

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING APRIL 10TH 1928.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10th April 1928.

Present; - Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also; - Messrs Wm Boggan, James Cline, P. Colfer, J. Connors, Thos Cooney, R. Corish, M. Doyle, James Gaul, Col Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Col Quin, Thomas Rossiter, Jas Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 15th March 1928 were submitted; -

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on Thursday, 15th March, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman (presiding) also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe, Patrick Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6127: 15: 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of Rate Collection was considered. The outstanding amount on first moiety of 1928 rate was £4938: 15: 8d and on second moiety £4371: 16: 6d: Total £48650: 12: 2d.

The percentage of second moiety lodged by each Collector was as follows:- E. J. Murphy 59.12; P. Furlong 47.55; B. Cleary 44.72 J. Curtis 42.39; Thomas Rowe 41.86; J. Quirke (No.1) 41.07; C. McCarthy 37.80; M. Deegan 36.96; S. Gammon 35.60; J.J.O'Reilly 34.42; J. Doyle 33.61; P. Fitzpatrick 33.15; T. Sutton 30.83; J. J. Kelly 30.73; J. Cummins 30.23; J. Quirke (No.3) 29.65; M. M. Kelly 27.31; J. J. Sinnott 25.90; P. O'Byrne 24.67; W. Cummins 23.63; P. Donohoe 20.95.

The Chairman stated that area of restrictions on the movement of cattle was being reduced in a few days and in consequence Enniscorthy fair would be held on Tuesday 20th March. It was decided that Collectors in Enniscorthy area be urged to expedite the Collections now that fairs in their area are being resumed.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR KILMALLOCK DRAINAGE RATE.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick Hayes, that Mr. P. O'Byrne, Rate Collector, be

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appointed to collect Kilmallock Drainage Rate and arrears.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.
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The following notifications regarding proposals to have children committed to Industrial Schools were submitted:-
Sergt. Denis Cahill, Blackwater:- Committal of James Hall child of Mrs Ellen Hall, Monarrig, Blackwater.

P. J. Gregory, District Court Clerk^{Wexford}:- Committal of Jane and Catherine Wickham, Rosslare.

Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross:- (1) Committal of two children named Connick residing in New Ross, aged $2\frac{3}{4}$ years and $4\frac{5}{12}$; (2) Committal of Catherine Kinsella, daughter of Thomas Kinsella of Cushinstown; (3) Committal of four children of John Hanlon, Old Ross: childrens ages $12\frac{1}{2}$ years; $10\frac{1}{2}$ years; 9 years and 8 years.

It was decided that Superintendent of Civic Guard Enniscorthy be notified that County Council should receive seven days notice of application for committal of children to Industrial School. In the case of child James Hall, Monarrig, the Council received only one day's notice.

It was further decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to oppose application for committal to Industrial School of children of John Hanlon, Old Ross, unless it is proved that the father is not in a position to arrange for their upbringing. That in the event of their committal being decided upon application be made to have a weekly sum of 2/- per week for each ~~head~~ child towards their maintenance paid by the father while in employment.

That in view of the great increase in the sum payable by the County Council to Industrial Schools owing to the number of children sent to these Institutions increasing every we instruct our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, to consult nearest County Councillor and County Superintendent of Home Help regarding each application for committal and to oppose all cases in which the parent or parents could arrange for the childrens upbringing.

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That application be made to the Court for an Order directing the father of children committed to make a contribution towards their maintenance when he is in a position to do so.

DUPLICATE PAYING ORDER.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, that duplicate Paying Order be issued to Mr. M. J. Whelan, Enniscorthy, for Paying Order No. 3994 (Subsidiary Account): amount £6: 8: 4d, which had been lost by Mr. Whelan..

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM THOMAS AND VINCENT O'HANLON.

Report from Superintendent Robert Downey regarding malicious injury application of Thomas and Vincent O'Hanlon for £100 for injury to lorry was read.

It was decided that report be furnished to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and that he be instructed to oppose claim and to arrange for a mechanic to give evidence on behalf of the Council as to value etc.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.

Mr. Thomas F. White, holder of University Scholarship, forwarded certificate from Dr. L. Masterson that he was suffering from Laryngitis and Catarrh and would be unable to attend his studies for six months.

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that existing arrangements for Workmens Compensation and Public Liability Policies which fall due for renewal on 31st March, continue for next financial year.

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

" That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th March 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March 1928 were submitted;-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 29th March, 1928, in County Council Chamber.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Wm. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne and P. Hayes.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9536: 7: 11d was examined and signed .

RATE COLLECTION.

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The state of Rate Collection was submitted. The following shows percentage of warrant for second moiety collected up to 29th March, 1928:-

E. J. Murphy 74 per cent; J. Curtis 54; P. Furlong 53;
T. Rowe 53; J. Quirke 50; B. Cleary 50; M. Deegan 45; S. Gannon
C. McCarthy 39;
44; J. Cummins 40; P. Fitzpatrick 39; M. Kelly 39; P. O'Byrne
J. Quirke (No. 3) 36;
39; J. Doyle 37; T. Sutton 37; J. J. O'Reilly 36; J. J. Kelly 35;
J. J. Sinnott 34; W. Cummins 31; P. Donohoe 25.

Amount of arrears was also considered in the case of each Collector.

A resolution was adopted that the Finance Committee are of opinion that the following Collectors should have made greater progress with their Collections:- Messrs P. Donohoe; Sutton; O'Byrne; W. Cummins; J. J. O'Reilly; J. J. Kelly and J. J. Sinnott. The Collections in these districts when compared with those in much poorer districts leave a great deal to be desired. We expect very substantial lodgments to be made by these Collectors before next meeting of the Finance Committee.

That as regards arrears of Rates the Finance Committee direct Collectors who have over £100 outstanding on any of the rates made for years 1923; 1924; 1925; 1926 or 1927 to furnish a complete list of all items in respect of rates for said years which

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have not been collected and attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee in order that these items may be examined and considered.

In connection with letter of 6th July, 1925, from Local Government Department (G.31304-1925) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Sean Gannon as temporary Rate Collector the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. Sean Gannon as permanent Collector for No.10 Collection District and request Local Government Department to sanction permanent appointment in this case"

In connection with letter of 27th March, 1926 (G.12771-1926) from Local Government Department sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. John Doyle as Rate Collector the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. John Doyle as permanent Rate Collector for No.19 Collection District and request Local Government Department to sanction permanent appointment in this case"

COUNTY PRINTING FOR YEAR.
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The following Tenders for printing for Co. Offices for 1928-29 were received:-

"Free Press"	£122 : 5 : 0d
"The Echo"	£111 : 18 : 0d
"The People"	£103 : 9 : 6d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That the tender of "The People" newspaper for printing for County Offices for 1928-29 at £103: 9: 6d be and is hereby accepted"

PRINTING RATE COLLECTORS' RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTE BOOKS.
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Tenders for the above were received from the "Free Press" at £29 ©WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That the tender of "The Free Press" newspaper at £29 for printing Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books be and is hereby accepted"

KILLENAGH DISPENSARY.
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Under date 23rd March, 1928, letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, applying for the consent of the County Council, under Local Government Act 1927, to the borrowing of £190 for the purpose of building new dispensary; at Killenagh the repayment of loan to be charged on the County.

