

## WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MONTHLY MEETING -- 11TH APRIL 1927.

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MINUTES.

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N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 11th April 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: Also Col. Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs W. Boggan, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, R. Cdrish, Mr. Doyle, J. Gaul, James Hall, P. Hayes, Mr. Jordan, D. Kavanagh, A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, W. Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John White.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Survey<sup>or</sup>, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 16th March 1927 were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 16th March 1927.

Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Also present Messrs Aidan Hernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M. Jordan Wm Thorpe and P. Hayes.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5115-8-2 was examined and signed.

#### COUNTY HOSPITAL ROAD.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to issue an Order to the further closing of road from Tivoli Terrace junction, Wexford to Park Cottage, Wexford (for the purpose of raising the level of said road to public traffic from 31st March 1927 to 30th April 1927 (both dates inclusive). The alternative route will be Main Road SW by Farnogue and Park Lane."

#### CONTINUANCE OF OVERDRAFT.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested ~~see~~ to sanction for a further six months to 30th, September 1927 continuance of present overdraft with the Treasurer of Wexford County Council, viz, £50,000."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th March 1927 be and are hereby confirmed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee held on 31st March 1927 were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on March 31st 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding); Also:- Messrs William Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9,102-10-8 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentage of second moiety lodged:-

E. J. Murphy 74.52: B. Cleary 68.74: J. Quirke 66.60:  
P. Furlong 66.48: J. Curtis 66.24: C. McCarthy 64.47: T. Rowe 63.38:  
S. Gannon 61.61: J. Cummins 61.44: P. Donohoe 60.36: Ml Deegan 60.10:  
John Doyle 56.60: J.J. Sinnott 55.03: W. Cummins 52.13: J.J. O'Reilly  
52.02: T. Sutton 51.67: P. Walsh 50.09: M. Kelly 49.70: P.J. Fitzpatrick  
49.46: P. O'Byrne 49.14: and J. J. Kelly 44.94.

Average 58.25 on 30th March 1927.

The average collected last year was practically the same being 60.91 on 31st March 1926.

The amount of first moiety at present outstanding was £3040-7-1 and second moiety £29,851-19-2.

It was decided that Rate Collectors be paid 56.25% of poundage on amounts of their lodgments to 31st March 1927.

#### ADVANCE FOR PURCHASE OF SAMPLES

##### BY FOOD AND DRUGS OFFICERS.

The following letter dated 23rd March 1927 was read from the Chief Superintendent Civic Guard, Wexford:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd ult, and in reply I wish to state, in reference to your proposal of advancing the sum of £20 to the Chief Superintendent, that it would be more satisfactory if this sum was given to the Superintendent at Divisional Headquarters, Wexford, and he would be responsible for the payment



of expense incurred by the Food & Drugs Inspectors in the whole county.

All claims when receipted and certified will be forwarded direct to you by the Superintendent, so that you will always be able to know how the money is being expended. If you agree to this proposition it will not be necessary to send these Accounts to the Garda Siothchana Accounts Branch. Heretofore, the claims were sent to our Accounts branch for payment, but now, if the amount is paid by the local Superintendent, it would, in my opinion, be a much better arrangement to have the accounts, etc., forwarded direct to you by the latter Officer."

Under date 28th March 1927, the following letter (P.H.12629/27/Wexford Co.) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst, relative to financial provision for the administration of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act in County Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw attention to the terms of Sec. 136 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as adapted by Article 3 of the Adaption of Irish Enactments Order, 1899."

The Assistant Secretary explained that Section 136 authorised the County Council to advance such money as might be required by the Garda Siothchana to cover the expenses of administration of Food & Drugs Acts, etc.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman to agree to advance the sum of £20 to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana at Divisional Headquarters, Wexford. Statements of Accounts and vouchers thereof to be furnished by that Officer to County Council at least quarterly.

ADJUSTMENT MINISTRY OF FINANCE-MALICIOUS INJURY  
AND OTHER CLAIMS.

The following letter (No. F. 25/1/27) under date 26th March 1927 was submitted:-

"In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to state that the sum of £5-10-0 which was stated in my letter of the 28th ult. to be due to the Wexford County Council in respect of a decree for damage to property sustained



within the period 21st January 1919 to 11th July 1921, discharged by the Council consists of £2 compensation with £3-10-0 costs and expenses, etc., paid to the Postmaster General by the Wexford County Council on the 5th August 1919. This information was furnished by you in a letter which you addressed to this Department on the 13th August last, in reply to a circular letter from this Department requesting the information.

In regard to the sum of £140-18-2 stated in my letter of the 28th ultimo to be due by the Council in respect of decrees for damage to property sustained prior to the 21st January 1919, I enclose a statement giving full particulars of these decrees.

The sum of £258-4-0 due by the Council in respect of conveyance of prisoners expenses, etc., has been certified by the British Government as the amount due by the Wexford County Council in respect of:-

(a) expenses incurred by the Royal Irish Constabulary in the conveyance of prisoners previous to committal chargeable on the County Council under 14 and 15 Vic. Cap. 85, Section 4, as amended by subsequent enactments.

(b) expenses of ex-officio Inspectors of Weights and Measures chargeable under Section 80 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, and

(c) expenses incurred by the Royal Irish Constabulary acting as Inspectors for Local Authorities under the Food & Drugs Acts.

The Minister is unable to furnish you with details of this item or with particulars as to how it is divided between the three heads, but he understands that it was the practice of the local Royal Irish Constabulary in the past to furnish local Authorities quarterly with vouched statements of the amounts due in respect of these expenses and the details should accordingly be in the possession of the Wexford County Council.

The Minister trusts that this information will enable your Council to pay at an early date the sum of £393-12-2 due by it under the adjustment of the matters referred to in my previous letter of the 28th ult. The failure or refusal of the Council to discharge this liability will result in other local Authorities being deprived



of a substantial portion of the amounts properly due to them in the adjustment and the Minister feels that your Council will agree with him that this would be neither proper nor just."

Mr O'Byrne pointed out that as these claims were due for over six years, the accounts were Statute barred and could not be legally paid by the County Council.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the Section in Local Government Act precluding the Council from paying Statute barred accounts did not apply to monies payable to a Government Department.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe to refer the Ministry's letter to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for report.

#### CLAIM, PLANS - GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Account for £37-10-0 from James Doyle, Gorey for preparing plans, quantities, etc., in connection with claim for Gorey Courthouse was submitted.

Approved for payment on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

#### FIRE INSURANCES.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman to insure two dwelling houses on County Council property for £700 with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE, LIBRARIAN.

Miss Walsh, County Librarian wrote stating that she had been granted leave of absence by the Chairman of Library Committee to attend Conference of Librarians in Dublin on Friday 25th March.

She submitted account for 13/5 travelling expenses.

Payment approved on the motion of the Chairman.

#### TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

The following tenders for printing in Council Offices were submitted:-

The Echo, Enniscorthy £128-10-6

The Free Press, Wexford £ 118-13-3

The People, Wexford £94-2-0.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the tender of the People at £94-2-0 was accepted.



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ADVANCE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS.

Mr J. N. Scallan, County Registrar applied for advance of £100 towards expenses in preparation of present Electoral Lists.

Payment approved on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman.

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS NEAR PUBLIC ROADS.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by the Chairman, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to object to the erection of buildings within 30 yards of the centre of road unless plans and elevations are submitted and approved by the Council."

LIBRARY COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Miss Walsh, Librarian submitted accounts amounting to £95-18-5 for Books and sundries.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe that same be re-submitted to next Finance Committee, Miss Walsh in the meantime to furnish certificate in each account for Books entered therein that they have received approval of Book Selection Committee and that Name<sup>s</sup> of Authors be furnished on each Book account.

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 31st March 1927, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed.

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th March 1927 were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 28th March 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding), Also ~~MESSRS~~ Col Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Ml. Cloney, Wm. Boggan, Richard Corish, James Hall, Patrick Cálfer and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, John Kehce, R. J. Ennis, T. Cullen and Patrick O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES

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

"That the following reports of Tenders Committees for Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Electoral Areas be received and approved:-



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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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Enniscorthy District.

Committee met on 16th March 1927. Present: Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman County Council, presiding, Also Messrs James Cline, Michael Jordan, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Ennis and Cullen were in attendance.

The following Tenders were accepted:-

(Period from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1930.)

Road No. 120E.-420 perches between turn in Clonjordan and Road in Mombeg. Amount allowed £25 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at the full amount allowed viz:-£25.

" " 218E--335 perches between turn in Coolamain and turn in 217E (Aughar Lane). Amount allowed £36 per annum.

No tender received and work was given into the charge of the County Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at £36 per annum, the amount allowed.

" " 263E--330 perches between East turn in Knockstown and District bounds in Clonleigh (at two points). Amount allowed £24.

The only tender received was that from Daniel Moore, Killegney, Clonroche at £23-9-6, the sureties being James Murphy, 13 Market Square, Enniscorthy and Aidan O'Brien, Killegney, Clonroche. Accepted.

" " 285E-280 perches between turn in Ballinure and turn in Woodlands. Amount allowed £15. No Tender.

The work was given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at the full amount allowed viz:-£15.

" " 304E 150 perches between turn at St John's House and Knock-marshall Cross Roads. Amount allowed £9 per annum.

No tender received and work placed in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to March 31st<sup>1928</sup> at ~~full~~ amount, £9.



