

WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

MINUTES

of

MEETING HELD ON 8th April, 1929.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held on 8th April, 1929, in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford.

Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clinee Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, James E. Walsh, Col. C.M. Gibbon, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE FR. MARTIN O'RYAN, C.C.

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

"That the following letter in reply to vote of condolence from Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Co. Councillor, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:- "

"I am deeply grateful to the Chairman and the members of the Council for their vote of sympathy and for their touching references to the memory of dear Fr. Martin, R.I.P. I am also more than grateful to you and the other members of the staff to Mr. Barry and Mr. Elgee. Wont you please, convey my thanks to all".

ROADS' COMMITTEE.

The Minutes of Roads Committee, as follows, in respect of meeting held on 11th March, 1929, were submitted by the Secretary:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 11th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs P. Colfer, R. Corish, John J. Culleton, J. Hall, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin, James Shannon and M. Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The past Winter has been most severe on roads, and I have found difficulty in maintaining them. The very full attention that has been given to drainage work, and the judicious surface attention has, in many cases, prevented the collapse of several of the roads, and so far as I have reports from the Assistant Surveyors, and have personally examined the roads, I am satisfied that they were maintained to the best advantage possible for the money available. In my opinion, however, we are working on capital, in so far as the roads are gradually wearing down, while the traffic is increasing. I have just received from the Local Government Department an extract from letter received by the Department from the Irish Automobile Club. This letter severely condemns the road from Rosslare Pier to Wexford and, also from Wexford to New Ross. I am preparing detailed report for the Local Government Department, and shall submit this to the County Council later, but, in the meanwhile I wish to point out that with the funds allocated for the up-keep of these roads it is absolutely impossible to put them into satisfactory repair. By judicious application of tarred stones and screenings I could just keep the roads moderately smooth during the Summer months, but during the Winter they are bound to become badly pot-holed and uneven. A section of the Rosslare road has been

d dealt with near the town of Wexford, and there are considerable
 1 lengths of the road between Wexford and New Ross which have
 been improved, and are in good condition. These sections are
 being maintained, and are entirely satisfactory. The unimproved
 sections of the road can only be dealt with under heavy expend-
 iture - by Grant or Loan - whichever may be decided on.

'I reported to the Council the bad slip of the bank at
 Ardcanrisk in January last, and notified the Railway Company
 who are responsible for this road that I was clearing away the
 debris so as to open the road for traffic. I have now forwarded
 to the Railway Company account of the cost of the work, amounting
 to £72: 3: 10d, and have asked for refund.

'I have already submitted to the Council copy of letter from
 the Pioneer Road Construction Company in regard to their over-
 hauling the concrete road between Ferrycarrig and Enniscorthy and
 hope shortly to have this work put in hands. The Pioneer Company's
 undertaking is, I believe, entirely satisfactory.

'I have received notification from the Department of
 Industry and Commerce in regard to Dock Regulations from which it
 appears that we should provide first aid boxes at the various
 Piers. I ask for authority to purchase the boxes.

'On a number of days recently an Inspector from the
 Department of Industry and Commerce was in my Office checking
 over records, and obtaining particulars in regard to the destroyed
 Insurance Cards and stamps, but up to the present, no decision has
 been given by the Ministry. In connection with this matter I
 have found in the past that with the dis-employment of individual
 workers there was delay in stamping cards, owing to having to
 wait for a Finance meeting, and I suggest that a sum should be
 allocated to purchase stamps so as to have a stock in hands to
 meet such requirements. A sum of about £12 would cover this. In
 connection also with the ordinary Postage Account I am sent out
 of pocket regularly from £5 to £10, and I ask for an allocation
 to cover this. Both of these accounts could be balanced monthly

and reinstated at Finance meeting.

' I have had repairs in my Office carried out, making good damage caused by the fire, and shall submit the account to the Insurance Company for refund.

'Both the Secretary and myself have found it advisable to transfer a number of old papers and forms for storage in the Old Jail Premises, and as we shall require permanent storage in the premises I ask for authority to have shelving put up in some of the old cells on the right hand wing which will not be dealt with in the re-construction work. I have quotation for the work amounting to £10: 6: 6d for each Cell. At present the ground floor of the wing which it is proposed to re-construct is a mass of old records and papers, mainly having come from the various Unions, and these will have to be removed before any work can be undertaken. They may be either sold or burnt, as may be decided upon, but steps should be taken at once to deal with the matter. I have had the Ballot Boxes and Polling Booth screens stored away in the back premises of the Old Jail, formerly the Poor Prisoners' Wing. This building which may be very usefully employed later on, is now becoming dilapidated from lack of proper windows, and so forth, and I suggest that all the openings should be boarded up, and a few small repairs carried out so as to preserve the building. If you decide on this I shall obtain quotation for the work.

'The old Baxter Breaker which was in Tara Hill Quarry for some twenty-two or twenty-three years is now worn out. During the last few years I have been maintaining it by constant repair, but this has proved most uneconomical, and now I have removed the breaker from its position in the Quarry, and substituted one of Hadfields Breakers. The work done by this breaker clearly warrants the change, and as this quarry will not have as full a demand on it as formerly I do not consider it will be necessary to purchase a breaker specially for it; the Hadfield can be moved to another quarry when finished at Tara hill.