Mr. O'Byrne gave the necessary notice of motion to allow of the matter being considered at the May meeting of the County Council.

INSURANCE POLICIES.
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Under date 26th March, 1928, the following letter (7537) was read from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin:-

"We enclose herewith Renewal Notice in respect of the Employer's Liability Policy due on the 31st instant. The premium, you will observe, shows a slight reduction on last years.

"Regarding the Public Liability Policy we regret that owing to the Claims Experience over a number of years past the Hibernian Company are not prepared to invite renewal at the existing premium and suggest the issuing of a new policy at a premium of £65. The existing premium is £36: 9: 0d and last year the claims paid and estimated came to £48: 9: 9d. In previous years also the claims were higher than the premiums, so that an increase in the rate is justified"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That unless

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Hibernian Insurance Co can arrange to have Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurance Policies renewed on the same terms as last year our Secretary be instructed to have these insurances arranged for in another Company and through the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

COPYING DEMAND NOTES
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A quotation for printing and preparation of Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes at £231 from Mr. R. A. Foley, Manager, Underwood Typewriter Co., was received.

The Secretary stated that existing method of preparing Receipt and Demand Notes worked out cheaper than the quotation of Underwood Company and in consequence no action was taken.

SANCTION TO ADDITIONAL OVERDRAFT.
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Under date 12th March, 1928, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.16379-1928 Loch Garman Fa.) sanctioning additional overdraft with Treasurer of £12,000 as from 15th March, 1928.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN.
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Under date 23rd March, 1928, the Department of Education Industrial Schools Branch wrote (R & I.37) enclosing lists giving particulars as regards ex-pupils placed out in recent years from the Industrial Schools to which the great majority of Co. Wexford children are committed.

The Schools dealt with were;- St. Michael's Wexford; St. Aidan's New Ross; Artane; Clonmel; and Waterford.

The reports were in all cases satisfactory.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th March 1928 were submitted;-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 26th March, 1928.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman (presiding) also:- Messrs W. Boggan, P. Colfer, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Elgee, ^{Solicitor} the County Surveyor and the six Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.
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The following report for month was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I made inspection of the Borramacorra road on the 20th instant, and met Mr. Hayes, M.C.C., on the ground. There has been a good deal of work done: sides have been cleaned off for almost the entire length, and proper drainage channels and out-lets prepared. The bad slump holes and depressions in surface of the road have, to a large extent, been made up with rubble stone. It would take a comparatively small amount of work to complete job to be done by the local people. There is a short length at the lower end of which has not yet been touched, and there are three short lengths of side cleaning and channels not done. Moreover, some of the rubble stone will require breaking as it is too large, and probably a little extra will be required in a few places.

"On the 21st instant the Committee appointed by the Council visited Corragh Lane above Bunclody, and made thorough inspection. If any work be undertaken there it must be thorough, as otherwise the money will be wasted. I estimate that the very least figure at which work can be done will be £500, and special provision must be made for this if the work is to be undertaken, as it will not be reasonable to curtail the expenditure on existing roads to cover this new work.

"On the 22nd instant the Committee appointed by the Council

made inspection of Barraglan Lane. Only about half the length of this road is in existence, and to complete - from County Road to County Road - will entail making a new road. At the very lowest estimate the entire work will cost about £1100 to £1200 and the remarks in regard to the Corragh Lane apply also to this in regard to the financing.

"I have directed Mr. Treanor to furnish report on the work done to date by the local people on the Monasootha Lane, and this I shall have for the meeting.

"On the 22nd instant in company with Messrs Hall and J. O'Byrne I inspected Gorey Hill Quarry and the adjoining premises belonging to Miss Palmer which were reported to have been damaged by recent blast. The damage, if any, is trifling, and I submit report from Mr. Treanor covering the matter.

"I recently wrote to Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer, Roads' Department, inquiring about distribution of money on Grants for the coming year. I made particular reference to the completion of the side filling on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Concrete road and also the replacement to the current year's Grant of the amount taken from the Enniscorthy Urban. Mr. Quigley informs me that there will be no further distribution of money during the year, and some steps must be taken to deal with both these jobs.

"On the 19th instant, after heavy rain, and during rain fall, I made an inspection of the drainage of the concrete road. In a few places, that have not yet been reached with the side filling and channel work, there was some lodgment of water. Near Edermine at two gateways water came out of the fields and the owner has been notified to abate this nuisance. At the Mill near Brownswood and the adjoining slope, and, also, at Blackcastle Lane the drainage was in perfect order. These were the places that were formerly complained of. I gave instructions to the Ganger in charge regarding such further work that may be necessary along length of the road, and am quite satisfied that when we have completed our work that the drainage will be in perfect working order. On the 21st instant after the

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extremely heavy rain, and during the flooded period, I was again over the road. Inside, and adjoining Enniscorthy Urban area the river completely drowned the road, but in no place where we had completed our work was there any flooding.

"It will be necessary for the Committee to consider the question of charge, and hire rate for the machinery and quarry material, and I shall submit figure at the meeting. In Mr. Quigley's letter of the 24th ultimo, he stated he will not certify beyond certain figures for hire of machinery on Grant work, and these do not appear to cover the charges set out in the Public Bodies Order. I have written to Mr. Quigley asking for further information.

"As directed by the Council I wrote to the Ford Company with reference to the supply of lorry and submit copy of their reply. I think the Council must now decide in regard to the purchase of the lorry, as the present system is most unsatisfactory.

"I have received, from the Minister of Local Government, letter regarding large blasts. As far as it goes it is satisfactory, but the question of the erection of magazine must be now decided.

"I have to report a split on the road No. 11W, between Ardcanrisk and Larkin's Cross. In this case the side of the road has fallen away, and I estimate that large expenditure will be necessary to make good. At Rosslare the Sea-bank beyond Coast Guard Station has partly slipped, and I am warning off heavy traffic, and having the place lighted at night. The proposals recently passed by the Council provide a sum of £300 for work at this place, but nothing at present can be done. In the event of the road being actually damaged I shall close it to all traffic. At Ferrycarrig there is also a fall of the rock partially blocking the road. At this place I have warning notice up and lights at night. I am keeping road open.