Road No. 347E--305 perches between New Road at Killannure and Foot-bridge over Clody River. Amount allowed £8 per annum.

William Kane, Killanure, Buncloody tendered alone at £8 giving as his sureties John Connors, Mandoran, Buncloody and Christopher Glinch, Ballylusk, Buncloody. Accepted.

" " 348E-240 perches between Martin Foley's house in Killanure and Craan Lane. Amount allowed £8.

William Kane, Killanure, Buncloody tendered at £8 giving as his sureties John Connors, Mandoran, and Christopher Glinch, Ballylusk, Buncloody. This was the only tender and was accepted.

" " 349E--280 perches between Killanure Lane and turn at Martin Connors' house in Mandoran. Amount allowed £8.

Only one tender was received but as the person tendering was surety for another road contractor, the tender was withdrawn and the work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year to March 31st 1928 at £8.

" " 350E-400 perches between turn on Old Road in Glaslacken, and Martin Foley's house in Killanure. Amount allowed £20.

The only tender received was that of William Kane Killanure, Buncloody who tendered at the full amount, viz:- £20 giving as his sureties John Connors Mandoran and Christopher Glinch Ballylusk.

This tender was accepted.



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.TENDERS COMMITTEE.GOREY DISTRICT.

Tenders Committee for Gorey Electoral Area met at Town Hall, Gorey on 26th March 1927.

Mr Sean O'Byrne presided; Also present, Messrs P. Byrne, John Connors, and M.M. O'Donoghue.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor were in attendance.

The following tenders were accepted:-

( Period from March 31st 1927 to March 31st 1930.)

Road No. 94G.--345 perches between turn in Ballycown and turn in Ballygullen. Amount allowed £20 per annum.

Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry tendered at £20, but his tender form did not set out the names of any sureties, and on being questioned he also stated that he was not prepared to provide the specified amount of tonnage.

In the circumstances, it was decided to reject the tender and place the work in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at the amount allowed, viz £20 per annum.

" " 95G--620 perches between Main Road in Glandoran and Keys' Cross Roads, with branch to the Main Road in Ballinacoola. Amount allowed £24 per annum.

Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry tendered at £24 Patrick Ebbs, same address at £22. The latter offered as his sureties T.E. Ireton Creagh and James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett Upper, Craanford.

The last named tender was accepted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Connors.

" " 98G--600 perches between turn in Lacken and Ramsfort Road at two points. Amount allowed £42 per annum.

James Dooley, Clonsilla tendered at £42 and Thomas Kins Gorey at same amount. Patrick Ebbs, Ballingarry tendere at £38 giving as his sureties Thomas E. Ireton, Creagh.



and James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett Upper, Craanford.

The last named tender was accepted on the motion of Mr  
Connors seconded by the Chairman.



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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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NEW ROSS DISTRICT.

Tenders Committee for New Ross Electoral Area met on March 23rd 1927.

Mr Wm Thorpe presided: Also present, Messrs T. Cooney and Michael Cloney.

The Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and Mr P. J. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor were in attendance.

The following Tenders were accepted:-  
(Period from March 31st 1927 to March 31st 1930.)

Road No. 82R-540 perches between turn in Ballyleigh and turn near Poulmounty Bridge. Amount allowed £20 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of County Surveyor for one year to March 31st 1928 at £20 the full amount allowed.

" " 88R-325 perches between Main Road at Scarke and far turn at Ballyanne House Amount allowed £12 per annum,

Richard McGrath, Knockree, Palace tendered alone at £12 and was accepted on the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by the Chairman. His sureties, Thomas Murphy & Martin Wickham.

" " 98R-325 perches between turn in Mandlins and Main Road near Talbot Hall. Amount allowed £16 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year to March 31st 1928 at full amount allowed, viz:-£16.

" " 99R-390 perches between Urban boundary and turn in Arnes-town. Amount allowed £14 per annum.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane West, New Ross tendered alone at £14. He offered as his sureties John Brennan, Camblin New Ross and Thomas Holden Three Bullet Gate, New Ross. His tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cooney.

" " 110R-405 perches between turn in Courthoyle and turn in Raheenakenedy. Amount allowed £16 per annum.

Patrick Nolan, Templenacrow tendered alone at £14-19-6 offering as his sureties Thomas Doyle, Mary Street, New Ross and John Furlong, Ballagh, Raheen. His tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Cooney.



Road No 113R-580 perches between turn near Railway Bridge at Aught-na-glough and turn in Oldcourt. Amount allowed £17.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at the full amount, viz: -£17.

" " 114R-565 perches between turn in Carrigmastia Hill and The Leap. Amount allowed £38 per annum.

Richard Miskella, Coolboy tendered at £36-19-0 and William Rochford, Templenacroha, Palace, New Ross at £36-15-0, giving as his <sup>3</sup> sureties Thomas Doyle, Mary Street, New Ross and John Furlong, Ballagh, Raheen. His tender being the lowest was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cooney.

" " 115R-280 perches between turn in Coonogue and turn at Adamstown Castle. Amount allowed £10 per annum.

Richard Miskella, Coolboy tendered at £9-17-6 and William Rochford, Templenacroha at £9-9-0. The latter offered as his sureties Thomas Doyle, Mary Street, New Ross and John Furlong, Ballagh, Raheen, and being the lowest tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cooney.

" " 141R-485 perches between Shanicle Cross Roads and District Bounds at Poulpeasty, excluding part of 140R. Amount allowed £18 per annum.

No tender was received and work was given in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at £18, being the full amount allowed.

" " 150R-380 perches between turn near Tottenhamgreen Bridge and Molmountry District Bounds. Amount allowed £15.

No tender received. Work placed in charge of County Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at full amount.

" " 154R-380 perches between turn in Knockmullen and Main Road in Camblin. Amount allowed £14 per annum.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane West, New Ross tendered alone at £14 and was accepted on the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Cloney.

" " 189R-655 perches between middle turn in Boley and north turn in Boley, south turn in Yoletown and East turn in Boley. Amount allowed £20 per annum,

Bartholomew Day, Boley tendered at £20 and Richard Miskella, Coolboy, Ballycullane at £19-9-6 giving as his sureties John Moran, Ballybrack and John Smith,



Newbawn. The latter being the lowest tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by the Chairman.

Road No226R-260 perches between turn at Great Island Rectory and

turn River at Newtown. Amount allowed £10 per annum,

No tender received. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year at full amount, £10 to March 31st 1928.

" " 227R-420 perches between turn in ~~Great~~ Great Island and River opposite Cheekpoint. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year to 31st March 1928 at full amount allowed, viz:-£12.

" " 230R-530 perches between Main Road in Ballintreskin and turn in Ballybrazil. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year to 31st March 1928 at full amount, £18.

" " 232R-340 perches between turn in Ballysop and Main Road in Ballykelly. Amount allowed £12.

William Power Ballybrazil, Campile tendered alone at £12 giving as his sureties Richard Ryan Garryduff, Campile and Patrick Forristal, New Ross. Accepted.

" " 236R- 380 perches between turn in Ballykeerogue more and turn in Ballykeerogue beg. Amount allowed £15.

William Power, Ballybrazil tendered alone at £15 and was accepted giving same sureties.

" " 242R-590 perches between St James's Catholic Church and Main

Main Road near Dunbrody, with the branch to the Campile Road in Ballykeerogue. Amount allowed £29.

William Power, Ballybrazil tendered alone at £29 and was accepted giving same sureties.

" " 270R-370 perches between turn near Templeboy Old Castle and turn in Kilbride. Amount allowed £13.

No tender. Work given in charge of Co. Surveyor for 1 year to March 31st 1928 at full amount, viz:-£13.

" " 280R-160 perches between turn in Clonagh and Road near Fethard Amount allowed £6.

Thomas Orange, Connagh, Fethard tendered alone at £5 and was accepted, his sureties being William Powell, Ramstown, Fethard and John C. Hearne Fethard.

" " 293R- 330 perches between Ballyleagh Reservoir and Main Road at Ballybanogue. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Work given to Co. Surveyor 1 year at full amt.



Road No. 296R-260 perches between Taulaught Cross and Garrycullen Cross. Amount allowed £6 per annum.

John Murphy Tallaught, Ballycullane tendered alone at £6 and was accepted, his sureties being Michael Finn, St. Leonard's and James Hennessy, New Ross.



## WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

## TENDERS COMMITTEE.

WEXFORD DISTRICT.

A Meeting of the Tenders Committee(Wexford District) was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 19th March 1927.

Present:- Col Gibbon Vice-Chairman Co.Council(presiding),  
Also, Messrs James Gaul and P. Hayes.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and Birrhistle were in attendance.

The following Tenders were accepted:-  
(from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1930)

Road No. 67W. -- 660 perches between Main Road at Monmore and turn at Crory Middle and Main Road at Garrycleary to Slaney Lodge gate. Amount allowed £40.  
Thomas Brien Glenteigue, Glenbrien tendered at £39 giving as his sureties Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford and Daniel Dempsey, Coorawn, Edermine.  
This was the only tender and was accepted, on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Gaul.

" " 74W --440 perches between turn in Galbally and turn in Ballyhowbeg. Amount allowed £28.  
Three tenders were received:- John Murphy, Ballinablack Curracloe tendered at £15 giving as his sureties Richard Fortune, Ballinacoola, Curracloe and James Staples of Ballinablack, Curracloe.