'Recently I inspected the Gorey-Arklow Road and found that the concrete curbs, or haunches recently put in are having a satisfactory result. Up to the present there is no sign of the spreading of the sides, and I believe this work should be continued in all cases where the sides are weak, and the traffic bulges them out. A very complete overhauling of the drainage on this road has been carried out, and I believe now that there is no better drained road in the country

'A recent circular from the Local Government Department dealt, amongst other matters, with the Grant for surface dressing of the roads. In your Road Works Scheme you have provided for surface dressing some thirty miles of roads, and it will be necessary to place an order for the bitumen at once so that there may be no delay when the weather allows of the work being put in hands. I ask for authority to deal with this matter.

'Under the Road Works Scheme also it was agreed to burrow £4,000 for the Camblin Road and as I want to arrange for an early start of the work, I ask to have the loan obtained and the cash made available without delay.

'In conformity with the resolution of the County Council I have put advertisement in the local papers asking for offers for haulage of materials, and have drafted form of Tender which I submit.

'During the week, with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, I made special inspection of the hand-breaking work in Gorey Hill Quarry, and subsequently visited the Courtown Road and arranged with Mr. Treanor for putting the work in hands at once. The Council has already decided that the balance of the material unobtainable in Gorey Hill should be obtained in Tara Hill, and I now report that the Gorey Hill hand-broken material will not be in any way suitable for the job, if tar dressing be used. Also the quantity will run very short unless we postpone the work which is most inadvisable.

'In connection with the fire in my Office I submit name of another man - Michael Martin, Allen Street, Wexford, - whom the Civic Guard Authorities report as having assisted in quelling the fire, and I ask that his name be added to list of those already approved for remuneration. In connection with the Claim of the Civic Guards themselves the Insurance Company have written as follows:- "We would point out that Insurance Companies do not generally make any payment of this description to members of the Police Force!"

Mr. Elgee has asked me to submit to you Agreement as to the new letting of Brownswood Quarry, and I ask for order for the sealing of same by the Council".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of County Surveyor be received and considered!"

Wexford-Rosslare Road.

In connection with this matter the Chairman suggested that letter which had been received from the Local Government Department in connection with the allocation of grants for 1929-30 should be read.

The letter in question (RGM/201/29 - March 1929) referred to pointed out that the Minister had decided to continue the making of grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of upkeep of main roads for year 1929-30.

The amounts allowed by the Council for upkeep of Main Roads for 1929-30 were for Main Roads (Trunk) £9277; Main Roads(Link) £10,786: Total £20,063.

The grants, calculated on 50% of refund of cost of main roads which were trunk roads and 30% in the case of main roads which were link roads would be £4638, and £3235 respectively making a total of £7873.

These allocations were subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) that the expenditure is such as to qualify for payment and that the amount allowed will be expended. In this connection

any substantial reduction in expenditure may involve the withholding of the entire allocation.

- (b) that such expenditure represents work actually carried out on the roads within the financial year 1929-30, and is exclusive of loan, establishment and other charges.
- (c) that the return for expenditure, in addition to the general administration of road work in the county is, in the opinion of the Department's Inspectors, reasonable.
- (d) that the surface dressing included in the Road Works Scheme is carried out expeditiously and efficiently.
- (e) that surface dressing materials for all roads are purchased by the Council from the official contractors for such materials for the year 1929-30.

The allocation of £7873 represented the maximum grant towards Main Road upkeep. Any excess expenditure over the £220,063 would have to be borne out of the Council's own funds.

Full particulars of the surface dressing with cost etc., should be furnished with Requisitions and a certificate from County Surveyor. Payment should be claimed without undue delay at the end of each quarter.

The County Surveyor mentioned that for the year 1928-29 the Council were given a grant of £6400 odd for surface ^{dressing} in addition to the main road upkeep grant.

Mr. McCarthy said a statement had appeared in the Press last week giving particulars of grants given various Counties and these were much in excess of the amounts given last year. Wexford was not included in the list.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee should adopt a resolution expressing their dissatisfaction of the manner in which the County had been treated and forward it to their T.D.'s. The latter should press the matter with the Minister. He (Chairman) believed if the T.D.'s pressed the Minister to see that the County got its share the money would be forthcoming.

The County Surveyor said it appeared from the letter of the Department that if the County Council raised a loan for the purpose of carrying out concentrated maintenance on a main road for a year they would not obtain any grant. In several instances money secured through loans could not be employed for improvement

work. Owing to modern traffic the amounts of such loans went really for maintenance and it was unfair that the Council would not be recouped in such cases. If they allowed the roads to drag on and be dealt with under the ordinary maintenance amounts they would be recouped the 50% or 30% as the case might be. The expenditure of concentrated maintenance was really saving the amount of Government grant as by dealing with a particular road through loan the cost of future maintenance would be greatly reduced and as a consequence the amount of Government grant would also fall.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we request our T.D.'s to arrange for an interview with the Minister for Local Government in order to call his attention to the small amount of Road grant given Wexford County for the forthcoming financial year and endeavour to have Wexford treated as fairly as other Counties in accordance with list of grants published recently in the Press.