"I ask for authority to purchase a number of first aid cabinets to be with the machinery when working in quarries. This is

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necessary under the Quarries Act.

"The recent extremely bad rain fall during the fortnight has caused damage to a number of roads. In fact, in many cases, they are so softened that they are cut up with the traffic, and little can be done at the present.

"During the week Tendering Committees met in the four towns and dealt with the fourth class road Contracts."

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"That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered:-

Corramacorra Road.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that in reference in County Surveyor's Report relative to Corramacorra Road be furnished Mr. P. Hayes, M.C.C., for his information and that the County Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, visit the place a day or so before next meeting of the County Council in order to ascertain exactly the amount of work carried out by the local people.

Colonel Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The County Surveyor said the amount of work not dealt with did not amount to much.

Mr. Boggan - The local people have done an enormous amount of work.

County Surveyor - The drainage - except for two short lengths - has been excellently done.

Corragh Lane.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, had gone into this matter in more detail than was possible on the day when the Sub Committee inspected the place and he had made out an estimate for £700, after carefully measuring up the amount of work.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That the question of taking over the Corragh (Bunclody) road referred to in report of County

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Surveyor to this meeting be adjourned until November next when all applications of this nature will be considered by the Council".

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Barraglan Lane.

Mr. O'Byrne was afraid that the benefit to be derived by the local people concerned in this case would not be commensurate with the amount which the County Surveyor had estimated for the reconstruction of the road.

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

"That the question of taking over Barraglan Lane as a public road be adjourned to November meeting of the County Council!"

Monasootha Lane.

The following report was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The work undertaken by residents on above has not yet been completed. I will make inspection at an early date when if work as promised found to be satisfactorily carried out, I will arrange for delivery of broken stone from Clologue Quarry. I intend to use only a small quantity at present for repairs to places where badly tracked and reserve the major portion for Winter work."

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

"That the question of taking over Monasootha Lane as a Contract road be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council."
Gorey Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that Messrs Hall and O'Byrne had seen the place with himself and Mr. Treanor as Miss Palmer had complained to Mr. Hall. The damage they saw was trifling.

The following was submitted from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Yours of 14th instant re above. The blast referred to was

the sending off of a charge which misfired when large blast carried out. The Ganger sent a man (P. Allen) to road to warn and would have sent a special warning to Miss Palmer but for the fact that her brother who was ploughing in field at quarry left work to go to house and believing that he was aware that blast was about to be done and that he would so inform Miss Palmer, no special warning was given her.

"I made inspection of house same evening and except for about six slates slightly chipped at corners, I could not see that any damage was done. I sent Mr. Willoughby, Contractor, Gorey, to look at roof that evening to let me have estimate. She (Miss Palmer) would not allow him to examine it. I also instructed Messrs Doyle and Byrne, Contractors, to visit place but up to present have not heard from them.

"I will further report sending you estimate when I get same from Doyle and Byrne"

The following was submitted from Patrick Ryan, Road Ganger:-

"I was working in Gorey-Hill quarry on March 7th and came on a charge that had missed fire. I reported it to Mr. Treanor on the morning of March 8th. He instructed me to get what loose stones I could from around the hole, and that he, who was going to carry on blasting operations in Clologue Quarry on that day, would get back to Gorey Hill Quarry if possible between 12 and 1 p.m., when a man (Mr. Palmer) who was ploughing in a field adjacent had gone to his dinner.

I got all the loose and shaken rock from about the hole, and withdrew the most of the original charge.

Mr. Treanor had not turned up at the appointed time so I decided to let it go as everything seemed safe.

I cleared all men out of the quarry and posted them all round the quarry. I also sent two men down to the road to warn all traffic, or anybody within sight. I then lit the fuse and let it go and it did not do anybody any harm as far as I could see. After

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the explosion I sent men to pick up all loose stones in the adjoining fields."

The following statement was read from Patrick Allen:-

"I was engaged in Gorey Hill Quarry on 8th March, date when blast was carried out and was sent by ganger, Patrick Ryan, to warn people coming from Craanford direction towards quarry. I was on road about five minutes before blast took place and during that time only one man with white horse and cart passed and I told him blast was about to take place. He passed on and was well away in direction of Craanford when explosion occurred. I did not see Robert Palmer from the time I arrived on road and he could not have crossed road without being seen by me.

"I was standing on road about sixty yards from Miss Palmer's premises and did not hear any stones striking slates or iron roofs".

The following under date 26th March, 1928, was read from Messrs Huggard Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors:-

"Miss Palmer of Gorey Hill was with us to-day and we rang up and asked if we could have an interview with the County Council with reference to her case, and we were informed that no appointment had been made.

"The position of affairs, so far as Miss Palmer is concerned, has become intolerable owing to the quarrying operations of the County Council on Gorey Hill.

"There is not a blast made in the quarry that some of the material is not thrown into Miss Palmer's land, and some of the County Council's men have to go in to take it off, and recently some of the stones thrown by the blast landed on her house and did considerable damage to the roof and also ^{to} the roofs of the outoffices.

"This was, we understand, seen by some of the County Council's staff.

"The position of affairs is that our client's life and property are in considerable danger, and we are now about instituting proceedings against the County Council for the damage they have done

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and also for an injunction to restrain/^{them}from further operations in this particular quarry.

Will You please let us hear if your Solicitor will accept service".

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be instructed to accept service of writ to be served by Messrs Huggard Brennan and Godfrey, on behalf of Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, and to defend any proceedings taken by her against the County Council!"

Side Filling Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The County Surveyor stated that he had received the following letter from Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer, (Roads), under date 15th March, 1928.:-

"In reply to yours of the 3rd March re above I am quite certain there will be no further distribution of money to Co. Wexford, or, in fact, to any other County.

"We must, therefore, adjust our programme to the money available but I will go into this with you later on."

Colonel Gibbon said it was always understood by the County Council that sufficient amount of grant would be forthcoming to complete the work of side filling on Wexford-Enniscorthy road.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer Roads' Section of Department of Local Government, made a definite statement that the entire work on this road would not cost the Council anything. This should be pointed out to the Department and also the statement made at meetings that the cost of side filling would be met by Government Grant. The County Council had not provided any money to cover the cost of side filling as they were fully certain that it would be provided from State funds.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:- "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to receive a deputation from the Wexford County Council in reference to provision of State grant to

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cover the cost of side filling of Wexford-Enniscorthy Concrete road.

It was decided that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mr. M. Doyle, with the County Surveyor, be appointed on the deputation; Also that the five T.D's of the County be asked to introduce and help the deputation.

Hire of Machinery.

The following is copy of letter from Mr. Quigley:-

"A very great diversity exists in the charges made for the use of plant such as steam rollers, crushers, etc.