Tenders were also received from the following:-  
Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge at £15-10-0: and John Roche, Ballyhoo, Screen at £17-4-11.  
The tender of John Murphy Ballinablack at £15 being the lowest was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul.



Road No 75W--415 perches between turn in Ballina and turn in Ballymore. Amount allowed £25.

Four tenders were received:- Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge tendered at £21: John Roche, Ballyhoo, Screen at £24: 9:9, Martin Murphy, Ballina, Curracloe at £23:10:0 and John Murphy, Ballinablake, Curracloe at £15. The latter gave as his sureties James Staples, Ballinablake, Curracloe and Richard Fortune Ballinacoola, Curracloe. The tender of John Murphy, Ballinablake, Curracloe being the lowest was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes.

- " " 79W-130 perches between District bounds at Tinnakilla and Main Road at Shanahona. Amount allowed £8. No Tender.

It was decided that road be placed in charge of County Surveyor for one year, viz, from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1928.

- " " 82W--460 perches between road in Johnstown and the Slob with branch to the Curracloe Road in Ardcolm. Amount allowed £16. Denis Murphy (old contractor), Johnstown, Castlebridge tendered at £15 and Martin Murphy, Ballina, Castlebridge Curracloe tendered at the same amount.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the tender of Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge at £15 be accepted for Road No 82W, he being the old contractor."

Passed.

The sureties in this case are John O'Leary, O'Hanlon Walsh Street, Wexford and James Kelly, Baker, North Main Street, Wexford.

- " " 107W--455 perches between turn in Harpurstown and turn in Aughermon. Amount allowed £25. William Stafford, Cools, Barntown tendered at £24-14-6: Matthew Walsh, Rochestown, Taghmon at £25 and Henry Long, Kingsford, Barntown-who gave as his sureties John Dowd, Glenview, Barntown and Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown- at £24:6:0. His tender being the lowest was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by the Chairman.

- " " 112W--385 perches between turn in Harveystown and Main Road in Traceystown. Amount allowed £18. Wm Stafford, Cools, Barntown tendered at £17-9-0 and Henry Long, Kingsford, Barntown at £16-17-0. The latter gave as his sureties John Dowd, Glenview, Barntown and



Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown.

Long's tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by the Chairman.

Road No 123W---265 perches between turn at Barntown Castle and Main Road at Arcandrisk. Amount allowed £9.

Henry Long, Kingsford, Barntown tendered at £7-9-0.

William Stafford, Cools, Barntown " " £8-9-6

Patrick Devereux, Barntown " " £7-0-0

John Cooney do " " £6-18-0

The latter gave as his sureties Patrick Doyle, Colestown, Barntown and Nicholas Codd of same address.

Cooney's tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul.

" " 159W-- 465 perches between turn in Russelstown and Road at Muchtown Bridge. Amount allowed £11.

The only tender received was that of Edward Furlong, Knocktown Cross, Duncormack at £11. He gave as his sureties Thomas Keyes, Gibberwell, Duncormack and William Walsh, Graiguesallagh, Duncormack.

The tender was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes.

" " 199W--175 perches between Road in Barrystown and turn beyond Kiltrahouse. Amount allowed £10.

There was no tender received and the road was given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year, from 31st March 1927 to 31st March 1928, at the amount allowed.

" " 213W--865 perches between turn in Ballyteigue Slob and Road in Chapel, with branch to road in Sarshill excluding part 214W and including branch to Lannagh. Amount allowed £22.

The only tender received was from John Cullen, Killag, Duncormack at £18-18-6. This was accepted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes.

The sureties in this case were Thomas Keyes, Gibberwell, Duncormack and William Walsh, Graiguesallagh, do.

" " 257W--285 perches between Urban boundary and Mulgannon. Amount allowed £16.

The only tender received was that of Johanna Bishop, Ballyboggan, Ferrycarrig at £15. This was accepted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul.

The sureties in this case were Thomas E. Quaid, Ferrycarrig and Philip Cowman, Main Street, Wexford.



COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted from Co. Surveyor:-

"I submit list of Road machinery at present owned by the County Council, and I have put approximate value on the various items. I do not expect that the Council could obtain this price disposing of the machinery second-hand, but it is the value to the Council having allowed for reasonable depreciation.

On the 22nd inst I had an interview with the representative of the firm quoting for Compressor Plant, and he was accompanied by the Works Manager. I went fully into the points raised by the County Council at their meeting on the 14th inst, and am satisfied that the two Fordson Tractors would not be serviceable for the work. The Compressor engine which will be started on petrol will be run generally on paraffin. I have prepared particulars as to working cost, etc., and shall discuss this further at the meeting.

I have quoted on for Tar Sprayers and shall submit same to the meeting. At a former County Council meeting it was decided these should be obtained if possible for the Grant work. As there is a large amount of spraying work to be done this year, it will be impossible to carry out the work without these machines, a small hireage rate will cover the initial cost and the saving will be considerable.

I have placed order with Messrs Goodwin Barsby for the Breaker as approved by the County Council, and I expect it will come to hand in the course of a few weeks.

I have arranged with the police authorities to have small quantities-up to 5 lbs- of gelignite left in charge of approved gangers for use in the various quarries, and I expect this will enable us to ~~very-materially~~ improve the work very materially. I have a number of replies from other counties regarding the procedure there, and in most cases escort is required. In a few cases Surveyors state that they are allowed to deal with explosives apparently without any restrictions.

I have obtained from the Assistant Surveyors particulars giving instances of earnings made by hauliers doing work at the fixed rate of 10d per yard mile, and shall submit same to meeting.



"It will be necessary for the County Council to fix rates for quarry material and machinery hireage during the coming year and I recommend that last year's rates be adopted. In regard to the machinery charges, the rates may appear high, but they are calculated to cover the full expenses of the machinery department including repayment of loans, rent, insurance of machinery premises, motor taxation, upkeep and repair-including Overseer and overhead charges.

I directed Mr O'Neill to obtain signed Agreements in connection with removing turns on Road 67R, going to Mr ~~XXXXXX~~ Quigley's Mills. When these Agreements are complete we will be able to have the necessary work carried out, and the cost will be charged to the Direct Labour Proposal for the coming year.

On the 21st inst, I made inspection of the Corramacorra Road accompanied by Mr Hayes M.C.C., Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and a number of interested parties. It was arranged that a special undertaking should be put in by the local people so that the Council could understand exactly what liability they would be undertaking. I shall have further particulars for the meeting.

At last meeting of the Council, complaint was made of the Camblin Road, No. 23R (New Ross). I have now made arrangements and the work is in progress, to have a quantity of material from Ballinaboola Quarry, and I believe it will be necessary for the future to obtain material either from Ballinaboola or Tincarrig new Quarry if this road is to be even reasonably maintained.

Complaint has been made of the footpath in Taghmon, and I have arranged that under the coming year's maintenance proposal, the footpath shall be treated with tarred screenings. This will be an improvement but unless proper sewerage system is adopted, we cannot improve the defective drainage.

As requested by the Council, I submit Ordnance Sheet showing location of the Railway Crossing on the Slob Road. The matter of obtaining Counsel's opinion in regard to our rights is in hands of Mr Elgee.

As directed by the Council, I have been inspecting and inquiring in regard to new quarry at Dunanore. I was informed that Capt Alcock's Estate, of which this is part, had



been disposed of to the Land Commission, and I have written this Department on the matter.

Complaint has again been made by Mr McCarthy of Fairfield regarding flooding of his land adjoining Verona Bridge. I wrote Mr McCarthy suggesting three alternative methods of dealing with the matter and asking his views. Also I asked him if he had any other suggestions to make, and stated that the Council would be prepared to adopt any reasonable method to mitigate the nuisance. I have not yet heard from Mr McCarthy in reply.

There is an application for moving out fence at St John's near Emm'scorthy, and I consider the Council may allow this. Also there are two applications in regard to new buildings at Rosslare. In the case of Mr Kelly, I have sketch showing proposed work, and I am satisfied that it will not be objectionable. In the other case, I have not yet had time to examine into the matter."

Machinery.

The list of machinery and present value of same as submitted by the Co. Surveyor was as follows:-

Drills(Jackhammer) 4, value £280: Stonebreakers 11, value £3400:  
Traction Engines 6, £4275: Portable Engine 1, £250: Steam Waggon  
1 value for £600: Trailers 13, £1000: Steam Rollers 6, £3850:  
Scarifiers 6, £350: Watering Carts 12, £450: Bitumen Sprayers  
6, value £500: Living Vans 14, £1000. Total £15,875.

Compressor Plant.

The County Surveyor stated he had been going into the cost of a different Compressor Plant than that referred to at last meeting, and as he had not concluded his investigations, he considered it would be advisable to adjourn further consideration of the matter to next meeting.

This was agreed to.

Tar Sprayers.

It was agreed that County Surveyor should fix hireage rate for these machines so that cost of purchase of same would be covered.

Goodwin Barsby Stone-Breaker.

The Secretary pointed out that no provision for purchase



of this machine had been made in the annual budget, and he wished to know how the cost was to be provided.

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

"That cost of Goodwin Barsby Stone-breaker decided to be purchased by last meeting of the County Council be taken from Road Contingencies Fund and that this fund be recouped so far as is possible by hireage charge for machine."

Gelignite and Small Blasts.

A long discussion took place in connection with this matter, some members objecting to the proposal for fear of raids on the road gangers' premises.

Mr Corish proposed that the County Council be recommended to make no change in the existing system of providing explosives at quarries.

