads.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

ROADS TO DUNCORMACK RAILWAY STATION

The following under date 22nd August 1938, was read from Mr. Laurence M. Roche, Little Johnstown, Duncormack:-

"Would you please let me know when is the next meeting of Wexford County Council, and will they receive a deputation from the Farmers in this district with regard to roads leading to Duncormack Railway station as they are in a terrible state."

Mr. Colfer said Mr. Roche was unable to be present as he had been called away on important business.

The following report from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was submitted:-

"In reply to yours of the 24th ultimo re above I inspected the area on 25th, 26th August also on the 7th September.

In August a few of those roads were somewhat potholed and have since been attended to.

The standard of these County Roads in general is quite up to the usual and I do not agree they are in a terrible state as alleged by some of the residents."



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Mr. Birthistle said that the roads in Duncormack were not bad, considering they were third-class roads. He inspected them specially on receipt of the complaint, and used five loads of stones for repair of the potholes on the worst of these roads. Roads in other parts of his area ~~w~~ were much worse. A change he had made from sea gravel to broken stone might effect some improvement, but the roads were going to continue to be bad with the funds available.

Mr. Doyle - I think the engineering staff ought to initiate some mobile system in dealing with the roads. I think if the County Surveyor initiated a system of sending around, say, a four-ton truck with tar macadam, and if the engineer in charge found out where the worst pot holes were and repaired them, it would give more satisfaction than laying out the money in doing particular areas in a perfect way.

County Surveyor - The whole thing is a question of money, but we have 1,200 miles odd of those third-class roads, and the average price for them is £11 a mile. Some of those roads reach the equivalent of main roads, and, consequently, have to get a much higher proportion which means that other roads will not be getting more than £6, £7 or £8 a mile. Even in the past, before the war, they got more than that when prices were much lower. The whole thing is a question of money. If you can afford to put up that money it should be done. If it can't be done, the ratepayers will have to put up with the best we can do. I maintain that there is no money wasted.

Mr. Doyle said he maintained that the roads complained of were very, very bad. If something were done in regard to dealing with pot holes, they would give more general satisfaction, and the road would be less impassable.

The County Surveyor said that years ago he pointed out



to the Council that the amount of material they had for the roads was not sufficient and gradually, as motor traffic was increasing, the amount of summer repair dealing with pot holes was absorbing material. Even at that time, he pointed out that some of the roads had arrived at the stage at which there was not enough material to fill all the pot holes, and that was getting worse and worse. Motor traffic caused the pot holes, and they could not do more than fill them up. If they started filling up pot holes on a comparatively unimportant road, they would have the road worse, because they would have two pot holes instead of one. If they could not see their way to do more extensive tar work it was a mistake to put tar in them.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to send Mr. Roche copy of report of Mr. Birthistle.

#### WATER TABLE AT KILLINICK

Mr. Murphy referred to the request for an improvement of water table at Killinick adjoining the premises of Mr. Sinnott.

It was decided that County Surveyor should inspect and report to the Finance Committee.

#### SEIZURE FOR POOR RATES AT SHANAHONA

The following was read from Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, relative to seizure of cattle, the property of a man named Whitty on a farm rated to J. Sullivan:-

"At a special meeting of the Glynn Parish Committee held in Glynn Hall on last Tuesday, 6th September 1938, Very Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., presiding, the following resolution was adopted:-

Whilst making no comment on the action of the County Council officials in the recent seizure of cattle which through no fault of the owner strayed and remained on a



derelict farm for one night only, beyond expressing our sympathy with the unfortunate parishioner who was compelled to buy back his cattle, we, on behalf of the parish consider the condition of this farm as a snare and a danger to the whole community and we call upon the Minister for Lands to come to some agreement with the tenant of the said farm and take over the land for division so that this snare and danger to the community may be removed as soon as possible. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Lands and to the Wexford County Council."

The following is copy of covering letter from Father Murphy under date 10th September 1938:-

"I wish to explain enclosed resolution. We have no fault to find with the officials of the County Council, but we would like to remove the snare and danger to the whole community by the existence in our midst of this derelict and unfenced farm. Anybody's cattle may by accident, be found there again. Sullivan, the late owner, tells me that he has thrown up the farm long ago, but I suspect that he is holding out for something for his goodwill and that this is the reason why the Land Commissioners have not taken the farm over. Perhaps the County Council may see their way to support the resolution calling on Minister for Lands to come to some agreement with Sullivan so that the farm may be divided and so the danger removed."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Corish, that resolution and letter of Father P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, should be referred to Finance Committee for report.

#### STRAY DOGS

Mr. Kelly asked if there was any County Council Order dealing with dogs straying at night. He had numerous cases of complaints about worrying of sheep.



The Secretary said there was a Control of Dogs Order under which dogs must be kept under control during the night. There had been some cases in Wexford Court against dog owners, and the matter must be fairly well known.

Mr. Ronan proposed that the Gardai be asked to prosecute in a few cases to make the Order known, also that copy of synopsis of the provisions of the Order be published in the local papers.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the resolution was adopted.

#### APPLICATION PETROL PUMP LICENCE

William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, applied for licence for hand-operated Petrol Pump at Main Street, Fethard. Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he did not think the pump would cause any obstruction as there was ample room on footpath and road.

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

"That application of William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, for licence for Petrol Pump to be erected at Main Street, Fethard-on-Sea, be agreed to, in view of report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor; Petrol tank to be on premises of applicant."

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be granted to the following:-

Laurence Doyle, Merchant, Ferns and

William J. Haughton, Merchant, Ferns."



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TREATMENT OF IRISH REPUBLICAN PRISONERS

Communication was read from the Republican Prisoners' Defence Association dealing in detail with the treatment of Prisoners in Belfast Jail and with the drastic conditions under which the minority in the Six Counties were suffering.

Miss O'Ryan proposed its adoption and Mr. Ronan seconded.

Mr. Corish said that the communication disclosed a state of affairs that was really inhuman. The Sudetan Germans of whose sufferings so much was being made at the present were not as harshly treated as the Nationalists in the Six Counties. It was really disgraceful and a protest against it should be registered with the British Government. The people in the North were suffering because they were working for a United Ireland.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that in this part of the country toleration was shown to all sections. They expected the same in that part of the country which was held by a foreign Government.

The proposition was passed.

*James Allen*  
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 10th OCTOBER, 1938

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th October, 1938.

Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presided, also present Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, and Malachi Sweetman.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following amounts were examined and signed:-

Ordinary Account	£29299. 2. 1
Transfer to Public Bodies	£37452. 0. 0
Transfer Loan - Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee	£526. 5. 0
Transfer Loan - County Vocational Schools	£61. 19. 9

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 16th SEPTEMBER 1938: 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 16th September 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, J. Murphy, 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 £7,765. 8. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of Rate

Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon	16.6
2. P. Doyle	15.3
3. J. Quirke	15.2
4. J. J. O'Reilly	15.0
5. J. Deegan	14.9
6. J. Cummins	14.4
7. D. Kenny	14.2
8. W. Cummins	14.1
9. P. Nolan	13.9
10. J. J. Sinnott	13.8
11. A. Dunne	13.4
12. M. McCarthy	12.0
13. J. Curtis	11.8
14. E. J. Murphy	11.1
15. P. Carty	10.9
16. J. Flood	10.9
17. W. Doyle	10.6
18. M. Kehoe	8.5

Average 13.5.

It was decided to notify Collectors that the percentage collected to date was less than at corresponding period last year and that it was essential that Collectors should push forward their collections immediately so that returns being submitted to Local Government Department on 30th September will indicate an improvement on the Collection as compared with last year.



RATES ON BANTRY COMMONS: Under date 4th September 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"With reference to the question raised as to the collection of the Poor Rates on the above Commons, I write to say:-

It has been decided by the High Court in the Case of "The County Council of Sligo -V- Edward J. O. Cooke" that in order to succeed, the County Council would have to show that the person against whom a Claim was made for Poor Rates, was in actual physical occupation of the Lands on which the Rates were charged - This Decision is based on Sec. 71 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act 1838 which enacts "every Rate made under the Authority of this Act shall be paid by the person in the actual occupation of the Rateable Property at the time the Rate was made". Section 124 of the Act defines the word, "Occupier" as including "every person in the immediate use or enjoyment of any hereditaments rateable under this Act".

As I understand it, the position is, that a number of the persons who have been rated in respect of the Commons claim, that they do not graze or make any other use of the Commons, and that they are not in the immediate use and enjoyment of the Rateable Hereditament and consequently, they were not liable for the Rates, and on this ground the District Justice dismissed the Summons.

Under these circumstances, in my opinion, the only course to adopt would be, for the Rate Collector to seize under his Warrant whatever Sheep or other Animals he could find on the Commons, as there is no possibility of success if proceedings were taken by Summons."

The Chairman said in connection with the matter of a Collector seizing on his own warrant the difficulty was that some of the ratepayers were meeting the demand for rates on the Commons. He proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following, which was adopted:-

"That the Rate Inspector and Rate Collectors concerned



investigate the possibility of making seizure for Rates on Bantry Commons on the Collectors Warrants, and, if feasible, carrying out same."

SEIZURE FOR RATES: The following resolution, submitted to the County Council from Glynn Parish Committee, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:-

"Whilst making no comment on the action of the County Council officials in the recent seizure of cattle which, through no fault of the owner, strayed and remained on a derelict farm for one night only, beyond expressing our sympathy with the unfortunate parishioner who was compelled to buy back his cattle, we, on behalf of the parish, consider the condition of this farm as a snare and a danger to the whole community and we call upon the Minister for Lands to come to some agreement with the tenant of the said farm and take over the land for division so that this snare and danger to the community may be removed as soon as possible. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Lands, and to the Wexford County Council."

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

"That the resolution of Glynn Parish Committee relative to Land Commission taking over derelict farm of John Sullivan, Shanahona, Glynn, be submitted to the Land Commission for their favourable consideration. The Finance Committee are of opinion that the Land Commission should, as soon as possible, allot this land to suitable tenants."

RATES ON CARETAKER'S PREMISES GOREY COURTHOUSE: It was decided that Poor Rate amounting to £2. 3. 0 and Gorey Town Rate amounting to 9/-, as assessed on caretaker's premises, Gorey Courthouse, for the year ending 31st March, 1939, be recommended to the County Council for payment.



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ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 7th September 1938, letter was read from Collector M. Kehoe (Rate District No. 18) that he was taking up duty immediately after his operation.

SCAVENGING NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS

The County Surveyor submitted letter which he had written to the Town Clerk, New Ross, as to scavenging of New Ross Urban roads (outside Main Roads). On behalf of the County Council the County Surveyor stated he was prepared to accept the offer of the Urban Council to pay £1 per week towards the cutting of grass and keeping of gullies clean on these Urban roads, work not to include removal of ash bins or other scavenging work beyond cutting of grass and cleaning of gullies. The Agreement was to be provisional as the County Surveyor stated it might not be possible to carry out the work at the figure mentioned.

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

"That the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to approve of agreement entered into between County Surveyor and Urban District Council of New Ross as regards the cutting of grass and cleaning of gullies on New Ross Urban roads."

GILES CORNER, COURTOWN HARBOUR

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence which he had with Mr. G. Langley Taylor, Agent for the Estate of the Earl of Courtown, as to easement of Giles corner, Courtown, on Road 44M. Mr. Taylor wrote that the Trustees would sell the plot to the County Council for £10.

The County Surveyor opposed the proposal of payment in this matter.

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



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"That, as regards the offer of Mr. Taylor, Agent for Courtown Estate, to sell to the County Council for £10 the small amount of land required for easement of Giles Corner, the Finance Committee are of opinion that as the removal of this corner will help the Trustees in the development of the Courtown Estate, the necessary amount of land should be offered free to the Council. If this be done the County Surveyor is instructed to proceed with the work of easement.

If it be refused we recommend the County Council to take no further action in the matter.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

A long explanation was received from Mr. Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, lay inspector under the Sheep Dipping Order, as to many cases in his district, for the week ended 27th August 1938, in which, although notices had been served, dipping was not carried out. Mr. Prendergast wrote that rain prevented the dipping, and sheep owners concerned had not sufficient house room to keep animals housed the night before. In other cases, sheep owners were engaged at harvest work.

The meeting considered that explanation of Mr. Prendergast's was not entirely satisfactory and decided to inform him unless he displays more energy in carrying out his duties the Finance Committee will recommend the County Council to take drastic action.

Under date 12th September 1938, Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S. New Ross, wrote that on weekly report of Mr. M. J. Hennessy for week ended 10th September 1938 the names of sheepowners in his district did not appear. He had drawn the attention of the Inspector to the fact that very few of the sheep owners in his (Mr. Lynch's) district appeared on reports although the area was approximately two-thirds of New Ross District. Mr. Hennessy gave as an explanation for the small



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number of sheep the dipping of which had been supervised in Mr. Lynch's area that very few notices of dipping came from Gardai owing to farmers being engaged at harvesting. He (Mr. Lynch) called to the Gardai stations at Duncannon, Campile, and Ballycullane, during the previous week and was assured that all notices to dip had been promptly forwarded to the Inspector.

It was decided, in view of report of Mr. Lynch, that Mr. Hennessy be asked for an explanation as to why, up to the present, he had attended few dippings of sheep in area of Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S.

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The Secretary stated that at present the duties of District Court Clerk for Gorey were carried out by a Sergeant of the Gardai and applications had been made by

1. Mr. Coghlan Kavanagh, Gorey, for use of Courthouse for dances in connection with the raising of funds for the purchase of instruments for Pipers' Band.
2. Gorey Leather Workers for use of Courthouse for a similar purpose for brass or reed band.
3. Private persons for lessons in Irish dancing.

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

"The Finance Committee have no objection to the use of Gorey Courthouse for any social purpose approved by the District Justice provided the persons utilising same shall pay for coal and light, provide a small fee to the caretaker and be responsible for any damage to the building or furniture etc."



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### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL: The following, under date 12th September 1938, No. Trg.2/48582 was read from the Office of National 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 the terms of the scheme being observed."

A number of claims for refunds of expenses for attending last examination under this Scheme were submitted. In most instances candidates were claiming three days' allowance of 3/- each day and in addition, return railway or bus fare for each day. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That, in connection with claims for attending last examination under Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Scheme, the County Council be recommended to pay 3/- per day for each day of examination and one railway or bus return fare."

UNIVERSITY SCHEME: In connection with the Scholarship of Mr. W. G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway (Agriculture), it was decided on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that Mrs. Lambert (mother of candidate) be requested to submit reply from Professor Drew, University College, Dublin, in connection with this Scholarship.

### WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS

Under date 16th September, 1938, the following letter was read from Mr. J. O'Kennedy, County Surveyor's Office:-

"I beg to make application for payment for writing up the records in the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

The arrears that accumulated during my seven weeks' illness have only now been overtaken by me.



I spent four extra days in the Yard and that with working outside the office hours helped me to overtake the work."

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

"That Mr. John O'Kennedy, County Surveyor's Office, be allowed the remuneration for writing up Machinery Records which remained unpaid during the period of his illness, seven weeks at 10/- per week, £3. 10. 0."

#### IRISH WOODWORKERS' UNION

Under date 5th September 1938, John Crane, 27 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross, Hon. Secretary New Ross Branch Irish Union of Wood Workers, wrote:-

"That the increased rate of pay for carpenters in New Ross district would operate as from the 11th September 1938."

Mr. Corish said that a conference between the Waterford Builders Federation and local carpenters would be held soon and he proposed that whatever agreement was arrived at by the conference as regards carpenters' wages, would be observed by the County Council.

Mr. Kelly seconded this resolution which was adopted.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Under date 14th September 1938, the following letter (No. C.85.119/2/38) was read from the Office of Public Works:

"Major Barnewall of Kilmannock House has forwarded to us copies of correspondence he has had with you in connection with the drainage assessment on his lands, as set out in the Charging Order of 19th January, 1927.

As you are no doubt already aware he objected to the inclusion of his lands in the Drainage District on the grounds:-

- (1) that in August 1931 an adjoining proprietor - Captain Henahan - placed a dam or obstruction across a channel



downstream of his, Major Barnewall's lands, with the result that the latter lands are alleged to be waterlogged:

(2) that a drain said to be in a certain position was in fact never made, and that therefore his lands should not be included in the Drainage District.

We enclose for your information a copy of our reply to Major Barnewall together with a copy of the tracing which was enclosed with it.

We should add that there is some doubt, which it is now impossible to resolve by reason of the destruction of the original Award Map, as to whether the drain shown on the accompanying tracing is not the back drain referred to in Schedule B to the Final Award as having been constructed inside the embankment - in which case it would, of course, be maintainable as part of the works in the District. The matter is, however, of little practical importance in view of the fact that your Council are responsible for its maintenance out of the Trust Fund provided on the sale of the Cuffe Estate."

The following is copy of letter forwarded by Office of Public Works to Major Barnewall under date 14th September 1938 (No. C.85.119/2/38):-

"1. With a view to clearing up the position regarding the inclusion of your lands in the above-mentioned District, we beg to explain that the District, comprising some 509 acres of improved land, including the area in respect of which you are assessed, was originally formed in 1849 at a cost of approximately £9,837 which was apportioned over the 509 acres improved. The scheme was in the main one of slob reclamation as more than half of the lands now assessed were, previous to the drainage works, a fen or marsh. The lands for which you are now assessed were, with others, charged under the Award as Lot No. 1 380 acres, 1 rood, 21 perches of the Townlands of Ballyedock and Kilmannock, the reputed proprietor of which was Geo. P. Houghton. The works



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carried out in the vicinity of your lands were:-

- (a) the making of an embankment about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length from the River Suir to Kilmannock demesne.
- (b) the improvement of a short length of channel, south of the embankment, in the Campile tidal river.

There is no record however of the making of a drain such as is shown dotted in red on the tracing which you forwarded. Investigations which have been made indicate that it is improbable that a drain existed in this location at any time.

2. Reports made in connection with the Drainage Scheme show that it proved very successful during the period in which the works were in good condition. The District was however allowed to deteriorate, and its restoration was undertaken by us in 1925 under the provisions of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924, at a nett cost to the district of £843 which was apportioned over the 509 acres comprising the district. The restoration works undertaken by us were necessarily confined to an overhaul of the original works, and as these did not include a drain in the position referred to by you no question arose of its formation or restoration. The responsibility for the maintenance of the District was transferred to the County Council by an Order made by the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, dated the 19th May, 1926.

3. With regard to the flooding stated to have been caused by a dam or obstruction in a channel downstream of your lands we enclose for your information a tracing showing:

- (a) the embankment (marked CD) already referred to at (a) in Paragraph (1);
- (b) a drain AB extending along the northern side of the embankment;
- (c) a sluice above the western extremities of the embankment and drain.

The embankment and sluice are items, the maintenance of which devolves on the County Council under the Transfer Order made in 1926, but we understand that the Council, are in



addition trustees of a fund, provided by the Land Commission, for the maintenance of the drain as well as the embankment and sluice. If, as would appear to be the case, the obstruction of which you complain has been placed across this particular drain we would suggest that you take up with the County Council the question of having the obstruction removed.

We trust that the foregoing information will settle the various points about which you have been in doubt."

It was decided that County Surveyor furnish report in this matter to next meeting of Finance Committee.

#### ENNISCORTHY MAIN ROAD AND SPREADING OF SAND

Under date 14th September 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed, I have looked fully into the question of the power of the County Council to take proceedings against persons for spreading sand on the streets of Enniscorthy, which spreading, as alleged, polishes the surface of the street and makes it dangerous for traffic.

The offences in relation to Public Roads in respect of which the County Council are authorised to take proceedings are set out fully in Sections 9 and 10 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851.

In my opinion, none of the offences as set out in the two Sections above referred to would cover the offence alleged here viz:- spreading sand on the streets for the purpose of preventing horses drawing loads from slipping on the smooth surface of the street when going up the hill at Enniscorthy, and this being so, as the only Authority which the Council have to proceed for offences on the roads, are those conferred by statute, no proceedings can be taken by the Council against those persons who are alleged to have spread the sand on the streets."



The County Surveyor said he pointed out the condition of this road to Mr. Ryan, Inspector Department of Local Government and Public Health, where the sand was not spread the original grooves remained in the road.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to obtain Counsel's opinion as regards the rights of the County Council in connection with the preservation of surface of main road in Enniscorthy Urban Area between Enniscorthy bridge and turn at Railway Station.

That the County Surveyor furnish Mr. Elgee with report setting out the exact position of this matter for the information of Counsel."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 13th September 1938 letter was read from Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, returning amended application for Martin Toole, Attendant Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The amount now applied for was £162.

The Secretary stated that taking the estimated value of the house, £240, into consideration, the maximum amount of advance which Mr. Toole could receive was £145.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the County Council and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, advance not exceeding £145 be made to Martin Toole, Attendant, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy."

Under date 3rd September 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.23673/38-Loch Garman) stating that the Minister would not raise objection to the proposal of the County Council to advance under Small Dwelling



Acquisition Acts £230 to Thomas McGrath, Railway Road, Gorey.

GOREY HILL QUARRY - CLAIM MISS PALMER

Under date 10th September 1938, the following letter on behalf of Miss Palmer was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey:-

"We are instructed by our client Miss Harriett E. Palmer that there were two blasts carried out in Gorey Hill Quarry on Tuesday last the 6th instant. Both of these were heavy blasts but one was worse than the other and considerable damage was caused to our client's lands and crops and large stones were cast around our client's Dwellinghouse and Out-Offices. Detailed particulars of the damages have not yet been made out but we are writing to you now to give you Notice that our client will claim compensation for the damage she has suffered, particulars of which will be forwarded as soon as possible."

The following, under date 16th September 1938, was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Yours of 13th instant re claim of Mrs. Palmer and in reply to which I beg to state that during blasting operations on 6th instant some flying stones fell on Miss Palmer's lands. The first blast fired was mostly butt holes which usually cause stones to be carried farther than the main hole blasts and, because of this, I went to Miss Palmer's Yard to watch result. Miss Palmer was present, also, other members of family. No stone went near house but one fell in field some distance away. No damage was done to house."

It was decided to refer claim and report to the County Solicitor and County Surveyor for attention and for transmission to the Insurance Company.



EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ON ROADS ETC.

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

"That, in the opinion of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council it is unjust and inequitable as provided by Workmens Compensation Acts that when men return to work after a week's illness they are only entitled to three day's pay. In our opinion they should be paid for the full week without having a waiting period intervene.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to put this view of Finance Committee before the Minister for Industry and Commerce."

Mr. Corish stated he had been informed that although it was the practice for County Council workers to be paid for Catholic holidays certain men working in Edenvale quarry, including James Duggan, Castlebridge, had not been paid for the 15th August last.

The County Surveyor said that the Conditions of Employment Act put some of these men out of the day's pay for the 15th August. It was a substituted day for a Public holiday under the Act referred to, and in the circumstances, he considered that he was not empowered to make payment as stated by Mr. Corish.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

REMOVAL FROM BEACHES BALLYHEALY SOUTH AND RINGBAUN

Under date 14th September 1938 the following was read from Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry & Commerce to refer to your letter of the 6th instant containing copy of resolution by the Council's Finance Committee concerning the restriction of removals of beach material from the fore-shore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to request you to state the considerations on which the Committee's opinion is based."



Mr. Murphy stated he had consulted the local people concerned in the matter and they were of opinion by fixing the 15 yards limit the frontage would be in the sea. He proposed that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to fix 7 yards at each side of the bank towards the sea as a delimiting line for the removal of material from the beaches of Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun.

Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion, which was adopted.

ROAD - BREE TO ENNISCORTHY

In connection with above road, referred to Finance Committee for consideration by County Council meeting of 12th September 1938, the County Surveyor stated he had inspected this road with Mr. Ryan, Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and it was probable that the proposal of the Council to substitute this road for the road from Enniscorthy to Carley's Bridge would be approved. It certainly required attention more than any other road of its class in the County. He intended to carry out the work on the section from Knockmarshall to Victoria bridge and from that by the river to Wilton.

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

"That the County Surveyor call the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) to the previous resolution of the County Council requesting that, as regards grants under Employment Relief Schemes Vote for repair of Rural Roads 1938/39, the road Enniscorthy to Bree via Red Pat's Cross should be substituted for road from Enniscorthy town to Carley's Bridge, included in the Scheme by instructions of Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 14th June, 1938 (R/RM/32)."



ROAD - RATHASPECK TO BISHOPSWATER

Under date 13th September 1938, the following was read from Mr. Thomas F. Power, Latimerstown, Rathaspeck, Secretary Rathaspeck Branch of the Labour Party:-

"At a meeting of Rathaspeck Branch of the above held on September 12th, the condition of the road from Rathaspeck to Bishopswater was discussed. I was directed to send you the following resolution proposed by William Rossiter seconded by the Chairman, John McBride:

"That we ask the County Council to improve the road leading from Rathaspeck to the Borough Boundary at Bishopswater. At present, this road is in a very bad state of repair for any traffic. We urge your Council to give this matter serious consideration, as this road carries a large amount of traffic, and we hope that they will undertake to have it re-surfaced as soon as possible."

Referred for report to County Surveyor who stated that the road was rough and uneven and had been so since he came to the County. It bore a fair amount of traffic.

SWEEPING GOREY STREETS

Under date 8th September 1938, Mr. J. O'Loughlin, Secretary Gorey No. 1 Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union wrote as follows:-

"I wish to bring under your notice that there is a man temporarily employed on the caretaking of the new Sewerage, Gorey. He is also doing part work on the sweeping up of the streets of Gorey. I would like to know from your Council is he going to interfere with 2 men who have been sweeping the streets for the past 16 years. This man has not even worked under the Council before. I would be very pleased if you could have this matter looked into at your next Council meeting."

The Chairman said that the man employed was not



displacing any other worker. He was cleaning up papers off the streets and keeping the gullies clear.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the arrangements in Gorey were the same as obtained in Bunclody and no objection had been made in the latter case.

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF COW HOUSE

Under date 14th September 1938 the following was read from Mr. T. Malone, Newtown, Wexford:-

"I wish to enclose a piece of ground at Newtown with a concrete wall; as the plot is not thirty feet from centre of road I shall be grateful to have your permission to build the wall.

I require above ground to build a cow-house on. There was originally a house there. I intend to build the new wall in line with existing dwelling house near by (occupied at present by Martin Wickham). By doing so, I will be keeping inside original boundary, with the result that the road will be five or six feet wider than at present."

The County Surveyor stated he had inspected the place and could not see any objection to the proposed building.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to take no action relative to the application of Mr. T. Malone, Newtown, regarding the erection of cow house adjoining the premises."

#### FLOODING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT BALLYKELLY, NEW ROSS

Under date 8th September, 1938, the following letter was read from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, for Mr. Henry Long, Ballykelly:-

"In reply to your letter of the 8th ultimo, we had an interview in July with Mr. Long. We informed him that we believed the matter could be settled by his giving his consent to allow an open drain to be constructed through his



field beside the fence. He informed us that he had removed the fence in question so as to let the small fields on either side into one.

He is now willing to allow a closed drain to be constructed which will carry the water to the Lower end of the field.

This offer is made with a view to facilitating the County Council and strictly without prejudice to our client's position."

The County Surveyor said he was not prepared to recommend the acceptance of Mr. Long's proposal.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to recommend the County Council to instruct Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to refer Messrs. Colfer & Son to their previous resolution in the matter which stated that in the event of promised communication from Messrs. Colfer and Son, Solicitors for Mr. Henry Long, not being regarded as satisfactory by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, proceedings as to the flooding of road at Ballykelly, be taken against Mr. Long, who, we are advised, is responsible for same.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Notification as to application from District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to application to New Ross District Court on 13th instant, for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Elizabeth Agnes Doyle (4 years and 8 months) and her sister, Margaret Josephine Doyle (3 years old), father John Doyle, Mary Street, New Ross, labourer, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### OVERDRAFT

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 overdraft accommodation of Wexford County Council with their Treasurer (National Bank Ltd) amount £35,000 from 30th September 1938 to 31st January 1939."



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 16th September 1938 be received and considered."

RATES ON BANTRY COMMONS: The Secretary said that the Rate Collector was dealing with this matter and any steps he might take would be put before the Council in due course.

SEIZURE FOR RATES: Mr. Doyle pointed out that the cattle seized only broke in the morning of the seizure and their owner, Mr. Whitty, was put to a loss of nearly £15. Could anything be done to meet this expenditure?

The Chairman said that the Rate Collector (as he was entitled to do) made the seizure under his own warrant and it was unfortunate for Mr. Whitty that his cattle happened to stray on to the derelict farm at the time. The Council could not do anything in the manner suggested by Mr. Doyle.

CLAIM MISS PALMER, GOREY HILL QUARRY: The Secretary stated he had received on the 8th October 1938, a further letter from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, claiming £21. 12. 0 as the amount of loss suffered by Miss Palmer.

The County Surveyor said he had submitted all particulars including correspondence with Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, in this matter, to the Insurance Company and that morning he had received letter from the Company directing him to repudiate liability, so evidently they were going to fight the case.

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



"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 16th September, 1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 30th SEPTEMBER 1938: Minutes of above meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th September, 1938.

Present - Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also present, Messrs P. Colfer, R. Corish, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thos. McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote apologising for his absence as he was attending the funeral of Right Rev. Dr. Day, Protestant Bishop for Dioceses of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,743: 19: 2d. (ordinary payments), £1,371: 13: 2d (Transfer Loan Enniscorthy Kiltalea Road) and £2,346: 18: 0d. (Transfer Loan Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) were examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
1. D. Kenny	24.8
2. S. Gannon	23.9
3. E.J. Murphy	22.3
4. J. Deegan	22.2
5. P. Nolan	21.7
6. J. Quirke	21.5
7. W. Doyle	21.5
8. J.J. O'Reilly	21.5
9. J. Cummins	21.4
10. J. Curtis	20.4
11. P. Doyle	19.7
12. W. Cummins	19.6
13. A. Dunne	19.6
14. M. Kehoe	18.1
15. M. McCarthy	17.8
16. J.J. Sinnott	17.8
17. P. Carty	15.8
18. J. Flood	14.1
Average	20.4

The percentage collected at the corresponding period last year was 22.4 %



"PART PAYMENT" OF RATES: The following under date 17th September, 1938, (G.22355/3/38 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant and previous correspondence regarding the continuance of the system of acceptance of "part payment" of rates in respect of current rate warrants, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state the figures furnished show that the operation of the part payment system has not resulted in any general reduction of the arrears. It seems clear that while payments have been made on foot of arrears, there has been an equivalent default on the current assessment with the result that the position in two of the areas was worse while the improvement on the other two was very small. The Minister does not consider that to continue a scheme of this kind indefinitely on the results shown would be entirely justified. He must therefore request that its operation for the current financial year be limited to cases in which

- (1) there is a definite period for the discharge of the arrears and
- (2) where there is agreement that the current assessment will be paid in full during the year.

At the end of the year the Council should consider a report from you on the practical benefits of the Scheme. Unless the position will by then have changed substantially in comparison with the figures furnished for 1937-38 there would be no justification for a continuance of the scheme."

The Secretary stated that the amount paid through the system for past year was £4,206: 19: 7d made up as follows:-  
 Enniscorthy £1418: 12: 5d; Gorey £828: 6: 7d ; New Ross £269: 18: 7d and Wexford £1690: 2: 0d.

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 sanction the system of "part payment" of rates



on the same basis as has obtained to the present, in view of the fact that it is understood new legislation is being introduced under which it is anticipated the powers of Rate Collectors will be increased. The Council would then be in a position to decide what restrictions could be introduced in the "part payment" system in the event of that system being continued.

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND PAYMENT OF RATES ON THEIR NEW

HOUSES: At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 19th August, 1938, letter under date 4th August, 1938, was read from Town Clerk, Gorey, that at the meeting of Gorey Town Commissioners on 2nd August, 1938, they had decided that rates should not be paid on their new houses pending the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation on the appeal which had been made against these valuations.

The Town Clerk was asked to quote the Statutory Authority empowering the Commissioners to refuse payment of rates in the circumstances.

The County Solicitor also wrote that the County Council had no power to allow Gorey Town Commissioners to withhold payment of the rates in this connection.

It was decided in view of the statement that some of the houses were unoccupied to communicate with Mr. Dunne, Rate Collector, and direct him to furnish a list of Gorey Town Commissioner's new houses, completed and in course of erection. This was done on 25th August, 1938, and it was pointed out to the Rate Collector that the usual procedure as regards rate remission should be followed respecting any of these houses which were unoccupied.

Under date 27th September, 1938, Rate Collector Dunne wrote:- "In answer to yours I desire to inform you that all the houses built by Gorey Town Commissioners are now completed. Forty-eight were occupied by 31st March last and the other 18 got tenants last week. Of the 66 houses built 60 are already



in the rate books and the remainder were put on valuation list this year.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan that letter from Rate Collector Dunne under date 27th September, 1938, be furnished Town Clerk, Gorey.

GOREY COURTHOUSE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES.

It was decided to furnish Mr. Keegan, Co. Councillor, with copies of extracts of minutes of County Council and Finance Committee in respect of vacation of caretaker's premises Gorey Courthouse by Robert Valentine, Temporary Caretaker, from the date Thomas Dwyer was appointed permanent caretaker.