"For all such plant which is the property of the County Council an annual account should be rendered showing the number of days worked and the money earned by each unit. This is done in several Counties at present but in others it is nearly impossible to arrive at the cost of each individual plant. Instructions on these points have been issued in our circular of 17th June, 1927, and Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, are fairly explicit.

"Please note that from the 17th proximo I will not certify for any higher rates than the following on any works being carried out under grants, viz:-

45/- per day for steam roller
60/- per day for stone crusher and engine.

"These charges must cover all cost of maintenance, coal, oil, wages of driver and attendant (if any) etc.; The Day shall average not less than 8 hours working time.

"The charge being made in several Counties at the moment is less than the maximum charges now fixed, therefore, no change need ^{made} be/in these cases. My object is to create some uniformity and to prevent quite excessive charges being made in some cases.

"The hire charges for spraying, boring and other plants must also be kept within reasonable limits"

It was decided that the County Surveyor discuss this matter on 28th instant with Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer (Roads Section), Local Government Department, and point out that the manner in which the amounts were arrived at by the County Surveyor was in accordance

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with the provisions of the Public Bodies Order.

Lorry for Road Work.

The following under date 20th March, 1928, was read from Wholesale Manager, Messrs Henry Ford and Son, Ltd.,
Cork:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, we regret that we cannot at the present time give you any definite date when deliveries in any volume can be made. We would like to point out that the first trucks delivered will be of American manufacture, it being a considerable time before we are in a position to supply the Cork manufactured unit."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow the County Surveyor to exercise his discretion as to kind of light ton lorry to be purchased for road work, seeing that it is impossible to ascertain any definite date at which Ford truck will be available"

Blasting Operations

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Department of Local Government (Roads) under date 20th March, 1928 (R/IR/45):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 31st January last relative to availability of explosives, and to state it is understood that the local Superintendent, Garda Síochána, has been instructed to facilitate you in the matter of large blasts.

"The Minister would be glad to be informed of the frequency of blasts necessitating the use of 200 to 400 lbs of gelignite and, also, what progress has been made towards providing a magazine for your Council's explosives".

The County Surveyor stated that the large blasts would be as follows for a year in Assistant Surveyor's Districts:-
Cullen 9; Ennis 6; Kehoe 4; Treanor 7; Birthistle 20; O'Neill 6, or a total of 52. The real difficulty was as to location and

and construction of magazine. According to regulations they could only store about 1000 lbs of gelignite in any magazine they could erect. He submitted quotation from Messrs John Sinnott & Co., Contractors, Wexford, for erection of magazine under specification No. of Explosives Acts 1875 and 1923.

This quotation was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, the amount being £38: 17: 6d.

Road 11W.

The County Surveyor stated that nothing could be done at present as regards this road. He had notices up and lights on it at night. It would be a serious item of expenditure later.

Rosslare Sea Bank Road.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the County Surveyor be authorised to have road beyond Rosslare Coastguard Station closed should he consider this step necessary.

Ferrycarrig Road.

It was decided on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that the County Surveyor, should he apprehend any danger to the public, take steps to have this road closed.

First Aid Cabinets.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he was bound to provide these cabinets by the Quarries Act. He would require about eight of them and he had a quotation at £1: 7: 6d each.

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with David Greene, Lytham, and ask for quotation for first aid cabinets: same to be submitted to next meeting of Roads' Committee.

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

"That the report of County Surveyor, presented to this meeting, be approved subject to any amendments or resolutions adopted in regard to matters dealt with in same".

ROAD CONTRACTS.

The Secretary submitted Form 20 (Roads) in respect of meetings

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of Tenders Committees held at Enniscorthy on March 21st, at Gorey on March 22nd, at New Ross on 23rd March and at Wexford on 24th March, 1928.

The following were in attendance at the various meetings:-

Enniscorthy:- Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman); James Clince and James Shannon.

GOREY:- Messrs J. O'Byrne (Chairman) and J. Hall.

NEW ROSS:- Messrs Wm. Thorpe (Chairman); M. Cloney; J.E. Walsh; Nicholas Murphy; P. Colfer and Thomas Cooney.

WEXFORD:- Colonel Gibbon (Chairman) and J. Gaul.

The Secretary reported that subsequent to the meetings of the Tenders' Committee in New Ross, Michael Doyle, Ballyclemock, who had been accepted as contractor for 295 (New Ross) stated that one of his sureties (Patrick Quigley, Faree) whom he expected to have been in attendance was unable to travel owing to illness. He asked to have Patrick Hanville, who signed the Bond instead of Patrick Quigley, accepted as surety.

It was decided, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne that Patrick Hanville be accepted as surety for Michael Doyle instead of Patrick Quigley, Faree, whose name was submitted to the Tenders' Committee.

The Secretary also reported that Patrick Barron, Battlestown, one of the sureties of Clement Molloy, Battlestown, who had been accepted for Road No. 270 (New Ross), was unable to attend owing to illness.

Molloy asked permission to substitute the name of Patrick Murphy, Dungulph, as surety instead of Patrick Barron.

Mr. Colfer stated that he approved of the change of sureties and it was decided that Patrick Murphy be accepted as surety instead of Patrick Barron.

There were no other Tenders received for either of the above contracts.

The Secretary further reported that Martin Wickham, Forestwood, Palace, who had been accepted for a contract on Road No. 76 (New Ross)

at £26 applied, subsequent to the meeting of the Tenders' Committee, to have Denis Delaney, Ballough, Raheen, accepted as one of his sureties instead of D. McKeon, South Street, New Ross, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

Another tender for this road had been received from Patrick Nolan, Templenacraha, at £28 per annum.

It was proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by Sean O'Byrne, and carried:- "That Denis Delaney, Ballough, Raheen, be accepted as one of the sureties for Martin Wickham, vice D. McKeon, who was unable to attend to sign bond through illness".

ROAD 237 Enniscorthy.
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Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, who tendered for Road 237 Enniscorthy at £15 per annum (the full amount allowed by the County Surveyor) objected to the acceptance of tender of Stephen Dempsey, Currane, on the ground that his brother, Daniel Dempsey, who was security, was not good for the amount mentioned in the bond.

Mr. Cullen forwarded letter from Messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors that Daniel Dempsey owed John Donohoe, Myaugh, £108: 2: 6d and the threshing set which D. Dempsey had was security for this amount.

Cullen came before the meeting and said that the second surety for S. Dempsey - E. Doyle - was security for other roads to the extend of £138 per annum. He had only 4 statute acres of land.

E. Doyle said he held 46 acres odd in one; take the valuation being £28: 5: 0d and held nine or ten acres in a second, take valuation £7.

On examining Rate Book Doyle's statement was found to be correct.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution ~~which~~ ^{was} which adopted:-

"That the decision of Enniscorthy Tenders' Committee accepting Stephen Dempsey as Contractor for Road 237 E be confirmed".