Col Quin seconded.

As an amendment, Mr Cloney moved and Mr Colfer seconded the following:- "That 5 lbs of gelignite be given to gangers for half dozen of the quarries which most urgently require that small blasts should be carried out in order to procure suitable road material."

On a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 5 to 4.

Hauliers.

The Co. Surveyor submitted figures for haulage from various quarries. They were:- Clonhaston 6/- per day; Carrigeen 6/9; Carrigbyrne 7/-; Ballinglee 7/10; Ballyhealy 7/6; Ballinabola (2 horses and one man) 12/-, a second man with two horses in same quarry 8/4½ per day, a third man (one horse) 6/8; Clologue 8/-; Tara Hill 7/-; Gummer 7/6; Carrigfoyle 12/-; In this latter case, a special advantage of 8d per cubic yard was made for negotiating a very steep incline from quarry. The men had brakes on their carts and if the latter over-run in the journey, they would be smashed. There was, of course, in this case far more wear and tear on the horses and carts than in ordinary haulage. In Ferrybank Quarry, the wages were 9/- per day. The average rate paid hauliers was from 7/- to 9/- per day.



Mr Corish proposed:- "That the County Surveyor again consider cost of haulage and report to next meeting of Roads Committee what it would cost the County Council to provide <sup>that</sup> men engaged at haulage work should be able to earn 8/- per day.

Mr Shannon seconded the resolution which was adopted.  
Rates for Hireage of Machinery  
and Quarry Material.

The Chairman proposed. Mr Corish seconded and it was passed:- "That for the six months from 1st April 1927 to 30th. Sept 1927 the Co. Council be recommended to make the following charges for hiring of machinery, viz:- Rollers 7/- per hour: Breakers 12/- per hour: Drills 12/- per hour: Lorries £2-10-0 per day: Sprayers £5 per week:-

Quarry material- Rubble stone and fine screenings 4/- per cubic yard: Broken stone and three-quarter inch screenings 8/- per c.yd.  
Corramacorra Road.

The County Surveyor stated he had not yet received the undertaking from the local people. It would be necessary to make a road diversion at the place mentioned (near Corramacorra) as the present road passed through a bog. Taking into account the help which should be given by the local people, the new road would cost about £130. The value of the labour, etc., given by the local people would be between £60 and £70.

After some further discussion, it was decided that a Committee of the County Councillors of Wexford E.D. area should visit this road in company with the County Surveyor on Monday, 4th April 1927 and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.  
Footpaths in Taghmon.

In connection with this matter, a Memorial signed by fifteen ratepayers of Mahony's Row, Taghmon was submitted regarding the condition of these footpaths, the Memorialists stating that they were not exaggerating when they pointed out that the footpaths were a constant source of danger to children and aged residents. If any accident occurred, it would be attributable to the neglect of the Council.

It was decided to inform the Memorialists that the Co. Surveyor was taking steps to have these footpaths properly



repaired.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had written to the County Board of Health relative to the sewerage of Taghmon, but had heard nothing from them. He understood that Mr Shortall, their Engineer had stated that no drainage was required in Taghmon, but he (Co. Surveyor) differed from that view.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor communicate with the County Board of Health and point out what was necessary in the shape of sewerage for the village of Taghmon.  
Rosslare Slob Road.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr Elgee said Counsel's opinion was not yet to hand.

Donanore Quarry.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that he had not yet received any definite reply from the Land Commission in this matter.

It was decided that consideration be adjourned to next meeting.

Flooding of Land at Verona Bridge.

A letter was read from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor pointing out that it was advisable to have some immediate action taken to remedy this flooding: otherwise the bridge foundations would be sapped resulting in very serious damage.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a letter which he had written<sup>(n)</sup> to Mr McCarthy, Fairfield, Enniscorthy on November 11th 1926, in which he had pointed out that when the County Council was repairing the bridge, an opening was left into the river which would allow the land water to pass off. It would also have allowed the river water to go in during high floods, but this could only be for a short time. Mr McCarthy had objected to the opening which was accordingly closed.

In the opinion of the Co. Surveyor there were only ~~1/2~~ three ways to deal with the matter, (1) to have the opening in the wall, (2) to put in an automatic flap-gate which would prevent river water from coming in and which would allow land water to pass off when the water was low, and (3) to put a hand-worked sluice in the wall.



He (Co. Surveyor) asked Mr McCarthy to inform him if he were satisfied with any of these methods, or if he had any suggestion to make as to the treatment of the place, but up to the present Mr McCarthy had not replied.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee pending reply from Mr McCarthy.

Moving Out Fences and Position of New Buildings.

In connection with this matter, the County Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr Thomas Doyle, St. John's, Enniscorthy under date 15th March 1927 asking permission to move fence opposite his house for a distance of 9 feet at gate running into present fence, at a distance of 13 yards. It would be no obstruction to the road and the work would cover a waste piece in the margin.

The County Surveyor was in favour of the necessary permission being given.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That Mr Thomas Doyle, St. John's, Enniscorthy be allowed to move fence opposite his house as described in his letter of 15th March 1927, and as recommended by the County Surveyor."  
Erection of Shop at Rosslare.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr Michael Kelly, Chemist, Rosslare under date 23rd March 1927

"I wish to make application for permission to erect a shop in front of my premises at Rosslare. The proposed building is to be of concrete 6 inch walls and probably a front of steel windows."

The County Surveyor stated that Mr Kelly intended to excavate a very high bank in order to erect this shop. This would be five feet back from the road and would be no inconvenience to any person.

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

"That permission be given to Mr Kelly to erect shop at Rosslare Strand in accordance with terms of his letter dated March 23rd 1927."



BUNGALOW at STRAND ROAD ROSSLARE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr William J. Walsh, Walsheslough, Rosslare under date 24th March 1927 as follows:-

"I am erecting a Bungalow on my land at Rosslare Strand Road. I was informed that I had to ask permission from the County Council to do so.

The building will be of the usual Bungalow type, cast iron, wood and cement. I am building it inside a stone wall which exists at present.

I want to have house finished by May 1st. I am willing to appear before next meeting of County Council if required, so as to avoid any delay in having work done."

Col Quin proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That no action be taken as regards application of Mr William J. Walsh, Walsheslough, Rosslare in connection with erection of Bungalow at Strand Road, Rosslare, pending submission of proper particulars to County Council with regard to same."

GUSSEERANE SCHOOL ROAD.

Mr Cloney said that the road from Gusserane School to Nash was in a very bad condition. It was in a similar position to Corramacorra road only that if the people concerned were given a small complement of rough stone out of the quarry and also some fine material, they would carry out all the necessary repairs themselves.

He proposed that the County Surveyor visit the place and make a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr Colfer seconded the resolution which was passed.

TRANSFER OF ROAD ACCOUNTS.

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

"That as requested by Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £13 be transferred from Section J. to Section K New Ross area."



WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

Under date 23rd March 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor reported that the Contract and Bond for above road with the Pioneer Road Construction Company had been completed and stamped.

In connection with work on this road, the County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Pioneer Road Construction Company as regards provision of material from Kerlogue Quarry:-

"We have not a copy of the Specification before us at the moment, but our recollection of its contents does not make it obligatory on the Contractor to work all of the three quarries mentioned.

The only way we can suggest to meet the points raised at the recent meeting of the County Council is to purchase from you the stone required for that section of the road between Kyle Cross and Ferrycarrig Bridge, that is to say approximately 5'000 cubic yards.

We have made our arrangements for the installation of a large and expensive plant at Brownswood Quarry and it would be quite undesirable and uneconomical for us to split up our organisation in the manner suggested by you.

We trust to hear from you that you will be able to fall in with our plans in this matter."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to supply 5000 cubic yards of material from Kerlogue Quarry at production price to the Pioneer Road Construction Company for re-construction of road, Wexford-Enniscorthy provided the Company are satisfied with the price proposed to be charged by Co. Surveyor for this material."

FLOODING OF ROAD 342E.

Correspondence was submitted from Mrs Elza Forrestal, Grange, Killanne complaining of the flooding of her land by water from the road at Grange, Killanne.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided that the Co. Surveyor submit the correspondence in this matter to Mr Elgee, Solicitor with a view to ascertaining what is the liability of the County Council in the case.



ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter was received from Mr Elgee, ~~361/KEJ~~  
Solicitor:-

"The Circuit Court Judge has made a Decree by consent herein, for the sum of £2901 with £10 costs, and I have taken out the Decree and it has been lodged with the Ministry of Finance.

I expect shortly to hear from them that the matter is in order and that we may proceed with the reconstruction."

It was decided that the following Committee meet the County Surveyor at the Enniscorthy Courthouse site on 6th April viz, Messrs T. McCarthy, James Shannon, James Clince, Ml Jordan, David Kavanagh, A. Mernagh, County Councillors for Enniscorthy Co. Electoral Area and Mr James Hall, with a view to considering plan of reconstructed Courthouse.

GRANT FOR WORKS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT  
IN TOURIST CENTRES.

Under date 25th March 1927, the following (No. R/R/201) was read from the Roads Department of Local Government Department:

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that a Grant of £2000 from the Road Fund has been set aside on behalf of the Wexford County Council for works of road improvement in certain tourist centres in the County. The areas selected and the amount allocated in respect of each area ~~is shown~~ is shown below.