Under date 28th September, 1938, the following was read from Mrs. A. Collins, Pearse Street, Gorey:-

"Robert Valentine will be getting the key to above premises in about 6-8 week's time. My mother (Mrs. McGrath) who is tenant of above will be transferring to a new house which is being built for her at Mayfield. It was expected that this house would have been finished at beginning of September. My mother has been assured by the Contractor Mr. T. Brennan, Carnew, that the house will be ready for occupation in six to eight weeks' time."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, and seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the County Solicitor be directed to take up from Robert Valentine possession of caretaker's premises at Gorey Courthouse as decided by County Council at their last meeting."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The following under date 20th September, 1938, was read from County Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to inform you that Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, was absent from the meeting of



the Board on Monday, 19th instant, and that no explanation for his absence was received by the Board.

"I am further directed to inform you that it was suggested that Tuberculosis Dispensaries at New Ross were not held on two recent occasions, and that no report relating to this matter was before the Board."

Copy of communication from Board of Health and Public Assistance was furnished Dr. Bastible, who replied as follows under date 29th September, 1938:-

"Your letter of the 23rd instant received together with enclosure. With reference to the first portion of the direction received by you from the Secretary of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, I should like to direct your attention to paragraph 10 of Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act 1925.

"With regard to the second portion of your direction I fear it will be necessary for the Board of Health to particularise the exact dates on which Tuberculosis Dispensaries were not held at New Ross, because I am fully aware that Tuberculosis Dispensaries have been held at New Ross every Tuesday since my return from holidays on July 8th, 1938."

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

"That correspondence from County Board of Health and County Medical Officer of Health as submitted to this meeting be furnished to the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to arrange for investigation into the manner in which the County Medical Officer of Health has been discharging his duties."



GRANT ROAD TO CARNE PIER FROM ROSSLARE STRAND.

The following under date 19th September, 1938, (R/RG/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the need for reconstructing the road from Rosslare Strand to Carne Pier, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he has obtained the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a grant from the Road Fund to the Wexford County Council of 50 % of the cost of the proposed work, subject to a maximum grant of £2,100.

"Particulars of the work proposed to be carried out should be submitted for approval on the annexed form 11 which should be accompanied by a brief specification, detailed estimate and tracing, showing the location of the work.

"The enclosed loan application form should be completed and returned for consideration in connection with the proposed loan to meet the Council's share of the cost of the work."

REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS - SCENIC VIEWS.

Under date 19th September, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/201.V) that a grant of £100 had been provisionally allocated to Wexford County Council to meet the cost of removing banks, hedges and high walls which obstruct scenic views.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

LOAN - ROAD MACHINERY.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 15th September, 1938, (S.Loch Garman):-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant in regard to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan for the purchase of road machinery, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the Council's proposal to raise a loan of £3,600 to defray expenditure thereon, the loan to be obtained from the Council's



Treasurer and to be repayable over a period of five years with Interest at the usual rate."

SANCTION WRITING UP MACHINERY RECORDS.

Under date 14th September, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32):-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th 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 six months of the existing arrangement for the carrying out of the work of writing up machinery records at the Enniscorthy machinery yard."

SANCTION INCREASE SALARY MR.F.S. RINGWOOD M.R.C.V.S.

The following under date 17th September, 1938 (P.H.20946/38 Loch Garman (Sd) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the entries in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 8th ultimo and on the 13th June last on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of their proposal to increase the salary of Mr.F.S. Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector in the Enniscorthy District, from £75 to £90 per annum in respect of duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts other than duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, with effect as from the 13th May last."

ADJUSTMENT OLD AGE PENSION AREAS.

In connection with the proposed adjustment of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee areas the following under date 19th September, 1938 (In.1316/462/38) was read from Revenue Commissioners:-

"With reference to your letter of the 27th July last regarding the re-adjustment of areas of Sub-Committees in County Wexford, I am directed by the Revenue Commissioners to refer to the Financial Instructions for Pensions Committees



and Sub-Committees, November, 1935, which give the Local Pension Committee power to revise the salaries of Clerks within the limit determined by the Minister for Finance as applicable to the whole area served by the local authority.

"In view of these instructions, the proposed increase in the salary of the clerk for the No. 7 Area can be made possible only by a corresponding reduction in the amount payable to another Clerk or Clerks within your area."

In reply to the Chairman the County Secretary said that two district electoral divisions had been taken from District No. 2 and transferred to No. 7. The present yearly remuneration of Clerk of No. 2 Committee was £14: 5: Od. and of No. 7 £22:15s. The Sub-Committee of No. 7 gave their consent to the adjustment conditionally on their Clerk receiving remuneration for the added duties. The County Council had proposed an additional £2 for the work.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That copy of letter from Revenue Commissioners under date 19th September, 1938, (In.1316/462/38) be furnished No. 7 Committee and point out to them that if they are not satisfied to allow remuneration of their Clerk to remain at its present figure the Scheme cannot be carried into effect. The County Council have done what they could to secure additional remuneration for the Clerk of No. 7 Sub-Committee without success. The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend any deduction from annual remuneration of £14: 5: Od. paid to Clerk of No. 2 Area. This is the smallest amount paid to any Sub-Committee Clerk in the County.

"In the circumstances the Finance Committee hope that Sub-Committee No. 7 may see their way to waive the claim on behalf of their Clerk for additional remuneration.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following under date 20th September, 1938, was read from Mr. Peter W. Corish, National Teacher, Ballycullane:-



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"Your letter notifying award of Scholarship to my son Patrick J. Corish received. He is availing of Scholarship and he has taken up residence at Junior House, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he intends to do his University course. I have forwarded your letter to him and he will send you any particulars required from there."

Under date 21st September, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Patrick J. Corish, Junior House, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth:-

"Received today your information re Scholarship and I wish to inform you that I am availing of it. I have registered as a Student of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. I will send on the other information as soon as possible."

The following under date 22nd September, 1938, was forwarded by the County Secretary to Mr. Patrick J. Corish, (copy being also transmitted to Mr. Peter W. Corish):-

"I have yours and note you have entered Maynooth. There was no indication on your application form that you intended to pursue an ecclesiastical course. The County Council are not prepared to grant a Scholarship to a student entering Maynooth, and have refused Scholarships in previous years in such cases. I regret, therefore, that Scholarship will not be payable in your case."

The following under date 24th September, 1938, was read from Mr. P.W. Corish:-

"Yours of the 22nd and enclosed copy received for which many thanks. As regards the application form filled by my son, it was done in accord with his intentions at the time and in any case I do not recollect that it was required to specify which college of the National University it was intended to take the course, at. As regards your Council not granting Scholarships to Maynooth, I would point out that according to their regulations governing the award of scholar-



ships for this year, the scholarships are tenable at the National University and no one College of the University is either specified or barred. The course pursued in Maynooth is simply the same as that pursued by students, some lay, some clerical at another college of the N.U.I.

"I would request you to again bring the matter before your Council."

The following under date 29th September, 1938, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"Referring to our interview as to the above student (P.J. Corish) who, I understand, proposes to take his University course at Maynooth College.

"In the first place Maynooth is a constituent College of the National University and thus comes under the terms of the Scheme as one of the Colleges at which the County Council Scholarships are tenable.

"There is nothing in the Scholarship Scheme, as adopted by the Council which debars a student who may have obtained a Scholarship from taking a Divinity or Ecclesiastical course, so long as he follows the course of study at the College which is set out in his application form for liberty to sit at the examination. In this case I understand that Mr. Corish can take the course at Maynooth which he stated he proposed to take.

"This being so, in my opinion, Mr. Corish having obtained first place in the Examination can legally claim to be awarded the Scholarship, notwithstanding the fact that he proposes to take the Ecclesiastical course at Maynooth College with a view to entering the Priesthood.

"If the Council desire to debar Divinity or Ecclesiastical Students from the benefit of the University Scholarships in the future, they will have to insert a clause in the Scholarship Scheme to the effect that Students who propose to take a Divinity or Ecclesiastical course for the purpose of entering the Priest-



hood or any Religious Order shall not be eligible to sit for or be awarded a Scholarship by the County Council ."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of award of University Scholarship to Mr. Patrick J. Corish until next meeting of the Finance Committee and in the meantime that the Chairman, Messrs Corish and McCarthy with the Secretary would interview Very Rev. Monsignor Cleary P.P. Vicar Capitular relative to University Scholarships of County Council being tenable at Maynooth College.

Letters were read from Mr. James N. Anglim, St. Anne's, Duncannon, and Miss Una Crean, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour, accepting award of University Scholarships.

Thomas P. Browne, Rock's Lane, Wexford, who wrote accepting University Scholarship asked to be allowed to take his course in Engineering instead of in Arts or Science.

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

"That we recommend the Council to agree to Thomas P. Browne, Rock's Lane, Wexford, to avail of his University Scholarship with a view to securing a Degree in Engineering."

With reference to application of Mr.W.G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, for award of continuing University Scholarship, the following under date 17th September, 1938, was read from Professor J.P. Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. relative to the renewal of the University Scholarship to William G. Lambert,

"There is a University regulation applicable to all agricultural students which is as follows:-

"Before entering upon the Third and Fourth Years' Courses, students, if not exempted by reason of any previous test, are required to give evidence of a practical knowledge



of Agriculture, or of an allied subject (Horticulture or Forestry), and for this purpose to pass such examination as may be appointed by the Faculty."

"I informed Mr. Lambert at the end of his second year courses that he had not sufficient practical experience of Agriculture to comply with this regulation, and I advised him to get on to a typical well-managed farm and to take part in all the routine farm operations for a year, after which he could present himself for the examination referred to above. This examination is held on the opening day of the session which this year will be the 12th October, and Mr. Lambert has until that date to prepare for it. Until he presents himself for the examination in practical agriculture I have no indication of the progress he has made in the meantime."

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the application to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.  
1939.

The following under date 16th September, 1938, (Trg.2/51575) was read from the Office of National Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your communication with which you enclosed copies of the proposed scheme for the award by the Wexford County Council of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools in 1939, and to forward the following observations in connection therewith:

Section 1. With regard to the proposed amendment to this Section of the Scheme, I am to say that the Department does not favour the principle contained therein, which appears to penalise clever children, whose parents might be in poor circumstances, or might possess only very slender means. The Department would therefore, like the Council to reconsider the matter, but if the Council is of opinion that the suggested addition should stand the Department will not oppose its introduction. I am to add that it is assumed that it is not



intended to prevent two or more members of a family from receiving bursaries in any one year

Section 2, paragraph 5, line 2. It would be desirable to insert the words, or other cause, after the words parents' means.

Section 8, line 4, "(h) Rural Science and Nature Study" should read "(h) Rural Science or Nature Study".

This alteration is necessary in order that the list of examination subjects may conform to the programme for National Schools.

Section 8, Numerous requests are received in the Office for copies of the question papers set at previous examinations. It is suggested, therefore, with a view to making the position clear, that an asterisk should be placed at the commencement of this section, and the following note inserted at the foot of the page:-

X Copies of the question papers set in 1938 for this examination may be obtained from Government Publications Sale Office, 3 and 4 College Street, Dublin, price one shilling and threepence per copy.

Section 12. In connection with the special entry form referred to in this section, it is suggested that (if not already provided for) arrangements should be made for the entry on the form of the Roll Number of the School, in the case of pupils attending a National School.

Provision is made for furnishing this information on the official form giving particulars of candidates for the examination, and its inclusion is of considerable assistance to the Department in relation to the examination arrangements and the award of Scholarships generally.

APPENDIX. Certain amendments have been made in the Syllabus which was issued in 1938. Two copies of the revised



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syllabus are enclosed for your information, and I am to say that the existing version should be altered accordingly.

Subject to the changes intimated in the preceding paragraphs being made, I am to convey approval of the scheme for 1939.

The Department would be glad to learn at your convenience of your Council's decision in regard to the proposed addition to Section 1.

Please be good enough to submit, for official use, twelve copies of the Schemes when printed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That no change be made in the decision of the County Council to award one Scholarship only in the same year if two members of a family are entitled to award, this provision not to be made applicable to bursaries. That the other suggested amendments submitted by the Office of National Education be agreed to and the necessary changes be made in the Scheme."

In connection with renewals of Scholarships and bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme the following was read from the Department of Education - Secondary Education Branch, 1 Hume Street, Dublin:- under date 28th September, 1938:

"I am to convey the Department's sanction for the renewal in respect of the school year 1938/39, of the Scholarships awarded by your Council to the undermentioned pupils:-

Loreto Convent Wexford.

Mary A. O'Neill	(Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938)
Elizabeth Carty	" " " "
Elizabeth Ronan	
Mary E. Devereux	
Margaret Donovan	
Annie Donovan	

St. Peter's College, Wexford.

Laurence Jordan  
John K. O'Leary  
John J. O'Neill  
Edward Rutledge



St. Peter's College, Wexford.

Michael M. Lennon  
John A. O'Brien (Intermediate Certificate Honours 1938)  
William F. Doyle " " " "

Christian Brothers' School, Wexford.

Patrick J. O'Regan  
James A. Leeson  
Laurence J. McCrudden  
Peter McDonald  
William F. Ryan (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938)  
Timothy F. O'Leary " " " "

Loreto Convent Gorey.

Anne Doran

Christian Brothers' School Gorey.

John Breen (Intermediate Certificate Honours, 1938)

St. Louis Convent, Carrickmacross.

Mary B. Power

Good Counsel College New Ross.

Donal O'Donnell

St. Ciaran's College, Bray.

Edward Carty

Christian Brothers' School, Enniscorthy.

Matthew Treacy (Intermediate Certificate Honours 1938)  
Richard McConville " " " "  
Samuel Jordan " " " "

With regard to Elizabeth Devereux and Annie Foley,  
Loreto Convent, Wexford, Maire O'Brien, Clochar Lughaidh,  
Monaghan, Peter Lawless, Christian Brothers' School, Gorey,,  
Thomas P. Cullen, Blackrock College, Dublin, Maurice Treacy,  
and Michael A. O'Hanlon, Christian Brothers' School, Enniscorthy  
I am to point out that they presented themselves at the  
Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1938, and  
obtained a Pass without Honours. As, however, the pupils have  
another year in which to comply with the terms of your Council's  
Scheme, the Department has no objection to the renewal of their  
Scholarships for the current school year.

With regard to Margaret O'Leary and Mary A. Carroll,  
Loreto Convent, Wexford, who were awarded Scholarships in 1935,  
I am to point out that these students passed the Intermediate



Certificate Examination this year but did not obtain Honours. In the circumstances the Department is unable to sanction the renewal of their Scholarships."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to renewals of Scholarships and Bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scheme in accordance with letter from Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch). We would request the Department to consider <sup>re-</sup> <sup>their</sup> refusal to agree to <sup>renewal</sup> award of Scholarships to Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island, and Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Tagoat, in view of the fact that these students are at present attending a Secondary School and, it would be a hardship to insist on them returning home, without being allowed to complete their Scholarships.course."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction a transfer of £3,000 to the County Council by the Office of Public Works from Local Loans Fund, in respect of Instalment of Third Loan sanctioned under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: Bernard Byrne, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, Farm labourer, applied for loan of £150 on house at Ballynabanogue Enniscorthy, estimated to be valued at £220. Applicant stated his wages were 27/- per week and he had been in his present employment for 11 years.

Mr. McCarthy said that Byrne was really in a position of a steward and was not entirely dependent on a weekly wage of 27/-. He had no doubt Byrne, a hard working steady man, would be able to meet his liability.

The Secretary stated the maximum loan in this instance would be £135 a rent of 3/4d per week.



It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to recommend advance not to exceed £135 to Bernard Byrne.

Daniel Sheehan, Effernogue, Ferns, applied for loan of £200 on house estimated to be valued at £350.

The Secretary stated that the maximum amount of loan in this case would be £175.

Mr. Kelly said that Sheehan was a mason in constant work; his father-in-law was a carpenter and they would require the minimum amount of labour in the erection of house. He proposed that an advance not exceeding £175 be provisionally agreed to Daniel Sheehan, Effernogue, Ferns. Mr. Colfer seconded. Passed.

SANCTION TO ADVANCES: Under date 3rd September, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.23673/38) that the Minister had sanctioned advance of £230 to Thomas McGrath, Railway Road, Gorey.

Under date 15th September, 1938, the Department wrote (H.23672/2/38 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the advance of £175 to Miss Mary Keegan (house at Gorey Corporation Lands).

Under date 15th September, 1938, the Department wrote (H.85588/1938 Loch Garman) that the Minister would not raise objection to advance of £130 to Mrs. M.J. Halpin, Gorteen, Coolgreany.

ELLEN LEARY, BALLYWALTER, KILMUCKRIDGE: Under date 29th September, 1938, Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, wrote that shortly after the payment of £50 to cover stage which building had reached Mrs. O'Leary entered the Mental Hospital. She returned home some time ago but did not appear to be capable of having the work proceeded with. The husband was called on frequently, and on the last occasion he said he would make an effort to have the work done.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County



Solicitor to advise.

JAMES O'BRIEN, BALLYGOMAN, BARTOWN: Under date 29th Sept., 1938, Mr. James O'Brien, Ballygoman, Bartown, wrote applying for another £50. He made some mistake about the amount he entered on his application form for the valuation of the house.

The County Secretary stated that the maximum loan which could be granted in this instance was £185.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McCarthy that loan to James O'Brien, Ballygoman, Bartown, be increased from £150 to £185, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That as all moneys available under loans (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) have been allocated, no further applications be dealt with until first meeting of Finance Committee in January next, when list of persons to whom advances have been agreed and who are not availing of same can be presented.

PETROL PUMP WILLIAM HOGAN.

Under date 28th September, 1938, the following was read from Mr. William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"Re Petrol Pump Licence No. 191 issued to me on 24th inst. I now find if I put down tank in my yard as I intended suction pipe would be too long for pump to draw.

"Under the circumstances I hereby make application to your Council for permission to put tank under footpath outside my store. Said footpath is 9 ft. wide from wall to kerb and at this particular point is never used. If given permission I would have tank and part of footpath covered with concrete.

"I would deem it a favour if you would place this matter before your Council at its meeting on Friday 30th instant."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter to next meeting, Mr. Colfer to interview Mr. Hogan and ascertain



if anything can be done to comply with the resolution of the County Council that the tanks for all petrol pumps should be placed on owner's premises."

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ROAD.

Seven ratepayers from Croghan, Ballyfad, Inch, wrote under date 19th September, 1938, asking to have the lane leading from the County Road at Monalee bridge to their houses in Croghan Middle and Croghan Upper, taken over by the Council as a County Road and maintained as such.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Murphy that the matter be adjourned for consideration to meeting at which Road Works Scheme for 1939-40 will be dealt with.

ROAD RED PAT'S CROSS, ENNISCORTHY TO BREE.

The following under date 24th September, 1938, (R/RU/205/2) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of 27th July last relative to the road works proposed to be carried out during autumn and winter under the current employment schemes vote, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he agrees to the substitution of the proposal providing for the improvement of the road from Red Pat's Cross near Enniscorthy to Bree via Galbally, subject to the condition that provision will be made under next year's employment schemes for the improvement of the road from Enniscorthy to Carley's Bridge.

"I am to add that particulars of the proposed works should be furnished immediately on the prescribed forms as indicated in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the instructions to County Surveyors relating to the preparation of schemes."

DONAMORE AND RONEY ROADS.

The following under date 22nd September, 1938, was read from Mr. David Doyle, Tomduff, Killena, Gorey:-



"Please bring to the notice of your members of your County Council the enclosed memorial signed by persons who have permanent sites here. And what is meant by this is to have a small bridge erected at the Roney Road by which Donomore Road and the Roney road would be joined up leaving a public lane along the sea coast much used by tourists during the summer months and public in general. The Roney end of lane is almost impassible at present. If your Surveyor will inspect the lane, on hearing from you the date, I will explain matters to him more fully."

The following is copy of the memorial referred to by Mr. David Doyle:-

"We, the undersigned, respectfully request you to bring to the notice of the members of the Wexford County Council the state of the Dunamore-Torduff road or lane. We should be glad if your Council will, at an early date, instruct the Surveyor to inspect the lane and have an estimate made for a relief grant which would be sufficient to put the lane in reasonable repair to carry the amount of traffic there is on it. In addition, to local residents who are using the lane daily, several summer visitors have permanent sites here and the lane referred to is the only one they can use to get to the sea."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That application relative to repair of Roney and Donamore roads be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

JOHNSTOWN LOWER LANE.

Under date 19th September, 1938, Mr. Morgan Murphy, Johnstown Lower, wrote that so far ~~xx~~ there was no sign of above lane being repaired. It was in a hopeless state with holes and bumps and with scoughs and briers meeting across the lane. It would be impossible to get up or down the lane in winter with holes full of water.

It was decided to inform Mr. Murphy that the lane had been listed for repair under Minor Relif Scheme and repair



would be carried out if lane was selected by Office of Public Works.

LANE CLONMORE UPPER, BREE.

Five ratepayers resident on above lane leading to their dwelling houses called attention to its very bad condition and it was extremely awkward and disagreeable to have to use it to get to their houses specially in winter. If the County Council would be good enough to supply stones for the repair of the lane the writers would draw them any reasonable distance and repair the lane.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

CARETAKING BUNCLODY COURT.

Under date 17th September, 1938, the following was read from Richard Breen, Irish Street, Bunclody:-

"As the Bunclody District Court is now being held in St. Aidan's Hall of which I am caretaker, there will be a charge of 5/- per month for the cleaning and getting ready of the same. Two Courts have been held there August and September so that there is 10/- due to me. Hoping to hear from you soon."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to the payment of 5/- per month to Richard Breen, for preparing Courtroom at Bunclody, cleaning up same after each court, and also for taking care of County Council furniture."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

Under date 29th September, 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.4141/38) that no useful purpose would, apparently, be served by the attendance at sheep fairs of the Sheep Dipping Inspectors. The time of the Inspectors would be more profitably employed in attending to their ordinary duties.



It was decided to send copy of the Department's communication to the lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

Under date 19th September, 1938, Mr. Hennessey, Sheep Dipping Inspector, for New Ross District, forwarded the following explanation of complaint of Mr. Lynch M.R.C.V.S. that Mr. Hennessey was not visiting sheep owners in his (Mr. Lynch's) district:-

"I beg to say in reply to your letter of 15th instant re me not doing any inspections in Mr. Lynch's district for the week ending 10th September, I had no notice of any sheep owner dipping on any day in that week as farmers are very busy harvesting and they will not dip sheep when they are.

Besides, I intended visiting Ballycullane Fair on Monday 12th September and also visiting some sheep owners on that day or days around these districts. Mr. Lynch V.S. can verify me at Ballycullane fair with a Garda from that station examining every sheep on the fair before the fair had well started.

"I have no complaint to make with regard to the Garda sending me the forms. They are not getting them from the farmers. I am calling on them constantly and also round one barrack from the other. I am also using a motorcycle at the job and I can get around fairly quick. I hope this explanation will be sufficient for your query."

It was decided that copy of Mr. Hennessey's explanation be forwarded to Mr. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector.

#### WEXFORD BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor reported that with Mr. Delap (Consulting Engineer) he had had an interview with Mr. T.C. Courtney, Chief Engineering Inspector, Department of Local Government and Public Health on 26th September, 1938. Mr. Courtney was visiting Wexford during the coming week, if possible, and would examine the piles of Wexford Bridge.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

The following under date 22nd September, 1938, (111/13)



was read from the Department of Justice:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of the 2nd ultimo, relative to the travelling expenses of members of the Garda Siochana acting as ex-Officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures, and I am to express regret that a reply has not been sent earlier to you.

"The matter has since been receiving the Minister's consideration and he is still in communication with the Commissioner, Garda Siochana, on the matter. It is hoped that it will be possible to take steps which will lead to a reduction of the expenses in question."

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRANT.

Under date 15th September, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/32) that a payment of £2,489 out of allocation for Road Maintenance Grant of £11,918 had been lodged with the Treasurer of the County Council.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Under date 20th September, 1938, the District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made to New Ross Court for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Johanna Nolan, aged 11 and Mary Nolan, 8 years old, Meyler's park, New Ross. The mother, the surviving parent, was in a delicate state of health., suffering from tuberculosis, and was unable to look after the children.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA.

The following letter from Major Barnewall, Kilmannock, Campile, as to drain on above drainage area to the County Council Solicitor was submitted:-

"In accordance with your letter of July 3rd, 1937, I placed my objections before the Board of Public Works, and I now enclose copy of their letter dated 14th instant,



dealing with the whole matter. I should feel obliged if you would place it in the hands of the County Surveyor whose attention I wish to draw to the last sentence of Paragraph I. If, as would appear to be the case, the County Council took over the responsibility entirely on the strength of the plans or tracing provided to them by the Board of Works (which included a drain that never existed) I am far from satisfied that the County Council cannot take steps to remedy the mistake which if not done will cost me over £100 while my lands derive no benefit whatever from the restoration work for which I am charged that sum plus maintenance.

"With regard to paragraph 3. Since 1931 I have repeatedly requested the County Council to have this obstruction removed, but no steps have so far been taken to do so, with the result that parts of the drain upstream have completely disappeared and has become a morass or swamp, and a dangerous trap for livestock in its vicinity. I may add that I have already had two beasts smothered in it one in 1937 and one in 1938, and to avoid probably further losses during the coming winter this obstruction must be removed and the drain upstream renovated immediately."

The County Surveyor said he had dealt with a substituted drain for the one which was believed to be non-existent. According to the map supplied by the Office of Works the drain was outside the County Council drainage area.

It was decided that the County Surveyor interview Major Barnewall 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 in respect of meeting held on 30th September 1938 be received and considered."

GOREY COURTHOUSE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES: The following letter from Thomas Dwyer, permanent Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse, to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, under date 8th October 1938 was read:-

"I beg to inform you that I have received keys of caretaker's premises from Clerk (Miss Keegan) of Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, and I have noted that all Mr. Valentine's belongings have been removed."

Under date 3rd October, 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee:-

"With reference to our interview as to Gorey Courthouse and Robert Valentine, I write to say:-

On the 11th of March last the District Justice gave a Decree for possession of the Caretaker's Premises adjoining Gorey Court House, but placed a stay on the issue of the Warrant for possession until the 1st of June last.

On the 13th of June last the matter came before the County Council for consideration of a letter from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Mr. Valentine, asking for further time to give up possession of the premises, when it was decided that further time until the 31st of July last should be given to Mr. Valentine.

I was under the impression that the matter came again before the County Council for consideration after the 13th of July and that a further extension had been granted to the 1st of September but I have been unable to verify this, and consequently I was in error when I stated that further time to that date, had been granted, either by the County Council or the



District Justice.

The Warrant for Possession is not ready for execution, and unless I hear on Wednesday morning, that Mr. Valentine has left the premises, I will have the Warrant placed in the County Registrar's Hands for execution, and arrange with him for a date to execute same, when some member of the Council's Staff will have to be in attendance at Gorey to take over possession."

Col. Quin said it appeared to him that the whole thing was a mistake.

Mr. Murphy - The letter from Mr. Elgee clears Mr. Keegan's side of it.

Mr. Keegan then referred to the following statement recently made by District Justice Fahy at Bunclody Court:-

"There is published in the local papers this week a report of meetings of the Finance Committee of the County Council and of the County Council itself in which the matter of the possession of the caretaker's premises in Gorey Courthouse is dealt with. This reports a Mr. Keegan as stating that he had been informed that Valentine had been granted an extension up to 1st September by the District Justice. This statement is wholly untrue. Mr. Keegan is also reported as stating that without any notice to the County Council a further extension up to 1st September, 1938, had been granted. This untrue statement is, in my opinion, grossly libellous on me, implying as it does that I had made an order in a case between two litigants behind the backs of one of the parties concerned. I shall have to consider the question as to whether these untrue statements constitute a contempt of this Court or not and also as to whether it is worth while compelling the withdrawal of these statements in High Court proceedings. Meanwhile, as this is the first public opportunity I have got of nailing these lies, I expect



that I will be afforded the same publicity as that given the report referred to. Furthermore, as these untrue statements may possibly be regarded as criminally libellous, I am contemplating having the facts submitted to the Attorney-General for consideration by him. I am awaiting advice on the whole matter."

Mr. Keegan, continuing, said he regarded this as a personal attack on himself. He held he did not go outside his duty either at the Finance Committee or the County Council meeting. His information that the time for Valentine to vacate the premises had been extended up to the 1st September came from the Secretary through Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee said that Mr. Keegan's statement was correct.

Mr. Keegan said he had been in public life for 30 years and nothing he ever said as a public representative had ever been challenged. He never had to withdraw anything and nobody ever called him a liar. From the time he first entered public life as a member of the old Board of Guardians up to the present nobody could ever point a finger at him. He had never called anybody a liar and never made any insinuations against the District Justice. He wished the Council to say if his action was or was not guided by a sense of duty. He held he did his duty fairly, honestly and above Board. The allegations against him were not going to end there.

Col Quin said if not the case would be subjudice, and the Council could do nothing at present.

Mr. Keegan said he asked the Council only to verify his statement. He considered it quite unfair to call him a liar without sufficient evidence. If public representatives were to be threatened in this fashion public life would become intolerable.

Col. Quin said that the remark objected to by the District Justice as to the extension, had been made however



innocently, by Mr. Keegan.

Miss O'Ryan said the County Council should take the responsibility for the remarks of Mr. Keegan in this matter in view of the information which had been given to him at meetings. As the report appeared in the Press it looked as if Mr. Keegan was talking without authority and in an irresponsible fashion. Councillors were very loyal to each other and she would not like to see any member attacked for doing something in which he was backed by authority. The Council, as a whole, in a matter of this kind, should take the blame and inform Mr. Fahy (District Justice) that the Council did not publish information with the intention of leading him or the public astray. She believed that they should stand by Mr. Keegan in his remarks and send the explanation she mentioned to Mr. Fahy.

The Chairman endorsed Miss O'Ryan's observations. When the discussion took place Mr. Keegan's remarks were fully justified on the information supplied to him by the officials of the Council and the Council should take full responsibility for these remarks. He looked on it as a very serious matter for the District Justice to put the whole County Council in the dock, because Mr. Fahy's observations really amounted to that.

Minutes of the Finance Committee having been read, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that the question of extension for Valentine was put to him at a meeting. He had not the file of papers with him, but he knew at the time Valentine was given an extension up to the 1st September by someone, whether the Council or not he could not say. He could not find anything in his papers showing by whom this extra time was given but he was quite satisfied he would not have given this information to the Council as to the extension up to the 1st September unless someone had told him of it. However,



he could not trace where it came from.

The Secretary stated on 26th August last he wrote Mr. Elgee and asked the date when possession was to be given up as the Council understood this was to be done on July 31st. There was no mention of September in that letter.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was a very serious matter that they should be given information from their officials on which they could not rely. To say that the District Justice gave an extension of time which he did not *give* according to his own statement had put the Council in an awkward position. He held that on the information given the Council any member would have made the same remarks as Mr. Keegan did.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Thomas Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting:-

"That, in the opinion of this Council the statements made by Mr. Keegan as to extension of time given for vacation of Courthouse premises at Gorey Courthouse were justified on the information supplied to him by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

That copy of this resolution be furnished Mr. Fahy, District Justice, and Mr. Keegan."

Mr. Keegan said he thanked the Council for the pains they had taken to vindicate his character and the Secretary for his trouble of getting out the minutes. He was also very thankful for the support of Miss O'Ryan and others in saying that he had not done anything wrong. He felt very proud to have the Council behind him in the matter. It was the first time he was attacked in that way during 30 years in public life and he felt proud to have the Council behind him.



COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: The following, under date 6th October 1938 was submitted from Wexford Board of Health:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant together with copy of a letter sent to the Finance Committee of the County Council by Dr. Bastible. The Board note that the Finance Committee have requested an investigation into the manner in which the County Medical Officer of Health has been discharging his duties. I am to refer to the statement of the County Medical Officer of Health that "Tuberculosis dispensaries have been held at New Ross every Tuesday " since July 8th 1938, and to state that this statement is untrue. No medical attendant was present at the New Ross tuberculosis dispensary on the 12th or 26th of July, 1938, or on the 6th or 20th September 1938. The return for the month of August is not yet in the hands of the Board. No medical attendant appeared at the New Ross T.B. dispensary on the 4th of October. When the return of attendance for the month of August has been received, it will be forwarded to you. I am further to call your attention to the fact that Dr. C. Bastible was absent from the meeting of the Board held on October 3rd."

It was decided to discuss the matter in Committee.

The Chairman said that since the meeting of the Finance Committee the general opinion of the public and of the County Councillors was that something more serious than what the Finance Committee proposed should be done. He (Chairman) was very sorry to have to move against a responsible officer in a very responsible position, but the conduct of the County Medical Officer from a public point of view was anything but creditable and the Council were bound to take strong action. He favoured the holding of a sworn



enquiry. As he said, it was a very serious step to take, but it could not now be avoided. He, therefore, moved the following:-

"That this Council, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, suspend Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer, from duty pending the decision of the Minister as to the holding of sworn inquiry into the manner in which the County Medical Officer has been discharging his duties, and into the administration of his department. The County Council adopt this resolution after full consideration.