Passed.

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

"That the several proposals for Road Contracts, submitted to this meeting, on Forms 20, be and are hereby approved with the alterations and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman at this meeting".

CASTLEBRIDGE-GOREY ROAD
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Colonel Gibbon asked if this road had been inspected by the County Surveyor as suggested.

The County Surveyor said he had been over it on the previous Thursday.

It was getting frightfully cut up and in order to prevent its complete deterioration, he had arranged that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, should anticipate the expenditure of some of next year's money.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that it was necessary that they should have a definite report and plans as to what was going to be done. In this case it would merely be a waste of money to level the pot-holes. If the Department of Local Government had given them the power they asked for to close any road during frost or snow which was being injured by lorry traffic, the very heavy expenditure which would now be necessary to put this road into repair could have been avoided. They might say that it was the traffic of one particular lorry owner, who was putting a lorry of practically 14 tons over the road, which had caused it to be in its present condition.

The foundations for long stretches had been bulged up at the sides and the road was practically cut to pieces.

The County Surveyor should formulate at next meeting some

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general plan as to what was to be done as ordinary maintenance would be no use.

The suggestion of Colonel Gibbon was agreed to.

BALLYMONEY ROAD.
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The following report under date 24th March, 1928, was received from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"A big slide in land has occurred on that part of sea road between Ballymoney Coast Guard Station and North Strand, causing road to split leaving it very dangerous. I made inspection of place to-day and estimate that a sum of £35 will be required to do work necessary to restore road. I have danger notice put up".

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

ANARE BRIDGE.
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The following report under date 24th March, 1928, ^{was read} from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"If opportunity offers it will be necessary to carry out large repair works at above Bridge this Summer. A year ago a sum of £20 was allowed for repairs to Bridge and walls. Owing to the weather conditions it was not possible to do anything to Bridge and could only repair walls. I have still a balance of £9: 12: 0d, but this would be totally inadequate as defects in Bridge have increased during past year, and I estimate now for repairs that an extra £50 will be required".

The County Surveyor said he would bring up this matter at the next meeting of the County Council.

BALLINAKILL BRIDGE 149G.
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The following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 4th February, 1928, was read:-

"Further to my letter of 14th ultimo I beg to report that

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I made inspection of above on 30th ultimo, when I found one side wall badly undermined and arch bad. I do not consider there is any immediate danger but recommend that bridge be re-constructed in Summer. I estimate that a sum of £90 will be required to do this."

It was decided that consideration of the report be adjourned for the present.

VERANDA AT COOLGREANY.
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Under date 28th February, 1928, Mr. Patrick Lennon, Coolgreany, applied for permission to close in a veranda at Coolgreany and to extend his premises facing the street.

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

"That in connection with application of Patrick Lennon, Coolgreany, the Council have no objection to the closing of veranda since this does not in any way interfere with the public convenience or the rights of the public, but they will not agree to the extension of his premises".

WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD.
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The County Surveyor stated that he had been asked to submit exact particulars as to what it would cost to concrete the full length of road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig and also the three sections (1) from Town Boundary to Park; (2) from Alma to Jones' at Park; (3) from flooded Hollow to Ferrycarrig.

The length of these three sections was 2090 lineal yards while the total length between the concrete road in the Urban area and Ferrycarrig Bridge was 3690 lineal yards. The concreting of this would cost £2 per lineal yard and there would be 10/- per yard required for the side filling. The total cost for the whole road, therefore, would be £9275.

It was proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman and carried:- "That the question of concreting road from Wexford

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Town Boundary to Ferrycarrig Bridge be adjourned till Government Grant be available to carry out the work".

DANGEROUS CORNER AT VERONA.
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A report was received from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 8th March, 1928, stating that he had seen Mr. John Gallagher in connection with improvement work at Verona corner and he required £10 for compensation.

After some discussion, the Chairman proposed, Mr. O'Byrne seconded and it was carried:- "That John Gallagher, Verona, be offered a sum of £8 for the necessary land to improve corner at Verona Bridge, work to cover removal of beech tree at said corner.

FLOODING AT FAIRFIELD.
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The following letter under date 23rd March, 1928 was read from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Fairfield, that the road at Fairfield was flooded to the great inconvenience and damage of himself and the general public, and also that the effect of the road being flooded was to flood his premises and caused the greatest possible damage and inconvenience. The serious defects which give rise to this were pointed out to you by Mr. McCarthy on several occasions. It was not merely due to abnormal flooding because it has occurred several times within recent years and he understood that, when you and the Committee visited same it was to be made right. His farm yard and house were flooded and he had great difficulty in attending to his cattle and there was also some straw damaged. We must require the Council to have the matter attended to effectually without delay and would be glad to hear from you as to this".

It was decided that the County Surveyor inspect and report as to the flooding on the road in question to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

PILING OF STONES ON ROADS.

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Under date 3rd March, 1928, the following letter (RM/201) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to a recent press report of an action brought by a cyclist against a road contractor and a County Council for damages for injuries sustained arising out of the manner of piling stones along a roadside.

"The judge in awarding a decree for £100 both against the County Council and Contractor is reported as saying that the duty of seeing that the roads are kept clear is a duty cast upon a County Council by statute. He was satisfied that the stones in this instance were piled in "a very slovenly manner".

"This Department's Inspectors report that there is great laxity in some counties as compared with others in the matter of obstruction of the free passage of traffic when stones are piled along the roadside waiting for breaking and also when plant is engaged on the work of breaking.

"The Minister thinks it well, therefore, to bring the above-mentioned case to the special notice of County Councils".

The County Surveyor stated he would call the attention of his Assistant Surveyors and also of Road Contractors to this matter.

Colonel Quin asked was it not possible to roll in patches of stones on Saturday evenings. When they remained over till Monday they caused a great deal of injury and expense to motorists in the meantime.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said if they did not allow patches of stone to remain out on Saturday, they would have very little work done on the following Monday.

ELECTRIC LIGHT POLES AT BREE.

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Rev. Canon Sheil, P.P., Bree, wrote thanking the Council for permission granted him to carry electric wires across the lane

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leading from the main road to Bree Hill. He would be responsible for any accident that might arise in connection with these wires.

TOURIST ROADS. =====

Letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, stating that he was taking up with Local Government Department the matter of State Grants to Tourists Roads immediately and his Association would use every effort to secure Grants for this purpose for the coming year.

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' SALARIES. =====

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

"That Assistant Surveyors be paid a salary to cover travelling expenses and that figure for same be agreed to at this meeting for recommendation to the County Council".