Proposals for the most suitable works should be submitted on Form No. 11 as soon as possible, so that the work may be well advanced, if not completed before the Tourist Season opens.

In framing proposals works of greatest advantage from the tourist point of view should be aimed at.

Area	-----	Courtown	-----	££1,000
"	-----	Rosslare	-----	£ 1,000.
				<u>£2,000.</u>

The County Surveyor stated that £1000 would only go a very small way towards effecting any real improvement at the tourist centres. At Courtown he suggested that they should continue steam-rolling beginning at the Main Street end of Gorey town and proceeding as far as they could go in the direction of



Courtown Harbour.

As regards Rosslare, if they could get some arrangement fixed up with the Railway Company as regards level crossing, the Co. Surveyor would be in favour of completing the Slob Road into Rosslare. The existing road from the Railway Station at Rosslare to the Strand could be made fairly wide except at the lower end at Murphy's house.

The proposals of the County Surveyor were approved of, and he was directed to submit the particulars on the special Form furnished by the Department of Local Government.

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

"That the Railway Company be requested to make a contribution to the cost of improving the road from Rosslare Railway Station to Rosslare Strand and that the Co. Surveyor be authorised to submit particulars to the Great Southern Railways Company on this matter."

#### GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MAIN ROADS.

Under date 23rd ~~NOVEMBER~~ March 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (SGD/201) stating that the sum of £9942 had been provisionally allocated to the County Wexford for the improvement of the main roads. Of this sum, £8700 was to be expended on surface dressing with tar or bitumen.

The County Surveyor mentioned that in accordance with the programme which he had submitted to the Department, it was contemplated to deal with 31 miles of main roads with second coating of tar and five miles with first coating. As regards the £1242 left over from the proposal for tarring, he was in favour of finishing the work on the road from New Ross to Wexford with that money. It was necessary that a fair amount of work should be done in the neighbourhood of Tomcoole on this road.

Mr Boggan complained that very little attention was being paid to the New Line from Wexford to Duncannon but the County Surveyor pointed out that there was no money available for this road. Twelve months hence, however, they might be able to apply some towards it.



296E - WALL AT MILL RACE.

Mr Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor reported under date 25th March 1927 that recently he had put a new pipe gullet across this road at the Still by permission of Mr T. J. Davis.

Mr Davis was anxious that the Co. Council would carry out some repairs to mill-race which he stated was the Council's job.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor submit the communication of Mr Davis in connection with repair of mill-race on 296E to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for his opinion."

BROADFORD BRIDGE.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor stated he proposed to commence repairs to this bridge in May, and he would have the work finished in June.

CORBALLY BRIDGE.

The Co. Surveyor reported that on March 26th. in company with Mr Ennis, he had inspected this bridge which was a short distance to the south of Killenagh. One of the arches was badly shaken owing to heavy lorry traffic. The bridge was in a dangerous condition at present and he suggested that it should be closed to lorry traffic. It would cost about £180 for repairs.

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Corish, it was decided that application be made to the Minister for the closing of Corbally Bridge south of Killenagh to lorry traffic for a period of twelve months to allow of repairs being carried out, the alternative routes being through Killenagh or through the Ford of Kilmuckridge.

ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSE AT DUNCANNON.

Under date 21st March 1927, the following was read from Mr B. Downes, Merchant, Duncannon:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for permission to erect a dwelling house etc. on the banks at Duncannon on the Duncannon-Wexford road adjoining the village. I have got the site from Lord Templemore."



The following report was submitted by Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected the place at Duncannon where Mr Down intends erecting a dwelling house.

He is levelling out the bank by the sea about forty perches on the south side of Duncannon village on road 37R.

The house will be ten or twelve feet in from the road with a concrete path running inside the watertables, along by the house.

It certainly will not interfere in any way with the traffic on the road, and in my opinion, will be an improvement to the place."

It was proposed by Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Colfer and passed:-

"That permission be given to Mr B. Downes for the erection of house at Duncannon banks."

#### ENNISCORTHY POUND.

In connection with letter from Hon. Sec. Enniscorthy Branch of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to pay a Pound-keeper at Enniscorthy and to make provision for upkeep of stray animals, the matter was submitted to Mr J. V. Fahy, District Justice for his opinion.

Mr Fahy wrote stating that the question of Pounds was now in the hands of the County Registrar. He suggested that the matter be taken up with him.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Colfer to point out to Mr Davis, Hon. Sec. N.S.P.C.A. Enniscorthy, who was interested in the matter, that the County Council have nothing to say to the payment of the pound-keeper or the arrangements in connection with the Pound, the matter being one for the County Registrar, Mr J. N. Scallan.

#### BOILERS, ETC. AT OLD JAIL.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 19th March 1927 from Mr J.S. McDonald, Ballyeden House, Clonroche, asking if he could purchase a boiler and bath from those in the Old Jail.

It was decided to inform Mr McDonald that pending



the reconstruction of the old Jail premises, the County Council would not dispose of any fittings there at present.

#### WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

It was decided to ask the Minister for Finance to receive a deputation relative to reconstruction of Old Jail premises as a Court, Court Offices, etc. in accordance with the consent of the Minister for Justice agreeing to this proposal.

#### NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Boggan that when lease of New Ross Courthouse has been executed by the Tottenham Trustees, the Finance Committee should consider the letting of <sup>the</sup> ~~this~~ portion of the premises which will not be required for Court purposes, etc.

#### CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

The County Superintendent, Garda Sióthchana, wrote under date 25th March 1927 asking that Sergt. Arthur J. Lee (2185) be appointed as Inspector under Cinematograph Act, 1909 vice Sergt. M. J. Gorman (1831) transferred to another county.

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

"That Sergt. Arthur J. Lee (2185) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act, 1909 for Fethard sub-district (Garda Sióthchana) vice Sergt. M. J. Gorman (1831) transferred to another County.

#### WEIGHTS & MEASURES OFFICE, NEW ROSS.

Under date 21st March 1927 the following was read from Sergt. Sweeney (G.S.) Inspector under Weights & Measures Act:-

"I beg to state that I intend commencing the annual reverification of Weights & Measures in the New Ross Court District within the next few days. For this purpose a suitable office will have to be provided by the County Council. Last year the Office provided was entirely too small for the purpose-the work had to go on too slowly and took too long to complete.

I understand that the Co. Council are taking over the Courthouse, New Ross in the near future and there should be no difficulty in setting aside a room in the building as a



Weights & Measures Office. I would be thankful if an office would be allocated to me as soon as possible. Until then I intend to carry on in the office used last year.

The following requisites should be installed in office:- Writing table, work bench for testing and adjusting weights, scales and measures, shelves for storing standards, traders' weights etc, awaiting verification, also lighting and heating arrangements and gas ring for melting lead together with water supply and tap, trough and basin."

It was decided to refer to the County Surveyor the question of the provision of office for Weights & Measures business in Courthouse and receive a report from him in the matter.

It was also agreed that he should consult with Sergt. Sweeney in regard to furniture required for office. Sergt. Sweeney is to carry on for the present in existing office.

#### PROPOSED BRIDGE AT WHITEHOUSE.

Mr Shannon said he had been asked by a number of rate-payers to bring before the meeting the necessity which existed for the erection of a bridge on 257E (from Gurrawn Lane to Breen's public house at Rathmure) at the White House.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor arrange to meet Mr Shannon on road in question in connection with the proposal and that a report be presented to next meeting of Roads Committee.

#### WATER TABLE AT POULPEASTY.

Mr Shannon referred to a defective water-table at Poulpeasty Chapel. It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should inspect this with Mr Thorpe and Mr Shannon and report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

#### BROWNSWOOD QUARRY.

Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Glenbrien came before the meeting in reference to his claim (adjourned from last meeting) for compensation for work of stripping, etc. at Brownswood Quarry which had been afterwards taken over by the Co. Council without compensation to Mr Brien.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Boggan:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to pay Mr Brien, Glenteigue a sum of £10 in full discharge of his claim in connection with stripping rock and preparing face at Brownswood Quarry which was subsequently taken over by the Co. Council.



It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall and carried:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th March 1927, be and are hereby confirmed.  
Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

Mr Doyle proposed and Col Gibbon seconded the following:-

"That the County Surveyor again approach the Pioneer Road Construction Company and endeavour to arrange with them to have a reasonable quantity of material taken from Kerlogue Quarry in order to provide employment for the men of the district and who are very badly in need of same." Adopted.

Col Gibbon complained of the manner in which the preliminary work of laying the foundation on this road had been carried out, particularly between Edermine and Oylegate. Yards and yards of ~~skw~~ stone put in for bottoming, had, owing to the heavy traffic, bulged over to the sides which were now higher than the centre of the road. He hoped the Co. Surveyor was satisfied with the work done. He (Col Gibbon) was very glad the Local Government Department were responsible for the re-construction of this road, and not the Co. Council. He did not know how it would be possible for any concrete, unless heavily reinforced, to stand on a bottom which had no foundation.  
Corramacorra Road.

Col Gibbon complained that he was the only person who attended the Committee for Corramacorra Road on the 4th April.

Mr Corish and Mr Boggan stated that the day in question was so frightfully inclement they thought it was impossible to have a meeting.

After discussion, it was decided that a meeting of the Committee be re-fixed for Wednesday 13th April at 11 o'clock. (Summer Time).

Camblin Road.

Mr Cooney complained that four miles of <sup>this</sup> roads were in a very bad condition.

The County Surveyor said he could not do any more than he



had done at present on this road.