That the Solicitor to the County Council be directed to co-operate with the Solicitor to the Wexford Board of Health in preparing the evidence for the proposed inquiry."

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Col. Quin thought it would be advisable if some further details of non-performance of his duty by the County Medical Officer were submitted.

Mr. Sweetman was of opinion it would be advisable to have a recommendation in the matter from the Board of Health.

After further consideration, the resolution was put and passed.

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

"As the Finance Committee have been advised they are empowered to award their University Scholarships only in strict accordance with University Scholarship Scheme, it is hereby resolved that said scholarships be awarded the first four successful candidates as set out in the Results of Examination furnished by the Academic Council of the National University, viz:-



1. Patrick J. Corish, Ballycullane.
2. Anglim James H., St. Anne's, Duncannon.
3. Browne Thomas P., Rock's Lane, Wexford.
4. Crean Una Maire, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour."

SCHOLARSHIPS GENERALLY: The Chairman said a number of members mentioned to him that they would like if the whole question of scholarships were gone into, and some Councillors had suggested that a small Sub-Committee should be set up to consider it before they committed themselves to a further year's scheme. He moved that a small committee be appointed to consider the question of both Secondary and University Scholarships. The Council as a body had not given much consideration to the matter for a number of years, and he thought there was more or less an opinion abroad that the Schemes needed alterations in some respects, and the money could be spent to more advantage for the people of the County.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and the proposal was adopted.

Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. McCarthy, O'Byrne, M. Redmond, Kelly, the Chairman and the vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish) were appointed as a sub-committee.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Corish said that something should be done in the way of repair or the structure would collapse.

Mr. Kinsella said owing to the condition of the bridge a much less quantity of barley than in other years would be bought in Castlebridge and this would increase unemployment.

Mr. Corish said the question of repair had been talked of for a long time and something should be done immediately.

The Chairman said that Mr. Corish and he were with the Department a couple of months ago and the County Surveyor had been there on a couple of occasions. It depended on the Department when the repairs would be carried out.



The County Surveyor said as soon as they received the sanction of the Department he would be prepared to go ahead with the repairs.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kinsella:

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health by telegram and ask them to have immediate steps taken in connection with the repair of Wexford Bridge."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th September 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### LOAN - SEWERAGE SCHEME CAMOLIN

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 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 10th October, 1938, at 10.30 a.m. that the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £4,700 (Four Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of providing Sewerage Scheme for the village of Camolin."

This motion was circulated to members of the County Council on 5th September 1938.

In moving the motion, Miss O'Ryan said this Sewerage Scheme was absolutely necessary for the protection of the health of the people of Camolin, and great consideration as to the amount of loan and of the details of the Scheme had



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been given by the Board of Health.

Mr. Ronan seconded the motion which was adopted.

PROPOSED WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO ROAD AND QUARRY WORKERS

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

"That the County Council devise a system of making weekly payments to Road and Quarrymen as fortnightly payments are out of date and very unsatisfactory."

In moving his motion Mr. Culleton said that the Wexford County Council irrespective of what other County Councils were doing in the matter, should take a generous view of his proposal. He believed the change from fortnightly to weekly payments could be made without a great deal of expense. When the matter was under consideration on a previous occasion it was stated that weekly payments would mean the employment of only one extra clerk. He did not see why the County Council should not pay weekly as was done by all business firms.

Mr. Corish seconded.

The Secretary read letter from Secretary of Dublin County Council stating they had made the change at the last meeting to the weekly system of payments and he would be reporting on the additional expense at the next meeting. They had to employ three additional clerks and a timekeeper for each road overseer, nine in all. There was additional expenditure in postage and in pay orders. His County Council had not finally decided on weekly payments for roadmen.

The Secretary said the same extra clerical assistance as in Dublin would have to be provided in Wexford if the proposal was adopted.

County Surveyor - It would be £250 to £300 a year extra for postage alone. The change would mean upsetting



my department because there would be an extra day or half day a week instead of fortnightly as at the present time. I would have to have extra clerical assistance in my office also. It would be better for the workers to be paid weekly but this would mean a lot of expense and trouble.

Mr. Bowe said he knew a great many road workers and none of them ever asked him to support a system of weekly payments.

The Chairman said that it could not be justified to put extra expense on the Council in view of their straitened circumstances in all directions. It was more important to employ as many men as possible and the expense of arranging for weekly payments would mean less employment. The adoption of the proposal would mean less money for road work and less men employed.

Mr. Culleton withdrew his motion as he said it appeared to be unworkable. He did not wish to put the Council to extra expense if this would mean less employment. No road worker desired to debar anyone from work in order to be paid weekly.

#### SPECIAL EXPENSES PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Under date 5th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.11146/38 Loch Garman (Pd)) forwarding Order made by the Minister on 15th September 1938 fixing areas of charge for special expenses of Rural Sanitary Authorities under Public Health Acts 1878 to 1931.

It was stated in the Order that the Area of Charge for providing and maintaining a water supply at Clonroche was the County Health District of Wexford.



### PROTECTION AGAINST FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Under date 30th September, 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote forwarding copies of Order entitled "Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Carcases and Packing Materials) Order, 1938," with explanatory memorandum.

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

"That the Wexford County Council will use every effort to secure full compliance with Foot and Mouth Disease (Imported Carcases and Packing Materials) Order 1938.

They suggest to the Department of Agriculture that copies of the Order and explanatory memorandum should be furnished the Veterinary Inspectors of each County Council."

### SEALING MORTGAGES FOR LOANS

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

"That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 15th September 1938 (S. Loch Garman) the sum of £3600 (Three Thousand Six Hundred Pounds) be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purchase of Road Machinery, said sum to be repaid within five 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 County Council be affixed to the necessary mortgage over the rates to secure said Loan."

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Deed of Surrender and Counterpart thereof, by the



County Council to the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society Ltd. of the Existing Leases of the Machinery Yard Premises at Enniscorthy and also that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the New Lease and Counterpart thereof from the Co-operative Society to the Council of the Machinery Yard premises, and a plot of ground adjoining same for the term of 99 years from the 1st day of October 1938, with a clause of Surrender at the end of any period of 20 years during said term, at the yearly rent of £75."

#### DUNCORMACK ROADS

Messrs. J. Stafford, Cullenstown, and Mr. J. J. Furlong, Littlegrigue, Duncormack, attended as a deputation to lay before the County Council their views respecting the roads leading to Duncormack Station.

Mr. Stafford said they were concerned principally with the roads from Wallace's Cross to Parle's mill and from Ambrosetown to Duncormack. They led to Duncormack railway station at which the traffic last year included 14,000 tons of beet and 10,000 tons of manure and coal. In addition, the roads served the mill which ground up to 6,000 barrels of corn. Under the contract system of road repair 90 cubic yards of gravel was formerly put on the road from Wallace's Cross to the mill and 84 yards on the other one. Under the present system the amount was 30 and 24 yards, respectively. Despite the fact that the tonnage on the roads had been reduced the traffic had trebled. They asked that these roads be re-classed so that they could be properly maintained. They were the only roads in South Wexford leading to a railway station that were not either tarred or concreted. Failing re-classification they asked that the tonnage of material be restored to the former figure and that an extra man be put on immediately for a month to prepare them for the beet traffic.



The County Surveyor said he estimated £615 for the section which included these roads and the Council cut it to £192. When his annual estimate came up he was told it was exorbitant and the cut had to be spread over the various sections more or less pro rata.

Mr. Furlong pointed out that there was a good deal of tillage in the district and considerable traffic over the roads for beet and corn. At present, this was not too bad but when the heavy traffic began they would become impassible.

Mr. Stafford mentioned a blind turn at the entrance to the railway gate. All that was required was that the hedge should be taken down.

Mr. Furlong mentioned that this had been put before the railway company who disclaimed liability. The roads were maintained by sea gravel which in view of present day traffic was hopeless.

The Chairman said that when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration at next meeting, consideration would be given by the Council to the representations made by the deputation from Duncormack.

Mr. Stafford said of course this would mean that nothing could be done until after March next and the crux was that in the coming winter the roads would become impassible. Even if the County Surveyor could spend £20 on it immediately it would greatly help.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that what the deputation stated in regard to the roads was quite true. They would be almost impassible for three months of the winter. He was doing what was possible to substitute quarry material for sea gravel.

The County Surveyor said he would see if it was possible to provide any small amount for repairs.

Mr. Stafford thanked the Council for the reception of the deputation and the attentive manner in which they had



listened to the statements.

ROAD MOHURRY CROSS ROADS

Mr. Bowe said if something was not done with above road it would be washed away; there was one continuous stream of water flowing over it.

Mr. Ennis said that there was a question of weirs and their height involved.

Mr. Bowe said that people walking over this road were covered with water to the ankles and the Council should not allow such a state of affairs to continue.

After further discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, that Messrs. Bowe and Lawlor, County Councillors, meet the County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, at Mohurry Cross and submit a report on the result of their visit to first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

CARTERS AND HOLIDAYS WITH PAYMENT

Mr. Corish raised the point as to the eligibility of a carter employed in New Ross district being entitled under the Conditions of Employment Act to holidays with pay.

The County Surveyor said that persons conveying persons or goods were not considered to be industrial workers and were not, therefore, <sup>entitled</sup> to the paid holiday.

Mr. Corish contended that transport of goods meant transport of merchandise and did not refer to the cartage of road material. A man who sold retail from a van was entitled to the paid holidays.

It was decided to refer the point to the County Solicitor for advice.



BORRIS AND PALACE EAST RAILWAY LINE

Mr. John Joyce, M.C.C., Borris, and Major Little came before the meeting as a deputation from Carlow Comhairle Ceanntair Fianna Fail relative to the proposal of the Great Southern Railway Company to close the railway line between Borris and Palace East.

Mr. Joyce said the proposal, if carried into effect, would be most detrimental to the interests of the people of Carlow and part of County Wexford.

Major Little said the matter was one of vital importance and the Council, as a body, had a reputation for jealous regard and guardianship of the interests and amenities of the people, and it was with confidence, therefore, he addressed them. The Great Southern Railways proposed that they close the line between Palace East and Bagenalstown. He could give a few figures in connection with the goods that were conveyed on that line. From Borris itself there were upwards of 200 wagons of cattle loaded and sent away. Under what was called the beet campaign, 24,000 tons, between Ballywilliam and Goresbridge went to Carlow via Bagenalstown. Of other goods there were something like 14,000 tons - cereals and goods for traders. If that weight of goods were taken off the railways and thrown on the roads, he would ask them to consider what would be the result. The roads had not been constructed to stand up to lorry traffic of that sort. In fact, within a couple of weeks of the beginning of the beet campaign, the roads would be no longer roads, but they would be ruts and furthermore, the County Councils, in order to strive to the utmost to keep the roads in the condition to bear that increase of traffic, would be strained beyond their abilities. He felt certain that the Council would see their own interest in the matter. If people on the short section of the line were going to be penalised in that monstrous fashion, people who sent their



beet from the South of the County via that line were going to be punished also. The result would be a stagnation of not only the agricultural industry, but of industries - trading and otherwise - throughout the South of Wexford, through Carlow and the surrounding Counties. It was an arbitrary proposal on the part of the Railway Company and he submitted that it should not be tolerated. He had stated what the condition of things would be, and he was in possession of facts which went to show that there were difficulties in the way. There were certain traders who saw in the present situation something to their personal advantage, and he would put the Council on their guard so that when obstacles came up they would be able to see them and brush them out of their way. People thought that if the railway was done away with they would be able to increase the number of their lorries. They would increase them only to the extent of their personal advantage, but not to the extent of meeting with and coping with the enormous tonnage which would be thrown on the roads. He would ask for the Council's sympathy by immediate action with regard to the line.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Major Little said they had not received official intimation from the railway company that the line was going to be closed. They had a representative committee operating in Borris in regard to the matter. Since the committee was formed no communication had been received from Mr. Floyd, of the Railway Company or Mr. Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, except an acknowledgment of a communication. Deputies had communicated with them.

Mr. Corish said he had sent a letter to the Committee from Mr. Floyd, General Manager of the Railway Company, but there was nothing in it saying the line would definitely be closed.



Mr. Keegan said that the roads which would be affected could not stand up to lorry traffic and if the line was closed the farmers would be in a very bad position.

Mr. Joyce contended that if the railway was not available the beet industry would be seriously injured. Beet growers could not pay 8/- or 9/- per ton for transport by lorry to Carlow Factory.

Major Little, in reply to the Chairman, said the Committee dealing with the matter had intimation that unless there was a strong agitation by the public bodies of Wexford and Carlow and the merchants and farmers concerned the line would be closed. If the Railway Company decided to close ~~the~~ the line they should give sufficiently long notice to the Councils concerned to have their roads brought up to the standard of being able to deal with lorry traffic and thus replace the railway.

Mr. Corish did not agree with this. It was an acceptance of the proposal that the Railway Company could throw the traffic on to the roads. Independently of such a proposal they should protest against the closing of the line.

Mr. Doyle said from his knowledge of the Railway Company he would be surprised if they would not put on some alternative method of transport in the event of the line being closed.

Mr. Bowe said that the closing of the line might debar people from growing beet, as transport costs would be so high. The Railway Company had practically a monopoly of transport in the country, and even if they did not make money out of one small line they could still afford, to his mind, to run it.

Col. Quin said, while in favour of having the railway working it was a matter of £.S.D. If the line was not paying they could not expect <sup>it</sup> to be kept open. Goods were carried cheaper by lorry.



The County Surveyor said the Railway Company was in competition by lorry against the line to make a case against keeping the latter running.

Mr. Joyce said that porter to Borris was carried at 4/- per ton by the Railway lorry and 5/- per ton by the Railway line.

Miss O'Ryan said it was quite clear that they could do it cheaper by road, because they had not to maintain the roads, while they had to maintain their own tracks.

Mr. Redmond said he knew the Railway line all his lifetime. It would sever a link. He thought the least the Council should do would be to make a very strong protest against the closing of the line, because there was no doubt that this was going to affect the New Ross area very, very much in connection with fairs and probably in connection with the beet industry. How was the beet going to be transported from the farms if the line was closed? It could not be done on the road which could not carry the traffic that even the beet industry was going to throw on it. He was speaking to the Manager of a very big firm - the Shelburne Co-operative Society - three weeks ago, and he said it was going to affect them very much, because they had constructed their premises so that they were served by the railway. From the point of view of the farming interests alone in the New Ross area, he thought it was their duty to try to safeguard the line in any way they possibly could. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"In view of the fact that the closing of railway line between Borris and Palace East would seriously injure the interests of farmers, merchants and many others, we strongly protest against the closing down of this section of line. In our opinion, it should be possible to have this branch run on profitable lines. We request the Minister for Industry



and Commerce to use his influence to keep the line open and prevent the infliction of considerable hardship and loss on the public of the Counties of Carlow and Wexford.

Mr. Corish seconded.

In putting the resolution (which was adopted) the Chairman said it was most important for the people of Wexford that this line should remain open and for this reason alone the County Council were vitally concerned. If the Railway did not carry goods he did not see how - from a financial point of view - the Councils concerned could maintain the roads for this purpose. They simply could not afford the cost.

#### OLD I.R.A. AND POLITICAL PRISONERS

The following resolution was submitted from the Second Annual Convention of the National Association of Old I.R.A.:-

"That this Convention of the National Association of Old I.R.A. desires to remind the People of Ireland, that a number of Political Prisoners are being detained in that part of our County at present under the jurisdiction of the British Government, and we call on all Public Bodies, in every part of the County to unite in condemning this atrocity, and demanding its termination."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### RESOLUTION RE CLERICAL POSTS

The following resolution was received from the Irish Technical Education Association:-

"That the Civil Service Commissioners, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Local Government Department and other Departments of State concerned, also Local Authorities be requested to amend regulations and syllabuses of their several examinations for Clerical Posts, in such manner as to offer a reasonable opportunity to students trained in



the Commercial Classes under the control of Vocational Committees to compete for and obtain these positions."

Several members pointed out that before considering the resolution they wished to be in a position to know what were the amendments required in the regulations and syllabuses.

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

"That the Irish Technical Education Association be requested to furnish further information as regards their resolution re examinations for clerical posts. The Wexford County Council do not regard the present proposal as sufficiently clear to take action thereon and request the Technical Education Association to clarify the position."

REMAINS OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT

The Secretary stated he had received an acknowledgment from the British Home Office of the resolution of the County Council asking that the remains of Sir Roger Casement should be returned to Ireland.

*Denis Kelly*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING, MONDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1938

MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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A Special Meeting of Wexford County Council, summoned by directions of the Chairman, was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 31st October 1938, for the purpose of considering:-

1. Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health concerning the resolution passed by the County Council at their meeting on the 10th day of October, 1938, suspending Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

2. A Report by the County Solicitor in pursuance of the Council's resolution of the 10th October, 1938, as to the manner in which the County Medical Officer of Health has been discharging his duties.

3. What action should be taken/<sup>on</sup>Nos. 1 and 2.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond and Patrick Ronan.

The Secretary and County Solicitor were also in attendance.

The following under date 22nd October 1938 (P.H.26265/4/38 - Loch Garman (Sc)) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letters of the 10th and 14th instant regarding the case of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that the power vested in the Wexford County Council under Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and the County Medical Officers of Health Order, 1926, to suspend Dr. Bastible is not subject to the Minister's



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approval and the Minister is advised that the resolution passed by the County Council at their meeting on the 10th instant suspending Dr. Bastible subject to the Minister's approval is inoperative. It is also observed that the terms of the resolution purport to suspend Dr. Bastible from duty only pending the decision of the Minister as to the holding of a sworn inquiry into the manner in which Dr. Bastible has been discharging his duty.

The matter should be reconsidered by the County Council accordingly."

The following report and Statement of Charges against the County Medical Officer of Health from Mr. John Elgee, County Solicitor, were read:-

"In pursuance of the Resolution of the Wexford County Council of the 10th day of October 1938, I have consulted the Solicitor for the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance and, in conjunction with him, have considered statements obtained by, or furnished to us concerning the County Medical Officer of Health. We are both agreed that there is in these statements evidence to support:-

- (a) a charge that Dr. Bastible has ~~failed~~ failed to perform satisfactorily the duties of his office.
- (b) a charge that he has misconducted himself in relation thereto.
- (c) a charge that he is unfit to hold the said position.

I attach to this letter a draft containing charges, and particulars which are, in my opinion and that of the Solicitor to the Board of Health, warranted by the statements we have seen.



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Draft Statement of Charges

1. That Dr. Christopher Bastible has failed to perform satisfactorily the duties of his position as County Medical Officer of Health inasmuch as:-

- (a) On the 13th day of July 1938 in the grounds of the County Hospital at Wexford, Dr. Bastible was under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of performing the duties of his office.
- (b) that on the 20th day of September 1938, at the offices of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance Dr. Bastible was under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of performing the duties of his office.
- (c) that on the 5th day of October 1938, at the Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford and at the V.D. Clinic at Wexford, Dr. Bastible was under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of performing the duties of his office.
- (d) that in a letter dated the 29th day of September 1938, Dr. Bastible falsely reported to the Wexford County Council that he was fully aware that all Tuberculosis Dispensaries at New Ross had been attended between the 8th day of July, 1938, and the date of the letter.
- (e) that Dr. Bastible made a report for a Meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance held on the 22nd day of August 1938 in which he falsely stated that 17 Tuberculosis Dispensaries had been attended during the month of July 1938.
- (f) that Dr. Bastible made a report for a meeting of the said Board held on the 19th day of September 1938 in which he falsely stated that 19 Tuberculosis Dispensaries had been attended during the month of August 1938.
- (g) that Dr. Bastible made a report for a meeting of the said Board held on the 17th day of October 1938 in which he falsely stated that 19 Tuberculosis Dispensaries had been



attended during the month of September 1938.

(h) that on the 12th day of July 1938, 26th day of July 1938, 6th day of September 1938, 20th day of September 1938, and 4th October 1938, Dr. Bastible did not attend the Tuberculosis Dispensary at New Ross as it was his duty to do; that he neither sought nor obtained permission to so absent himself and that he took no steps to arrange for the attendance of a substitute.

(i) that on the 19th September 1938 and 3rd day of October 1938, Dr. Bastible did absent himself from meetings of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance without permission or explanation.

(j) that on the 23rd day of May 1938 and 29th August 1938, Dr. Bastible did not attend the Tuberculosis Dispensary at Gorey as it was his duty to do; that he neither sought nor obtained permission to so absent himself and that he took no steps to arrange for the attendance of a substitute.

(k) that on the 30th day of September 1938, Dr. Bastible endeavoured to prevent the performance by the officers concerned therewith of their duty under the Importation of Parrots (Temporary) Regulations, 1930.

2. That Dr. Christopher Bastible has misconducted himself in relation to his position as County Medical Officer of Health, inasmuch as:-

(a) on the 27th day of September 1938, at the New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary, the conduct of Dr. Bastible towards a female patient, one Mrs. Johanna Bolger, was indecent and unprofessional in that during what purported to be an examination of the said patient, Dr. Bastible indecently assaulted her.

(b) on the 9th., 16th. and 23rd. days of August 1938 and on the 13th and 27th days of September 1938 at the



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New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary, the conduct of Dr. Bastible towards a female patient, one Bridget O'Connor, was indecent and unprofessional in that during what purported to be an examination of the said patient, Dr. Bastible indecently assaulted her.

3. That by reason of the matters aforesaid and of habitual intemperance, Dr. Christopher Bastible is unfit to hold the said position of County Medical Officer of Health for County Wexford.

On the motion of the Chairman, these documents were discussed in Committee.

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

"That we, the Wexford County Council, acting under Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and having reason to believe that Dr. Christopher Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, has failed to perform satisfactorily the duties of his position and has misconducted himself in relation thereto, and is unfit to hold such position, hereby suspend the said Dr. Christopher Bastible from the performance of his duties as County Medical Officer of Health from the date of this meeting, namely, the 31st. day of October, 1938".

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

"That the Office of Dr. Bastible, County Medical <sup>Officer</sup> / Of Health, be taken over by the Secretary of the Board of Health and Public Assistance and that seals be affixed to the lock of this Office by said Secretary".

*Denis Hurley*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING - 14th NOVEMBER, 1938

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th November, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D., (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth 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 were signed:- Ordinary Payments £5733. 8. 7d; Transfer Loan County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, Enniscorthy School £726. 5.0; Monthly Salaries £269. 10. 0.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 14th OCTOBER 1938: 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 October 1938.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, 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. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of the Minutes Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) attended and presided during the consideration of the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,949. 8. 3d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following represents the percentage of Warrant and Arrears collected to date:-

1.	S. Gannon	32.7
2.	M. Kehoe	32.1
3.	E. J. Murphy	31.2
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	30.9
5.	D. Kenny	30.9
6.	J. Quirke	30.4
7.	J. Curtis	29.7
8.	A. Dunne	29.0
9.	W. Doyle	28.9
10.	P. Nolan	27.2
11.	P. Doyle	27.0
12.	J. Cummins	26.7
13.	J. Deegan	26.4
14.	P. Carty	26.4
15.	W. Cummins	26.1
16.	M. McCarthy	24.2
17.	J. J. Sinnott	24.1
18.	J. Flood	19.0

Average 28.0.



EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES: With reference to employment allowances to ratepayers for workmen, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, and passed:-

"That no additional assessment be made on ratepayers in the case of workmen in receipt of sickness benefit for a period not exceeding 15 weeks."

RATES ON BANTRY COMMONS: Under date 14th October, 1938, the Rate Inspector wrote:-

"With reference to Rates due on Bantry Commons I wish to inform you that I visited this place last Tuesday accompanied by the Rate Collector, Mr. Flood.

With regard to the stock on the Commons I saw a large number of sheep there as well as three or four cattle. I was reliably informed that the sheep were owned by County Carlow farmers and the cattle were owned by a Wexford ratepayer who pays Rates for portion of the Commons.

The carrying out of a seizure here would be extremely difficult and might prove completely unsuccessful.

As you are aware, the Rate Collector was refused a decree in the District Court when the matter was tested there last year.

In my opinion, the only practical course open to the Collector is to have the matter tested again in a higher Court."

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 12th October, 1938:-

"I have had an opportunity of discussion over this matter with Mr. White, of the Valuation Department.

It appears, as you are no doubt aware, that an enquiry was held into the question of the Rating of the Commons, a few years ago, and at that time the question of the liability of persons to be rated in respect of same, was fully gone



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into, when it was found on reference to Old Estate and Rent Books of the Land Lord who formerly owned the Commons, that certain persons had been granted the use of the Mountain for the purpose of grazing a certain number of sheep, for which right they paid the Landlord an annual sum.

Further enquiry was then made into the matter, and as far as I can understand the Successors of those parties, whose names appeared on the old Estate Rentals were traced down to the persons who were then set out on the Valuation Books as the parties to be rated in respect of the Commons.

The grants made to the persons above mentioned have never, so far as can be traced, been revoked, and this being so, the only way for the persons so rated to rid themselves of their liability, would be to assign the right to graze to some other person.

As long as the names appear on the Valuation Books the County Council are bound to assess the rates upon them, but, whether they are able to collect same or not, is governed by the Decision in "The Sligo County Council - v - Cooke", which I referred to in a former report on the matter."

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

"That Rate Collectors concerned proceed against three or four ratepayers on Bantry Commons. If they fail to secure a Decree in the District Court, appeal be made to the Circuit Court, the County Council to be responsible for the legal costs involved."

VALUATION GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS' HOUSES: Under date 12th October 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I have made enquiries into the question of the valuations of the above houses, as compared with Houses built under the Labourers' Acts, and I find that, as regards the



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houses built under the Labourers' Acts, there is a limit placed upon the amount which they are to be valued at, but that in respect of the Houses built under a Scheme such as the houses at Gorey were, there is no limit placed upon the valuations by any Act, and accordingly, the Valuation Authorities are free to place what Valuation they consider fair upon the Houses, having regard to the amount of rent payable for them, and such rents are in this case fairly high, and hence the Valuation is high also."

The Secretary stated that the Commissioner of Valuation had declined to reduce on Appeal the valuation of these houses.

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

"That the County Council point out to the Local Government Department it is inequitable that Poor Law Valuations of houses erected for occupation by former slum dwellers should be made at the full figure. The Finance Committee are of opinion the limit of valuation in such instances especially in small towns, should be that fixed for houses erected in the vicinity of towns under the Labourers' Acts.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to take up this matter with the Valuation Department."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to remit to the 30th September 1938, rates assessed on houses recently erected by Gorey Town Commissioners, if this proposal can be legally carried out."



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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO ADVANCE MARTIN DUNBAR: Under date 4th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (25942/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister would not raise objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to advance a loan of £150 to Martin Dunbar in respect of erection of house at Wexford Street, Gorey.

MRS. MANGAN, GLENBOUGH: Mrs. Mary D. Rooney, Grovinia Avenue, Rislyn Montgomery Co., Penn. U.S.A. (sister to Mrs. Mangan) wrote that she would pay instalments - arrears and current - if time was given.

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Solicitor.

JAMES SEXTON, BULGAN: Under date 7th October 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Mr. Corish, Auctioneer, had informed him that Sexton never gave him any instructions to sell the house which he had erected under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He had written Sexton asking him what he intended doing and would let the Council know what the reply would be.

PREPARATION OF ROAD MATERIAL

The County Surveyor forwarded the following letter under date 21st September 1938 (S.W.12/13/27) from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th instant on the subject of the preparation of road material, I am to state that we have no particulars as to the comparative costs of hand breaking and machine breaking.

It is assumed that you have addressed a similar enquiry to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and we will discuss the matter with the Department."

The County Surveyor stated that up to the present he had



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not heard from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter.

ROAD, BALLYCARNEY - CLOHAMON

The following under date 28th September 1938, addressed to the Chairman from Mr. Hamilton Coffey, Clobemon Hall, Ballycarney, was read:-

"I wish to call the attention of the Council to the extremely unsatisfactory state of the road from Ballycarney to Clohamon on the left bank of the Slaney. It holds a succession of pot-holes which makes it a grievance to drive a car along it; and it is very dangerous to the springs of a car.

This road was never good, but it was ruined by heavy lorries having to use it when the road on the other side of the river was being remade. The only attention it has been paid has been that the holes have occasionally been filled with earth from the side of the road sometimes mixed with round water worn gravel which does not bind at all. This is simply a waste of money. After a few cars have passed along the earth and gravel have been knocked out of the pot holes by the wheels and the road is as bad as ever. The law enjoins me to keep my land clear of certain weeds, but those along the road here have been cut by the Council's men for the last two years after they have seeded. Consequently, I have to deal every year with a fine crop of thistles, ragweed etc.

I should like some responsible official to drive a car across Ballycarney Bridge and along this Road to Clohamon. If the springs of his car have held out when he arrives there I think that he would admit that my complaint is justified."

Referred to County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said the road was bad, but it was a



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question of money. He could not do more with the money which had been allocated.

COOLOOK LANE

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that Coolook Lane near Ballycanew be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme in view of representations from ratepayers concerned submitted to this meeting.

CLONMORE LANE, GLENBRIEN

Mrs. Katherine Murphy, Clonmore House, Glenbrien, submitted memorial signed by 16 ratepayers and herself as regards repair of above lane.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Murphy that lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ROADS IN ROSSLARE DISTRICT

The following under date 9th October was read from Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am directed by the Committee of the above to ask you to be good enough to bring the following before the next meeting of your Council.

The Cumann wish to draw the attention of the County Council to the deplorable condition of the Tagoat-Rosslare Road. It is a matter of urgency that this important work be undertaken immediately as in the opinion of competent judges this road is one of the worst in County Wexford. The Cumann is reliably informed that during the tourist season, the Automobile Association recommended its members on leaving Rosslare Harbour to avoid this road owing to its highly dangerous condition. Now that the Winter has arrived and the condition of the road becomes worse the Cumann request that the work of reconstruction be started immediately.



Grange Road: The attention of the County Council is also requested to the serious flooding of the public road at Grange Railway Bridge. This is due mainly to the filling up of a drain formerly cleaned yearly by the Railway Company. The Cumann request the County Council to have the matter investigated forthwith.

Woodtown Road: The Woodtown road has been impassible during the past week, and residents of the area were unable to go to Mass on Sunday, October 9th, as a result of flooding, caused also by drains not being cleaned. The Cumann also request that this matter be remedied.

Burrow Road: Residents of the Burrow, Rosslare, have asked the Cumann to point out to the County Council that whilst defence works against the ravages of the Sea have been constructed below the main embankment, nothing has been done with that portion of the road from Peare's house to the Embankment controlled by the County Council. It is stated that the tide rises in this low lying portion to a greater extent than formerly and a number of houses are in immediate danger of flooding. The Cumann request that extra material be dumped here as soon as possible.

Hoping that you will see your way to bring above matters before your Council and thanking you in anticipation!!

The County Surveyor stated that the Council were spending £4,200 (of which half was obtained by loan) on the road Rosslare to Carne Pier. This would cover portion of the road from Rosslare to Tagoat. As regards Woodtown road since Hopeland Bank was flooded the whole drainage in the district was upset. A big amount of money had been recently spent in the district including £1500 for widening road by Relief Grant from Etchingham's towards Woodtown.

It was decided to refer the communication from Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann to the County Surveyor and that the latter be requested to send reply to Mr. Ibar Murphy, Secretary to the



RATHDUFF LANE, KILLANNE

Mr. Simon Doran, Rathduff, wrote asking the Council to allow some money for the upkeep of this lane, which was repaired under Minor Relief Scheme and was in good order, the corners having been widened. The residents feared unless there was some money allowed to keep the water off the road it would soon be as bad as ever.

The County Surveyor considered the application unreasonable. It was unfair that ratepayers, when lanes were put into good condition for them, refused to do a "hand's turn" to keep them in order.

The application was refused.

DUNANMORE-TORDUFF LANE (ROADS 355 AND 349)

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that the application from the ratepayers covered Grant from Relief Scheme. If the lane could be repaired in this manner it would be a great convenience to residents and other users.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That the application re Dunamore-Torduff road be recommended for repair under Relief Scheme."

CARETAKER'S PREMISES - GOREY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 12th October 1938 from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I made an inspection of caretaker's premises, Gorey Courthouse since vacated and beg to report that it is in very bad condition. Many of <sup>the</sup> walls require plastering as old plaster is falling off. Papering and painting also necessary. There is no lavatory, and stove in kitchen not suitable where children in family. Some repairs to roof will also require to be done."



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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to procure estimates for repair of Caretaker's premises, Gorey Court-house, and accept the one he considers reasonable and satisfactory."

#### CROGHAN LANE

The County Surveyor submitted the following from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Above was repaired under Minor Relief Grant some time ago. It is a lane very much used by residents in area most of whom have grazing rights on Croghan Mountain.

A sum of £10 per annum would suffice to maintain it if scheduled as County Road."

The County Surveyor stated it was understood when lanes were repaired under Minor Relief Scheme their future maintenance would be undertaken by the Ratepayers concerned.