Colonel Gibbon and Colonel ^{Quin}/opposed ~~it~~ and after some discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Shannon, O'Byrne, Colfer and the Chairman ... 4

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Hall and Boggan 4.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

NEW TELEGRAPH LINE. =====

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

"That the Council consents to the erection of an overground telegraphic line along the Union Road from corner of Spawell Road to a point near gate at County Hospital, Wexford, on the understanding that the poles are placed in positions approved by the County Surveyor".

ROAD GRANTS. =====

The Secretary reported that Road Grants for £3089 and Tourist Grant for £170 for Rosslare had been received since last meeting of the Council.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT 1909.
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On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergt. P. Clancy (816) Garda Siothchana, be appointed Inspector for the County Council under the Cinematograph Act for the Sub District of Camolin".

COUNTY COUNCIL'S MACHINERY AND MOTOR TAXATION.
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The following resolution was received from Waterford County Council:-

"That we are of opinion that all mechanically propelled vehicles used in connection with the steam rolling and maintenance of roads, the property of County Councils, should be exempted from duty, and we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to take the necessary steps to have Section 20(4) of the Finance Act 1926, amended so as to include all vehicles as well as road rollers, the property of County Councils, which are used in connection with the maintenance of Roads". Copies to be forwarded to County Councils, Corporations in the Free State and County T.D's".

After some discussion it was decided to make no order on this resolution.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on March 29th 1928 be received and considered."

Lorry for Road Work.

Under date 7th April 1928, letter was submitted by County Surveyor from Enniscorthy Motor Co. stating that if the Council decided on purchasing a "Morris" vehicle for road work, delivery could be made immediately, and if the Council decided on a Ford, delivery would be given as soon as could be expected from any Ford agent. They were not in a position to give any definite date for the latter.

Col Quin proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr Hall and adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor exercise his discretion as to purchase of motor vehicle for road work, and that should he consider a van more suitable than a lorry that he be empowered to purchase same. That the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to inform the Council if they consider chassis of old Chevrolet car as suitable for their Engineering Classes, and if so, that the Co. Committee be offered old vehicle at £15, amount offered by Enniscorthy Motor Co."

First Aid Cabinets.

The Co. Surveyor submitted quotations for eight first-aid cabinets for quarries. David Greene of Leytham, Lincs. tendered at 11/6 each and Messrs Fannin & Comp, Grafton Street, Dublin at 22/6.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the cabinet offered by Fannin's was much better equipped.

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

"That the tender of David Greene, Leytham, Lincs. for supply of eight first-aid cabinets at 11/6 each be and is hereby accepted."

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Assistant Surveyors' Salaries.

Mr Shannon moved the following which had been ~~considered~~ considered by the Roads Committee;-

"That Assistant Surveyors be paid a salary to cover travelling expenses and that figure for same be agreed to at this meeting."

Mr Gaul seconded.

After considerable discussion, Mr Shannon, by permission of the meeting altered his motion to read as follows;-

"That Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Cullen, Ennis, Kehoe and O'Neill be paid a salary of £230 which is to be reckoned for pensionable purposes; that these Surveyors be also granted travelling allowance of £170 per annum which is not to be reckoned for pensionable purposes.

That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be paid his present salary of £400 per annum to be reckoned for pensionable purposes and that he also receive a travelling allowance of £170 per annum which is not to be reckoned for pension.

That unaccrued increments of salary to all Assistant Surveyors cease. That approximately the same mileage as obtained for last financial year be maintained. That the usual returns of travelling done each week be furnished to the Co. Surveyor as in the past. That these proposals are contingent on their acceptance by the Assistant Surveyors concerned and are subject to sanction by the Local Government Department."

The Chairman said the proposals meant an increase of only £12 over and above amount allowed for salary and travelling allowances in the Estimate of Rates for current financial year and it would really be a saving as the Council would be saved any further payments of increments.

Mr Gaul seconded the resolution.

Col Gibbon said this motion should not be brought on now but when the Council were preparing Estimates and fixing rate of travelling expenses. If an inclusive salary were paid, it would be an inducement to Asst Surveyors not to travel but to stay at home if times were bad and money scarce and so save the cost as well as the wear and tear of their motors.

Messrs Raftis, O'Byrne and Henderson, on behalf of the Local Government Officials' Union, came before the meeting and spoke strongly in support of the acceptance of Mr Shannon's proposal which they said would be the means of giving the Council a contented surveying staff. This was all-important in view of the large amount of money administered by these men whose present salaries were very low.

Col Gibbon said he would like to mention what he considered was the annual cost of running a small light car such as the Assistant Surveyors used.

The initial cost would not be more than £220. He believed it was now possible to buy a car for £150 to £180, but even taking the figure of £220 and assuming the car would last four years, the total cost per annum would be £55. Supposing this money had to be borrowed at 5%, this would mean an additional sum of £11 per annum. Insurance would work out at £12; repairs £20; Petrol (say 16,000 miles per annum at ~~XX~~ 1/4 per gallon, averaging 30 miles to the gallon) £22-4-0; Oil £3 and five tyres £17-10-0, making a total of £140-14-0 which for 16,000 miles would work out at 3.37d per mile. As a matter of fact the Surveyors were at present being allowed 4½d per mile which left them a margin of profit.

As an amendment Mr Jordan proposed and Col Guin ~~xx~~ seconded the following:-

"That in view of the fact that the Local Government Officials' Union are about to put before the Minister for Local Government recommendations as to graded scales of salaries for Assistant Surveyors, the proposals made by Mr Shannon at this meeting be adjourned for three months, at the end of which time the Council will have information as to the result of the negotiations between the Local Government Officials' Union and the Minister for Local Government."

After discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:-

For;- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Col Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Col Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte ----11.

Against;- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon, Rossiter and the Chairman--12

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on the original resolution of Mr Shannon with the following result;-

For;- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon, Rossiter and the Chairman---12

Against;- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Col Quin, Col Gibbon, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte-----11.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clinee;-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 26th March be and are hereby confirmed subject to any modifications or amendments made at this meeting."

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE ROAD.

Col Gibbon said that great complaint was being made as to the condition of this road. He had heard of tourists coming from England who had turned back when they saw the state of this road and had sent their motor cars back to England.

The Chairman said he was over this road on the previous Sunday and he was surprised to find it so good.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he would level the bad pot-holes with tar and chips and this was about all he could do at the present time with the money at his disposal.

NEW ROSS-CAMBLIN ROAD.

Mr Cooney complained of the condition of this road which he said was almost impassable. Duncannon was the seaside resort of the people of New Ross and the road in question was the direct route to Duncannon. ~~THE NEW ROSS~~ The New Ross

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people expected that the County Council would give them a road which would be at least passable.

The Co. Surveyor said he would get the bad parts and the pot-holes filled immediately, but this was all he could do at present.

KNOCKDUFF LANE.