It was decided that so far as was possible, the County Surveyor should have the pot-holes filled.

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

"That on their next inspection, the Roads Inspection Committee be requested to visit and report as to the state of the road between Duncannon and New Ross via Camblin.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

In reply to Mr Sean O'Byrne, Mr Elgee stated that Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, Gorey had refused to give a right of way into the proposed new quarry. She alleged that there was a road at the back of the quarry which could be used without crossing her land. He (Mr Elgee) was in communication with the Co. Surveyor in the matter.

Mr Sean O'Byrne pointed out that the order of the Council was that proceedings should be taken against Miss Palmer if she refused to agree to their request.

Mr Elgee considered it was premature to take proceedings. If they went to Court in the present instance they would be met by the statement that there was another road available without crossing Miss Palmer's land. The District Justice would only give an Order to enter the quarry, but he would have nothing to say as to what compensation was to be paid to the owner.

The matter was adjourned to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Ballylannon Railway Crossing.

In reply to Mr Colfer, the Co. Surveyor stated that he was in communication with the Railway Engineer who had directed his foreman to go on with the work at Ballylannon Railway crossing. Sewerage at Taghmon.

Mr Gaul mentioned that as regards references made to this matter at the Roads Committee by the Co. Surveyor, a report had been received by the Health Board from their Engineer that the



public sewerage in Taghmon was all right. Any repairs which ~~were necessary~~ were necessary were in connection with private owners' drains.

The Co. Surveyor stated his view was that the common drain down the centre of the village had broken down from time to time in years past and had never been satisfactorily repaired. He would certainly say that it was not in a sanitary condition and no proper outfall had been provided. It was not possible to put gulleys and traps to discharge into a place ~~like that~~ <sup>like that</sup>. He suggested that they should go into the matter on the spot with the Engineer of the Health Board, Mr Shortall.

This suggestion was adopted.

#### Old versus New Time.

Mr Connors said it was very unfair to ask road workers to carry on by new time. He did not see what harm could be effected by allowing them to work by the old time from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The County Surveyor did not think this would be a satisfactory arrangement. They worked by ~~h~~ new time last year and had no difficulty whatever in the matter.

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

"That the road gangers ascertain from the road workers their opinion as to whether they prefer working by old time or new time, and that the matter be further considered at next meeting of the Roads Committee.

The resolution of the Chairman as to the confirmation of the Minutes was then put and passed.

#### CORONERS' (AMENDMENT) ACT 1927.

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government dated 28th March 1927 (B.G. 12282/1927 Ilgnoitheach) was read.

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

"That Circular letter from Department of Local Government (B.G. 12282/1927/Ilgnoitheach) and Coroners (Amendment) Act be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report."



# APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.

Mr Doyle complained of the delay by the Local Appointments Commission in making appointments of Medical Officers for Carrigbyrne and Bunclody. The ratepayers had now been mulcted in at least £66 owing to this delay.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That this County Council desires to draw the attention of the Minister for Local Government to the unnecessary expense incurred by the rate-payers of this county through the dilatory action of the Local Appointments Commission as regards the vacancies for Medical Officers in the districts of Carrigbyrne and Bunclody."

It was proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Jordan and carried:- "That the attention of the Auditor General be called to the action of the Appointments Commission in neglecting to make within reasonable time, appointments of two Officers under the County Board of Health. The rate-payers of County Wexford have already been mulcted to the extent of ~~££££~~ £66 by this delay, and in the circumstances, we consider the Auditor General should surchar  
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surcharge the responsible officer of the Commission with this amount."

## COUNTY LIBRARY SCHEME

Under date 4th April 1927, (G/11166/1927/Wexford County) the Department of Local Government wrote enclosing copy of Inspector's Report regarding the above and stating that the Minister is in accord with the suggestions of the Inspector.

The following is the Report of the Inspector:-



A Chara,

In accordance with instructions conveyed in your letter of the 7th ult., I held on the first and second days of March, 1927, in the Book Repository, 74, North Main Street, Wexford, an Inquiry on Oath into the administration of the Wexford County Library Service.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, attended on behalf of the Wexford County Council, and the following witnesses were sworn and examined:-

Mr. N. J. Frizelle, Secretary County Council  
 Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman County Council.  
 Mr. William Thorpe, Member County Council.  
 Rev. Bro. Markey, Christian Bros. Schools, Wexford.  
 Mr. Patrick Hickey, Technical Institute, Enniscorthy,  
 (Member Lib. Committee).  
 Mr. Edward Foley, Member Library Committee and former  
 Ch. Co. Co.)  
 Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Member Library Committee.  
 Mr. Denis Whelan, Member Library Committee, and  
 Miss Josephine Walsh, County Librarian.

The Rev. Fr. Fitzhenry, P.P., Our Lady's Island, Member of the Library Committee, was in attendance throughout the Inquiry, and although he did not himself give evidence, his helpful explanations of some of the points at issue were much appreciated.

At the outset, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, protested against the order in which I had proposed to take and examine witnesses, but, as I took the view that the Inquiry was intended rather as a searching investigation of the whole Library Service than as a trial of particular persons, I did not deem it expedient to alter my arrangements.

Mr. Hickey, member of the Library Committee, contended that as the Library Committee was set up by the Library Authority (the Co. Council), they, the Library Committee, had the right equally with the County Council to requisition the services of Mr. Elgee, but that, as Mr. Elgee had, by his advice to the County Council at their meeting on the 10/5/26 committed himself to the policy of the County Council, they, the Library Committee, had decided to attend the Inquiry without legal representation. I am impressed by Mr. Hickey's contention.

The evidence falls under four main headings as follows:-

- a. Evidence in support of the contention that the full powers vested in the Wexford County Council as Library Authority were, by resolution of the 27-4-25, delegated to the Library Committee and that the powers so delegated were never properly recalled.
- b. Evidence to the effect that in passing their resolution on the 10-5-26, which purported to retain certain powers in their own hands and to delegate others to the Library Committee, the Wexford County Council acted within their authority.
- c. Evidence as to the functions exercised by the County Council and the Library Committee, and of the relationship between these two bodies.



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- d. Evidence as to the working of the Library Scheme and the manner in which the duties of the Library officers were being discharged.
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Under a. there is:-

1. The evidence of Mr. Hickey that as the Co. Council had by their resolution of April 1925 already delegated full library powers to the Library Committee, they, the County Council, were not in a position in May, 1926 to make further delegations; that the Chairman of the County Council, the Vice Chairman of the County Council, and Colonel Quin, the proposer of the May 1926 resolution did not appear to have had any knowledge of the powers already possessed by the Library Committee. (This latter contention seems to be borne out by the evidence of the Chairman of the County Council, who stated that "personally, he was not aware of the powers already delegated to the Library Committee").
  2. The evidence of Miss O'Ryan and of Mr. Denis Whelan corroborating Mr. Hickey.
  3. The evidence of Mr. Edward Foley that "the County Council re-appointed the existing Library Committee but did not question in any way the powers or duties already conferred on the Library Committee by the outgoing County Council".
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Under b. there is:-

1. The evidence of Mr. N. J. Frizelle that the powers delegated by resolution of 27/4/25 were delegated to the Old Library Committee, and that the only powers delegated to the present Library Committee were those given by resolution of 10/5/26.
  2. The evidence of the Chairman of the County Council, Mr. Thomas McCarthy, that until May 1926 no powers were conferred on the present Library Committee, and that the Library Committee was an "optional" not a "statutory" Committee.
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It seems to me:-

1. That the powers and duties delegated to the Library Committee by resolution of April 1925, were in no way affected by the fact that there were subsequent changes in the personnel of the Library Authority (the County Council) by reason of the occurrence of Local Elections.
2. That while the necessity for appointing new committees arises automatically on the taking of office by a new County Council, the necessity for defining the powers and duties of such new committees does not so arise, and, in the present case, did not in fact arise.



(3).

3. That the County Council resln.of May 1926 purporting to confer certain powers on the Library Committee was not occasioned by any administrative necessity.

4. That if the Wexford County Council had had at their meeting on the 10-5-26 a clearer conception of the grave problems involved in the management of a Library Scheme they would have refrained from approving terms which were in effect an affront to their excellent Library Committee, more especially as the members of that Committee were admittedly selected because of their exceptional fitness to deal with the organisation and management of an intellectual enterprise.

Concurrently with these views, however, I am disposed to hold that even although the County Council of Wexford did by resolution of April, 1925 confer upon and assign to their Library Committee all their powers and duties under the Library Act of 1855, the County Council were not thereby precluded from themselves exercising at any time, any of the powers or duties so conferred. The position appears to be simply that of Principal and Agent, that is to say, while a Principal may delegate to an Agent power to do certain things, the Principal may himself also do these same things.

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Under c. we have:-

1. The evidence of Mr. Hickey that the action of the County Council was directly responsible for the closing of the Enniscorthy centre; that there was delay in calling together the sub-committee appointed by the Library Committee to deal with the question of filling a vacancy on the Library Staff; that resolutions of protest from the Library Committee were treated with contempt by the Co. Council; that the Co. Council availed of every opportunity to deprive the Library Committee of control; that no Finance Committee of the Library Committee had been set up; that the Co. Council regulated the holidays of Library Officers; that the County Council acted illegally in filling a vacancy on the Library Staff (this contention is covered by my obs.above); that the Co. Council lowered the standard of education and the subjects of examination as decided upon by the Library Committee; that the Co. Council interfered with the authority of the Library Committee by appointing a gentleman on the Book-selection Committee which is a sub-committee of the Library Committee.