It was decided to inform these Ratepayers that the Finance Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to set aside any sum for the repair of Croghan lane. They consider - as the lane has been put in order by State Grant-ratepayers and others using the lane should take over its future maintenance.

#### CONTINGENCY FUND

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

"That £20 be transferred from County Contingency Fund to Section 40 - Duncormack Road (approved of by County Council at last meeting) and £27 to Section 2, Ahare Bridge, (which the County Surveyor said had collapsed)."



PAID HOLDDAYS OF CARTERS

Under date 12th October 1938, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed by the Council I have looked into the question as to whether the carters in the employment of the Council are entitled to the holidays allowed to other Workers under the provisions of the Conditions of Employment Act 1936 and in my opinion they are not entitled to the holidays.

Section 3(1) of the Act defines the expression "Industrial Work" to which the Act applies and declares, that "Industrial Work" does not include Agricultural, Commercial, nor Domestic Work, Mining nor the transport of Persons or Goods.

Section 3(2) of the Act defines what Agricultural Work, Commercial Work and Demestic Work are, but gives no definition of the Expression "Transport of Persons or Goods" and this being so, in my view, the words must be interpreted in their ordinary meaning which is "to convey from one place to another" and the carter's work is plainly (in the main) to cart stones and other materials from one place to another on the Roads. This being so, I cannot form any other opinion, but that the carters are not entitled to the benefits of the above mentioned Act."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to inform the County Council that as regards holidays with pay to Carters the Finance Committee consider that the Council are bound by the opinion of their Solicitor.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME

Correspondence was submitted from Major Barnewall, Kilmannock House, Campile, as to his liability in connection with repair of a certain section of Kilmannock Drainage Area.

The County Surveyor mentioned it had been decided by the Council that he should interview Major Barnewall in the matter and he would take the opportunity of doing so when next in the area.



CLAIM FOR DAMAGE BY BLASTING

Under date 28th September 1938, the following were read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are instructed by Messrs. Shortle Bros., Castlebridge, that on the 7th January last they wrote you drawing your attention to damage done to their Mill at Edenvale by blasting operations carried on by the County Council in Edenvale Quarry, and to point out that although eight months have since elapsed, nothing has been done either to repair the damage or to compensate our clients. Further blasting operations took place on Monday last, the 26th instant, and examination of the roof of our clients' Mill disclosed the fact that the roof had been holed in thirty-four places by stones and boulders flung through the air as a result of the blasting. In addition, the roof of their kiln has been damaged and also the roof of a stable. Our instructions now are to call on the County Council to immediately cease blasting operations in the Quarry in question and to inform you that unless you intimate to us within forty-eight hours that the County Council will do so, we are further instructed to apply for an Injunction, as our clients cannot carry on their business as long as the present state of affairs exists. We are also instructed to take proceedings against the County Council for damages."

"Since writing the annexed letter to-day, our clients called on us again and handed us the letter written to them by you to-day. This is the first offer made by you to make good the damage done and apparently this is made only by reason of the extensive damage done on the 26th instant. We have instructed an Engineer to inspect the premises and make a Report and he is visiting the premises to-morrow morning. If he advises that the damage can be adequately repaired, we shall have to insist that the repairs are carried out according to his Specification and under his supervision. This letter is without prejudice to any other cause of action our clients may have against the County Council for consequential loss or otherwise and to the proposed proceedings for an Injunction."

Under date 3rd October 1938, Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan wrote as follows:-

"Referring to our letters to you of the 28th ultimo we have had our clients' premises inspected by Mr. T. J. Millar and as regards the roof of the Mill and the roof of the Stores which have been damaged, he reports that to repair and make the roof watertight, it will be necessary to have all broken and damaged slates removed, and the roof re-laid the ridge tiles to be made good and pointed and the lead valley repaired where necessary. On hearing from you that you are prepared to put the work in hands in accordance with a Specification to be prepared by Mr. Millar and under his supervision, we will send you Specification. In the meantime, our clients, in accordance with Mr. Millar's recommendation, propose to have temporary repairs carried out to prevent damage to the contents of the Mill. Our clients also will have to look to the County Council for the expenses to which they have been put by reason of the necessity to employ an Engineer. Before applying for an injunction to restrain the County Council from further damage to our client's property, we shall be glad to know what their attitude in the matter is."



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As regards the damage to the walls of the Mill. Mr. Millar informs us that he is not in a position to report without making an extensive survey of the Quarry and Mill premises. This our clients propose instructing him to do."

The County Surveyor stated that the complaint in January referred to in letter of Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan of 28th September last, had been sent to the Insurance Company when it came to hand. No specific claim was received from Messrs. Shortle as regards this January complaint and it was assumed the claim had been dropped.

As regards the present application for compensation he (County Surveyor) had forwarded the correspondence to the Insurance Company and the latter had sent him a draft letter to be headed "Without Prejudice" to be forwarded to Messrs. Kirwan saying they were satisfied that temporary repairs should be carried out pending further work. He (County Surveyor) was satisfied that a good deal of damage had been done but was not satisfied that the walls had been damaged in January last.

It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the Insurance Company.

#### COMPENSATION - ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Mary Britton, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, for alleged injury to her house.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 6th October 1938, read at meeting of the County Council on 10th October 1938, from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health, was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant together with copy of a letter sent to the Finance Committee of the County Council by Dr. Bastible. The Board note that the Finance Committee have requested an investigation into the manner in which the County Medical



Officer of Health has been discharging his duties.

I am to refer to the statement of the County Medical Officer of Health that "Tuberculosis Dispensaries have been held at New Ross every Tuesday" since July 8th 1938, and to state that this statement is untrue. No Medical attendant was present at the New Ross Tuberculosis Dispensary on the 12th or 26th July, 1938, or on the 6th or 20th of September 1938. The return for the month of August is not yet in the hands of the Board. No Medical Attendant appeared at the New Ross T.B. Dispensary on the 4th October.

When the return of Attendance for the month of August has been received, it will be forwarded to you.

I am further to call your attention to the fact that Dr. C. Bastible was absent from the meeting of the Board held on October 3rd."

Under date 10th October 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote P.H.26265/38 Loch Garman (Sc.):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant relative to the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council on the 30th ultimo, requesting an investigation by this Department into the manner in which the County Medical Officer of Health has been discharging his duties.

As regards the communication received by the County Council from the Secretary of the Board of Health in which it is stated that Dr. Bastible was absent from the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th ultimo without explanation, it will be necessary to obtain from the Board of Health what directions were given by them in pursuance of Article 9(10) of the County Medical Officers of Health Order, 1926, for the attendance of the County Medical Officer of Health at meetings of the Board.

As regards the last paragraph of the letter of the Board of Health relating to Tuberculosis Dispensaries at New Ross it would be desirable that the Board should submit all the evidence available bearing on this matter."

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

"That in respect of the manner in which the County Medical Officer has been discharging his duties, the Finance Committee call attention to the following resolution, adopted at meeting of Wexford County Council on the 10th October 1938. This resolution superseded the request of the Finance Committee for investigation into the manner in which the duties of the County Medical Officer were being discharged.



'That this Council, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, suspend Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer, from duty pending the decision of the Minister as to the holding of sworn inquiry into the manner in which the County Medical Officer has been discharging his duties, and into the administration of his department. The County Council adopt this resolution after full consideration.

That the Solicitor to the County Council be directed to co-operate with the Solicitor to the Wexford Board of Health in preparing the evidence for the proposed inquiry.'

The Finance Committee would appreciate a reply to this resolution in time for meeting of County Board of Health to be held on 17th instant."

#### CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION - BROKEN TELEGRAPH WIRES

Under date 10th October 1938, the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, wrote (No. W/L.31) stating that telegraph wires were broken at Carriganeagh Quarry, Gorey, on the 7th September 1938 as a result of blasting operations carried out by the Council. When the cost of repairing the damage had been ascertained the account would be forwarded to the County Council for settlement.

The County Surveyor sated the amount involved would be small and he was in communication with the Insurance Company in the matter.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman, that renewal of University Scholarship of William G. Lambert be held over until Council ascertain if he passes his first year's examination in June 1939.



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GOREY COURTHOUSE - GAELIC LEAGUE

The Secretary of Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League wrote under date 13th October, 1938, applying for the use of the upper part of Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of holding a weekly Ceilidhe dance and dramatic class, one night per week, the same as last year.

It was pointed out that the premises referred to are in the portion of the building controlled by the County Council.

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

"That permission be given Gorey Branch of Gaelic League for the use of upper portion of Gorey Courthouse in accordance with their application under date 13th October 1938 and on condition that this League Branch be responsible for any damage caused to the room or furniture while in their occupation."

NUISANCE AT BALLYKEROGUE

The following resolution from the minutes of meeting of Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, held on 19th September 1938, in connection with above was read:-

"The County Medical Officer of Health reported:-

'Owing to a complaint received regarding the condition of a laneway leading to three cottages in Ballykerogue, I have investigated the matter.

It appears that in wet weather the laneway, which leads to three cottages, becomes flooded and impassible for several days at a time and great inconvenience is caused to the occupants of the cottages thereby. I would recommend to the Board that the County Council be asked to make this lane passable in wet weather. There is no public pump convenient to these cottages and the people have to depend on a private pump to supply their needs in this respect.

I recommend that the Engineer be asked to make a report on the possibility of a water supply for these houses.'

The Board directed:-

1. That a copy of the County Medical Officer's of Health report be sent to the County Council, and that they be asked



to examine the complaint as to a road flooding.

2. That the Engineer for the area be asked to report upon the possibility of providing a water supply for the area."

The County Surveyor stated that the nuisance was not on the premises of the County Council and they had nothing to say to it.

No order.

#### RAIL TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES' ORGANISATION

Circular letter was received from Mr. E. Dignan, Chairman of the above, requesting County Councils to put full pressure to bear on the Government to introduce nationalisation of Transport without delay.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided to refer this communication to the County Council.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, wrote he intended to make application at Enniscorthy District Court on the 27th October 1938 for the committal to Industrial Schools of John Allen, 10½ years old; Patrick Allen, 9 years 7 months; Mary Allen, 12 years 3 months, of Railway Cottage, Enniscorthy; also James Kavanagh, 13 years, St. John's, Enniscorthy.

Referred to County Solicitor.

#### OVERDRAFT

Under date 1st October 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8195/4/38 - Loch Garman) that the Minister had consented to Overdraft not exceeding £35,000 up to 31st December 1938.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th October 1938 be received and considered."

VALUATION GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS' HOUSES: The Secretary stated that the Gorey Town Commissioners had appealed to the Circuit Court against the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation refusing to reduce the valuation of their new houses.

RAIL TRANSPORT EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ORGANISATION - PROPOSED NATIONALISATION OF TRANSPORT: A long statement was read from the Rail Transport Employees' Political Organization dealing with the present chaotic condition of road and rail transport and asking the County Council to put full pressure on the Government to introduce Nationalisation of Transport without delay.

This was before the meeting of Finance Committee on 14th October 1938 and was referred to the County Council.

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

"That the Government be requested to introduce a measure for the nationalisation of Irish Railways."

Mr. McCarthy said the Council did not know sufficient about the position to agree to the resolution. He, for one, desired to be convinced that nationalisation of the railways would be the best thing for the country. Everybody realised that the railways were in a bad way but the Government knew more about the matter than the Public Bodies and he understood they were preparing a measure for introduction to the Dail which was the proper place to have it threshed out and to ascertain what was the best course to be pursued. The Railways were, as he said, badly hit and it was suggested



that in future they would carry goods traffic only and not look to passenger traffic. The goods traffic which should belong to them was being taken away for the roads. The Railways themselves were not free from blame as a statement had been made at a recent County Council/<sup>meeting</sup> that they were charging a less freight for delivery to business premises by lorry than by rail to their railway stations.

Mr. Walsh agreed that the Council had not sufficient information to enable them to accept the resolution. At present it appeared that the money of the ratepayers was spent to keep all traffic on the roads.

Mr. Doyle held it was in the interests of the community that the railways should be placed on a sound financial position.

After further discussion Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion and substituted therefor the following which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the Government be requested to consider immediately the whole question of Transport, particularly with the view to having all heavy traffic carried by rail and not by road."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 14th October 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 28th OCTOBER 1938: 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 28th October, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, ~~Sean O'Byrne~~ and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,975. 4. 1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the percentage of the Rate Collection to date:-

1.	S. Gannon	42.8
2.	P. Nolan	39.1
3.	E. J. Murphy	38.9
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	38.7
5.	D. Kenny	38.0
6.	J. Curtis	37.2
7.	A. Dunne	35.1
8.	M. Kehoe	34.6
9.	J. Cummins	34.5
10.	P. Carty	34.2
11.	W. Doyle	33.6
12.	J. Quirke	33.3
13.	P. Doyle	33.1
14.	J. Deegan	33.1
15.	M. McCarthy	30.6
16.	W. Cummins	30.3
17.	J. Flood	29.6
18.	J. J. Sinnott	29.2

Average 34.8%.

This average figure corresponded with the percentage collected at the same period last year.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Letter was read from J. M. Curtis (Hon. Secretary County Wexford Rate Collectors' Association) stating he was instructed by the Collectors to



make application for poundage on all monies lodged to date.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction interim payments of Poundage fees to Rate Collectors on the same basis as obtained for year 1937-38 Warrants as follows:-

First Interim: Lodgment by 15th November 1938 of 60% of first moiety of current warrant plus arrears applicable to assessment of year 1937-38 to qualify for 75% of poundage fees.

Second Interim: Lodgment by 15th December 1938 of an amount equivalent to first moiety of current warrant along with the total arrears applicable to 1937-38 assessment for payment of full poundage.

Third Interim: Lodgment by 15th March 1939 of a sum equivalent to 75% of current warrant along with total arrears applicable to 1937-38 assessment for Collectors to qualify for 80% of poundage.

Final Payment: Special sanction of Minister to be applied for in the case of each Collector at close of Warrant

PAYMENT OF RATES ON HOUSES OF GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

In connection with resolution at last meeting that rates on recently erected houses by Gorey Town Commissioners in respect of current financial year should be remitted, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 21st October 1938, as follows:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 19th instant, and in reply write to say, that in my opinion, the County Council cannot remit the Rates due on the Houses recently erected by the Gorey Town Commissioners up to the 30th September 1938 as suggested. The County Council have no power to remit any Rates."



It was decided that copy of letter from the County Solicitor be furnished Gorey Town Commissioners.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: Under date 20th October, 1938, (G.22356/38 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th instant and previous correspondence regarding the continuance of the system of acceptance of "part payment" of rates in respect of current rate warrants, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the figures previously given show that no material advantage has been gained from the operation of the Scheme in certain areas.

The Minister cannot, therefore, see what benefit can accrue from continuing the Scheme as heretofore and can consent only to its continuance on the lines previously indicated."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as regards the system of acceptance of "part" payment of Rates in respect of current Rate Warrant as set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 20th October 1938 (G.22355/38-Loch Garman).

The Finance Committee, having carefully considered this matter, feel that if a guarantee regarding the payment of arrears by a definite date is insisted upon before a "part" payment can be accepted it will mean, in a number of cases, loss of Rate revenue owing to the fact that certain rate-payers will not find it possible to pay more than the current year's assessment.

Taking all circumstances into account the Finance Committee urge the Minister to allow the system in its



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present form to continue until the close of current year's collection, on the understanding that its continuance in next financial year may not be necessary if legislation be enacted in the meantime increasing the powers of Rate Collectors regarding the collection generally."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1938-39 ROADS (RURAL)

Under date 26th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/205/32) that the scheme agreed to by the Council under above should be completed by 31st March 1939. This scheme provided by way of Grant from Employment Schemes Vote of £4312 subject to a local contribution of £1521 - the percentage being 74% from Grant and 26% from Rates.

The County Surveyor said that the amount from Rates had been provided for.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1938/39 ROADS (URBAN)

Under date 19th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/109) that the Minister had approved of the Scheme of road works in New Ross District to be carried out with the aid of a Grant from above Vote. The amount allocated by way of Grant is £1925 subject to a local contribution of £265. Total £2190.

Percentages:- Grant 88% and Rates 12%.

The Secretary stated that New Ross Urban Council had been asked if they were prepared to furnish the £265 the amount of local contribution.

The County Surveyor said that when the amount of this Scheme had been expended every street in New Ross Urban would have been dealt with.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1938/39

Under date 24th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that a sum of



£14500 has been provisionally allocated out of above Grant for Main Road improvement as follows in County Wexford:-

1.	L.29.	Gorey-Wexford, at Ballymartin Cross. Ease corners and make road diversion ...	£. 400
2.	L.30.	Enniscorthy-Kiltealy, Shingaun to Monart East and at Wheelagower. Widen, sidefill, strengthen, surface in bitumen grouted macadam and surface dress .....	3,150
3.	L.159A.	New Ross-Fethard, Balliniry to Dungulph. Widen, sidefill, strengthen, surface in tar bitumen macadam and surface dress	3,500
4.	T.8.	Wexford-Rosslare, Taghat to Rosslare Harbour. Ease corners, drain, widen, sidefill, strengthen, surface in tar bitumen macadam and surface dress .....	5,600
5.	T.7.	Gorey-New Ross, Mill Park Road, Enniscorthy. Drain, regrade, strengthen, surface in tar bitumen macadam and surface dress. Remake footpaths. ....	1,850
			£14,500.

SANCTION GRANT ROAD FROM ROSSLARE STRAND TO CARNE PIER

Under date 24th October 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that the scheme submitted for reconstruction of above Road estimated to cost £4200, half from State Grant and half from Rates, had been approved by the Minister.

REMOVAL BEACH MATERIAL BALLYHEALY SOUTH AND RINBAWN

The following under date 20th October 1938 (M.S.5110) re above was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant relating to the removal of beach material from the foreshore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to inform you that the position of the proposed delimiting line described in the resolution of the Finance Committee as being seven yards at each side of the bank or gap towards the sea cannot be identified.



I am to suggest that, as there are no Inspectors attached to this Department available for consulting with the local people about this matter, you might have a rough sketch of the area prepared with an indication thereon of the limits within which the Finance Committee consider that removals might be permitted.

It is added for the information of the Council that the foreshore with which the Minister is concerned at present is the area below the line of high water of ordinary or medium tides, that is, a line approximately midway between the line of high water at spring tides and the line of high water at neap tides. The area above the line of high water of ordinary or medium tides is normally the property of the adjoining landowner and removals therefrom cannot legally be made except by arrangement with him."

It was decided to refer this letter to Mr. Sean Murphy and County Surveyor ~~sent~~ supply to the Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) sketch of the foreshore area with an indication of the limits within which the County Council consider that removals might be permitted.

#### DRAINAGE COMMISSION

Under date 14th October 1938 the Drainage Commission wrote (E.9) that they had decided to invite County Councils to submit to the Commission a written statement of evidence affecting matters which came within the terms of reference. Heads of evidence under which the Commission desired particularly to have the Views of County Councils were enclosed.

The following are the terms of reference:-

To consider the whole question of land drainage (excluding field drainage) with special reference to the technical, administrative, financial and legal aspects of



the problem, and to submit recommendations as to:-

- (1) How an efficient system of drainage reasonably consonant with requirements and calculated to facilitate future land reclamation can best be secured.
- (2) The provisions which should be made for the proper maintenance of existing and future drainage works.
- (3) How the cost of drainage works and their maintenance could most equitably be apportioned amongst the various interests concerned.
- (4) The changes (if any) in the existing law and administrative system which would be necessary to give effect to the recommendations.

It was decided that copy of Suggested Heads for Evidence by County Councils be furnished County Councillors with a request for suggestions.

Mr. Colfer said that a drainage scheme was very necessary for an area adjacent to Wellingtonbridge.

#### TEMPORARY RAILING - GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

The following extract from Minutes of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th October 1938 was submitted:-

#### "Report Gorey Sub-Committee.

The Report stated that the Sub-Committee had investigated the question of railing off a portion of the side walk in front of the school on fair days, and had unanimously adopted the following resolution:-

"That a temporary railing be erected on fair days for the full width of the side walk and frontage of the school, and that this recommendation be forwarded to the County Committee for transmission to the County Council."

(At this stage the Rev. Chairman arrived).

A discussion ensued during which Messrs. Keegan, O'Byrne, and McCann opposed the adoption of the Sub-



Committee's recommendation on the grounds that it would restrict the space available for animals on fair days at Gorey.

Mr. Redmond proposed and Rev. W. B. Furlong seconded a resolution that the Sub-Committee's recommendation be adopted and on a show of hands this resolution was passed, the voting being:-

For: Rev. Chairman, Rev. W. B. Furlong, Miss O'Ryan, Messrs. S. Doyle, Redmond, Kennedy and Ennis. 7.

Against: Messrs. Keegan, O'Byrne, McCann, Kelly and O'Connor. 5.

Rev. J. Codd, Adm., and Mr. Colfer did not vote.

The Chief Executive Officer was instructed to convey the Committee's decision to the County Council."

Mr. Keegan said the County Council had decided to allow the Technical Institute three feet of frontage on fair days to save the walls of the building from becoming soiled by cattle etc. This order remained until the County Surveyor and the Principal of the Technical School came into the matter and they seemed to have arranged to have the whole frontage taken up. This place was very much restricted for space, particularly at the Spring fairs. At one side of the street the footpath was  $15\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide and at the school side only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet. If they allowed the footpath at the school side to be railed in he did not see how an application to rail in the opposite side by the people concerned could be refused.

The Chairman pointed out that at the live stock fairs in Gorey farmers from Ballycanew, Kilmuckridge, Monamolin, etc. used the place as the most convenient to exhibit their stock. It was also the main road to Wexford and the Railway station and was subject to heavy lorry traffic. If they allowed the place to be restricted by railing at the



Technical School the Garda, owing to the amount of obstruction that would be caused, might move the fair from the street.

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

"That no objection will be made to the Gorey Sub-Committee of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee placing hurdles up to three feet from frontage of Technical School, this permission to apply to fair days only."

#### CAMPILE SEWERAGE

The following letter to the Manager of Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd. from County Surveyor under date 27th October 1938 was read:-

"Recently I was in Campile and inspected a connection that you have made with the drain pipe from the Railway Bridge down through the Village. Some years ago the County Council made no objection to your connecting up the waste water from the premises at the East side of the road. I understand now that you have made this connection into a regular sewer taking discharge from lavatories and W.C.'s. Now you have connected up from the West side also, and on this side the W.C.'s etc., are connected to surface water pipe. These connections have now converted what is only a simple pipe for road drainage into a common sewer, and I must request that you, at once, sever all these unwarranted connections with the pipe taking road surface water. I have noted in road below your premises the water bursts up from the channel where our pipe is not able to carry the discharge, and this is a decided nuisance and insanitary. Your Society should lay a pipe for their own use, and sever all connections with ours, which is a mere surface water drain.



I am bringing this matter up before the Finance Committee on Friday next, and shall be glad to hear from you before then that you have severed these unauthorised connections."

Messrs. James Byrne, Boley, Ballycullane, and N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, attended as a deputation from the Shelbourne Co-operative Society.

The County Surveyor said that when the railway line was constructed at Campile a hollow was left close to Campile village. To meet the question of drainage the County Council put in two grates and a six inch pipe to carry off the surface water. The Road Contractors did not keep the grates clear of debris with the result that the road was constantly flooded. The pipe went by the Co-op and the latter were given permission by the Council to run waste water from their premises through the pipe. Then the Society made connections with the lavatories and closets. The six inch pipe was unable to carry the matter from these and the pipe intended only for surface water had now become a sewer. The outlet was in the river. He (County Surveyor) believed the six inch should be replaced by a nine inch pipe. He (County Surveyor) was loathe to make complaint of a Society which was doing such a big business to the advantage of the people of the locality, but when a pipe for surface water was used as a sewer he was bound to object. The pipe had burst in the channel below the Co-op and he regarded this as objectionable.

Mr. Byrne said the pipe in question was laid down 12 years ago with the full consent of the County Surveyor. Mr. Murphy could prove that the bursts in the pipe which had occurred down the village had no connection with the Co-operative Society at all but originated in a field of Mr. Kenny's. As for the sewerage from the West side of the premises two only of the staff were there during the night



and no one during the day. The whole thing boiled down to the point if the County Council were prepared to meet the Co-operative Society on the question. The Society was progressive and was doing well and he (Mr. Byrne) believed it would be a mistake for the County Council to object to what the Co-operative Society did in this matter. He could not believe they had created a dangerous nuisance.

Mr. N. J. Murphy, the second member of the deputation, said that 12 years ago a six-inch pipe was put in and no complaint had been made in regard to it until quite recently. In his opinion, the amount of sewerage passing through this pipe was simply infinitesimal. There was a small urinal at the far side of the Co-operative Society's premises, he admitted.

The County Surveyor said this was a soil pipe and he could not recommend that it should be allowed to discharge into what was put down to carry surface water only from the road.

Mr. N. J. Murphy said that the place used for fattening and killing of poultry on the west side was washed out once a week and could not possibly block the six inch pipe. He examined the place that day and found water two feet deep at Kenny's side. After heavy rain this got on to the road and flooded it. There was also water coming from Finn's premises and, in his opinion, the material from the Co-op had nothing to do with blocking up the outlet of the pipe.

The County Surveyor stated that poultry manure in this six inch <sup>X</sup> ~~water~~ <sup>A</sup> road pipe was most objectionable. It had burst up on a couple of occasions and had to be attended to. Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said that water which had been used for washing milk cans was going through the pipe. The Shelbourne Co-operative Society had developed a splendid industry, in fact, one of the finest in the country and he



(County Surveyor) had assisted them in every possible way but it was not reasonable to allow the present state of affairs at Campile to continue.

The Chairman said that the Medical Officer of the Board of Health had reported a remedy should be found for the present position at Campile. There was nothing there to prevent obnoxious smells coming back through the pipe. He understood perfectly the position of the Co-operative Society in the matter but the County Council or the Board of Health could not allow the existence of a sewer at the present position.

In reply to Mr. James Byrne, Miss O'Ryan said that a new sewerage scheme for Campile would be laid down when the water scheme there was completed.

Mr. N. J. Murphy asked if it would be possible for the County Council to allow the present state of affairs to continue until new sewerage scheme had been provided.

The Chairman said it would not be possible for the County Council or the Board of Health to comply with Mr. Murphy's request. This was a sanitary matter and when the health of the people was concerned the County Council could not hold over action for any period.

The County Surveyor said he did not know anything about the lavatory and closets on the west side until his attention to the matter had been called by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

The Chairman said it might be two years or more before the sewerage scheme could be laid down in Campile. Immediate action at Campile was necessary judging by the statement of the County Surveyor. In fact, any citizen could move against the sanitary authority and probably against the County Council in the matter. It was a well established principle that they could not discharge crude sewerage



without treatment. The Finance Committee would give further consideration to the position, and if possible, try and meet the Co-operative Society in some way.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the matter was adjourned for this purpose.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOAN: Under date 15th October 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.15081/4/38 Loch Garman) stating that the Minister would not make objection to the increase of loan to James O'Brien in respect of house at Ballyhit, Barntown, from £150 to £185.

WAITING FOR TITLE: In connection with proposed advances to Matthew Mullett, Raheengurren, Gorey; Joseph Kavanagh, Cronecribbin, Inch and Elizabeth Sweetman, Ballynabola, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 3rd October 1938 that he would furnish certificates to the Council when he found the titles in order in these three cases.

Under date 24th October 1938 a similar communication was received from Mr. Elgee as regards proposed advances to Edward Kelly, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy and Arthur Doyle, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.

In connection with house for which advance had been made to Ellen O'Leary, Ballywalter, Kilpuckridge, Mr. Elgee, under date 15th October 1938, submitted letter from Mrs. O'Leary's husband that he was doing everything possible to get the Contractor to finish the house.

ARREARS OF INSTALMENTS: Under date 26th October 1938 the following letter in connection with arrears of instalments due by Mrs. Mary Anne Pender was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-



"In this case I have obtained a Decree against Mrs. Pender for £16. 1. 1d being the amount of Instalments due by her up to the 1st April 1938. The Decree is dated the 11th August 1938.

Mrs. Pender's Husband has now got a good position, and is working. I have received from him £3. 9. 6 on account of these Instalments, and he is making regular payments each week to cover the current Instalments and a payment on account of the arrears, the weekly payment being 10/-. I have every reason to believe that Mr. Pender will continue to make these payments, and that the arrears due will, in time, be paid off.

I have not lodged Mrs. Pender's Decree with the County Registrar for levy owing to the fact that he is making the above payments, but I have lodged Sexton's Decree, and have received same back with a Return thereon of "No Goods".

Under dates 7th and 21st October 1938 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letters written by him to James Sexton, Glynn, as to proposed sale of his house. Mr. Elgee pointed out that he had seen Mr. Corish, Auctioneer, who informed him that Sexton had not been with him. He warned Sexton that if he did not do something immediately he (Mr. Elgee) had been instructed to have the house put up for sale.

So far no reply had been received from Sexton and it was decided to adjourn further consideration to the next meeting.

With regard to arrears due by Mrs. Mangan, Glenbough, Screen, Mr. Elgee wrote under date 21st October 1938 that he had impressed on Mrs. Rooney, sister of Mrs. Mangan (and who resided in the United States of America) the necessity for clearing off at once Mrs. Mangan's debt to the County Council.



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PROPOSED PURCHASE OF CUMMER QUARRY

The following under date 27th October 1938 was read from Mr. T. M. Tiernan, 83 Merrion Square, Dublin (Inspector Irish Land Commission):-

"I write to inform you that the Irish Land Commission have agreed to allot the Cumber Quarry with eight acres of land to your Council for the sum of £60 free of rent. Please let me know as soon as possible when you will be in a position to execute the Agreement with the Land Commission and take over possession on the lands of Cumber.

I am writing this letter from Gorey and intend to go out now to take over possession of the lands from Mr. Kinsella, the Registered Owner."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the amount paid for the past four years for material to quarry owner was £21. 11. 6d. He did not think they would ever require eight acres of land at this quarry.

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

"That in accordance with letter from Mr. T. M. Tiernan (Inspector Irish Land Commission) under date 27th October 1938 the County Council be recommended to provide a sum of £60 to meet the cost of purchase of Cumber Quarry and eight acres of land."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

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

"That the County Solicitor communicate with Mr. M. Henihan, Kilmannock, Campile, and inform him that if he does not remove the obstruction which the County Council understand he placed in one of the drains of Kilmannock Drainage Area they will be obliged to take the necessary steps to



compel him to do so."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Murphy and adopted:-

"That application be made to the Public Trustee for a sum of £60 (Sixty Pounds) from Interest on Trust Fund of £400 in connection with the repair of embankment and part of drain on Cuffe Estate portion of Kilmannock Drainage Area."

#### HORSE TRAFFIC AND CAMPILE ROADS

The following under date 24th October 1938 was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile:-

"At the last meeting of the Managing Committee of Shelbourne Co-op Society, the question of the slippery state of the New Ross road, was raised, after the ordinary business had been transacted. The danger attending horse drawn traffic was stressed; there were 14 or 15 farmers present from every part of Shelbourne barony and every one had some experience of horses falling, damaged horses' knees and broken shafts.

I was asked to communicate with <sup>you</sup> on the question of the Campile road which is soon to be tar-sprayed, and to ask your Council and the County Surveyor to give some little facility in the use of the road to those who are obliged to use horses. Our request is, that an unsprayed margin be allowed to stand on the left hand side going down hill on all hills and slopes; this would enable horses to travel down slopes in safety. Horses will not slip going up hill if handled carefully, and seldom on a level road, but driving down hill in the present state of the tarred roads is highly dangerous, and almost impossible without accidents.

Surely farmers are entitled to some consideration, and this concession is not too much to ask.

Trusting your Council and your County and District Surveyor will give the matter your consideration."



The County Surveyor said the proposal suggested by Mr. Murphy had been tried in other Counties, without success, and he could not see his way to agree to it. He would, however, have the sides of the road made up with <sup>a</sup> coarse chips and which he believed would make it safe for horse traffic.

GILES CORNER, GOREY - COURTOWN ROAD

The following letter under date 7th October 1938 from Mr. G. Langley Taylor, agent to the Courtown Estate, to County Surveyor, was referred to the latter for report after interview with Mr. Langley Taylor:-

"I have your letter of the 7th October concerning the corner on 44M (Giles Corner).

Whilst the Estate would like to facilitate the County Council in any way they can, I think it only proper to point out that Lord Courtown is only tenant for life of this property and the matter will have to be referred to the Trustees.

Because of this, it would be better if there were some quid pro quo for the giving up of the land, even if only a small amount like five or ten pounds (£5 or £10).

I am sure you will appreciate that my desire is not to be mercenary with the County Council in connection with improvements they desire to make to the highways, but I cannot agree with your statement that this would be a decided advantage to the residents on the Courtown Estates. We have no land at this corner and the Estate is about two miles away, with the exception of the one house "Marlfield".

I shall be over in Courtown in November and suggest that you should discuss the matter again with your Finance Committee and then we can meet and no doubt arrange the matter satisfactorily to us both."