Messrs E. Kennedy, James Lacy, Garrett Byrne (Bree) and John Tyrrell came before the meeting of the Council in support of a proposal to have the Knockduff Lane taken over as a contract road. They presented a Memorial from eighteen ratepayers who were using the lane and also letters from Very Rev. Canon Sheill P.P. Rev. J. Quigley C.C. Dr Delaney, Bree and Mr Philip J. Hayes V.S. Enniscorthy supporting the petition.

Mr Kennedy who acted as spokesman explained that the lane was $1\frac{3}{4}$ English miles in length. There were eight families living on it and it was also used by a very large number of people. Its present condition was bad; the greater portion of the lane was 13 feet wide from ditch to ditch. The local people would be prepared to level the lane and round off the corners. Any land necessary to be taken in would be given gratuitously for this purpose.

Mr Jordan said the people using this lane were living under a very great disadvantage, whereas if it was put into contract it would give a certain amount of convenience to the general public.

The people concerned were prepared to meet their share of the cost in every way and as this was a very intensive tillage district, he thought they were entitled to every consideration. The maintenance cost of the lane would be very small.

On the motion of MR O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall, the following resolution was adopted; -

"That the following be appointed a Committee in conjunction with the County Surveyor to visit the lane and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee; - the Chairman, Messrs Clince, S Shannon, Jordan and Mernagh.

ROAD AT CHURCH GATE FERNS.

Mr Connors moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That the Co. Surveyor take steps to prevent any further dumping of refuse or road scrapings at the Church Gate in Ferns and opposite the Civic Guard Barracks, and that in future only tar and stone for road metalling be allowed at this place.

MONGLOSS LANE.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor and Mr Shannon furnish a report to the next meeting of the Roads Committee regarding their recent inspection of Monglass Lane."

CORRAMACOPRA ROAD.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Gibbon ~~XXXXX~~ seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted;-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a public road, 215 perches approximately of the road known as Corramacorra Road between the cross-roads at Staplestown House and the county road at Gainstown Bridge when the Co. Surveyor has furnished his ^{certi} certificate that all the work agreed to be carried out by the local people has been done."

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had inspected this road on the 9th April and found the drainage finished and well done. Some stones which had been put on the centre of the road to level up holes required to be broken smaller. Three or four men could carry out this work in a day.

MONASOOTH LANE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Pender;-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a public road 485 perches approximately of the lane known as Monasooths Lane between the county road over Slieveboy and the turn near Raheen

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through Monasootha when a certificate has been obtained from the County Surveyor that the work agreed to by the local people has been carried out. In the meantime, we approve of the suggestion of Mr Treanor Assistant Surveyor, to have supplied 60 cubic yards of broken stone from Clologue Quarry for this road."

ROAD AT ROSSLARE HARBOUR.

Letter was received from Rosslare Harbour Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen asking to have the road from Rosslare Harbour to Kilrane Church and School repaired as its present condition was disgraceful. The children of the district were unable to attend school after a shower of rain owing to the flooding; in fact they had been absent 20 days last year through this cause.

The Co. Surveyor said that flooding at one point of this road had been caused owing to the water pipe having been deliberately blocked. He was informed that children who wanted to remain at home from school deliberately blocked up this pipe with sods and stones and so flooded the road and he was present when this pipe was cleared ^{of} ~~off~~ all kinds of debris, stones, sods, etc. which could not have got into the pipe unless put there deliberately, ~~were in it~~. Near the School there was some flooding which he would take steps to mitigate as far as possible by raising the road. The road surface was in very good order.

Mr Doyle said that the School Inspector recommended the erection of a second wire paling on top of the bank by this road so that the children could not fall down or be injured.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor, who said that the flooding of the Ford of Lyng was responsible for the flooding in this case, should make a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Cline seconded the following which was adopted;:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Board of Works

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and enquire if it would be possible to obtain copy of report made by the Engineer of the Board who had recently examined the area " at the Ford of Lyng in connection with the proposed drainage scheme.

KILMORE HARBOUR.

Mr Corish mentioned that in connection with the proposed dredging of Kilmore Harbour, according to local opinion, the mouth of the harbour was in the wrong position and unless steps were taken to alter this, the money spent in dredging would be wasted.

He had asked the five T. D.'s for Co. Wexford to make representations to the Minister for Fisheries with a view to getting a Grant from the Ministry of Finance to have the alteration in mouth of Kilmore Harbour, as indicated by the local people carried out. The Minister for Fisheries had agreed to send Mr Hassard, Engineering Inspector, to Kilmore within the next fortnight to inspect and report.

He proposed the following resolution;-

"That in the opinion of this Council, the entrance to the harbour at Kilmore should be altered, in view of the opinion held by the local people and fishermen.

That the Department of Fisheries be requested to send down their Engineering Inspector immediately to examine and report on this matter.

That this Department be requested to ask Mr Hassard to notify the Co. Surveyor of the date of his visit who is to notify the members of the County Council representing this district to allow of their attendance at the inspection."

SIDE FILLING WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Gaul and adopted;-

"That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr Doyle be constituted a sub-committee to draft the considered opinion of the Council in reference to the request of the Council that the money necessary to carry out the work of side-filling of the concrete road

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concrete road between Wexford and Enniscorthy should be provide d
from State funds.

POSITION OF ACCOUNTANT.

Under date 24th March 1928, the Local Government
Department wrote (G55591/1927 Ilghn.) that the office of Accountant
including the position of Treasurer (other than a Banking Company) y
had been declared to be an office to which the Local Authorities
(Officers & Employees) Act 1926 applied.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 31st March 1928, the Department of Local
Government (Roads) wrote (R/SGE/32) that the Ministry had approved
of the Scheme for the improvement of Main Roads under the terms
of the Minister's circular letter (R/SGE/201) of 22nd February 1928
The total amount of the Grant was ~~£6600~~ £6720 and the conditions
with regard to men to be employed, attached to previous Grants, would
apply to this Grant.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the
Council £2087 had been received for Road Grants, being for TS 2393,
Trunk Road Maintenance £730, and Link Roads £964.

CARETAKER NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Thomas Lee, Quay, New Ross, tendered at £35 to carry out
the duties of caretaker at New Ross Bridge to March 31st 1929.

Messrs E. Lawlor & Sons, Bridge Quay, New Ross, tendered
at £37-10-0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr Hall seconded by Mr Clince; -

"That the tender of Thomas Lee at £35 for the care-
taking of New Ross Bridge for one year be accepted.

WEXFORD BRIDGE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Pender; -

"That, in consequence of reports of heavy lorry traffic
usingg Wexford Bridge contrary to by-law, we direct the Co. Surveyor

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to place a special watchman on the structure for such time as he considers necessary."