2. The corroborative evidence of Miss Nellie O'Ryan and Mr. Denis Whelan.

3. The evidence of the Rev. Brother Markey that the standard of examination as prescribed by the Co. Council was lower than that laid down in an examination for Junior Assistant Librarian in Rathmines; that the standard of Irish prescribed by the County Council was so low that it was impossible to set an examination on it; that the time-table prescribed by the County Council so limited the time for each paper that he was prevented from fully exploring the extent of knowledge that would ordinarily be possessed by students of the standard in question; that the subject of Literature was expunged by the Co. Council.



(4).

4. The evidence of the County Secretary that all representations received from the Library Committee were fully dealt with by his Council; that in fixing the examination subjects and standard the Council had in mind the appointment of a CLERICAL ASSISTANT, not an Assistant Librarian; that the qualifying percentage, namely thirty-three and a third was that fixed on a former occasion for the position of rate collector. (With reference to this post I should say that from the nature of the duties to be performed and the objection to act as substitute during any temporary absences of the County Librarian, the lady recently appointed to the Library Staff was in fact an Assistant Librarian and not a mere clerical assistant. I am strengthened in this view by the testimony of Mr. Hickey to the effect that two former assistants who served in the Wexford Library in a similar capacity had since obtained posts as chief Librarians).

I have noted:-

The chilling mandate of the Co.Co.at their meeting on 10-5-26, the fact that the Library Committee had no authority over the Library Staff; that even the function of checking and vouching library accounts for payment had been denied them; that the Secretary of the County Council was in reality the executive officer of the Library Committee although not under the control of the Library Committee; that instead of prompt and sympathetic understandings on all matters affecting the Library Service, representations made by the Library Committee to the County Council were permitted to take that cold, formal routine course which gave rise to such misapprehension on the part of the Library Committee; that the ambitious standard aimed at by the Library Committee in filling the vacancy on the Library Staff compared very unfavourably with the palpably low standard required by the County Council, and, lastly, that so few members of the County Council deemed the Inquiry worthy of their attendance.

From all this evidence it is clear:-

1. That the relationship between the two bodies has not been characterised by occasional friendly exchanges.
  2. That the disinterested zeal of the Library Committee has met with nothing but aloof domination at the hands of the County Council;
  3. That the position of the Library Committee all through has been one of uncertainty and impotence;
  4. That the interest of the County Council in the affairs of the Library Scheme was quickened by the report of a vacancy on the Library Staff, and
  5. That the highly-commendable and successful endeavour of the County Secretary to inaugurate and establish a Rural Library Service in the County Wexford appears to have been marked by a friendly unwillingness on his part to permit any serious measure of Library control from passing from Fortview to North Strand Street.
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(5).

In connection with the manner in which the County Librarian has been discharging her duties it will suffice to enumerate certain of the admissions made by the lady herself in the course of her evidence - admissions which prove conclusively that she is in fact, unequal to the responsibilities of her office.

Her minutes were incomplete and inaccurate; she failed in her interpretation and execution of the orders of her committee; the lapsing of centres was not properly investigated; she purchases books without authority and made some purchases that were at least indiscreet; she did no real propaganda work; called her committee together at unsuitable times or not at all, and in a general way, displayed a deplorable lack of business and secretarial capacity.

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The great function of a Library Committee is, unquestionably, to see that the nature of the books procured; the standard of their excellence and the sufficiency of their numbers conform to the intellectual requirements of the people for whom they cater, but it must be evident that if this function is to be exercised fully and effectively there must be, under the control of that Committee, subject to it, loyal to it, and co-operating whole-heartedly with it, a highly-trained officer of outstanding attainments and ideals, whose duty it would be to reach his people and ascertain their particular local needs; to create a book-atmosphere that would penetrate to every corner of his district.

Books in the hands of a mere "Recorder of Book-Movements" fail to fulfil their destiny, so that not only must the County Librarian be an organiser of minds and of methods but he must at all times enjoy the confidence and respect of his committee. The choosers of his books must be the choosers of him and his assistants.

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After careful consideration of the facts and information elicited at the Inquiry I have to recommend:-

1. To the County Council:-

The restoration to the Library Committee of all the powers and privileges of April 1925.

The transfer of the present Librarian to the general county service.

2. To the Library Committee:-

The application of their minds with all earnestness to the question of selecting for the post of County Librarian an officer whose record, education and training qualify in a special way for the great trust of cultivating and developing a scheme of such stupendous importance to the people of Wexford.



In the belief that the spirit in which contradictory views were put and expounded at the Inquiry can be taken as fairly indicative of the capacity of the citizens of Wexford to ventilate and consider their differences in an atmosphere of goodwill, I feel that there is room for but one regret, namely, that instead of a full and friendly exchange of views on the tenth of May 1926 there should have been necessity for a Sworn Inquiry on the First March, 1927.

J. A. GLEESON,  
L.G. Auditor.

To/-

The Minister for Local Government & Public Health  
Upper Merrion Street,  
D U B L I N.



In connection with this matter, the following report under date 5th March 1927 was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I beg to report that, as instructed, I attended on behalf of the County Council at the Local Government Enquiry in connection with the administration and working of the County Library Scheme which was held on the 1st and 2nd inst. in the County Library Office, Wexford by Mr Gleeson, Local Government Inspector.

At the opening of the Enquiry, the Inspector stated that the procedure he proposed to adopt in taking the evidence was, that he would first take the County Secretary's evidence, then that of the Chairman of the County Council, then any members of the Council who wished to be heard, and then he would take the witnesses for the Library Committee.

I objected to this course being adopted, and pointed out that the Enquiry had been asked for by the Library Committee, and that except for the letter from the Local Government Department informing the County Council that an Enquiry was to be held into the working of the Library Scheme in the County, the Council had not been given any particulars whatever of the case which they had to meet or the charges which had been made against them to the Department, and that it was impossible for the Council witnesses to deal with the matter in the dark.

The Inspector refused to alter his ruling as to the order in which he proposed to take the evidence, but stated he would take a note of my objection.

It was only during the afternoon of the second day of the hearing that Mr Hickey, Principal of the Technical School, ~~ENN~~ Enniscorthy, and ~~ene~~ a member of the Library Committee, was allowed by the Inspector to read a carefully prepared statement on behalf of the Library Committee of the charges which they made against the Council, that the Council's representatives at the Enquiry knew exactly what the allegations were, and these allegations were met by the Secretary of the County Council as far as was possible on such short notice.



"Had the County Council or their Officials been in possession of the allegations made by the Library Committee to the Local Government Department before the Enquiry, they would have been in a much better position to put <sup>their</sup> ~~the~~-case ~~for~~-the fully before the Inspector."

Mr Elgee also wrote under date 9th April 1927 as follows:-

"As instructed by Finance Committee I have looked into the qualifications and disqualifications of the members of County Library Committee.

Three members of this Committee, viz., Mr P. Hickey, Principal, Technical Institute, Enniscorthy; Mr T. Lungley, Principal, Technical Institute, New Ross and Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Secretary to County Insurance Committee are disqualified from acting as Officers of their Committees so long as they remain members of Library Committee. See Section 70 of Local Government Act of 1925 and definition Section (i)(ii) and (iii)."

After discussion, the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon :-

"That a Conference be held on 14th April between the Finance Committee of the County Council and the following representatives of the County Wexford Library Committee:- Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P.: Messrs E. P. Foley, and Denis Whelan in order to arrive at a proper working arrangement for County Library Service."

It would, the Chairman pointed out, avoid all friction in the future if they had some understanding with the Committee as to how the work was to be done.

Mr Corish considered, on a point of procedure, it would be more advisable to ask the Library Committee to name their own representatives who would meet the Finance Committee in conference.

The Chairman accepted this view and proposed, - "That the Library Committee be requested to nominate representatives to meet, with a view to the consideration of the report of the Inspector of the Local Government Department, and as to <sup>the</sup> future working of the Library Scheme, the Finance Committee of County Council on 28th. April 1927."

Col Gibbon seconded this resolution which was adopted.



It was proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and passed:-

"That this County Council hereby decide that in future they must decline to be represented at any Government Enquiry (similar to that conducted recently into the working of the County Library Service), which proposes to investigate allegations or charges made against the County Council unless a statement of these charges and allegations be furnished to the Council previous to the holding of said Enquiry."

#### FORTHCOMING DAIL ELECTIONS.

"The following Memo from the Minister for Local Government was read:-

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health invites general co-operation in making more fully realised the public expense involved in the preparation of Annual Registers of Electors and in the holding of Elections.

The average yearly cost of compilation of the last three Registers has been £82,231. To hold a Dail Election costs about £64,000. The 1923 Dail General Election (Register and Election) cost £159,050. The total number of electors was 1,785,436 and of that number 691,440 did not vote.

For the 1925 Local Government Elections the total cost (Register and Election) was £101,000. Abstentions were very great. In one of the most important counties only 44 of every 100 voted.

The Minister has some hope that a wide dissemination of these facts may reduce the number of those who without reasonable excuse and because of sloth or ignorance are habitually unmindful of their obligations to record their votes. "

#### CLOSING OF ROADS.

Sealed Orders of the Minister for Local Government closing Sparrowsland Bridge and the Road from Tivoli Terrace junction to Park Cottage, Wexford were read:X



NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME.