RENTS - ENNISCORTHY CO-OPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

"That, as regards the sum of £83. 13. 4d proportion of rent for various premises held from Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, this Committee approves of the apportionment of the various items due to 1st October 1938 certified by the County Surveyor as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
Rent of Small Store and Yard	70.	16.	8
" Coal Yard	7.	1.	8
" Store at end of Workshop	4.	5.	0
" piece of ground from January 1st 1938 to October 1st.	1.	10.	0
Total	£83.	13.	4d"

DRAIN AT BALLINAMONA

The following report under date 22nd October 1938 was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"On 12th ultimo notice was served on Mrs. Lynch, Ballinclare, Leskinfere, Gorey, owner of land in Ballinamona, to clear drain in Ballinamona, which causes injury to road by flooding. Up to present nothing has been done and I recommend that proceedings be taken."

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

"That County Solicitor be instructed to inform Mrs. Lynch, Ballinclare, Camolin, that if she does not attend to the cleaning of drain at Ballinamona, within ten days from receipt of his letter, proceedings against her will be instituted."



### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - PRESSES FOR SAMPLES

The following under date 17th October 1938 was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

"That absence of any facilities for the safe storage of Food and Drugs Samples retained by Food and Drugs Inspectors has been the subject of consideration by our Authorities. As a result of the decisions arrived at, I am directed by my Authorities to request your Council <sup>to</sup> supply a small press to Food and Drugs Inspectors at the following centres:-

Duncormack, New Ross, Ballycullane, Enniscorthy, Blackwater and Bunclody.

A suitable press is already available for use of such ex-officio Inspectors attached to Wexford and Gorey.

It is felt that a small press measuring 4' 3" by 1' 6" will meet the purpose and I am sure your Council will appreciate the necessity for such a provision. Each Food and Drugs Inspector is directly responsible for the safe custody of various samples retained by him and usually the samples are in his possession for a long time. He has no accommodation for storing those samples and we are strongly of opinion that it is in the best interests of efficiency and administration that a small press as described would be provided."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the provision of presses required by the Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts and present same to the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Under date 17th October 1938 the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that James Doran, Main Street, Gorey, had passed his first University Examination



in Engineering and the renewal of his Scholarship was recommended.

Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin, had passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.

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

"That, in view of satisfactory report from University Authorities we recommend the renewal of University Scholarship to James Doran, Main Street, Gorey."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 25th October 1938, the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, wrote as follows:-

"With reference to a letter received in this Office <sup>from</sup> for Sr. M. Victorine, Loreto Convent, Wexford, and to the official communication of the 28th ultimo regarding the renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools for the current school year, I am to inform you that Annie Foley, Loreto Convent, Wexford, passed the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1938, with Honours. It is regretted that you were incorrectly informed that the pupil had obtained a Pass without Honours at the Examination."

The following under date 25th October, 1938, was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to your communication of the 7th instant regarding your Council's proposal to renew for the current school year the Scholarships awarded to Margaret O'Leary and Mary A. Carroll, Loreto Convent, Wexford, I am to inform you that in view of the representations made the Department will offer no further objection to the renewal in these cases."

It was decided that copies of both letters be furnished the Rev. Mother Superior, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Under date 15th October 1938, the Department of



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Education wrote, Oil. 11/51575, as follows in connection with the ages of pupils under Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Schemes:-

"In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, with reference to changing the date mentioned in Section 7 from the 1st August, 1939, to the 1st July, 1939, I am to say that unless the Council has very strong reasons for desiring the change, the Department wishes to avoid the inevitable confusion that would arise from the introduction of different dates for different schemes. I am also to advert to the fact that the 1st August is the date generally recognised for examination purposes by the Department."

The Finance Committee decided to take no action in the matter.

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 7th October 1938, Mr. Patrick M. Donohoe applied for extra remuneration while acting for Local Taxation Officer during the holidays of the latter in the month of August.

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

"That application of Mr. Donohoe for extra remuneration while engaged in Local Taxation Office during the month of August be agreed to, a sum of £4 to be allowed. This proposal is subject to the sanction of the Minister."

#### FLOODING CLONARD ROAD (WEXFORD)

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter which he had addressed to the Borough Surveyor, Wexford:-

"The County Road immediately opposite the Urban Council's rubbish dump is constantly flooded since your Council took over this place for dumping. On yesterday, I visited the site myself, and found that the former drain running between dump and the Sports Field has been



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completely blocked up. This is the cause of flooding on the County Road, and I must request that, without delay, you have the entire length of the drain cleaned so as to allow free flow of water from the road."

It was decided that County Surveyor furnish copy of this letter to the Town Clerk, Wexford.

FLOODING OF ROAD AT CLONES LOWER

The following letter under date 22nd October, 1938, received from Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, Kilpatrick, Castletown, Inch, as to the flooding of road leading to his residence at Clones Lower, was referred to the County Surveyor for report:-

"I wish to bring before the notice of the County Council the immediate necessity of something being done to the road leading to my home at Clones Lower. Some years ago the County Council men repaired it and it was alright for a considerable time, but the adjacent stream has since got out on it, and torn up the foundation, and will continue to do so especially during the prevalence of the present wet winter and eventually it will be rendered totally impassable for everyone.

In my opinion, this flooding could be rectified by the erection of a low narrow wall, which with an abundant supply of gravel and sand almost on the spot would be built at the minimum amount of cost, and would therefore be of great convenience to me especially my small children, and would also save further repairs for practically all time.

Also, of late years, this seems to be the most accessible beach for the whole surrounding district. There is an abnormally high amount of gravel being drawn from it during the year, and especially during the winter months."



### REPAIR MANGAN LANE

Mr. Joseph Hughes, Mangan, Killena, wrote calling attention to the bad condition of Mangan Lane, Killena, which had been recommended for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote last year. It was impassable for the four families who had to use it and also for the children attending school.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hughes that the County Council had submitted application for repair of Mangan Lane to the Office of Public Works and unless it was selected by them the County Council were powerless as they had no authority to spend money raised in rate on lanes or roads which were not directly under their own control.

### DISUSED LICENCED PREMISES IN GOREY

The following under date 25th October 1938 was read from Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the dangerous state of a disused premises in Main Street, Gorey, owned by Mr. Richard Whitney, Kilmichael, Hollyfort, Gorey. These premises were the subject of correspondence before with both your Council and the County Board of Health as to the danger to the public passing underneath them from falling slates and masonry, and nothing was done to remedy the matter. If there was a danger then, what must be the state of these premises now remaining derelict and unattended to ever since.

My Commissioners consider that this is a case definitely for attention by your Council or its subsidiary Bodies, who have in their service the necessary Officials proper to the case. I am to request that you bring this matter before your Council without further delay, as my Commissioners are of opinion that the coming winter will see the collapse of the building into the street causing serious injury.



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In the circumstances, I am to request that you take the necessary steps to advise your Council of the gravity of the situation at the earliest opportunity."

The Secretary stated he had asked Town Clerk, Gorey, to furnish copy of last communication received by him from the Board of Health.

This, dated 5th April 1938, was as follows:-

"With reference to your letter regarding the condition of a house in Main Street, Gorey, the property of Mr. Richard Whitney, Kilmichael, Gorey, I beg to inform you that this matter was before the Board on the 7th ultimo.

It was considered that the matter was one for the County Council, and I have, accordingly, sent a copy of your letter to the County Surveyor for his attention."

The following, under date 27th October 1938, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with copy of one from Stafford, Clerk to the Gorey Town Commissioners, with reference to the dangerous state of Disused Premises in the Main Street, Gorey, and with reference thereto I write to say that the County Council have no power, nor are they under any liability in connection with the premises, and cannot interfere with same in any way."

Mr. Corish said that in Urban Districts what happened in similar cases was for the Urban Council to serve notice on the owner to take down the building. If he did not, and the Council considered the safety of the public was involved, the Urban Council took it down at the owner's expense. He (Mr. Corish) wondered if in a place like Gorey where there were only Town Commissioners would the County Surveyor, who was the Officer responsible for the highways in Gorey, have the same power.

Mr. Keegan said the building was such a danger it should



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be taken down immediately.

The Chairman agreed and said it was not long since a woman narrowly escaped injury by a slate which fell from the roof. The owner had not bothered about the place for the past 25 years. It appeared the Town Commissioners had the power to have the place taken down under the Towns Improvement Act but, as the procedure against the owner was costly and complicated the Town Commissioners would themselves arrange to take down the building, if they had the staff.

It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish should during the coming week, consider the matter with the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Application of District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, as to proposed committal of James Cleary, 9 Irish Street, Enniscorthy, to Industrial School, was referred to County Solicitor.

#### EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Resolution from the meeting of Policy Holders of the above Association now in liquidation asking the Government to come to the aid of policy holders on whom a demand of £5 had been made, was submitted.

The Finance Committee considered as this matter was sub-judice they should not interfere.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th October 1938 be received and considered."

DRAINAGE COMMISSION: Mr. Corish said that in the past some drainage schemes were carried out to relieve unemployment. The County Surveyors were not consulted as to local conditions with the result that when the Office of Works completed their work they had half completed schemes and the Government handed over the baby to the County Councils for nursing.

Mr. T. Redmond said that Kilmannock drainage area was flooded for two weeks every month on Spring tides and the people there were paying annuities and rates for land they could not use.

Miss O'Ryan said that as a member of the Drainage Commission she would like to say that the County Councils were represented on the Drainage Commission by herself and two other members. She regarded the apportioning of the cost of drainage schemes as very important, and she believed that the County Councils would not like to take a large portion of the cost on themselves. Apart from that, the benefits of drainage schemes would certainly accrue to the agricultural community, and it was in the interest of the farmers themselves to come forward with any suggestions that would be of use to the Commission. All the other members of the Commission were experts, such as engineers, who would like to know how drainage could be best carried out, so as to increase the total area of arable land in the country and also to improve the condition of the land already under cultivation. The farmer that can give the best evidence before the Drainage Commission is the man who has lived in an area or near an area that was the subject of a drainage scheme and who can



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say how the value of the land is increased by drainage. If evidence does not come from the practical farmers and the most practical farmers of the country are in Wexford, the engineers and other experts cannot do very much. The Commission might sit for one year or three years and the reports and the evidence that come up will be of great value to the Office of Works when drainage schemes are to be carried out in the future, because they will know the outlook of the local people on any definite scheme.

Mr. O'Byrne expressed himself in favour of appointing a small committee to collect and collate evidence for the Drainage Commission.

The Chairman believed it would be more advisable if the people concerned would put their heads together and send in any information they could dealing with their own locality.

Mr. Kinsella said that as regards the Drainage of the River Sow the farmers at the opposite end to Ballymurn said the scheme was not necessary. These were the people who were not so eager to pay for it.

Mr. Culleton said they should urge the Commission to recommend that immediate steps be taken in certain localities subject to flooding and which had been going on for a long time. There were cases which should be attended to while they were waiting for the findings of the Commission. What was to become of people whose land was no use to them? They should urge on the Government to allow the County Councils to agree to a remission of rates in such cases and to take up drainage work immediately. Mr. Sean Murphy, a member of the Council, had a large portion of his holding under water for a considerable period of the year and yet he was obliged to pay annuity and rates.

Chairman - You cannot do a thing like that over-night.



Mr. Culleton - I don't mean over a night or over a year. Is there any chance of doing something for the people before next year?

Chairman - We hope something will be done.

Mr. Culleton - The fact that it is referred to a Commission gives people a hopeless feeling about it.

Chairman - There is no use in condemning anything before it is tried. We want to help the effort that is at present being made to solve the difficulty.

Mr. Corish - Commissions have been known to issue ad interim reports and to implement them.

The Chairman thought that farmers who are subject to loss by flooding should organise themselves and prepare evidence to go before the Drainage Commission. It would be in their own interest. The County Council had responsibility only for the schemes under their control.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bowe seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That farmers concerned in the Drainage areas of Kilmannock, Sow, Ballyteigue (No. 1) Ballyteigue and Kilmore (No. 2) Cahore and any other districts in which Drainage is needed should arrange for local conferences to prepare evidence to be submitted to the Drainage Commission and to appoint Representatives to support that evidence."

CAMPFILE SEWERAGE: The Chairman said that the Board of Health were dealing with this matter.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 28th October 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."



MEETING 11th NOVEMBER 1938: 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 11th November 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, 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 £5497. 15. 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon	44.7
2. J. J. O'Reilly	44.7
3. E. J. Murphy	44.1
4. P. Nolan	43.9
5. D. Kenny	42.5
6. M. Kehoe	41.4
7. A. Dunne	41.2
8. J. Curtis	40.2
9. P. Carty	39.7
10. M. McCarthy	37.6
11. J. Cummins	37.6
12. J. Deegan	37.4
13. W. Doyle	36.8
14. J. Quirke	36.1
15. P. Doyle	36.1
16. J. Flood	35.3
17. W. Cummins	33.2
18. J. J. Sinnott	33.2

Average 39.1

The percentage for the corresponding period last year was 40.2%.

It was decided to inform Rate Collectors that the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the progress made by several of their number. They direct that Collectors should use more energy in carrying out their duties.



REPORT RATE INSPECTOR: The following was read from the  
Rate Inspector:-

"I attach list of 11 ratepayers visited by me during  
the present week in Collector Dunne's area. (No. 13).

These represent the worst cases in this district.

Court decrees have been obtained against most of these  
defaulters at one time or another. As some of these decrees  
were taken out four or five years ago, the Collector has  
started proceedings with a view to renewing them. Further  
particulars on attached sheet.

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1. Edward Murphy, Ballinatray. Amount due £8. 10. 3d  
Decree to be renewed.
2. Timothy Murphy, Ballinatray, Riverchapel. Amount due £12. 19. 6d.  
Decree to be renewed.
3. James Keyes, Parknacross, Courtown. Rates due £22. 16. 9d.  
Payments promised immediately in this case.
4. John Taylor, Ballywaltermore, Killena. Rates due £81. 11. 0d.  
Decree to be renewed.
5. R. Doran, Ballywalterbeg, Ballycanew. Rates due £73. 5. 4d.  
Decree to be renewed.
6. John Whelan, Ballylusk, Killena. Rates due £124. 5. 9d.  
Decree to be renewed.
7. James Murphy, Ballinagran, Killena. Rates due £37. 9. 8d.  
Over 1 year's Rate paid by Messrs. Warren & Co. last year.
8. W. G. Murphy, Garrynew, Killena, Gorey. Rates due £91. 5. 7d.  
Place to be sold. Decree not being renewed for present.
9. William Boyce, Raheenmore, Ballycanew.

Possibility of lands being let as last year when



E. D. Kilnabue.

10. Stephen Mordaunt, Lyrane. Rates due £26. 5. 0  
Payment promised in this case.
11. Patrick McCann, Lyrane. Rates due £13. 8. 6d.  
Payment promised in this case."

It was decided that in all cases reported in Schedule Collector Dunne be instructed to follow up the decrees with Examination Orders.

In regard to the cases of John Taylor, Ballywaltermore, Killena, and John Whelan, Ballylusk, Killena, the Finance Committee are strongly of opinion that these holdings have been systematicially grazed and believe the Collector should arrange for seizures under his own warrant.

POUNDAGE DRAINAGE RATES: Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to pay poundage fees at 7d in £ on Drainage Rate lodged to close of 1937/38 Collection:

Kilmannock Drainage Area - Collector Maurice Kehoe.

Sow Drainage Area - Collectors Joseph Cummins, Walter Cummins and William Doyle."

POUNDAGE FEES: The following under date 8th November 1938 (G.3043/11/38 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant requesting sanction to proposed poundage scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to direct your attention to the terms of this Department's letter of the 1st November, 1937, G.89760/37 and to inquire why the scheme was not submitted before the warrants were issued to the Rate Collectors."



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The Secretary stated he had forwarded the following reply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 9th November 1938:-

"In reply to your letter of the 8th instant No. G.3043/11/38, Loch Garman, re proposed payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I have to inform you that application for sanction to the proposal for interim payment of poundage was not submitted until application therefor had been received from Rate Collectors. It was considered that, as according to the terms of the Public Bodies Order on which the conditions of their bonds are based, Collectors are only entitled to two payments of poundage, it would be advisable to await application from the Collectors for interim payment before making application to the Minister for sanction to the poundage proposals for current warrant.

If the Minister is prepared to sanction proposed first interim payment of poundage fees, I would be glad to have letter of approval for meeting to be held on 14th instant."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 31st October 1938 was read from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I received your letter of the 31st instant containing resolutions adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting to-day.

I have been in communication by telephone with the Secretary for Local Government and Public Health and he is of opinion that no suspension by the County Council is valid unless with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in accordance with Paragraph 4 Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1925, under the heading 'Tenure of Office'. As there is in your letter no reference whatever to the approval or otherwise of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, I am afraid that the



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action of the County Council is illegal in this matter.

However, I have referred this matter to my Solicitors, Messrs. Le Brasseur and Oakley, c/o London and Counties Medical Protection Society, Ltd., Victory House, Leicester Square, London W.C.2. and I shall be glad if you would for the future address any communication with regard to this matter to these Solicitors."

Under date 1st November 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.26265/6/38 - Loch Garman (Sc)):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo transmitting copy of a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council at a special meeting on that date suspending Dr. Christopher Bastible, for the performance of his duties as County Medical Officer of Health from the 31st October 1938, and directing that his office premises should be taken over by the Secretary of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance. I am to state that this resolution has been noted and that the requisite action in connection therewith will be taken in accordance with the terms of Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

I am to add as regards the copy of a letter from Dr. Bastible to the Wexford County Council enclosed with your second letter of the 31st ultimo, that the statement contained therein that Dr. Bastible had been in communication by telephone" with the Secretary for Local Government and Public Health" is quite unfounded. Dr. Bastible communicated by telephone with officials of this Department and was informed that the County Council had power under Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, to suspend any of their officers or servants subject to the terms of that section, and that Article 5 of the County Medical



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Officers of Health Order 1926, prescribes that when a County Medical Officer of Health is suspended by a County Council from the performance of his duties in pursuance of the above mentioned Section, the Council shall forthwith report such suspension together with the causes thereof to the Minister. A copy of this letter is being transmitted to Dr. Bastible."

#### AIR RAIDS AND GAS CASUALTIES

The following under date 7th November 1938 (P.H.2869/30/38 - Ilgh H.) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the County Council, that arrangements are being made for safeguarding the population in the event of an air attack, and in connection therewith it is proposed by the Department of Defence to provide facilities for the instruction of certain medical practitioners in the medical treatment of gas casualties. It is considered very desirable that in certain counties the County Medical Officer of Health should undertake a course of instruction of that nature so that he may subsequently act as instructor and give lectures on the subject to medical practitioners generally in his county. The course of instruction will be given at the Department of Defence Civilian Anti-Gas School, Dublin, and is expected to occupy from 8 to 10 days."

It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements may be made to permit of the attendance of the Acting County Medical Officer of Health at that course and to grant him travelling expenses and subsistence allowance on the usual scale in connection therewith. It is desirable that this matter should be arranged as soon as possible and if a meeting of the County Council is not being held within the next few



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weeks it is suggested that you and the Acting County Medical Officer of Health might consult the Chairman of the Council with a view to permission being granted for the making of the requisite arrangements subject to ratification by the County Council at their next meeting. The date of commencement of the course will be intimated to you on receipt of notification that the services of the above-mentioned officer will be available."

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

"That Dr. McDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health be granted permission to attend series of lectures to be arranged by Department of Defence as to instruction in medical treatment of Gas casualties in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (P.H. 2869/30/38)(Ilgh.H.) under date 7th November 1938. That substitute for Dr. McDonald be appointed for the period of his absence by County Council or by County Board of Health as advised."

#### APPLICATION - INCREASE WAGES OF WORKERS

The following under date 2nd November 1938 was read from Mr. Liam Moran, Secretary Enniscorthy Branch Irish Transport and General Workers' Union:-

"I have been directed by the workers in your employment to apply for 10/- increase in wages per week for all road workers, i.e., quarry men, engine men, attendants etc. Also for increase of 1/8d per day for carters."

It was decided to refer this application to the County Council meeting on 14th November when proposal from Mr. Colfer for an increase in wages of County Council workers will be considered.



REPAIR WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated he had written Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health who had made an inspection of Wexford Bridge and asked him to have something definite in the matter for the meeting of the County Council on 14th instant.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Joseph Rea, Secretary Irish Labour Party, Lady's Island Branch, under date 31st October 1938, wrote:-

"In view of the present herring season I again draw the attention of the County Council to the deplorable state of St. Helen's Harbour which renders it impossible for local fishermen to operate at this fishing centre which may be said to be the most ~~lucrative~~ <sup>lucrative</sup> on the South Coast. The inconvenience caused by the bad state of the harbour may be judged by the fact that almost all the craft proper to this centre must be kept at Rosslare Harbour or Carne. If the County Council would again approach the Board of Works with the view of having the work of repairs on the St. Helen's Harbour expedited it would not alone facilitate the fishermen referred to, but would also tend to relieve the unemployed in the district."

The Secretary said that the County Surveyor had written the following to the Department of Fisheries on 24th February 1937 in this matter:-

"I have been directed by the Wexford County Council to make application to your Department for a Grant to restore the break-water at St. Helen's Harbour.

My Council has for some years past, been in communication with Government Departments in regard to this matter, and I have forwarded Plans to the Office of Works for the job at an estimated cost of £900. The Wexford County



Council is not empowered to make any expenditure on this harbour as it is not "Scheduled", but I believe the Council would be willing to take over harbour and maintain it if it be properly restored. The Office of Works states that no Grant can be made from the Employment Schemes Vote for the proposed work, and my Council believe that your Department may be in a position to deal with the matter."

Mr. Corish said that the Council had been prepared to provide one-third of the cost of improvement at St. Helen's if the Government made the balance available.

It was stated that up to the present there was no intimation from the Government as to whether they were prepared to make any contribution towards the work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman that the County Surveyor ask the Fisheries Department if they were prepared to furnish the necessary State Grant for improvement of St. Helen's Harbour.

#### FETHARD HARBOUR

The following letter to the County Surveyor under date 5th November 1938 (W.5/5/35) was read from Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of 23rd March, 1938, and previous correspondence relative to a proposal for the dredging of Fethard Harbour, Co. Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that the engineer of the Office of Public Works who visited the place recently agrees that the suggested sum of £200 is sufficient for the purpose of hand-dredging the harbour. He was, however, informed by the local fishermen that the sand in the area is of a shifting nature and that while with certain winds the harbour will silt badly, at other times it is fairly clear. Furthermore, there appears to be a difference of opinion among the fishermen as to the wisdom of dredging the place



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owing to the danger of exposing rocks which might damage their boats during S. or S.E. winds. They suggest instead the construction of a pier or breakwater adjoining the existing pier and running out into deep water. This proposal was under consideration in 1933 but was not proceeded with as it was thought the amount of fishing done at Fethard did not justify the heavy expenditure involved.

In view of the conflict of views as to the merits of the dredging proposal, I am to suggest that you may wish to examine the whole question again in consultation with the parties affected with a view to the formulation of an agreed scheme."

The County Surveyor said he visited Fethard recently with an Inspector from the Department of Fisheries and the letter was the result of the visit. So far as he (County Surveyor) could gather the local people wanted an extension of the pier which would cost between £2000 and £3000. He did not believe the results would justify this expenditure.

The following order was made:- "That the fishermen of Fethard be informed that as regards improvement of Fethard dock if they will furnish the County Council with an agreed scheme it will receive the most careful consideration."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: Under date 28th October 1938, Mr. Patrick J. Corish, University Scholarship holder, wrote asking for permission of the Council to change his course from Science to Arts course.

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

"That the application of Mr. Patrick J. Corish (University Scholar) to change from a Science to Arts course be recommended the County Council for approval."



PROPOSED NEW ROAD - BALLINCASH LANE - OULART

Application was read from Michael Fortune, Ballincash, Ferns, asking that the road from Ballincash Lane to Oulart should be scheduled as a public road.

The proposal was supported amongst others by Senator P. Kehoe, Fr. Power, C.C., Rev. W. R. Megahy, Rector, Dr. Dunphy, Mr. Ringwood, V.S., Oulart and the Ballagh Fianna Fail Cumann and a number of ratepayers.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Michael Fortune, Ballincash, Isaac William Rath, Ballincash and Martin Murphy, Scollagh, attended the Finance Committee meeting.

They explained that the lane ran from Tinnick to Ballincash lane. The new portion to be provided was about 50 perches and would run through two fields owned by Mr. Rath and Mr. Owen Kinsella, both of whom were willing to give the required amount of land free. The distance to Oulart via Ballincash was  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles and with the construction of the new lane the distance would be cut down to two miles. The existing lane was about an English mile in length and ten families would be greatly inconvenienced if the lane which was 16 feet in width was extended in accordance with the request of the deputation.

It was decided that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, should interview Mr. Michael Fortune, a member of the deputation, obtain all necessary data as to the proposal and submit same to County Council.

SPREADING SAND ON ENNISCORTHY STREETS

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the opinion of Mr. Diarmaid Fawsitt, B.L., as to the remedy<sup>e</sup> of the County Council in connection with the practice of Enniscorthy carters spreading sand on the Main Road from Enniscorthy Bridge to Donohoe's corner.

The opinion of Counsel was noted.



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BALLYCULLANE - POULFUR ROAD

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 4th November 1938 (Ref. RGR/32/4) stating that as the road from Ballycullane to Poulfur runs parallel to and is about one mile distant from Main Road L.159a, a special Grant from the Road Fund could not be justified for its improvement.

Special consideration would be given to the needs of this road if further grants are made available for road works through the employment Schemes Vote.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration until Government Grants are made available.

PORTER'S GATE ROADS

The following under date 5th November 1938, was read from Rev. Denis Doyle, Loftus Hall, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"I have been asked by the ratepayers to bring to your notice the scandalous condition of the following roads in this locality:-

1. From Porter's Gate to Fethard Nos. 863 and 864.
2. From Porter's Gate towards Ramsgrange and Duncannon Nos. 857 and 858. Both of these stretches are becoming worse each year, and the latter, viz., from Porter's Gate to Ramsgrange is positively dangerous - at present. Unless something is done it will be impassable before the end of the Winter.

The ratepayers are very indignant and ask:- "What have we a County Council for?" "Did we not elect them to look After our interest?" "Do they expect us to keep on paying rates while our roads are kept in such wretched condition?" In short, their tempers are at breaking point and they have every reason for feeling so."

The following report under date 10th November 1938 was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-



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"The roads mentioned by Fr. Doyle in his letter are very bad. They are all done with sea gravel, and in many cases the material is poor, even the best obtainable in the district is not now suited to proper road repair. Bad and unsuitable as it is the roads would be much better if they got more tonnage. The only remedy is to put up enough money either to get a fair quantity of quarry material hauled to the district, or to select a place at the sea where suitable sea stones can be collected or quarried and machine broken, and carry out all repairs with tarred stones and chips."

The County Surveyor said that at the turn to Buncannon going up from Porter's Gate there was a high bank which was positively dangerous. The traffic since the development of the Shelbourne Co-operative Society's business had increased very substantially.

It was decided that the proposals suggested by Mr. O'Neill should be recommended to the County Council for consideration.

#### PROVISION OF ROAD METALLING

The Chairman asked if it was a fact that not a single stone had been spread on some third class roads.

The County Surveyor said this was the fact as regards a very few roads as they had not been able to provide the material.

The Chairman said he had recently been over the road Enniscorthy-Killanne via Ballyhighland and he took particular notice there was not a single stone in the depots. It was one of the worst roads in the County.

#### COMPLAINT OF SLIPPERY ROADS

The following under date 10th November 1938 was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"As regards the complaint of Mr. Murphy I think it



should be pointed out to him that it is mainly the extraordinary traffic of the Shelbourne Co-Op. Society that is responsible for the state of the roads in that vicinity. The water-bound macadam was not able to stand up to the traffic and if the "tarred" road is not properly maintained it will also fail, and the money so far spent will be wasted. It is not very easy on a narrow road to leave a margin (unsprayed), it will very quickly become dangerous. However in future spraying if at all possible, his suggestion will be borne in mind."

The County Surveyor said that he had informed Mr. Murphy that he would treat the sides of the road with coarse chippings on which horses would not slip.

#### DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered, owing to their neglect, to carry out their contracts, to take up road contracts of the following or to take such other steps as he may consider most advisable in the interest of the roads:

James Kinsella, Longraigue, Foulksmills (Road No. 724).

Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea (Road No. 872).

#### ALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION - RELIEF GRANT (ROADS)

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

"That the balance of local contribution towards Relief Grant, viz., £1290 be employed in carrying out special improvements on Roads."



ERECTION OF WALL AT GUSSEANE

Mr. T. O'Hanlon, Gusserane, applied to the County Surveyor in connection with the erection of a low wall in front of his house to obviate flooding.

It was decided to take no action in the matter in view of the report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, that the wall would not interfere with the effective width of the road or cause obstruction.

BUNCLODY TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Under date 9th November 1938 the following was read from Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary Town Improvement Committee, 5 Main Street, Bunclody:-

"By direction of my Committee I am to ask that a share of the Christmas Relief Grant be expended amongst the unemployed in Bunclody towards the repair of Irish Street Hill. The attention of the Council was drawn to this road on at least one previous occasion without result. It is now in a very bad state; it is used by seven or eight families including children on their way to and from school and to Mass on Sundays.

The thoroughfare across the Square is completely blocked up by large heaps of stones across which people have to climb to and from Mass on Sundays. My Committee again ask the Council to have the work of macadamising this square undertaken without further delay. In addition to the difficulty and danger of climbing over heaps of stones it is also most unsightly.

I am also directed to inquire the probable date when the work of re-surfacing the streets of the town will be taken in hand and completed."

The County Surveyor said that he could not understand the complaint re stones in Bunclody Square. As this was about to be steamrolled it was necessary to provide the



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material. He disputed the statement as to the condition of Irish Street Hill.

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Town Improvements Committee.

KERLOGUE - MURRINTOWN - BRIDGETOWN - BALDWINSTOWN ROAD

The following largely signed memorial was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned Landowners, Ratepayers and Motor Vehicle owners, wish to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the very bad state of the Kerlogue - Murrintown - Bridgetown - Baldwinstown Road.

The surface of the road is completely broken up and owing to the heavy motor traffic, the road is always potholed.

The system of carrying out minor repairs, such as filling potholes seems to be useless and we have to appeal strongly to the members of the Council to give this matter their immediate consideration and we hope steps will be taken to have this important road put into a proper state of repair as soon as possible."

The following was read from Rev. E. Prendergast, C.C., Murrintown:-

"I understand that at this time of the year, the roads of the County are under discussion.

There is one road in particular that needs immediate attention, and that road is the Kerlogue road leading through Murrintown to Bridgetown.

When you consider the amount of traffic on this road, you will understand the need for immediate remedy. I not only speak on my own behalf, but on the behalf of many, whose names do not appear and we conjointly demand that the Kerlogue-Bridgetown Road be made first-class, suitable for all kinds of traffic.

Thanking you <sup>we</sup> for consideration of the matter, and <sup>I</sup> appeal <sup>we</sup> for immediate repair of the road."



Several members of the Committee mentioned that the roads referred to in memorial were in very bad condition.

It was decided to refer the application to the County Council.

#### DUMP AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 1st November 1938 was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"We wish to notify the County Council that no site for the dumping of refuse from the house in Courtown Harbour, has yet been acquired. In view of the fact that the new house for the Harbour Master is very convenient to the place now used as a dumping ground it is very important that the matter should be dealt with immediately. We would also point out that the South beach is very popular with visitors during the Summer months and the dumping of refuse is both unsightly and unhealthy.

We sincerely hope that you will give this matter your immediate attention."

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

"That the County Surveyor take immediate steps to endeavour to provide a site for suitable dumping pound at Courtown Harbour. That County Surveyor consult with Mr. Dunbar, Engineer to County Board of Health, in this matter and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee."

#### CARNE ROAD

In connection with the proposal to provide a public County Road to Carne Pier the County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. W. Joyce to Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Soliditors, Wexford, under date 5th November 1938, in which he offered to give right of way to make and keep road leading to Carne Pier to the County Council, for the sum of £5.



On the suggestion of the County Surveyor it was decided to adjourn this matter for further consideration.

MANGAN LANE

Mr. Joseph Hughes, Mangan, Killena, wrote asking for repair of Mangan Lane.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hughes that the Council had requested the Office of Public Works to arrange for repair of this lane under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

BALLYDONEGAN LANE

Mr. Peter Buttle, Ballydonegan, wrote enclosing names of ten ratepayers including Rev. C. Ffrench, P.P., Monageer, asking that above lane should be carried out to Knockduff road or in the alternative reconstructed as far as his residence.

It was decided to inform Mr. Buttle that the Council would schedule Ballydonegan Lane for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

The following memorial signed by 13 Ratepayers, was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned Ratepayers of Monaseed Division, beg to petition your Council to put in repair Aughnamaulmeen Lane by Relief Grant or otherwise.

This Lane leads to four farmhouses in the townland of Aughnamaulmeen and is also utilised by pedestrians as a short cut to Church and School.

It is at present in such a bad state as to be almost impassable. We would be much obliged if you would kindly have it put in proper repair."