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Under date 26th March 1928, the Department of Agriculture wrote (1056/28) that they had communicated with editors of newspapers pointing out the harmful effect to the country of the publication of unsubstantiated reports of Foot and Mouth Disease

The various Orders as to restrictions, etc. issued by the Department in connection with the two outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease were read for the meeting.

DRAFT DOCK REGULATIONS.

With reference to the circular letter of the Department of Industry and Commerce of the 3rd April 1928, as to draft regulations to be made under Section 79 of the Factory & Workshops Act 1901 in lieu of existing regulations, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council;-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with the Draft Dock Regulations proposed to be made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 79 of the Factory & Workshop Act 1901, in respect of the loading, unloading or handling of goods in any dock or harbour.

I have gone through the proposed Regulations and I find that Part I of same will affect the County Council in respect of the harbours in the County under their control.

Clause 1 of Part I provides that every dock, quay or wharf shall, so far as practicable, having regard to traffic and working, be securely fenced at (a) all breaks, dangerous corners and other dangerous parts of edges of dock, wharf or quay. (b) Both sides of footways over bridges or dock gates.

This last provision does not, I think, affect the Co. Council as they have not such footways.

Claus 2 - Provision for the rescue of drowning shall be made, and shall include, (a) A supply of life saving apparatus, (b) Means at or near the surface of the water to enable persons to support themselves.

Clause 3.- All places in which persons employed and any dangerous parts of road or way over wharf or quay shall be efficiently lighted.

Clauses 4,5 and 6- Provision of First-Aid Boxes or Cupboards.

Clause 7- Provision of Ambulance in all places where over 50 persons are employed.

Clause 8 - Notices to be exhibited, (a) Position of First-Aid Box, (b) Position of Stretchers, (c) Position of Ambulance.

Of the above Regulations, Clauses 1(a), (2)(a) and (b) 3,4(a) and (b) 6 and 8 apply to the Co. Council's Harbours.

The only new provision amongst these are No 2(b) as to the provision of means at or near the surface of the water to enable a person immersed to support himself. (a) and (b) 4 as to the provision of First Aid Box and No 8 as to the Notices, and these, once the Regulations are passed, would have to be complied with by the Council.

All the other Regulations are, as I understand, already complied with by the County Council."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Glince seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That this Council approves of the letter of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, under date 5th April 1928, relative to amendment of Docks Regulations under Section 79 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report from the County Analyst for the quarter ended March 31st 1928 was submitted, from which it appeared that the following samples had been analysed;- Foods 121; Drugs 53; Water 3; Total 177.

Of these, the following were found to be adulterated
New Milk 8; Butter 1; Drugs 3; Whiskey 1; Buttermilk 1; Total 14.

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DEPUTATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION
RE SALARIES OF CLERICAL WORKERS.

Under date 5th April 1928, letter was read from the Local Government Officials' Union asking the Council to consider applications from the Central Council of the Union for a revision of the present remuneration of certain officials on the Council's staff, and for the permanent appointment of two temporary officials. The following are the cases referred to; -

Stephen Hayes-permanent clerical officer in the Secretary's office, appointed September 1920 at £3 per week, without increments: he had given seven and a half years' service and had received no increase of salary.

Timothy Moore-permanent clerical officer in Co. Surveyor's office. Appointed September 1923. Salary £3 per week. His duties had been greatly increased owing to administration of Road Grants.

Denis Radford- permanent clerical officer in Co. Surveyor's office. Appointed September 1920 at £1-10-6 per week. Since then his remuneration has been increased by 15/- per week.

John Moloney-temporary clerical officer appointed since September 1922. Salary £2-15-0.

Patrick Hawkins-Appointed temporary clerical officer March 1923. Salary £2-10-0.

The Local Government Officials' Union requested that Messrs Hawkins and Moloney be appointed to the permanent staff and that the five officers should be given annual increments of £10 with a maximum of at least £250 per annum.

Messrs Liam Raftis, Borough Treasurer, Waterford, E. J. O'Byrne, Dublin Corporation, and Leo J. Henderson, General Secretary, attended as a deputation and dealt with each case in detail.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, gave it as his opinion that any changes in conditions of appointment or increases in salaries

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could only be made by notice of motion.

Mr Corish stated he would give the following
Notice of Motion;-

"That Messrs Moloney and Hawking, temporary clerical
officers of the Council, be appointed to the permanent staff."

He also gave as a second Notice of Motion the
following;-

"That the question of allowing increments of salary
to clerical officers in accordance with letter of the Local
Government Officials' Union of the 5th April 1928 be considered
at next meeting of the County Council."

PROPOSED SCHEME FOR PURCHASE
OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

With reference to Scheme outlined by the County
Board of Health as to the purchase of Labourers' Cottages by
occupiers, the following resolution was adopted (after discussion)
on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by the Chairman;-

"That consideration of the proposed Scheme for
sale of Labourers' Cottages to occupiers be adjourned to next
meeting of the Council, or until further information has been
received from the County Board of Health with reference to the
views of the cottagers as to the feasibility of the Scheme.

We understand that the County Board of Health
are communicating with each of the present occupiers of
Labourers' Cottages in the county in order to ascertain if
they are prepared to accept the proposals."

SHEEP DIPPING.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion
of Mr James Hall seconded by Mr Boggan;-

"That James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, be appointed
Sheep Dipping Inspector for the following Electoral Divisions;-

Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora,
Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshallstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Marys
The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

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That Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Glonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, *Kilboughram, Kilmallark, Kettleby, The Leap.*

That Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the following Electoral Divisions; - Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilnahue, Kilgorman, Limerick, Monaseed, Wingfield.

That Thomas Prendergast, Knockskemolin, Gultart be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the following Electoral Divisions; - Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett Balloughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue, Wells.

That M.J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the New Ross Rural District.

That Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Wexford Rural District.
Remuneration to be £1 per week while employed.

Actual cost of postage incurred by the Inspectors to be allowed.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Thorpe the following resolution was adopted; -

"That licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr John B. Roche of Ballyanne, New Ross."

APPLICATION FOR USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Letter was read from Mr Con O'Donovan, Irish Teacher, Gorey, asking for the use of room in Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of holding Gasra Classes to be held fortnightly on Sunday nights from 8 to 10 p.m.

Circular letter under date 28th March 1928 (U.S.O.R 4/28) from the Ministry of Justice as to the use of Courthouses for

dances or entertainments was read. It was pointed out that this Circular was not concerned with Courthouses which were not used for Circuit Court business.

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

"That the Council regret they are not in a position to comply with Mr O'Donovan's request for use of room in Gorey Courthouse as there is a probability that any available accommodation may be required later for permanent Technical classes."

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE.

Resolution was received from Cavan County Council relative to the Arterial Drainage Bill.

No action was taken as the measure has now been passed by the Oireachtas.

Wm. Carty
May 14th 1928