Circular letter under date 7th April 1927 (SGN/201) was read in connection with Grant of £69,613 for improvement of National Roads in County Wexford; also Schedule giving particulars of the various roads upon which it is proposed that this amount should be spent.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had furnished all the information required in the matter to the Department of Local Government a month ago.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline and adopted:-

"That the attention of the Local Government Department (Roads) be called to the fact that as the Co. Surveyor has already supplied all particulars required on Forms as to proposed expenditure under letter (SGN/201), we request sanction to the proposals immediately."

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE RECONSTRUCTION.

Under date 29th March 1927, the Secretary, Ministry of Finance wrote (404/296) that the Minister would receive a Deputation from the County Council in regard to the proposal made for a variation to the reinstatement condition attached to the Award made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission relative to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse.

The Report submitted by the Deputation was as follows:-

"In accordance with letter of 29th March 1927 (404/296) from the Department of Finance arranging that a deputation should wait on the Minister in regard to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse at the old Jail, the Courthouse Committee met Mr Blythe, Minister, at Government Buildings, Dublin on 7th April 1927.

Present:- Messrs M. Doyle, Sean O'Byrne, Wm. Thorpe, Michael Jordan and Col Quin. The Chairman was unable to be present owing to a prior engagement.

The Secretary and Co. Surveyor were also in attendance. The matter was very fully considered and the deputation



dealt in detail with the accommodation which existed at the old Jail premises and old Courthouse site.

The Minister appeared to be impressed with the views put forward. He promised to make further enquiries and to obtain a report from Engineer of Office of Public Works as to the accommodation provided at both sites after which he would convey his decision."

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

"That the report of Wexford Courthouse Committee in respect of interview with the Minister for Finance on the 7th. April relative to Wexford Courthouse be received and approved."

#### ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

The following report of Courthouse Committee(Enniscorthy) re above was read:-

"The Committee met at the site on 6th April 1927.

Present:-The Chairman(Mr T. McCarthy),Messrs Sean O'Byrne Clince,and Michael Jordan.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Ennis and Cullen were also in attendance.

The Committee examined the site and directed the County Surveyor to prepare preliminary draft plans to be submitted to the Roads Committee somewhat on the lines of the reconstructed Gorey Courthouse."

It was proposed by Mr Hall seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and carried:-

"That the Report of Enniscorthy Courthouse Committee be received and approved."

#### WEXFORD-ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

Mr Elgee,Solicitor, submitted Counsel's opinion as regards the use of railway level crossing on above road for the purpose of a public road.

The matter was considered in committee.

Counsel held that the County Council could not compel the Railway Company to allow them to use the level crossing for



the purposes of a public road; Also that the user of the road across the reclaimed land by the public prior to its being dedicated, and the public use for a period extending from the time the railway was constructed down to the present time, would not establish a public right to use this level crossing.

It was proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and passed:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council communicate with the Secretary to the Railway Company and request him to arrange for an interview between Messrs Corish and Doyle T.D.'s and the Directors of the Company in order to ascertain if it would be possible to make some arrangement so that the level crossing on the Slob Road could be used as a public road. That should the Railway Company consent to receive the Deputation, Mr Elgee and the County Surveyor attend the interview."

#### DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

The Secretary submitted list of Land Purchase Annuitants in arrears which he received from the Irish Land Commission.

Mr Doyle said the Land Commission had been buying land at an extraordinarily high price and putting in as tenants people who only remained for a year or a year and a half and then cleared out leaving a great deal of rates as well as rent due. This would account for some, at least, of non-paying Annuitants.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted and referred (ed to the Finance Committee meeting of the 14th April.

In connection with this matter, the Department of Local Government wrote under date 6th April 1927 (G 14756/1927/Wexford County) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of the Rate Collection Return showing the position up to the 31st ultimo and to state it is most unsatisfactory, a sum of over £30,000 remaining outstanding. The Co. Council should take effective steps to have this sum



promptly lodged by the Collectors and all warrants closed."

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACT.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor explained that he had taken the necessary steps with regard to the prosecution for sale of alleged adulterated separated creamery milk by Thomas and Mary Kielty, Mary Street, New Ross, also as regards appeal of Patrick Mullins, Mary Street New Ross for sale of alleged adulterated brandy and Joseph Brewer Irishtown, New Ross for alleged sale of adulterated sample of brandy.

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

"That we approve of the steps taken by Mr Elgee as regards cases of Kielty, Mullins and Brewer, New Ross under the Food & Drugs Act."

#### CONTROL OF DOGS ORDER.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Col Quin seconded the adoption of the following resolution which was submitted by the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That the Co. Council be asked to apply to the Department of Agriculture for issue of a County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order to provide for dogs in the County Wexford being under proper control during all the hours between sunset and sunrise from 1st February to 1st May in each year. This order is necessary owing to reports of worrying of sheep by dogs, which reports have been received by members of this Committee."

After considerable discussion a show of hands was taken when it was found that three only were in favour of the resolution which the Chairman accordingly declared rejected.

#### WEXFORD COASTAL VILLAGES- TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION.

The following letter was read from Mr James Sinnott, Grocer, Duncormack:-

"There is a matter in which I must ask your assistance. The local people here are pressing the Postal authorities to open a Telephone Office in this village. There is a disused telephone line- formerly used by the British Coast Guards-passing through



the village. The Postal authorities could have all the coastline villages in the county connected by putting this line in repair.

Mr Michael Doyle T.D. is also moving in the matter-could you get the Co. Council to draw the attention of Postal authorities to the matter as this village is five miles from nearest Call Office and the centre of a populous district. Thanking you for anything you can do in the matter."

Mr Doyle mentioned that he had seen the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the above matter who had promised to consider the the project ~~sympathetical~~ ~~extremely~~ sympathetically. However, he (Mr Doyle) had since got an official reply that the matter had been turned down. He intended to see the Minister again.

Col ~~XXX~~ Quin proposed and Mr White seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs be asked to re-establish telephonic communication between the coastal villages of County Wexford as we understand this can be done at very small expense and would make for great public convenience."

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

Under date 7th ~~April~~ April 1927, the Forestry Section (Department of Lands and Agriculture) wrote (1735/F) that in regard to resolution of the County Council as to the Department's road at Camolin Park, they referred the Council to the Department's letter of 24th March last and stated they had nothing further to add thereto.

The letter in question of 24th March 1927 stated that the passage was erroneously described in the Council's resolution as a private road of the Department. It was actually a right-of-way through the Department's land for the benefit of neighbouring tenants and could not be regarded as a private road.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided that communication from the Department under date 7th April 1927 (1735F.) be forwarded to Mr Patrick Byrne M.C.C. Camolin with the request that he put it before the people concerned.



CAMOLIN SAW MILLS.

Mr Pender proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Department of Lands and Agriculture be requested to re-open the Saw Mills at Camolin Park for the benefit of the people of the district "

RESIGNATION OF MR P. HAYES FROMMENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

The Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy wrote stating that Mr Patrick Hayes M.C.C. had resigned membership of the Committee as he found it impossible to attend and his resignation had been accepted with regret.

Mr Hayes mentioned that he resigned because he found it impossible for him to attend the meetings regularly.

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Cline the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr James Gaul M.C.C. 7 Roche's Terrace, Wexford be appointed a member of the Mental Hospital Committee vice Mr Patrick Hayes M.C.C. resigned."

GALBALLY PUMP.

Under date 26th March 1927, the Secretary, County Board of Health wrote that the cost of Galbally Pump was estimated at £250 and his Board proposed to apply for a Loan for the purpose of ~~the~~ carrying out the work.

He requested the County Council to make the necessary application on behalf of his Board.

Under date 29th March 1927, the County Secretary wrote asking the Secretary, County Board of Health for the exact terms and date of the resolution regarding this Loan, as after April 1st, the Co. Councils functions in such matters would be merely to approve or otherwise of the proposals of the Board of Health to raise such Loan.

The following order was made thereon:-

"That Mr Sean O'Byrne M.C.C. be asked to hand in the necessary Notice of Motion to issue to the members of the Council relative to approval of Loan of £250 in connection with erection of Galbally Pump.



POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

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

"That new licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act of 1908 be issued to Mr James Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, and that renewal of licence under the said Act be issued to Mr Richard Breen Commercial Quay, Wexford."

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES.

The following Tenders were received for the printing of above:-

The People-----£28-13-6

Free Press-----£30-0-0

Miss Hanrahan-----£40-0-0.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the tender of "The People" at £28-13-6, (being the lowest) was accepted

BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Col Quin, it was ~~de~~ decided to refer to the Finance Committee Circular letter from the Bibliographical Society of Ireland relative to the wide-spread demand on the part of Librarians, etc., for some trustworthy guidance towards the stocking of Irish libraries with the best books available in every department of Irish literature. The Society would prepare such a Guide provided ten Library Authorities would each contribute a sum of £5 towards the cost.

EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION.

Under date 7th April 1927, a letter was read asking the Council to participate in the Commemoration Ceremonies on Easter Sunday dealing with the deaths of all County Wexford men who fell in the struggle for Independence since Easter 1916.

The Chairman mentioned that as the matter was not on the Agenda Paper it was not legally before the meeting. However, since the County Council had long since decided not to participate in political matters, he proposed that no action be taken relative to this Commemoration Ceremony.

Col Quin seconded the resolution which was passed.