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



CORRIGSHETOQUE LANE, NASH

Application was read from Mr. Mark Byrne, Nash, forwarding lists of ratepayers in favour of having above lane put into proper repair.

It was decided to include the application in list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOAN: The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 8th November 1938 (H.259,41-2-1938) that the Minister would raise no objection to advance of £195 under above Acts to Patrick Martin, Moneyhere, Davidstown, Enniscorthy.

WITHDRAWALS OF LOAN APPLICATIONS: Under date 25th October 1938 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that G. J. Paskins, Courtown Harbour, was not proceeding with the building of his house.

Philip Jackman, Johnstown, Clonegal, wrote under date 24th October 1938 that he was not accepting the loan of £50 offered.

APPROVAL OF LOANS: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided to approve provisionally of loan of £50 to Daniel Ivory, Ballycarrigeen Upper, Ferns (Small farmer).

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided to approve provisionally of loan of £100 to Richard Hennessy, Greenane, Killenne, Enniscorthy (Tailor).

It was decided to inform both applicants as to amount of preliminary expenses including legal costs and also that their houses should be completed by 31st March next.



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DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary submitted the following statement in connection with the indebtedness of Urban District Councils:-

Enniscorthy Urban:

17th September lodged	<u>£849. 1. 2d.</u>
leaving outstanding in respect of last March year	£1572.19. 2d
Outstanding to 30th September half year	<u>£1901. 8. 3d</u>
	£3474. 7. 5d

New Ross Urban:

Cleared off.

Wexford Urban:

Due in respect of year March last	£856. 9. 5d
Half year to 30th September	<u>£3892.16. 6d</u>
	£4749. 5.11d.

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

"That, in view of the large amounts outstanding on Urban Demands of Wexford and Enniscorthy we must request these Councils to take steps to reduce their indebtedness to the County Council."

RE-ADJUSTMENT OLD AGE PENSION AREAS

The following under date 8th November 1938 was read from Mrs. K. C. Howard, Clerk to No. 7 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

"Yours of the 14th of October with enclosures re increase of salary which I submitted to my Committee at the meeting held on Saturday, the 5th instant. They unanimously decided to waive the claim for additional remuneration for their Clerk with a hope that the Finance Committee may at a future date urge the Revenue Commissioners to reconsider the case. Will you please convey my grateful thanks to the County Council and Finance Committee for their kind efforts on my behalf."



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It was decided that Scheme relating to revised areas should operate as from 1st January 1939.

INSURANCE PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY 5,531.336

The following under date 10th November 1938 to the County Surveyor was read from Mr. Brennan, General Manager Mutual Insurances Ltd.:-

"Referring to our letter of the 19th ultimo, we should be much obliged if you would now favour us with your advices regarding the inclusion of Fire and Explosion Risks in the indemnity granted by the above Policy.

You may have observed from the Press to-day that a Public Liability Claim of the Louth County Council was settled for £1,000 and costs. Had it gone before a Jury they might have awarded from £1,500 to £2,000.

You will remember that the above Policy was not originally arranged by us on behalf of the Council but we observe that the indemnity on the document was £1,000 any one accident £10,000 any one year. We would suggest that the minimum cover which the Council should have is £5,000 any one accident £20,000 any one year.

We shall be glad to hear if we may arrange increased cover accordingly, and will quote you premium on receipt of your instructions."

The County Surveyor said that what he wrote about was in connection with a fire which occurred in one of their tar boilers in New Ross town. It was a very small matter, the compensation being about £3. When he wrote the Insurance Company he found they were not covered and he asked for a quotation to cover the risk. He received a quotation at 6d per cent on the total amount of wages and which amounted to £11. 11. 6d. He considered the quotation might have been on the wages for the men employed on tar boilers only. He did not think there was any particular risk as this was



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the first incident of the kind that had occurred. He suggested they would allow the matter to stand until the policies were being renewed next year and they could then have the risk for the tar boilers included.

The Committee considered, in view of the remoteness of the risk, the Council ~~could~~ as regards accidents with tar boilers would not cover this risk with an Insurance Company.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:-

"That the six lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors be paid £20 each plus actual cost of postage for dipping period 1938 notwithstanding occasional absences from duty in some cases owing to inclement weather or for private reasons and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal."

Mr. Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector, wrote that the following sheepowners failed to give notice of intention to dip their sheep. They had sheep on their farms at present:-

Peter Donnelly, Perrymount, Inch.

Joseph Doyle, Kilnabue, Gorey.

William Somers, Kilanerin, Inch.

Annie Tyndall, Ballingarry, Gorey.

It was decided to ascertain from Mr. Ormonde if the four farmers reported by him had carried out the actual dipping of their sheep.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Sergeant Doherty, Fethard-on-Sea, wrote of his intention to apply at Ballycullane District Court for the committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:-

- (1) Mary Ellen Hayes aged 10 years and 4 months.
- (2) Elizabeth Hayes aged 7 years.



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(3) Anastatia Hayes aged 3 years and 4 months.

(4) Mary Margaret Hayes aged 1 year and 4 months.

The Sergeant wrote:-

"The children reside at Ballinruan with their widowed mother, Mary Hayes, who is <sup>in</sup> extremely poor circumstances and they are neglected in every possible way. The two eldest have not been sent to school yet, and on an occasion when I visited the house I found that the children were left to roam about as they pleased during their mother's absence."

Referred to County Solicitor.

The Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, wrote under date 8th November 1938 that applications would be made under the Children's Act 1908-29 for committal to Industrial Schools of

(1) Ellen Byrne aged  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, illegitimate child of Ellen Byrne, no fixed abode - late of Killanure, Co. Wexford.

(2) Philomena Kearns aged  $5\frac{4}{12}$  years, illegitimate child of Anastatia Kearns, Redmondstown, Co. Wexford.

Referred to County Solicitor.

The District Court Clerk, New Ross, under date 1st November, 1938, wrote that on the 8th instant, application would be made to New Ross District Court to have two male children, sons of John Anderson, Bullawn, New Ross, committed to Industrial School, also as to the committal of Mary Fitzpatrick, Sheilbaggan, Remsgrange, illegitimate child of Brigid Kehoe. Anderson had gone to work in England and as his wife was dead there was no one to take care of the children.

Referred to County Solicitor.

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 7th November 1938 the following (R/MT/209/32) 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 4th instant relative to the proposal to allow Mr. P. M. Donohoe, Clerk in the offices of the County Council, a sum of £4 for acting as substitute for the Local Taxation Officer during the annual holidays of the latter, and to draw your attention to the direction in this Department's letter of the 18th December last in regard to the performance of the work during the Local Taxation Officer's absence."

The letter of 18th December 1937 (R/MT.209/32) referred to by Department pointed out that while no objection would be made to the payment on that occasion but "in future such arrangements as will obviate a similar payment should be made for the performance of the work during the Local Taxation Officer's absence".

The meeting decided to take no further action in the matter.

#### PETROL PUMP LICENCE

With reference to Petrol Pump Licence (No. 191) issued to William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, he was informed that he could not be allowed to erect tank under the street footpath in view of the resolution adopted by the County Council some considerable time back that all such tanks should be placed on the premises of petrol pump licence holders.

This matter was referred to Mr. Colfer, County Councillor, to ascertain if it were possible to find some way by which the tank for petrol pump of Mr. Hogan will not be erected on public footpath.

Mr. Colfer had not had an opportunity of examining the premises and it was decided to obtain report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, as to the possibility of having tank in connection with petrol pump licence of Mr Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, erected in a manner that will comply.



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with the regulations of the County Council.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY - APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION

Application of Kate Flood, Grange, Rathnure, for £50 for alleged burning of hay was referred to County Solicitor to oppose.

ENNISCORTHY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY - LEASE TO COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 4th November 1938 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that it was in order to pay £34. 3. 3d, costs of Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, in connection with lease of Enniscorthy Machinery Yard to County Council.

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

"That, as recommended by County Solicitor, we request the County Council to issue Pay Order for £34. 3. 3d, costs of Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, in connection with Lease of Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy to County Council."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th November 1938 be received and considered"

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: The following under date 14th October 1938 was read from the Secretary, Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st October last conveying the Resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on that date suspending Dr. Christopher Bastible from the performance of his duties.

I am directed by the Board to refer to the second paragraph of your letter, and to inform you that the Office of the County Medical Officer of Health was taken over by the Secretary to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance in accordance with the paragraph, and seals affixed to the lock of the Office.

I am further directed by the Board to advert to the fact that the records in this Office will be required by the Acting County Medical Officer of Health. The need for certain of these records has now become urgent. Maps in connection with a Sewerage Installation at New Ross town and other documents are wanted immediately by the Acting County Medical Officer of Health.

I would be, therefore, glad if the County Council empowered the removal of the seals, the opening of the Office and the putting of the records at the disposal of the Acting County Medical Officer of Health."

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

"That permission be given the Secretary of County Board of Health to open Offices of County Medical Officer of



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Health which were sealed by directions of Wexford County Council on 31st October 1938 in view of the fact that certain maps in said offices are required for Town Clerk, New Ross and certain records by Acting County Medical Officer of Health."

Under date 10th October 1938 the following letter P.H.26265/38 Loch Garman Sc.) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant relative to the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council on the 30th ultimo, requesting an investigation by this Department into the manner in which the County Medical Officer of Health has been discharging his duties.

As regards the communication received by the County Council from the Secretary of the Board of Health in which it is stated that Dr. Bastible was absent from the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th ultimo without explanation, it will be necessary to obtain from the Board of Health what directions were given by them in pursuance of Article 9(10) of the County Medical Officers of Health Order, 1926, for the attendance of the County Medical Officer of Health at meetings of the Board.

As regards the last paragraph of the letter of the Board of Health relating to Tuberculosis Dispensaries at New Ross it would be desirable that the Board should submit all the evidence available bearing on this matter."

Under date 15th October 1938 the following letter (P.H.26265/2/38 - Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-



"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 10th and 14th instant, on the subject of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting of 10th idem, suspending Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, subject to the Minister's approval, pending a decision as to the holding of a Sworn Inquiry into the manner in which that officer has been discharging his duties and into the administration of his Department.

It is requested that the statement of the charges of neglect of duties prepared by the County Solicitor in conjunction with the Solicitor of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance may be transmitted to this Office as soon as possible. The matter will then receive early attention."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The following, addressed to the County Surveyor, under date 12th November 1938 from Mr. W. Ian Bloomer, Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"Mr. Courtney has asked me to write to you to the effect that having inspected the bridge with you he is satisfied that it would be unwise to put a heavier structure than that existing upon the piles.

Accordingly he is of opinion that the scheme proposed for lightening the dead load by the removal of the heavy decking and the substitution of a timber decking would be the more satisfactory solution to the problem.

Would you kindly arrange to have plans etc., and the detailed calculations which Mr. Delap was to furnish submitted in due course for examination.

I am given to understand that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the 40% maintenance grant provided that the balance of the works over the £600 provided in the road works scheme of 1938-39 is provided in the Road Works Scheme for



1939-40. This provision must not prejudice the Roads Works Scheme for 1939-40 as a whole."

Mr. Corish stated he would move his motion - which had been adjourned on a couple of occasions - for the erection of a new bridge at Wexford at the meeting of County Council on 12th December next.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the proposed repairs would give the Council time to arrange for the erection of a new bridge. It would be 12 months before they could start the plans, then they would have to look for a Contractor and various other matters would have to be seen to with the result that it would be four or five years before the bridge would be open. The present proposal was merely for temporary work to keep the existing bridge going while the work in connection with the erection of the new bridge was being attended to. He believed the temporary work would be finished in Spring. While it was under way it would not be necessary to close the bridge to traffic as half only of the travelling surface would be dealt with at the one time. The cost would be £2600.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: Mr. Corish said that since the meeting of the Finance Committee he and the Chairman had waited on the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture and as a result a communication was sent the Office of Works that the Department were in favour of a grant being made available for ~~St. Helens Harbour~~. He and Mr. Allen would make further recommendations immediately in the matter.

FETHARD HARBOUR: Mr. Thomas Redmond said that it appeared what the fishermen wanted would cost about £5000. But the £200 offered would be money thrown away. The place was never intended as a shelter for Boats. If the dock was cleared out completely it would endanger the boats which sheltered there.



BALLINCASH LANE: The County Surveyor said he had now been able to identify this lane. It would be necessary to reconstruct nearly quarter of a mile and this would cost £500 or £600.

The Chairman said the matter would require further consideration by the Council.

BALLYCULLANE POULFUR ROAD: Mr. Colfer said this road was even worse than the two referred to as from Porter's Gate.

The County Surveyor said most of that road had been repaired in days gone by with a fairly good gravel. Latterly the gravel was not so good but gravel would not stand up to the present traffic. The only thing to be done for the present was for the people to go the other road. He was prepared to carry out repairs if the Council provided the money but the Department were not prepared to furnish a grant.

PORTERS GATE ROADS: Mr. Kennedy said that there was a tremendous amount of traffic on the two roads and unless something was done immediately they would become impassable.

PROVISION ROAD METALLING: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that material was now being put on the Killanne Road.

The County Surveyor said the neighbouring quarry at Kiltrea was nearly worked out. He had pointed out to the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the concentration of big depots of material for main roads and special jobs was bound to upset the maintenance of ordinary roads. Owing to the limited number of quarries in the County when they had to get out a large amount of material they were bound to neglect the other roads in the district.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor should fight the Department on the point. He should keep the potholes on roads other than those in the main and link classes



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filled and if the grant work interfered with the maintenance of these roads the grants should be held up. From this on to March material should be provided in the depots and steps should be taken to see that the necessary amount of this material should be used in proper time for the third class roads. They should be looked after independently of grants.

The County Surveyor said in the past they had a fair amount of stock in the quarries which enabled them to carry out the press of work which came with large grants. That stock had been depleted. He pointed out that it was only through having that stock they were able to carry on. He would try and accumulate further stock in the quarries so far as it was possible.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS: The County Surveyor submitted the names of the following defaulting Road Contractors in district of Mr. Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) and on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Murphy it was decided that the Roads concerned be taken into his own charge by County Surveyor or that he take such other steps as he believes most advisable to have the roads put into repair:-

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater (Roads 444 & 445)

Charles Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater (Roads 559 & 560).

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills (Road 606).

BUNCLODY TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The County Surveyor said the only thing they could do about Irish Street Hill which was outside Buncloody would be to apply for a grant. They made application before for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote but a man named Kidd objected to any interference at the place and the matter dropped.

It was decided to apply for a grant for repair of Irish Street Hill under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

KERLOGUE - MURRINTOWN - BRIDGETOWN - BALDWINSTOWN ROAD: The



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County Surveyor said this route was no worse than others referred to at the meeting. He would be delighted to improve it if he had the money. The portion from Newcastle to Bridgetown certainly needed improvement as did the road opposite Johnstown.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The Secretary stated in order to qualify for Grants in Urban Areas houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should have been completed by 30th September last and all those in Rural Areas must be finished by the 31st March next.

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

"That, owing to the very inclement weather which has prevailed for some time past, outside work at the erection of houses could not be carried out and in consequence we appeal to the Government to make provision for extension of the period during which grants for the erection of houses will be available. We are satisfied that the weather has affected the erection of a number of houses under the Act and in consequence we suggest that legislation should be enacted by which Grants for the erection of houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in Urban and Rural Areas should be available for a year as from 31st March next."

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS: The Secretary stated that since the meeting of the Finance Committee the Wexford Corporation had lodged £1831. 9. 5d leaving a balance outstanding of £2917. 16. 6d at 30th September last.

It was decided to send the resolution of the Finance Committee to Enniscorthy Urban Council only.

PETROL PUMP, FETHARD: Mr. Colfer mentioned that Mr. Hogan, Fethard, had been able to lay down the tank for his petrol pump at the rear of his premises.

The meeting regarded this as satisfactory.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 11th November 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1939-1940

Copies of above Scheme for financial year 1939-40 had been circulated to Councillors. The totals were: Repairs, main roads, £55,664; third class roads £38,655; fourth class roads, £5,547; and for improvements, main roads, £4,255; county roads, £33,703; contingencies, £2,100; relief loans repayment £4217; total £144,141.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that the amounts actually allocated for roads for current year were:

Main Roads	£34,713
County Roads	<u>£27,043</u>
Total	£61,756.

For 1937-38.

Main Roads	£33,987
County Roads	<u>£23,143</u>
Total	£57,130

showing an increase for current year of £4626 over 1937-38.

The County Surveyor said that last year he asked the Council for £100,861 for the roads, and this year the total was £144,141. Last year the Council allowed him £61,756 to spend on the roads out of approximately £100,000. On the main roads last year he asked for £47,000 and got £28,000. This year the main roads' estimate was £50,000 because of a request by the L.G.D. last year that a lot more surface dressing should be done. For county bridges last year he was allowed £1,400. This year he was asking for £3,700, which included £2,600 for Wexford Bridge reconstruction.



He wanted about £1,000 for New Ross bridge and it was essential that they should have a detailed report by an expert about the iron work of that bridge, because when doing some repairs in the current year he found some of the plates defective. They were not seriously dangerous, but there may be places where it may be dangerous. Last year he asked for £31,000 for County Roads and got £15,000. This year he estimated for £37,000 because there were a number of these roads which had been steamrolled with water-bound macadam and it was an instruction of the L.G.D. that such roads must be tar-sprayed. There was also provision for broken road material on certain roads instead of sea gravel. For The Deeps and Edermine bridges he had £150 estimate this year instead of £200 last year. There was an increase of £400 in the estimate for fourth class roads, one of which was the road to Barrett's Park. The biggest increase was in the County roads improvement schemes. Last year they were £2,283 and this year they are £33,703. This was due to works proposed by members of the Council and some proposed by himself to cover the roads about which there had been serious complaints and memorials. The Council should read down the list of roads shown under this heading and see how many of them would be done. They were all necessary and if the Council had the money they should be done.

The following notice of motion lodged on 30th September 1938, stood in the name of Mr. Colfer:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 14th of November 1938 that the wages of all County Council outdoor workers be increased and that amount of said increase be fixed at above meeting."

The following application from Enniscorthy Branch of Irish Transport & General Workers Union under date 2nd



November 1938 referred to County Council by Finance Committee meeting was read:-

"I have been directed by the workers in your employment to apply for 10/- increase in wages per week for all road workers, i.e., quarrymen, engine men, attendants. Also for increase of 1/8d per day for carters."

In moving his motion Mr. Colfer added the following:-  
"That the said increase of wages be at the rate of 10/- per week". He said that the increase was necessary owing to the increased cost of living for one thing and the second reason for agreeing to his motion was that the wages had been reduced about 13 or 14 years ago by 10/- per week. By agreeing to the 10/- per week they would restore the wages to the figure of 1922.

Mr. Culleton, in seconding, said he wondered how men ~~xxx~~ could exist on their wages of 30/- per week.

Miss O'Ryan contended that the cost of living at the time when wages were fixed at 28/- per week and now, would be of some value in the consideration of the question.

The Chairman said that according to the Trade Returns the cost of living in 1928 was at 175 and this year it was at 159.

Mr. Corish said he had not much faith in the Trade Returns as in his opinion they were made out on an erroneous basis.

Miss O'Ryan then proposed the following:-

"That the Council approve of allocating a sum of £61,756 for General Road Maintenance, this being the figure which obtained last year plus £2,600 for repair of Wexford Bridge. Out of the £61,756, £1000 is to be taken for Improvement Works. She then explained that as regards the figure for repair of Wexford Bridge, they could calculate on receiving from the Department 40% of the cost leaving net



Mr. Keegan then referred to the hardships on people who resided in the towns and who were obliged to pay rents which were really exorbitant. Even people on the dole had to pay 10½d a week for rates and that looked as if they were robbing Peter to pay Paul. He would be prepared to support any proposal to deal with all classes of labour, rural and urban. As regards their own employees they were, in his opinion, the best off of any class in the working community. They were paid for wet days and Holydays, a concession which other workers did not enjoy. In the circumstances, he could not agree to vote in favour of Mr. Colfer's motion.

Mr. Bowe said that they had had a very unfortunate harvest and he feared the result would be that owing to the enormous losses sustained by the farmers they would not be in a position to pay even the current rate. His one regret was that every worker in the County was not receiving 30/- per week as they certainly would then be in a position to meet the demands of the County Council. Unfortunately, the moment they increased rates they also increased unemployment. He admitted that a number of the roads were bad but the County Council could not go beyond the taxable capacity of the ratepayers and in his opinion they had reached saturation point.

In reply to Mr. Doyle, the County Surveyor said except in the case of quarry men who were trained for their job, they frequently had agricultural labourers working on Relief Grants, and found that they gave reasonable results. He made no complaint of their own staff, in fact, he thought 95% of them were good workers and gave good returns.

In further reply to Mr. Doyle the Chairman said he believed that the second class ~~of~~ agricultural labourer was capable of doing ordinary road work.

Mr. Doyle said that the road workers had a 48 hour week



and their wage was 3/- higher than that of the agricultural labourer. In the circumstances, he could see no case for an increase.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that he could not see how the County Council could agree to a higher figure for the roads than that allowed last year. They had to consider the increased cost of the social services, mainly for the improvement of the health of the people. A number of roads were in a bad state but to put them in the order the Council would like to see, would cost more than could be provided by their ordinary rates. The roads requiring attention would have to wait and be done from time to time.

Mr. Culleton complained that when other classes asked for increases of salary and increased bonus their claims were conceded, but when the working man asked for something to improve his lot of life, the only reply he received was that if any increase were given him, it would mean throwing his fellow workers out on the road to starve. This was poor comfort for the men looking forward to the coming year. Actually the cash received by the workers was 28s. 5d. per week and this was a very low rate on which to keep a family even in frugal comfort. He suggested that the Council would agree to an increase of 5/- per week.

Miss O'Ryan said she would be pleased to support an increase in wages if anybody could point out where the money to meet it could be obtained.

After further discussion, Mr. Colfer agreed to withdraw his proposal in favour of the following amendment which was proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Road Estimate for 1939-40 be fixed at £66,422 (with £2600 for repair of Wexford Bridge) so as to allow of an increase of 5/- per week to County Council workers while also allowing for the same amount of work as for current



Mr. Corish  
Any time, he said, an increase of wages was asked for in this County they were told the rates could not stand it. They had gone through the economic war and twelve months ago they were told that when the economic war was finished many things could be done which they were not in a position to do twelve months ago. Now that the economic war was finished, and if they were to take the statements made over two and three years ago, they were entitled to believe that the position in the country had improved a good deal. The Chairman, he said, had quoted certain figures from the Trade Journal and he was at a loss to understand how figures like them could be compiled, because it would be admitted that the cost of living today is more than what it was in 1928. Everyone knew that the cost of sugar, boots, bread, clothes and butter had been increasing in recent years, and the person responsible for the compilation of the figures referred to did not know what he was talking about. He (Mr. Corish) mentioned these articles, because they were absolute necessities and they had been increasing for some years, and nobody in the room there could deny it, for the farmers themselves were complaining about the increased cost of living. He asked the Council to adopt the proposal of a road rate for £66,422, stating that the only people who were not in receipt of an increase of wages in recent years were the road workers. Somebody mentioned that a resolution should be passed to improve the conditions of farm labourers. The Labour Party thought as much about the farm labourers, continued Mr. Corish, as anybody here and look at them in the same plane as the road workers, but the road workers got no increase at all.

The Secretary said the increase of £4,000 odd would mean an increase of about 3d in the £.



The Chairman said the figures he quoted as regards the cost of living were taken from the Trade Journal on Saturday last by him. It was quite true that the cost of living had increased in recent years, but in 1930 the figure was 172 and it fell as low as 130 in 1933 and had increased steadily from 1933. He agreed with Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Keegan and other members that they could not possibly increase the amount of money for roads. They knew quite well when it was possible to provide more money for roads that they increased the estimate from £50,000 to £61,000. In addition, the grants given each year were so big that they were embarrassing the County Surveyor who could not provide material for certain roads. They were actually spending a lot more money on roads for the last four years than had been spent since 1924. They were told they had a disastrous year, and Mr. Corish said they were promised, when the economic war was over, that the farmers would be well off. That was said and from their experience he thought the farmers were not as badly off during the economic war as they thought they were. He was sorry that the improvement after the ending of the economic war was not what they expected it would be and it was bad for the country and bad for them all. As regards the road workers' wages there was no doubt they could do with more money if the Council could afford to give it. His particular work was as much rural work and just as similar as the agricultural labourer's work, and there was not a single agricultural labourer but would leave the farm and go on the road, for they knew the road worker had a better position. He had, continued the Chairman, what the ratepayers of the County and both the agricultural workers, town workers and people living on home assistance could afford to pay. He remembered when the rate was struck last year a lot of propaganda went on that it was the County Council and Government were responsible



for increasing the rates. Referring to the motion, he said if they increased the rate any more they would have more difficulty in collecting it. Before the social schemes they had embarked on were complete, in connection with hospitals, etc., the rates would increase by almost 2s. in the £, and he could see that prospect in four years. The Roads will have to suffer on and the County Surveyor will have to make the best use of the money we can afford to give him.

A vote was taken on Mr. Corish's amendment with the following result.

For: Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. (5).

Against: Messrs. Bowe, Day, Doyle, Keegan, Kinsella, Kennedy, Lawlor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond and Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (17)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Miss O'Ryan's motion was then put and declared carried nem. con.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the County Surveyor, with the Assistant Surveyors, allocate the amount allowed to each Road, and that as regards the £1000 for improvement works £250 be allocated to each Assistant Surveyor's area.

EMPLOYEES COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXERCISES COAST LIFE  
SAVING SERVICE.

Under date 8th November 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RM/7) that if the County Council granted facilities to road workers who are members of Coast Life Saving Service to attend the periodic exercises the Minister would not raise objection to their attendance without deductions from pay.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Kennedy:-

"That this County Council agree (without deduction of pay) to any of their employees who are members of Coast Life Saving Service attending the periodic exercises of said service."

APPOINTMENT OF EX-OFFICIO INSPECTOR UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

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

"That Garda John Riordan (3707) Gorey Station, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford."

DUNCANNON HARBOUR

The following under date 12th November 1938 (W.5/11/35) addressed to the County Surveyor from Fisheries Branch of Department of Agriculture was read:-

"With reference to your letter of 23rd March, 1938, and previous correspondence relative to a proposal for the dredging of Duncannon Harbour, Co. Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that the engineer of the Office of Public Works who recently visited the place agrees that the necessary hand-dredging, and the construction of a retaining wall can be carried out for the estimated sum of £300.

During the course of his inspection representations were made to the engineer by some of the local fishermen for the extension of the existing pier by about 70 to 80 yards or. alternatively, the construction of a breakwater near the harbour entrance.

I am to state that before further action is taken in regard to the proposal for the dredging of the dock, the Minister will be glad to be favoured with your observations



on the fresh proposals now put forward by the fishermen. I am at the same time to point out that the extent of the fishing in that area would not seem to justify any considerable expenditure on marine works."

The County Surveyor said the breakwater suggested would mean considerable expenditure but he would go into the matter fully.

Further consideration adjourned pending report of County Surveyor.

FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE (IMPORTED CARCASSES AND PACKING  
(MATERIALS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1938

Under date 18th October 1938 the Department of Agriculture forwarded copies of above Order which came into force on 21st October 1938.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF COUNTY ANALYST

It appeared from the report of County Analyst in respect of Quarter ended 30th September last that 187 foods; 40 drugs and 9 waters had been examined. Total 236. Number found to be adulterated:- 3 whole milks; 1 buttermilk; 1 butter; and 3 Drugs. The four waters condemned were submitted by Wexford Corporation.

KERLOGUE QUARRY

Mr. Lawler proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to Agreement between James Dake, Mulgannon, Wexford and Wexford County Council for material raised from Kerlogue Quarry, the agreed price being 3d per cubic yard."

PAY TO WORKERS WHILE INJURED

Mr. Colfer complained that a County Council worker in Duncannon who injured his hand was docked three days' pay because he returned to work within a month.



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

"That we inform the Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Industry and Commerce it is the opinion of this Council that the regulations under Workmens' Compensation Acts as to compensation to injured workers should be amended so that worker who receives an injury shall be paid from that date irrespective of the time of the full period of his disablement."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Mrs. Mary Lacy, Monamolin, Gorey."

CAPITATION GRANTS - MENTAL HOSPITALS

The Resident Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Sligo, forwarded for the information of the County Council, letter from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to above, and which was accompanied by extract from letter written to the General Council of County Councils under date 18th October 1938 (No. G.2266 17-21/38) which pointed out that the Capitation Grant was part of a system of financial subvention, and that when this originated grants-in-aid were few and had not attained their present proportions. The monies now received annually by County Councils from Government sources were very little short of the amount raised yearly by Poor Rate. The question of the revision of this Capitation Grant could not be considered apart from the revision of other grants particularly the Agricultural Grant.

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



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"That this County Council are prepared to assist in every possible way the efforts of Sligo Mental Hospital Committee to secure increase of Grant-in-Aid for Mental Hospitals. Since this was first established the cost of administration of Mental Hospitals shows a very substantial increase and in our opinion it is only just and equitable that the Government should agree to a reasonable increase in the Grant to meet the altered circumstances."

#### PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment presented at this meeting including proposals for payment to Contractors for roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22 be and the same are hereby agreed to subject to the modifications and any other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### RUMOURED CLOSING OF RAILWAY LINE - BORRIS TO PALACE EAST

In connection with resolution of County Council at recent meeting protesting against closing of railway line from Borris to Palace East letter of acknowledgment of resolution was received from the Great Southern Railway Company.

*Thomson Carter*  
*12/17/38*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 12th DECEMBER 1938

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th December 1938.

Present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

#### ABSENCE FROM MEETING

Under date 8th December 1938, Mr. Allen, T.D., Chairman of the Council, wrote that he had been laid up for the previous fortnight with Sciatica and would not be able to attend the meeting.

Col. Quin wrote that he was recovering from an attack of Influenza but not sufficiently to allow of his attendance at meeting.

The Secretary reported that the County Surveyor was suffering from an attack of Influenza which prevented his attendance at meeting.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Ronan, the Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. Corish, Vice-Chairman, attended and presided for transaction of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £24577. 5. 5d were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

THE LATE MRS. JORDAN, BALLYHAMILTON: On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. Michael J. Jordan, Ballyhamilton, Ferns, on the death of his wife. Mr. Jordan was for several years a



member of the County Council and Chairman of the County Board of Health, also T.D.

The Secretary, and County Solicitor associated themselves with the proposal.

The Chairman, in putting the resolution, said he knew Mrs. Jordan very well. She was a fine type of lady, daughter of the late Mr. Patrick O'Neill, Enniscorthy, who was a member of the Council for many years, and who gave great attention to the public business of the County. They sympathised exceedingly with Mr. Jordan in the death of his wife at a comparatively early age.

THE LATE VERY REV. CANON O'BRIEN, NEWBAWN: Mr. McCarthy proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Canon O'Brien and also with the Clergy of the Diocese in his loss. He was the oldest priest in the Diocese and had always displayed the greatest possible interest in the people of his parish.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded the proposal and stated that as one who had known Canon O'Brien for very many years he could say without hesitation that the Diocese and his own immediate district had suffered a very severe loss by his death.

The Secretary also joined in the tribute to Canon O'Brien who he stated was beloved by the people of Newbawn and by all who had the happiness of his acquaintance.

Both resolutions were passed in the usual manner.

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES MEETINGS

The following dates of meetings of Tenders Committees were agreed to on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

Enniscorthy, Tuesday, 14th February at 12 noon.

Gorey, Saturday, 11th February at 10.30 a.m.



New Ross, Thursday, 16th February at 11.30 a.m.

Wexford, Saturday, 18th February at 11 o'clock a.m.

CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 25th NOVEMBER 1938: 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 25th November 1938.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

Miss O'Ryan was moved to the Chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer.

After the confirmation of the Minutes, Mr. Coish (Vice-Chairman) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, a vote of condolence was adopted to Miss Norton (County Surveyor's Department) on the death of her aunt, Mrs. Margaret Boyle.

The Secretary associated himself with the vote.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6835. 13. 5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Percentage of</u> <u>Warrant Collected.</u>		
1.	S. Gannon	48.0
2.	P. Nolan	46.4
3.	M. Kehoe	46.4
4.	E. J. Murphy	46.0
5.	J. Curtis	45.2
6.	J. J. O'Reilly	45.1
7.	D. Kenny	44.6
8.	A. Dunne	42.8
9.	J. Cummins	42.3
10.	J. Deegan	42.2
11.	M. McCarthy	40.4
12.	P. Carty	40.0
13.	P. Doyle	39.0
14.	W. Doyle	38.6
15.	J. Flood	38.1



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16.	J. Quirke	38.0
17.	W. Cummins	35.6
18.	J. J. Sinnott	<u>34.3</u>

Average 41.8.

The Secretary stated that at the corresponding period last year the percentage was 44%.

RATES ON BANTRY COMMONS: Mr. McCarthy mentioned he had been approached by Mr. Brennan, Newtown, Grange, Killanne, as to the County Council receiving a deputation representing the ratepayers concerned in Banty Commons and he informed Mr. Brennan he would submit the matter to the Finance Committee.

It was decided to inform Mr. Brennan that the Finance Committee would receive the deputation at meeting of 9th December 1938 at 3 o'clock p.m.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: The following under date 17th November 1938 (G.3043/12/38) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 9th instant regarding payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the general trend of rate collection this year should be one of improvement and he therefore considers that the moiety and arrears should be closed not later than 30th instant. This is the latest date fixed in similar Schemes in other Counties. While there is little reason, therefore, for a first interim payment owing to the short period between now and the end of the month the Minister will raise no objection on this occasion to such a payment being made.

The date for the third interim payment should be the 28th February.

Subject to the above amendments the Minister agrees to the continuance of the Scheme for the current financial year. The collectors should, however, be informed that for the future no scheme of this kind will be considered unless it is



submitted before the warrants are issued."

The Secretary stated that according to the communication from the Department the following were the particulars of the lodgments required:-

1st Interim Payment.	Lodgment by 15th November 1938 of 60% of first moiety of Current Warrant along with total arrears applicable to assessment for 1937/38.	75% of Poundage.
2nd Interim Payment.	Lodgment by 30th November 1938 of sum equivalent to first moiety of current Warrant along with total arrears applicable to 1937/38 assessment.	Full Poundage
3rd Interim Payment.	Lodgment by 28th February 1939 of sum equivalent to 75% of current warrant along with total arrears applicable to 1937/38 assessment.	80% of Poundage.
Final Payment.	Subject to Warrant being satisfactorily closed.	

The Secretary, in reply to the Chairman, said that the date for lodgment etc. of first interim payment was the same as for last year; for the second interim the date was advanced from the middle of December to 30th November and for the third interim from the middle of March to 28th February. The final payment was subject to the Warrants being satisfactorily closed.

Rate Collectors J. M. Gurtis, M. McCarthy and J. J. O'Reilly attended as a deputation from Rate Collectors relative to the dates of Interim payments set out in letter of Department.

Mr. O'Reilly (who acted as spokesman) said that as regards the payment of second interim, Rate Collectors would not be able to comply with the Department's proposal. Very few of them qualified within the time last year and the Collectors suggested that the period for second interim payment should be extended to 31st December next. In regard to the third interim the Collectors asked that the period for lodging the sum equivalent to 75% of warrant with arrears for 1937-38 by 28th February should be extended to the 31st March.



Mr. Keegan, M.C.C., proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following:-

"That the concessions of dates of lodgments of rates to qualify for second and third interim payments as requested by deputation from Rate Collectors be recommended to County Council for approval, subject to the sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Collector O'Reilly pointed out that last year only eight Collectors qualified for payment of second interim payment within the specified time and the practice of the Department as regards Collectors who lodged after the stipulated time was to cut the poundage by a percentage. The Collectors believed that with the extra period they would be able to obtain the necessary amount of rates to qualify.

Mr. Curtis, Rate Collector, referred to the serious financial position of a Collector who was solely dependant on his remuneration as Rate Collector. This was one of the worst years they had met from the point of view of the rate-payers. People who, up to this, paid punctually, were not now able to do so and had nothing to meet their rates until they were paid for their corn and beet. Rate Collectors who, like himself, had families to support, found it almost impossible to carry on pending payment of Poundage Fees.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan altered his motion to read:-

"That with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health Rate Collectors who lodge a sum equivalent to first moiety of current warrant with arrears applicable to 1937/38 by the 31st December be entitled to second interim payment of poundage. That consideration of date for lodgment of sum equivalent to 75% of current warrant with arrears of 1937-38 to qualify for third interim payment of poundage, be adjourned for further consideration."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded. Passed.



PAYMENT FIRST INTERIM POUNDAGE: The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That first interim payment of poundage fees be made to Collector W. Cummins who had the requisite lodgment made at Enniscorthy Branch of the National Bank on 15th November 1938 the amount (13. 2. 8d) being credited in the Council's Bank Pass Book on 16th November 1938."

"That as lodgment of Collector J. J. Sinnott was only £5. 2. 11d short of required amount on 15th November and as this sum was lodged by Collector on 21st November 1938 we approve of 1st interim payment being made in his case."

LISTS FIRST MOIETY RATES OUTSTANDING: In connection with supply of lists of outstanding rates Mr. O'Reilly said there was a good deal of work entailed in their preparation and in order that the Collection would not be held up the Collectors asked that the time to furnish these lists should be extended to 15th December.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to accede to the request of the Rate Collectors.

#### COURT MESSENGER AND RATES

The following relative to rates due by Thomas Neville, Ballynabola - Arrears £36. 4. 1d and Current Rate first moiety £15. 3. 5d. - was read from Collector E. J. Murphy (No. 15 Collection District):-

"I wish to inform you that I have repeatedly called on the Auctioneer, Mr. John Doyle of North Street, New Ross, during the past 3 months for payment of above. He refused payment unless credit is given for £4. 0. 0 against the amount now due, which sum of £4. 0. 0 was paid to the Sheriff's Officers on the 20th July 1934 and the receipt for same is in the offices of Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross. Mr. Doyle holds that credit should be given for this amount.



I am of opinion that if action is taken against this estate it will probably revert to its original position when no rates will be recovered. Considering when I am getting the Current Rate and an instalment <sup>of</sup> arrears it would be very advisable to get in touch with the Registrar, Mr. O'Dwyer, and get this matter settled in view of the circumstances that have arisen."

The attention of County Registrar was called to the matter and the following from him under date 16th November 1938 was read:-

"Yours of the 15th instant with enclosure herein received. This item is one of default on the part of Court Messenger Earle, and his case is still under consideration by the Department to whom I have sent copy of your letter."

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

"That, in view of the fact that default in the matter of Rates of T. Neville, Ballynabola, was made by Court Messenger in 1934, the County Registrar be asked to request the Department of Justice to have the matter dealt with as soon as possible."

#### VALUATION OF HOUSES OF GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Under date 18th November 1938 the following letter (S.R.6816-S/M) was read from the Secretary, Valuation Office, 6 Ely Place, Dublin:-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo enclosing copy letter sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state that, having issued his decision on the Appeal to him he is precluded from further reconsideration of the case and a review of the valuations in question can only be made by the Circuit Court.



appealed to that Court and the case will be listed for hearing in due course."

CARETAKER'S PREMISES - GOREY COURTHOUSE

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

"That payment of 7s. 6d per week to Thomas Dwyer, Caretaker, Gorey Courthouse, in lieu of residence be continued until such time as County Surveyor certifies that the caretaker's premises at this Courthouse are fit for occupation on completion of repairs at present being carried out."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

DENIS KAVANAGH, CRONECRIBBON, INCH: applied for Loan of £125 for house estimated to be value for £300. Applicant was a carpenter by trade.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That County Council be recommended to approve provisionally of loan of £125 to Denis Kavanagh, Cronecribbon, Inch, subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

JAMES O'CONNOR, BALLINACREE, CASTLETOWN: applied for loan of £270 on house estimated to be valued at £400. Applicant is a farmer.

It was decided that Mr. Allen, T.D., Chairman of the Council, be requested to make a recommendation to the Finance Committee regarding the application.

JAMES KENT, ROCHESTOWN, FOULKSMILLS: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote under date 22nd November 1938 enclosing copy of reply of Land Commission as to the re-investing in applicant of the plot of ground on the estate of Leigh Minors (Rosegarland). The Land Commission wrote it was not



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possible to state when the re-investing would take place.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with the Land Commission and point out that the Finance Committee were of opinion that the re-investing order in the case of James Kent, Rochestown, Foulksmills, should issue without delay. This is most important as unless the matter be dealt with at once Mr. Kent may be unable to proceed with the erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts owing to the fact that unless new legislation be enacted in the meantime Government Grants towards the cost of erection of such houses will not be available after 31st March 1939."

The Chairman (Mr. Corish) said he would call to the Land Commission about the matter.

ELIZABETH SWEETMAN, BALLYNABOLA: Under date 9th November 1938 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote forwarding copy of letter from Messrs. Colfer & Son, New Ross, Solicitors for Mrs. Sweetman under date 8th November 1938 that they were proceeding to put her title in order.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee inform Messrs. Colfer & Son that the County Council cannot take any steps as regards advancement of loans until Titles have been approved by him.

THOMAS DOYLE, GURTEEN, TEMPLESHAMBO: Mr. Elgee wrote under date 12th November 1938 enclosing letter from this applicant stating that as he believed the cost of taking out Administration was prohibitive he was not in a position to furnish title though he was badly in need of a house.

It was decided that application in this case be cancelled

LAURENCE DOYLE, BALLYGILLIESTOWN, DAVIDSTOWN: Under date 9th November 1938 Mr. Elgee forwarded letter from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy, Solicitors for applicant,



that the latter did not intend availing of proposed loan for erection of house.

It was decided that application be cancelled.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

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

"As the County Surveyor has informed Finance Committee he will be in a position to start repair work at Wexford Bridge next week, he be empowered to employ Captain Harvey, B.E., Bargo Castle, as Clerk of Works, remuneration £5. 5s. per week, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT FETHARD HARBOUR

Under date 24th November 1938, the following was read from Mr. John C. Hearne, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"The fishermen of Fethard read the account of the Council meeting on Monday, 14th instant, and have agreed that an extension from the present pier is the only improvement possible to the existing harbour or dock.

This proposed extension will enable us to land our catches at all times of tides and make our anchorage in the bay much safer.

It was suggested at the meeting on 14th that the expenditure would not be justifiable owing to the amount of fish caught here; that is problematical for there would be more men and probably better boats fishing from here had we a safe harbour.

Large well-equipped boats come to fish on our grounds and get good catches while we can only get small amounts as we have no place to keep a decent size boat to compete with those from Kilmore and Dunmore East.

The best fishing grounds on the South of Eire exist round Fethard and <sup>we</sup> cannot work them owing to our lack of



docking facilities.

We respectfully ask you again to get this extension built for us and give us a chance of working under ordinary conditions."

Mr. Colfer said that about eight or ten months ago, the Chairman, Mr. T. Redmond and himself, with the County Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, had inspected the dock at Fethard. The fishermen held that if the dock were cleaned out a number of rocks would be exposed on which their boats might be broken up. Mr. Bird, one of the oldest fishermen in the place and who was familiar with it for a great number of years, believed the only useful work which could be carried out was an extension of the dock. The County Surveyor had stated that this extension would cost about five or six thousand pounds which was rather startling. But, he (Mr. Colfer) pointed out that if the work could be done a certain amount of land on the Fethard side would be saved from flooding as the current would be turned. He was also of opinion that eventually more and better boats would be provided to develop the fishing industry in the district.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to furnish detailed report as to proposed extension of Fethard dock, to be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee."

#### SANCTION LOAN - ROSSLARE-CARNE PIER ROAD

The following under date 14th November 1938 (S. Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th ultimo in regard to a proposal of the County Council to raise a loan of £2,100 for the purpose of Improvement Works on the



Rosslare-Carne Pier Road, 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 £2,100 for the purpose; the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer and to be repayable over a period of five years with interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this sanction is enclosed for the information of the Treasurer."

#### BALLYCONNIGAR QUARRY

Under date 8th November, 1938, the following was read from Mr. M. Murphy, Knocknasilloque, Blackwater, Hon. Secretary Cumann Fianna Fail:-

"With reference to the opening of quarry at Ballyconnigar I am instructed by my Cumann to ask the County Council to have steps taken to open the quarry at Ballyconnigar on the lands of Mrs. Cullen. There was about twelve months ago material taken from this quarry for some Relief Grants on Laneways and its situation is only a few yards from the Roadway. Little alterations would make it possible for anything to get into it.

The quality of material there, we believe, is well above the standard at Edenvale and would be suitable for 3rd and 4th Class Roads in the Districts. The Council are already aware of the Prevention Order or Prohibition Order by the Department against removal of Beach Material which was always used on roads in the District and which Order has compelled Road Contractors in this Area to give up their Contracted Roads because of no material available only at a price which would not make their time and work at Roads remunerative to them. On the other hand, those Roads which will now be vested in the work of the Council/Road men will be faced with similar circumstances with the result that those Roads will be only getting about one fourth material



they would require and consequently they will become worse each year. If the Council would open this quarry for the supply of all local roads 3rd and 4th Class it would give a great deal of employment in this locality and we are convinced would return material cheaper for those Roads. We request the Council to give the matter their fullest consideration and instruct their County Surveyor to make an inspection of same as a good opportunity now presents itself to see the Rock that exists in this quarry with a view to having same opened as early as possible."

Adjourned for report of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

DUMPING GROUND AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 23rd November 1938 from Courtown Brick and Tile Company was forwarded by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Re your recent visit to us about using the Quarry at Courtown as a dumping ground.

We beg to say that on no account will the Firm allow the Quarry to be used as a dumping ground. They are prepared to sell the Quarry for the sum of One Hundred Pounds (£100)."

The County Surveyor said he regarded the proposal as prohibitive. He believed the quarry would never be worked in the future.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to offer the Courtown Brick and Tile Company the sum of £20 for Quarry at Courtown Harbour for use as a dumping ground."

WORKING OF MUNFIN GRAVEL PIT

The following under date 15th November 1938 was read from Secretary, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, Enniscorthy Branch:-



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"My members in the sand pit at Munfin, Ballycarney, wish to draw the attention of the Surveyor to the fact that only five men are employed there. There was always ten and the amount of money is the same.

Perhaps you will be good enough to have this grievance looked into."

The County Surveyor said there were as many men employed in this pit as the amount of work warranted.

The following was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have as many men in Munfin as I require. Since the money for the third class roads was cut down a much less quantity of gravel is required."

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter for report from County Surveyor as to the number of men who worked in the quarry in 1936, 1937 and 1938, with amount of expenditure for the working for each of these years.

#### PRINTING ABATEMENT FORMS ETC.

Three tenders were received for the printing of 8,000 Abatement Forms and 5,500 Post Cards (Relief of Agricultural Rates):-

The People £10. 19. 6d.

The Echo and Redmond Brothers £12. 10s. each.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the tender of the People was accepted.

#### PRINTING RATE BOOKS

The only tender for the printing of Rate Books was received from Messrs. Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy, amount £37. 0. 0.

This was accepted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.



PRINTING INDEX CARDS LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

Requisition for supply of 3750 Index Cards in different colours, was received from Local Taxation Officer. The People Newspapers Ltd., Wexford, quoted to supply at £5. 2. 6d. The Local Taxation Officer, Cork, in a communication to Mr. C. H. Richard<sup>4</sup>, Local Taxation Officer, stated that the firm who supplied his Council were Messrs. Hickey & Byrne, Cork, and the total cost at the rate charged by the latter firm (viz., £1. 18. 6d per 1,000) would be £7. 4. 5d.

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

"That the quotation of the People at £5. 2. 6d for printing 3750 Index Cards for Motor Taxation Office be accepted."

REGULATIONS RE LIVE STOCK ETC. POUNDS

The following under date 23rd November 1938 was read from County Solicitor re above:-

"I have gone carefully through the above regulations and considered same as far as they relate to the Duties and Liabilities of the County Council thereunder, and I find:-

(1) Under Regulation 2 (d) the Local Authority (that is the County Council) will have to supply to the Pound-keeper, a Record Book, in which the Pound-Keeper has to keep a record of the animals or chattels impounded and the Pound fees and Trespass Rates received by him as Pound-Keeper. The form of this Record Book is set out in the 1st Schedule to the Regulations.

(2) Under Regulation 8(5) the Pound-Keeper shall keep a copy of the 2nd Schedule to the Regulations which sets out the fees to be charged for animals or chattels impounded, affixed in a prominent position on or near his pound, presumably the County Council will have to supply copies of the Schedule to the various Pound-Keepers.



(3) Regulation 7 provides that if any animal requires the attention of a veterinary surgeon, while impounded, the Pound-Keeper may, with the approval of the County Registrar, engage such surgeon and (a) the fee payable to the Surgeon shall be paid by the County Council (b) If the animal is sold, such fee may be deducted from the proceeds of such sale, and paid over to the Council (c) If the County Council is not recouped as aforesaid for the amount of such fee, the fee may be recovered from the owner of the animals as a simple contract debt.

(4) Regulation 9(1) provides for the destruction of certain animals and Regulation 9(3) provides that the expenses of the destruction shall be borne by the County Council."

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

FLOODING AT CLONJORDAN, MARSHALSTOWN

The following under date 21st November 1938 was read from Mr. Thomas Warren, Clonjordan, Enniscorthy:-

"Would you kindly bring before the notice next meeting of the County Council, the very deplorable state of the river, across the road near my place. There was nearly a foot deep of water 30 yards along the road; it overflowed and the two pipes were not half able to carry the water. No one could get across only by car. If I wanted to go to Church or to see my stock I would have to get a horse and car to get through the flood water across the road.

I have written about this very urgent matter several times but nothing seems to be done."

The County Surveyor said they had put in a pipe gullet at the place and, if necessary, he would be prepared to put in a further pipe but the level was the same above and below..



The down stream gullet required cleaning.

Adjourned for report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

NUISANCE AT BALLYKEROGUE

The following under date 18th November 1938 was read from the County Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

"Your letter of the 18th ultimo on this subject was before a meeting of the Wexford Board of Health on the 31st idem.

It was decided, that in view of the fact that the Board were not in a position to undertake the repair or improvement of roads, that the matter be referred back to your Council, with a request that something be done at an early date."

The County Surveyor said that the nuisance referred to was on a laneway over which the County Council had no control and no responsibility. The County Council could not spend a penny of the money raised in Rate in the repair of the ~~thoroughfare~~ in question. The only hope of doing anything was through a Minor Relief Grant.

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

"That application as to repair of laneway at Ballykerogue under Minor Relief Schemes Vote be made to the Office of Public Works."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The following under date 17th November 1938 (L.4715-38) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of the 7th instant in the matter and to state that no objection will be offered to the payment to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors of the full remuneration - £20 each for the past dipping period provided the Local Authority are



satisfied that each Inspector carried out the work devolving on him in a satisfactory manner."

The meeting expressed the opinion that the Lay Inspectors had carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner and it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the full remuneration of £20 be paid to each Inspector.

In connection with report of Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, Inspector under the Order, that four sheep owners in his district had not applied for notices of dipping, letter under date 21st November 1938 was read from Mr. Ormonde that Patrick Donnelly, one of the persons concerned, had dipped his sheep but he had no information as to what happened in the cases of Joseph Doyle, William Somers and Annie Tyndall.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Ormonde had been instructed to make further enquiries.

The matter ~~was~~ adjourned pending their receipt.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notifications as to proposed committal to Industrial Schools of the following children were received and referred to County Solicitor:-

Margaret Allen, Railway Cottage, Enniscorthy. 6 years.  
 Patrick Michael Connors, Killabeg, Ferns. 8 years.  
 Abraham Murphy, Ballina, Blackwater (Six years and seven months) illegitimate child of Johanna Goodison.

In connection with the latter case it was decided that the County Solicitor should ascertain the circumstances of the child's mother.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th November 1938, be received and considered."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Culleton stated that it would seem peculiar to the outside public that the position of Clerk of Works on Wexford Bridge was not advertised, though he was aware that Captain Harvey, who was selected for the position, was one of the most efficient men they could secure.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out the Finance Committee recognised that advertising would have been advisable in this matter, but as the County Surveyor said he wished to start repairs to the bridge the week after the meeting of the Finance Committee it was not possible to advertise.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Chairman stated that Captain Harvey had been Clerk of Works on Ferrycarrig Bridge and also on Mountgarrett Bridge and had given every possible satisfaction.

Mr. Culleton agreed that it would be difficult to get a more suitable man than Captain Harvey. If the position had been advertised and he was one of the applicants he (Mr. Culleton) would certainly have voted for him. He was glad he had raised the matter because the outside public would understand why it was that the position had not been advertised.

MUNFIN GRAVEL PIT: Miss O'Ryan said that it would not be wise to tie the hands of the Surveyors by specifying that a particular number of men should be engaged in each quarry.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated that years ago they obtained from this pit 50% more gravel than now, because at that time the main road was metalled by material



taken from Munfin, now it was concreted, and in consequence, the material from the Pit was cut down. It was true that he usually had 10 men in the quarry previous to the concreting of the main road and he had a fluctuating number now. As a matter of fact he had as many men now as for any year during the last seven or eight. The reference in the application would be really applicable to the year 1929 and previous to that.

FLOODING AT CLONJORDAN: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the place at the down stream side was all choked up, and if the farmers concerned would clean it up in the summer the flooding would be obviated; it was not a County Council job at all. The water at the upper side was as high as that at the lower side so that it could not get away. The County Council, although a road be flooded, had no power to interfere with a natural stream.

Mr. Lawler said the road was flooded practically twice a week, recently every wet day.

Mr. Elgee bore out what Mr. Ennis had stated. Unless a man interfered in some way they could not compel him to clean up a natural stream even though it flooded the road.

The Chairman questioned this and suggested that a couple of County Councillors from Enniscorthy district should visit the place and report; at present they were discussing it in the dark.

Mr. Ennis said that it had been explained to the people concerned it was a matter for themselves.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was a ridiculous position that a man could flood a road and that the County Council had no power to prevent him. They should look for the power.

Mr. Lawlor contended that the pipes were not sufficient to take the water.

The Chairman said they could write to Mr. Warren and



explain to him that in the opinion of the Council all the farmers concerned should combine and clear up the stream as the County Council had no power to enter on the land for that purpose. When they ascertained what effect this would have on the flooding the matter, if necessary, could be reconsidered by the Council.

He then put this suggestion forward as a resolution.

Mr. Bowe seconded and the proposal was adopted.

Mr. Doyle asked if it was not possible for the people who suffered from the flooding to take action against the man from whose land the water came down.

Mr. Elgee said this could be done in respect of an artificial stream but not for a natural one as they were dealing with in the present instance.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 25th November 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 9th DECEMBER 1938: 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 9th December, 1938.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Chairman (Mr. Allen, T.D.) wrote that he would not be able to attend the meeting owing to illness.

It was also reported by Mr. D. Radford (Chief Clerk, County Surveyor's Office) that the County Surveyor was ill with influenza.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3784. 6. 8d was examined and signed.

#### NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy that next meeting of Finance Committee be held on Wednesday, 21st December, 1938, at 2 p.m. to enable employees of the County Council to receive their wages in time for Xmas; payments to be the only business dealt with at this meeting.

#### REPLY TO VOTE OF SYMPATHY

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the following acknowledgment of vote of sympathy to Miss Norton (County Surveyor's Department) in the death of Mrs. Boyle, Wexford, her aunt, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-



"Please convey to the members of the County Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy in the recent death of my Aunt, R.I.P.

I wish also to thank you personally for your own kind remarks."

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	51.7
2. S. Gannon	50.8
3. M. Kehoe	50.0
4. P. Nolan	48.3
5. J. J. O'Reilly	48.2
6. E. J. Murphy	47.4
7. P. Carty	47.3
8. A. Dunne	46.5
9. D. Kenny	46.4
10. J. Deegan	46.3
11. J. Cummins	45.2
12. M. McCarthy	44.7
13. J. Flood	43.1
14. P. Doyle	42.1
15. W. Doyle	39.7
16. J. Quirke	39.6
17. W. Cummins	39.5
18. J. J. Sinnott	38.5

Average 45.2

The amount collected was 1.9% below the amount for the corresponding period last year.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: The following under date 26th November 1937 (G.22355/5/38) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant and previous correspondence regarding the continuance of the system of acceptance of part payment, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state this system has been given a fair trial and, as already shown, no advantage to the Council's funds has accrued from its operation nor is there any evidence that any benefit will arise



from continuing it as heretofore. In the Minister's opinion it should be either brought to an end or be definitely limited to the cases coming within the category mentioned in the Department's letter of 17th September, 1938. In view of the Council's wish to continue the system in its present form until the close of the current year's collection and on the understanding that in any event it will not be prolonged if the powers of the rate collectors with regard to recovery of rates are strengthened the Minister has waived his objection and sanctioned for another year the arrangements as existing heretofore for the acceptance of part payments of arrears of rates."

PREPARATION OF AMALGAMATED LISTS AND ABATEMENT FORMS: It was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that for above work the following be employed:- P. Beary (Charge Hand), Wexford; Frances McCoy, Oylegate; Thomas O'Rourke, 16 John Street, Enniscorthy; Thomas Wafer, Wexford; James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross; James Whelan, Nennery Lane, New Ross; John Warner, 4 Michael Street, Wexford; T. O'Leary, 4 Lower John Street, Wexford; rate of remuneration 1s. 1d per hour. Rate for Charge Hand, P. Beary, 1s. 3d per hour.

It was also decided that if any of the men mentioned are at present in employment they are not to be taken on for County Council work.

For the printing of Amalgamated Lists forms the Secretary stated that all the local firms were asked for quotations but only two had furnished figures, viz.:- "The People" at £21. 9. 0d and "The Echo" at £24. 9. 6d.

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

"That the tender of "The People" Newspaper for the printing of Rate Abatement Forms and forms for Amalgamated



Lists under date 30th November 1938 at £21. 9. 0 be accepted, it being the lower tender."

RATES THOMAS NEVILLE, BALLYNABOLA: In connection with the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee at last meeting the following letter was read from County Registrar under date 3rd December 1938:-

"I wrote my Department about this matter. They have informed me that the amount involved will be recouped when the authority of the Ministry of Finance has been obtained. I have to point out however, that the sum in question is £3. 12. 9 and not £4. 10. 9."

PAYMENTS OF POUNDAGE: Under date 25th November 1938 (G.3043/13/38-Loch Garman) the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your reply to this Department's letter of the 17th instant relative to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that arrears in relation to second interim payment are those applicable to the 1937/38 assessment.

"First Moiety and arrears" may be construed as "the equivalent of the first Moiety and arrears".

The following letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 8th December 1938 (No.G.3043/14/38 Loch Garman) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he sanctions payment of interim poundage as proposed to Collectors W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott."



TOURIST TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT

Letter under date 29th November 1938 (Circ. No. 106/1938) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted. This pointed out that the Government had under consideration measures for the development of tourist areas through a Tourist Board, while the Irish Tourist Association would still continue to be the approved central body for carrying out publicity work designed to develop tourist traffic generally. It was very desirable that this Association should be in the position to undertake publicity more intensely and on a wider scale than had been possible heretofore owing to limited funds. Additional contributions from local Authorities would be of valuable assistance to the Association in extending this work and the Minister suggested that local Authorities in preparing their estimates for the coming financial year should give the matter favourable consideration and where it was permitted by the financial position, provision be made for increased contribution to the Tourist Association. In the allocation of special Grants for roads etc. the Minister would continue to have regard to the assistance given by various local Authorities in the development of tourist areas. It was also likely that when the Tourist Board were making allocations for the improvement of Tourist resorts they would give prior attention to these areas, which have shown and continue to show an active and practical interest in the new campaign by helping to ensure publicity on an adequate scale.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to provide as a subsidy to Tourist Development Association the same amount as agreed to last year, viz., the equivalent of one farthing rate on the County at Large including Urban Districts."



LECTURES - MEDICAL TREATMENT GAS CASUALTIES

Under date 28th November 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.2869/33/38 Ilgh(H)):-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the proposal to send the undermentioned Medical Officer for a course of instruction in the medical treatment of gas casualties.

I am to state that the course of instruction will be held at the Civilian Anti-Gas School, Griffith Barracks, South Circular Road, Dublin, and will commence on Monday, the 12th December, 1938, and conclude on Friday, the 16th idem. The lectures will start each day at 9 o'clock a.m. and finish at 5 o'clock p.m. No fee will be charged for the course of instruction. In view of the fact that the course of instruction is somewhat strenuous it is essential that the medical officer undergoing instruction should not be suffering from a disability which might be aggravated by the exertion entailed. It is accordingly requested that a medical certificate duly completed on the attached form may be presented by the Medical Officer on arrival at the Anti-Gas School at 9 o'clock a.m. on Monday, the 12th proximo.

It is assumed that arrangements will be made by the Local Authority to pay the necessary travelling expenses and subsistence allowance on the usual scale to the Medical Officer attending the course.

Name of Officer to attend course of Instruction.  
Dr. McDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, Wexford."

The Secretary stated that copy of this communication had been forwarded Dr. McDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health and to the County Board of Health. The copy of draft medical certificate had been forwarded to Dr. McDonald.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"The County Council are hereby recommended to agree to the payment on the usual scale, of travelling and subsistence allowance to Dr. McDonald."



DRAINAGE COMMISSION

The following under date 25th November 1938 (Ref. E.9.) was read from Drainage Commission:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy resolution passed by your Council on the 14th instant.

Your letter with its enclosure will be placed by me at the earliest opportunity before the Commission.

In the meantime, I think it well to inform you that the Commission is anxious to obtain in the first instance the official views of interested Government Departments, County Councils and other local authorities and existing Drainage Boards and Trustees on the various matters included in their Terms of Reference, and with this object in view all these bodies have been asked to submit written statements of evidence.

As it is not quite clear from the resolution what course your Council wishes to pursue in this matter, I would be glad to know, for the information of the Commission, whether the object of the advertisement is to enable the Council to collect and prepare suitable evidence to be incorporated in the official statement of evidence which the Council proposes to furnish to the Commission, or whether the object is that farmers and other persons concerned in drainage districts in the County should themselves prepare evidence and submit it direct to the Commission."

It was decided that Miss O'Ryan ( who is a member of the Drainage Commission) with the County Surveyor and County Secretary consider the question of preparing the draft of evidence to be offered to the Drainage Commission on behalf of the County Council, and that said draft, when available, be submitted to the County Council.



EMBANKMENT AT KILMANNOCK

The following letter under date 24th November 1938, from Mr. J. Clancy, Kilmannock, Campile, re above was read:-

"I wish to report to you that as the result of storm on Tuesday night last, the 22nd instant, several very serious breaches were caused to the above.

The responsibility for the repair of this embankment is with your Council. The Deed of Trust originally signed by the tenants was transferred to the County Council some time subsequent to the introduction of the Drainage Scheme and funds, as you are aware, have been allocated for the maintenance of the Embankment with the Public Trustee.

The damage done is so serious that in the event of another gale at High Water an area of about 500 acres would probably be completely submerged.

The County Council Engineers should, in my opinion, visit the lands without delay as I consider that immediate action should be taken if further serious damage is to be avoided.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had the matter in hands.

RATES ON BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

The following, as a deputation from Ratepayers who are rated in respect of above Commons, came before the meeting:-

Messrs. James Brennan, Newtown, Grange, Killanne; William Conran, Grange, Rathnure; Joseph Rowe, Rathduff, Killanne; John Doolan, Grange, Rathnure, and David Creane, Grange, Rathnure.

The Secretary stated that the Arrears to March last were £106. Twenty-eight ratepayers out of 70 were paying their assessments, all small sums, as total amount received was only £2. 19. 3d.

The members of the deputation stated they never used the Commons and some of them lived miles away from it. They



considered it unjust and inequitable to be compelled to pay rates without some corresponding benefit.

The Chairman pointed out that so long as the ratings appeared in the Valuation Lists the County Council had no option but to make the assessments. It would be necessary for those concerned to be able to prove to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Valuation that they should be exempt from this rating.

After a long discussion the members of the deputation agreed to forward to the General Valuation Department a memorial signed by the Ratepayers who were not recognising payment and who were not using the Commons, setting out the exact position.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLANNE, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 25th November, 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote submitting letter from Nicholas Carr asking for loan of additional £30 to the loan of £90 already granted. Mr. Carr pointed out that he believed he would have been able to get house built for £160, amount of grant and loan, but found now that the erection of the building would cost at least £190.

It was decided to ask a further report as to the value of house in this instance from Assistant Surveyor for the district.

MATTHEW J. McDONAGH, 13 MAIN STREET, GOREY: Under date 29th November 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter from Mr. McDonagh stating that owing to unforeseen circumstances he had decided not to avail of ~~loan~~ granted by the County Council for erection of house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, BALLYELAND, DAVIDSTOWN, applied for additional £50 to loan for a similar amount.



On Sullivan's behalf Mr. J. P. Kelly, County Councillor, wrote that it took over a year ~~for~~ Sullivan to secure Title to the plot on which house was to be erected and in the meantime, the cost of building materials had gone up 30%. This was his reason for making application for additional amount.

It was decided to ask Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to revalue the house.

CHARLES DOYLE, GURTEEN, INCH: applied for loan of £300 on a £300 house.

The Secretary stated this man was not rated, his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Doyle, being the owner of their holding. She applied for a loan some years back but had not been able to submit a clear title in view of a mortgage for £60 or £70 on the land by Agricultural Credit Corporation.

It was decided to reject the application.

Mr. O'Byrne said that a certain portion of this land had been released from the Mortgage to allow of the building of a labourer's cottage by the County Board of Health and Mrs. Doyle was under the impression that a similar release might be made for a plot on which her husband proposed erecting the house.

It was decided to inform Mrs. Doyle that she could make application on her own behalf and which would be considered when she was able to satisfy the County Solicitor that her title was in order. Also that the maximum loan which could be granted for a house valued over £300 was half the value of house as certified by Assistant Surveyor.

JAMES LAMBERT, FARMER, CURRAGRAIGUE, BALLINDAGGIN, applied for loan of £100 on house valued at £260. The applicant holds a farm of 72a. 3r. 19 ~~perches~~ with a valuation of £22. 5s.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion



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of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That application of James Lambert, Curraghagraigue, Ballindaggin, for loan of £100 be provisionally approved, subject to satisfactory report from Assistant Surveyor as to value of house and to Mr. Lambert submitting to County Solicitor a clear title."

JAMES O'CONNOR, FARMER, BALLINACREE, CASTLETOWN, applied for loan of £270 on a £400 house.

The Secretary stated that the maximum loan in this case would be £200. Applicant held only two acres of land and his valuation was £2. 10. 0.

The Chairman (Mr. Allen) was making enquiries in this case and it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the application until a reply had been received from Mr. Allen.

JOHN O'CONNOR, HACKNEY MOTOR OWNER AND LABOURER, GLENTUBBER, MOUNT ST. BENET, GOREY, applied for loan of £100 on house estimated at £315.

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

"That loan of £100 to John O'Connor, Glentubber, Mount St. Benet, Gorey, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, be provisionally approved, subject to favourable report as to estimated value of proposed house from Assistant Surveyor for the district and to the submission to County Solicitor of clear title."

WAITING FOR CONTRACTORS: Under date 26th November 1938, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that he had been unable to secure a definite answer from John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, and John Nolan, William Street, Gorey, if they intended proceeding with the building of houses for which loans had been granted under the Small



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Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Both stated they had been unable to obtain Contractors.

#### FLOODING AT TACUMSHANE

Under date 25th November, 1938, the following from Mr. F. Boxwell, Butlerstown, Ballycogley, was read:-

"On behalf of the occupants of six Cottages situated by the water's edge of the lake of Tacumshane near Lings-town, who are in distress owing to the abnormal height of the lake water, I write to ask whether you could see your way to having a local inspection made.

Their road is now submerged along a considerable distance, and when dry, is in a dangerous condition for wheeled traffic. In the circumstances, the above mentioned occupants naturally resent having to pay their rates. They have to find their way across fields on sufferance of the owners.

I understand that representations have been made by deputation, etc. but that no action has been taken."

It was decided to secure report from County Surveyor for consideration at a future meeting of Finance Committee.

#### TINRAHEEN LANE

Under date 28th November, 1938, Mr. W. Murray, Tinraheen, The Ballagh, wrote re above:-

"I would be obliged if you would kindly bring this communication to the notice of the Chairman and members of the County Council at their next meeting.

Re state of laneway leading from public road at Tinraheen to B.O.H. cottage in which we live. I am anxious to know if Council would be good enough to supply broken stones from Ballymurray Quarry to repair same. The laneway is about 300 yards long. We have done all we possibly can with it in regard to putting field stones on it. It is thoroughly sound but beyond rough. It would take a lot to level it out and out but I would be glad if Council would



give even 18 or 20 loads or even give 10 this winter and 10 next. There being no available stones in locality suitable and as field stones would require to be broken over and above fine to take any bond, I am compelled to make this application in hopes that it will receive favourable consideration. As Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, has travelled this lane several times he will be able to give full information about same.

There is also another matter in connection with repairs to lane, namely, putting in two gulleys where water crosses it. Nine 9" pipes would do the two, five in one and four in the other. This is in my opinion the most necessary part as after heavy rain the floods cut away the surface making it more unlevel still.

Now, I hope your Council will not consider this application unreasonable and as I am prepared to do the work myself I trust they will grant my request. Assuring them that any offer of help will be appreciated and thanking them in anticipation."

The Secretary stated he had explained to Mr. Murray that any repairs to the lane as to laying down gulleys etc. could only be done through the medium of the Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

To this, Mr. Murray had replied under date 1st December 1938 as follows:-

"Yours of 29th instant to hand. I quite understand your view as to the getting of lane done but this is an exceptional case as there is no house on it only the one in which we reside and that being a B.O.H. cottage I consider it would be only fair that we get some help towards its upkeep. As I pointed out in my application we have done our best with the only material available and would continue to do so if there was suitable material obtainable but there is not. We have been paying rent and rates for this cottage



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for 48 years and making laneway as well, so I think we are entitled to some allowance. As regards a Relief Scheme I never thought of one in connection with this matter, but if it could be so arranged it would provide a few weeks much needed work for the eight or ten unemployed men in this area.

I leave it to the members' discretion and trust they will do their best to oblige."

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

#### BALLINLAW FERRY ROAD

Under date 29th November 1938, Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmannock, Campile, wrote that the above road in Great Island leading to Ballinlaw Ferry was in a very bad condition, some of the potholes being fully a foot deep.

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

#### FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

The following under date 30th November 1938 was read from Very Rev. Canon Redmond, P.P., Horeswood, Campile:-

"I am - as you know - Parish Priest of Fisherstown and Great Island, 98 statute acres of which have been continually under water since 1935 and therefore absolutely useless to the tenants. I shall be grateful to you to bring these conditions before the notice of the County Council with a view to showing the Council how inequitable - and I might add unjust - it is to ask rates for land that has been so long useless to the tenants and this through no fault on their part.

Two tenants who have approached me and asked me to bring before the County Council their sad and unbearable position are Richard Ryan and Thomas Whitty.

I trust that the County Council will act in an equitable and humane manner and not ask taxes for this land until it



is restored to a condition to which it can be used by the tenants."

It was decided to ask County Surveyor for a report in the matter.

GULLET AT MARSHALLSTOWN LANE

The following under date 5th December 1938 and signed by seven ratepayers, was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers, wish you to draw the attention to the Councillors at their next meeting, for a Gullet or Bridge over the water at the end of Marshalstown Lane leading to Marshalstown Church. This Lane has been repaired about three years ago by Minor Relief Grant. It was never finished. We would like it finished at the first opportunity as it is impassable at present."

EDENVALE MILL

The following under date 7th December 1938 from Shortle Bros., Castlebridge, was referred to the County Surveyor for his report:-

"We have to again complain of damage done to our property at Edenvale Mill as a result of the activities of the County Council. This thing has been occurring for over forty years, and possibly we failed to proclaim our grievances frequently or loudly enough to merit the serious consideration of the Council. We trust they will now look into the matter."

It was also decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Insurance Company in the matter.

TINNACREE LANE

The following, under date 6th December 1938, was read from M. J. Sinnott, Tinnacree, Kilmuckridge:-



"Will you please bring before your County Council or Finance Committee next Friday the matter of the proposed roadway to my farm at the above Townland. This roadway was the matter of discussion at a recent meeting of the Council.

I will be very pleased if you will have a further discussion on it and let me know the results. At the moment, I have my corn ready to thresh and cannot get any of the engine owners to come to do the job. Trusting you will be so kind as to do your very best for me."

The Secretary was instructed to call the attention of the Land Commission to the letter of Mr. Sinnott and to point out that the Council had a considerable time back called the attention of the Land Commission to the plight of Mr. Sinnott who had no road into his holding although it was understood this would have been provided by the Land Commission.

#### GILES CORNER - ROAD 44 M

Under date 26th November 1938 Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that in connection with this corner he had discussed the matter with Mr. G. Langley-Taylor, Agent for the Courtown Estate, who informed him that as Trustee he could not possibly give the piece of ground for widening road at Giles Corner free of charge to the County Council but was prepared to accept a sum of £5 for the site.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this offer until the County Surveyor was able to attend Finance Committee meeting.

#### ADVERTISING CONTRACT 1939

Quotations were received under date 25th November 1938 from "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" offering to insert advertisements of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture for year 1939 at £140 each.

The Secretary stated that this figure was the same as



obtained for 1938.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the quotations of "The People", "The Free Press" and "Echo" for the insertion of advertisements of County Council and of County Committee of Agriculture for year 1939 at £140 each."

MOTOR TAX OFFICE

The following under date 6th December 1938 was read from Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to apply for the usual clerical assistance in connection with the issue of Road Fund Licences for the coming year.

The audit of accounts of this Department has been completed to 31st March last, and vouchers to that period must be filed. This work would take about five days for two assistants.

The assistants - Messrs. Thomas Wafer and Michael Kirwan - employed on above work in previous years - were satisfactory, and I suggest they be appointed, if available."

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

"That application of Local Taxation Officer for the service of two temporary Assistants for filing work for period not exceeding five days and for rush period in connection with issue of 1939 licences be agreed to, remuneration to be at the rate of 1s. 1d per hour. Period of employment not to exceed the period for similar work last year.

That Messrs. James Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, and Michael Kirwan, Enniscorthy, be employed provided they are not at present in employment."



EXAMINATION FOR CLERICAL POSTS

At the meeting of Wexford County Council held on 14th November 1938 the following resolution was received from the Irish Technical Association:-

"That the Civil Service Commissioners, The Department of Industry and Commerce, Local Government and other Departments of State concerned, also Local Authorities be requested to amend regulations and syllabuses of their several examinations for Clerical Posts in such manner as to offer a reasonable opportunity to students trained in the Commercial Classes under the control of Vocational Committees to compete for and obtain these positions."

The following resolution was adopted by the Council:-

"That the Irish Technical Education Association be requested to furnish further information as regards their resolution re examinations for clerical posts. The Wexford County Council do not regard the present proposal as sufficiently clear to take action thereon and request the Technical Education Association to clarify the position."

Under date 2nd December, 1938, the following was read from Mr. G. J. T. Clampett, Hon. Secretary Irish Technical Association:-

"In reply to your letter of 30th ultimo, I have to state in connection with the examinations for entry to the clerical service of Local Authorities, it is not the wish of this Association that the existing standard in general education should be lowered.

The intention of the resolution is to draw attention to the position under existing procedure (see circular letter 69/36 issued by Department of Local Government and Public Health) whereby boys and girls attending Vocational Schools are practically excluded from competing for Junior Clerical Posts in the service of Local Authorities, owing to the fact that in most cases such ~~pp~~ posts are confined to Secondary



School students, or the examination programme is suitable only for such students.

This Association urges that entry to the offices of Local Authorities should be by competitive examination open to all boys and girls in the State, subject of course to such local conditions concerning age, etc., as may be decided upon. It also suggests it is reasonable to expect Clerical Officers to have some knowledge of Business and Office Routine, Book-keeping and perhaps Shorthand and Typewriting, and therefore these subjects should be included in the examination programme.

As you are aware the Vocational Schools are financed and controlled to a large degree by the Local Authorities and in many of the schools training for clerical occupations is a part of the school activity. It is felt, therefore, that students attending the Vocational Schools, by reason of their specialised training, are especially suited for clerical work and at least they should be given equal opportunity with students from other schools.

You will be interested to learn that at the moment the Dublin Corporation and the Cork County Council have an examination scheme which conforms very closely to the terms of the resolution of this Association. It is probable that many other Local Authorities also have a similar examination scheme.

I shall be happy to furnish you with any further information on this subject which you may require."

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

"That the Irish Technical Association be informed the Wexford County Council have found it a satisfactory procedure to draft their own syllabuses for vacant clerical posts as the latter arise from time to time and they see no



reason to depart from this practice. The Council have not arranged for any examinations under the direction of the Local Appointment Commission for minor posts."

APPLICATION COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for £10 compensation for injury to lavatory in the Strand Hotel, Rosslare, was received from Mr. N. J. Kelly, Proprietor, and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to extend the period of overdraft of £35,000 from 1st January 1939 to 31st March 1939."



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 9th December, 1938, be received and considered."

DRAINAGE COMMISSION: Mr. Smyth said there was a small drainage area in Cahore in which there were only six or seven tenants interested and it would not be fair to expect them to send a representative to give evidence before a sitting of the Commission in Dublin and to bear the expense of three or four days in Dublin for the purpose. He thought that the remedy was to have sittings of the Commission in each County.

Miss O'Ryan said that so far, County sittings had not definitely been decided on, but she thought it was the intention of the Commission to hold such sessions.

The Secretary suggested that the Council pass a resolution asking the Commission to hold sittings in each County or to send a Sub-Committee to each County to take evidence.

On the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of the expenditure that would be incurred by tenant farmers for drainage areas anxious to offer evidence to the Drainage Commission and many of whom are not in a position to incur such expenditure, this County Council invites the Drainage Commission to arrange for sittings in each County or, in the alternative, to appoint small sub-committees of their body to visit each County, for the purpose of taking evidence."

FLOODING AT TACIMSHANE LAKE: Mr. Murphy said this was a matter in which the responsibility certainly lay with the



Land Commission. Most of the members knew what caused the flooding. It was one of the cases in which the tenants came off much worse under the native government than under the former government; they were in a worse position under the Land Commission than under the old rack-renting landlords. In the time of the landlords, the farmers and landlords paid the cost of the drainage between them. The problem was urgent for the past six years in Tacumshane and about two years ago he wrote to the Land Commission and all he got was an acknowledgment on a postcard. It was only when he got notice on Form 40 that the Land Commission wanted to take up this place to divide it, and an Inspector from the Land Commission came down to inspect the place that he found he was coming to divide a big area of water (laughter) for which he (Mr. Murphy) was paying the Land Commission so much a gallon. At the present time, he had about 40 acres under water, and there were three houses flooded to a depth of two feet. He expected they would be flooded to a depth of seven feet before the end of the year. About  $5\frac{1}{2}$  square miles drained into the place, and there were 32 farmers affected by the flooding, some more and some less than himself. Nobody could realise the loss the flooding caused unless they were living in the district and he would like some of the members to see the place. The last Inspector they had was Mr. Scully, one of the heads of the Department and a tentative scheme was put forward, but nothing had been heard of it for the last six months. That scheme was to put a cutting out at Ballyhealy. The proposed work could be started at any time, and he proposed that the County Council ask the Land Commission what they intend to do. The proposals as to drainage had been hanging on for six years.

Miss O'Ryan said the repairs of the road at Lingstown



depended on the Tacumshane drainage scheme, and the County Council could do nothing with the road until the drainage was done.

The Chairman suggested sending a strong protest to the Land Commission against their inaction.

Mr. Doyle said that the drainage at Lady's Island Lake was in much the same position as Tacumshane.

The Chairman said they should deal with Tacumshane first as it came before the meeting from the Finance Committee.

Mr. Culleton said that Mr. Murphy was obliged to keep a gate into his haggard barricaded because his own children might be drowned. There are other people who have to take the same precautions, and some of them are cut off altogether and they are all paying rates for water instead of for land. The water is covering the land. No step would be too drastic to take, if we can get them some relief from the conditions they are under.

Mr. Doyle agreed it was the primary duty of the Land Commission to deal with Tacumshane. There is an enormous amount of land flooded. The farmers affected are all tenant farmers, and there is no reason why the Land Commission should not do something.

Mr. Smyth said he was speaking to an Inspector from the Land Commission who was in Tacumshane. In former years the owners of property were responsible for a certain amount of upkeep of drainage on their farms in conjunction with their tenants, but when the Land Commission took over the land the tenants were more or less let down by the Land Commission in this connection. The Land Commission were supposed to keep back a certain amount of the purchase money to do this drainage, but, in many instances, amounts in some years previous to the sale of land by the landlord were small as the latter kept the expenditure down to a minimum when he



knew his estate would be taken over.

Chairman - There would be no drainage problem only for the ridiculous position taken up by the Land Commission. I think we should express our dissatisfaction with the neglect of the Land Commission in connection with Tacumshane drainage, and say that we understand that a tentative scheme was proposed to obviate the flooding six months ago and that the County Council cannot understand why it is not proceeded with.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we express our grave dissatisfaction with the neglect of the Irish Land Commission in connection with obviating the flooding at Tacumshane Lake. We understand that a tentative scheme was drafted about six months ago and in view of the plight of the tenants affected the Council fail to understand why it has not been proceeded with.

In the opinion of the Wexford County Council the question of the drainage of Tacumshane Lake requires special treatment and cannot be dealt with under the Land Act of 1928."

Mr. Bowe said that if the Land Commission were only going to do as much as the old landlords did in the past, the Council should ask them in the resolution to go further. After all their talk and boasting about patriotism from every platform there should be some improvement made and the Land Commission should be prepared to go a little further for the improvement of agriculture than the landlords did.

The Chairman considered Mr. Bowe's remarks inopportune at the moment. The Land Commission could inform the County Council they were acting according to law.

Mr. Doyle said that about 35 years ago the Government that ruled the country at that time sent surveyors to both Lady's Island and Tacumshane and a scheme was arranged to



cut a canal from Tacumshane lake into Lady's Island, and then through the low lands into Carne which would give permanent benefit. That was why he had mentioned including Lady's Island flooding in the Tacumshane resolution, because he believed the scheme put up by the British Government engineers 30 or 35 years ago was the only effective one. It was not carried out because of the war stopping all such schemes.

Mr. Murphy said that if the two lakes were mentioned it would delay the whole thing.

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

"That the General Council of County Councils be requested to draw the attention of the Government to the necessity for doing something financially for the upkeep of drainage schemes more than the old landlords did and that the General Council of County Councils be requested to press the Government to introduce legislation to have this proposal made operative."

Mr. Murphy said that some years ago he wrote to the Land Commission putting before them the matter of the two lakes mentioned by Mr. Doyle and the Land Commission turned it down. He had no objection to its being brought up again. Any scheme that will get rid of the flooding was welcome.

Mr. Doyle - The scheme of 30 years ago was a very big scheme and it is the only effective way to drain the two lakes. The farmers are put to very heavy expense every March to move thousands of tons of sand off the land.

Chairman - At the same time it is not for us to suggest what way the work should be done because if we begin to argue with them it will give them an opportunity to delay the remedy further.

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



FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND: Mr. T. Redmond said that the tide came into a man's yard, into the well that supplied him with water. The area under water was more than half his farm.

Miss O'Ryan - Could they apply for re-valuation?

Mr. Redmond said that the Council had sent recommendations and appeals from the people to the Land Commission and everyone they thought would be interested. Mr. O'Neill (Assistant Surveyor) could tell them exactly how the position was down there. Two years ago part of the road was taken away.

The Secretary said he thought the opinion of the Board of Works was that when they carried out any works down there, the tenants were to maintain them.

Mr. Redmond said they did not carry out any works. Work was started about eighteen months ago, and the men struck for 1s. or 2s a week extra and the increase was refused. The usual rate of wages - 25s. - was given. Men on the opposite side of the river were getting 27s. a week. The owners of the land were contributing a portion to the cost of the re-building of the bank.

Miss O'Ryan said the point they wanted to bear in mind was that an attempt was made to do the work, and the only thing holding up the attempt was a dispute about wages - that there was actually money raised to have it done, and the whole thing was a question of wages.

Mr. Redmond said he thought that if the attempt to repair the bank was genuine, whoever allocated the money to do it, the dispute about 2s. a week to seven or eight men should not have stopped the work. There was another area - the Camblin marshes - and there was far more land involved. The tannery wall was stopping the tide to-day. Two miles of marshes were flooded. There was an attempt made to remedy that, too. A certain amount of money was allocated,



and the people who allocated it were told over and over again that it was not sufficient. If they had given £100 more there might have been a decent job done.

The Secretary said that what the people should do with regard to trying to cut out rates was to write in applying for revision and pointing out that land was under water and no use to them. He did not think that they wrote any application to the Council stating that their lands were temporarily under water.

The Chairman said it would be well to have the matter up to date. If the tenants applied again the Council would help them. He suggested that the Council ask the Secretary to write inquiring why the work was stopped and when a re-start was going to be made.

The Chairman said he presumed that the commission that was to sit would take cognisance of all those things.

Mr. Gulleton said that what puzzled him was how it was that County Wexford men were expected to work for less than men in County Kilkenny.

Chairman - I don't suppose the County Council can go into that and settle it.

Mr. Gulleton - I think it is a matter for the County Council. I think it is right for the Council to see that County Wexford men be paid the same as other men.

Chairman - If the Land Commission answers us, then we may be able to discuss it. While we might be anxious to get the men wages, it is not our function at present.

Mr. Gulleton said the regulation was that the local rate be paid, and everyone knew that the rate in County Wexford was lower than in other places, but now the Counties were grouped there was a flat rate outside Dublin.

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



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"That the Land Commission be requested to state why the drainage work at Banks of River Barrow at Fisherstown and Great Island was abandoned and what steps would be taken to again proceed with this work."

MARSHALLSTOWN LANE: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said this was not a County road. They carried out work there five or six years ago under Minor Relief Scheme and he did not think the proposal made was necessary; it was used by a small number of persons only.

Mr. Lawlor said the whole side of a country used the lane to attend Mass.

Mr. Ennis said there were many other places more urgently requiring attention.

The matter dropped.

GILES CORNER: In reply to Mr. Keegan Mr. Treanor said that the piece of ground on the Courtown Estate offered by Mr. Taylor was a useless piece of land in fact the site of an old house.

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

"That Mr. Taylor, as Agent for the Courtown estate, be offered 5/- per perch for amount of land necessary to provide easement at Giles corner on Courtown-Gorey road."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 9th December 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."



WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following notice of motion 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 Wexford Old Courthouse to Ferrybank on site of former bridge."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said that when the matter was previously before the Council he had submitted data and details showing the new bridge would cost 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> in the £ if a loan were obtained for 35 years. Both Mr. Barry, County Surveyor and Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer, pointed out to the Council that the repairs proposed to be carried out to the existing bridge really gave them only time for preparation of plans etc. for a new bridge. It was against the best interests of the town of Wexford and of the people living beyond the bridge along the sea-board, that they were dependant upon the present defective structure. The Engineers concerned were positive that it was not possible to put the present bridge into a condition that would bear modern traffic. If a new bridge were erected considerably more than half of the ratepayers would be called upon to pay less than £1 per year and the most of them would have to pay a much smaller sum. Unless a bridge capable of carrying modern traffic was provided he feared the malting industry in Castlebridge, controlled by Mr. Nunn, would suffer very seriously. When the matter was under discussion previously the Chairman of the Council (Mr. Allen) said that if the Wexford Harbour Scheme was out of the way the Council would be inclined to consider more favourably the proposal for the erection of a new bridge. There was no prospect of the harbour being developed and as an alternative the Harbour Board were endeavouring to procure a dredger without the help of the County Council. Seeing the financial support



of 2½d in the £ which the Council were prepared to give to the Harbour Scheme was not now required, he considered they should pass his resolution for a new bridge unanimously. Even if they agreed to that to-day it would take four or five years before the new structure would be open for traffic. He also pointed out that the new bridge would provide a bus service for a large area of the country which was at present cut off from transport facilities.

Mr. Kinsella seconded the resolution and believed the only portion of the proposal which should be held up for further consideration was as to the site of the new bridge. Under present conditions people living on his side of the bridge were greatly handicapped and a number of merchants were obtaining their supplies direct from Dublin cutting out Wexford Wholesalers entirely. This was a big loss to Wexford. Though it was a bad time from a financial point of view to bring forward such a motion, he had not heard any objection to it from the people of his district.

Miss O'Ryan agreed that the new bridge was urgently needed and from other points of view as well as that of Mr. Nunn, who was an excellent employer. She was referring to a much bigger interest, that of the farming community. Some of the farmers beyond the bridge contended that they could not grow beet and certain other crops because their transport facilities were handicapped by the condition of the present bridge. Regarding the site of the new bridge, she suggested that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be asked to look into the position of the various interests involved in connection with the Old Courthouse end of the bridge.

The Chairman said he did not disagree with that. It would be a matter also for the engineers. In proposing that site he had in mind the advantage that direct communication with Ferrybank Strand would be to the poor people of the town in Summer.



Miss O'Ryan said she would be delighted to see the bridge there as it would such an addition to the town. The interests involved would be the Harbour Board, the Corporation and the Railway Company, and they would have to be consulted.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Chairman said he was sure if the Corporation had the legal power they would be prepared to levy a special rate towards the cost of the erection of a new bridge, but even if this were not feasible they would be paying at the same rate as the other ratepayers of the County.

Mr. McCarthy proposing an amendment that the matter be adjourned for twelve months, said the Council had just committed themselves to an expenditure of £2,600 and the Government would be contributing another £2,00 towards the repairs of the old bridge. He did not think the ratepayers would view with satisfaction the action of the Council if they passed the Chairman's motion. A new bridge would possibly not be required for the next ten years. Mr. Delap said the repaired bridge would be serviceable for five years but they all knew how conservative engineers were in such matters.

Mr. Doyle seconded Mr. McCarthy and said it was not a matter of opposing the new bridge but a matter of finding the best time to build it. Everyone was aware of the extreme distress in agriculture and the stagnation of shop-keeping and all other business that depended on agriculture. To pile further expense on the ratepayers at present was a very serious matter and as they were going to spend £5,000 to make the old bridge serviceable for the next five years, it would be better postpone the decision to build the new bridge for another year. Mr. Doyle added that he regarded the sum of £100,000 mentioned as the probable cost of the new bridge as a theoretical price and said that when engineers began to build they had a fashion of discovering



snags. The river current may be faster and the bottom is not where they thought it was and while in theory the price may be about £100,000, in practical work, it may go to £135,000. All the members knew of the heavy armament programmes going on and the demand for building materials. If they began now to buy materials for the new bridge they would be walking into the lion's mouth as regards prices. Also they would probably get only inferior material. Possibly, by delaying the decision to build the bridge for twelve months they would save £30,000 or £40,000.

Mr. Kinsella contended nothing would be saved as the Council would have to spend another £5,000 on the old bridge in five years time.

Mr. Bowe supported the amendment and said that according to the Engineers the old bridge would scarcely carry a County Councillor but it was carrying heavy lorries and motor cars etc. He thought it should be good for another ten years. By waiting people would probably be in a better position to pay.

In reply to Mr. Keegan the Chairman said his motion involved the immediate appointment of an engineer to prepare Estimate for a new bridge. He did not rule out their own engineers as he had ample confidence in the County Surveyor.

Mr. Walsh considered that before the Council took definite action they should ascertain the result of the proposed repairs. Carrying out these would take practically a year which would be a reasonable time to give the Council to consider the matter.

Mr. Doyle contended that as there was a general feeling that lorry loads would be confined by law to three tons the present bridge, if repaired, might give satisfactory service for a long time.

Mr. Culleton said the arguments put forward against the erection of a new bridge were the same as in 1920 when he



supported a similar motion. These arguments were against any project that might benefit the poor. It was useless to consider anything if they decided upon waiting until materials and labour reverted to pre-war level, as such a condition would never happen again in his opinion. It was unfair for the Council to shelve their responsibilities which perhaps might be the cause of a big disaster to life later on, when the County Council would go to their graves in disgrace. He believed the general public were in favour of a new bridge.

Mr. T. Redmond said that in view of the period which would elapse before the proposal to erect a new bridge would mature, they would not involve themselves very seriously by passing the Chairman's motion. A new bridge was necessary now and it would be more necessary in five years' time.

Mr. Sweetman contended it would be much better to ascertain how far the present repairs would make the old bridge servicable before committing themselves to any further expenditure.

The Chairman said that everyone seemed to see the necessity for the new bridge. Regarding the cost of the bridge he could see as well as anyone that some ratepayers were unable to carry the present rates burden, but it was essential that the bridge be built within the next five years and in their plans for the repair of the old bridge it was obvious that both Mr. Barry and Mr. Delap visualised a new bridge at the end of that time. They also said that the present bridge could never be fitted to carry present-day traffic. The Chairman then quoted from a letter of Mr. Delap to the Council in which he pointed out that 4-ton loads strained the bridge 50 per cent beyond the safety point and the bridge had become very dangerous. It was never suggested that the repairs to the present bridge would make it capable of carrying present-day traffic. So far as the price of materials is concerned at the moment



the price of steel was lower than for some time past. Judging by the huge expenditure on re-armament there was going to be a war in the very near future in which event the price of materials would be far beyond the capability of the Council. Regarding Mr. Doyle's comment about the engineering snags, he (Chairman) had more faith in engineers than that and he would hesitate to think that this would be increase over the estimate of  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent with the modern methods of judging the current of the river and sounding ~~day~~ depth which would make it absolutely impossible that such extras would arise. He suggested that the present time was the most favourable for the project, because the tendency would be that the price of steel, iron and other material for the bridge would be dearer in the future. The time had not arrived for the appointment of an outside engineer, but Mr. Barry could be asked to explore the possibilities and Mr. Elgee to ascertain the position of the interests involved. When Mr. Barry had given then an approximate cost an outside engineer could be brought in. Before that was done the Finance Committee could discuss it and the Council could make the appointment at the proper time. He believed that the engineers had changed from metal plates to Scotch fir in the old bridge repairs, because they were satisfied they could not make the bridge safe for modern traffic and that they visualised a new bridge at the end of three or four years.

The Chairman then amended his proposition to read:-

"That, in view of the fact that Wexford Bridge is incapable of carrying present-day traffic a new bridge be constructed on a site to be agreed upon, and that Mr. Barry and Mr. Elgee be instructed to proceed at once to investigate the possibilities and cost of the project."

After further discussion a vote was taken on Mr. McCarthy's amendment with the following result:-



For: Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, Lawler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Michael Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman and Walsh.- 10.

Against: Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, Murphy, O'Ryan, T. Redmond and the Chairman. - 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

It was subsequently put as the substantive resolution and passed nem. con.

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME

Mr. Bowe proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That allocation under Road Works Scheme as agreed to at meeting of Wexford County Council on 14th November 1938, be confirmed as follows:-

	£.
Main Roads	31,759
Third Class Roads	15,899
Fourth Class Roads	5,546
Improvements Main Roads	3,214
do. County do.	1,764
Contingencies Fund and Relief Vote	<u>6,173</u>
	£64,355.

This means £2600 increase, necessary to cover the County Councils portion of the repairs on Wexford Bridge."

#### BANN BRIDGE, CROGHAN. ROAD NO. 79

The following under date 10th December 1938 was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"As the result of abnormally heavy floods during and after storms on 9th instant, above Bridge has been practically demolished. I made an inspection today and as I considered place absolutely dangerous I gave instructions causing this part of road to be closed to traffic and to have watched and lighted so as to safeguard against accidents.

The whole of the bridge will have to be rebuilt. It



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is double arched, each span about 16' feet; width to outside of parapets about 25 feet and height about ten feet."

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

"That in view of report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor under date 10th December 1938, relative to damage to Bann Bridge, Croghan, we direct that the road leading thereto (No. 79) be closed to public traffic and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to issue the usual Order temporarily closing this road, pending repair to Bann Bridge. That as it has been reported to the County Council that construction of adjacent water works Scheme is partly responsible for damage to the bridge, Mr. Treanor be directed to make inquiries on this particular point."

LOAN - IMPROVEMENT WORKS ROSSLARE-CARNE PIER ROAD

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

"That pursuant to letter of sanction from Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 14th November, 1938, S. Loch Garman, the sum of £2,100 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. for the purpose of Improvement Works on the Rosslare-Carne Pier road, said sum to be repaid within five 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."

SEALING AGREEMENT - PATRICK CONDON

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-



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"That the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to Agreement fixing compensation to be paid to Patrick Condon under the provisions of Workmens Compensation Act in respect of fracture to left forearm whilst at work for the County Council at the amount of £130, in addition to £10. 10s. for medical expenses and £14. 14s. for costs."

#### FLOODING AT ORRISTOWN AND RATHMACKNEE

The following, signed by ten ratepayers, re above was read:-

"We, the undersigned, would be thankful if you would request your County Council to appoint a committee of the local Councillors and some of the landowners affected by the flooding of their lands, caused, we believe, by the cleaning of the river through Rathmacknee.

We believe that an inspection and report by such a Committee, would convince your Council that something should be done to abate the flooding of right-of-ways and lands which never occurred until this work was done in the early part of this year.

Thanking you in anticipation."

It was decided that an inspection of the flooded lands be made by Messrs. Corish, Culleton and S. Murphy, with the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, and that they report to the Finance Committee as soon as possible.

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS

The following resolution from Limerick County Council was submitted:-

"That the Executive Council be asked to introduce legislation to amend the law so that the Old Age Pension be paid at 65."

The adoption of this resolution was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.



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Mr. McCarthy expressed the opinion that some indication should be given to the Council as to how this extra money for Old Age Pensions would be provided. The present outlay on Old Age Pensions was something about £3,000,000 per annum and in order to make it feasible to pay pensions at 65, a very huge addition would have to be made to this allocation. Probably three or four millions more. There could be no objections to providing pensions at 65 on a contributory basis. He opposed the adoption of the resolution on financial grounds as he had stated.

Mr. Sweetman considered the matter was one for An Dail.

As an amendment Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following:-

"In view of the fact that the resolution from Limerick County Council to provide Old Age Pensions at 65 would entail the provision of a very large sum, we request Limerick County Council to inform us of the financial direction in which it is proposed to secure the amount necessary to meet its proposal. And that further consideration of the resolution of Limerick County Council be adjourned pending receipt of the information asked for."

On a show of hands, 11 voted in favour of Mr. Doyle's motion which the Chairman declared carried.

#### GRANTS FOR HOUSING

With reference to resolution of County Council asking the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend the period for which State Grants for Housing will be available the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 22nd November 1938 (H.10419-5-1938-Loch Garman) that the matter was receiving attention.

*W. J. Doyle* 9.1.1939.