We further request the T.D.'s to point out to the Minister that in cases in which Roads have been badly injured by motor and bus traffic and County Council have procured a loan to maintain such thoroughfares the Minister should, in view of the action of the Council which will help to reduce the liability of the Government - agree that amounts spent in any financial year for such loans carry recoupment on the usual terms from State funds".

Relative to the report of County Surveyor as to the condition of road from Rosslare Pier to Wexford the following resolution was adopted:- "That the attention of the Local Government Department and Tourist Association be called to the resolution of the County Council of 25th February, 1929, asking the Department to provide from State grant a sum of £3,000 for repair of this road. The tourist traffic of past seasons is responsible for the poor condition of the road and we are of opinion that the ordinary ratepayer is, owing to this fact,

entitled to State assistance to bring the road into such a state as will meet the tourist traffic of the coming Summer.

Electric Light Gorey Courthouse.

Regarding the reference in County Surveyor's report the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the necessary Form, as to installation of Electric light in Gorey Courthouse, be signed by the County Surveyor on behalf of the Council!"

Destroyed Insurance Stamps.

In connection with reference in report of County Surveyor the following, from the Department of Industry and Commerce to him, under date 28th February, 1929, was read:-

"With reference to your telephone message yesterday, I have made enquiries in regard to the claims to Unemployment Insurance Benefit of the County Council workers in question.

"It appears that as a result of a fire in the County Council Offices in January the Insurance Cards issued since October last were destroyed. I understand that generally the cards for the year ended in October last and previous years were available and the benefit to which they are entitled is being paid to such of the workers as have lodged claims in respect of whom there is a record of contributions having been paid in that or previous insurance years. For the purpose of assessing Benefit no credit can be given for the stamps alleged to have been affixed to the Unemployment Insurance Cards that have been destroyed pending investigation.

"So far as can be traced at the moment there are six cases only (three in Wexford and three in New Ross areas) in which claims to benefit have not been allowed. In these cases there is no record of unexhausted contributions to the claimants'

credit and it is alleged that the Cards of these men were among the 1928/29 Cards destroyed in the fire. The case of these

particular men is also under investigation. This investigation is expected to take some time and until it has been clearly established that contributions have been paid for these workers in the 1928/29 year which began last October it is regretted that there can be no question of allowing these men benefit".

Messrs Hayes and Byrne pointed out that since the issue of this letter other men were affected and it was advisable that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce should be asked to speed up the investigation of their Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Messrs Corish and Jordan, T.D.'s should be requested to call at the Department of Industry and Commerce and endeavour to have a satisfactory settlement brought about in connection with the claim of the Council for allowance for National Health and ^{unemployment} Insurance stamps destroyed in the recent fire in County Surveyor's Department";

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That an Imprest Account in the sum of £12 be placed in the hands of County Surveyor to deal with the purchase of Insurance stamps for County Council workers employed on Roads and in Quarries. Also that an Imprest Account in the sum of £10 be placed with the County Surveyor to cover his postage account, these proposals to be subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and accounts to be balanced and reinstated at each meeting of Finance Committee.

Storage at Old Jail.

With regard to reference to County Surveyor's report Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept quotation for fitting up two cells in Old Jail for storage of the records and documents of the Council at a cost not exceeding £20: 13: 0d. That old papers stored ~~in~~ ground floor of wing of Old Jail from the various Unions be destroyed except books and any documents which may be useful for reference purposes".

Old Baxter Breaker.

The recommendation of the County Surveyor in this matter was approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall.

Gorey-Courtown Road.

Relative to reference in County Surveyor's report the following was read from Mr. D. Butler, Secretary, Courtown Harbour Development Committee, under date 2nd March, 1929:-

"The members of the Courtown Harbour Development Committee shall be obliged for information as to the County Council's intentions regarding the steam-rolling of the Courtown-Gorey road.

'Does the Council propose to start from the Courtown end and if so when shall the work begin ?.

'The Committee wish to impress on the Council the deplorable condition of this road which is at present in such a bad state of repair that at least four motor owners here have allowed the licenses on their cars to lapse.

'The Committee would also point out that as the tourist season starts early in May it would be to the interest of the Council and the business people in Courtown that the work should begin without further delay".

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor stated that with the aid of the grant from the Department of Local Government three quarters of a mile from the Courtown end would be dealt with.

Mr. Keegan said there was very little use in dealing with such a small portion of this road. What was to become of the rest of it. When the £1000 grant was laid out the road would be still impassable. The road for tourist traffic would be practically worthless and a bigger grant should have been provided. Courtown lived by its Summer trade and Gorey also benefited. Everything possible should be done to complete the job and if it was not dealt with this year the County Surveyor

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would be able to tell them what it would cost next year.

The County Surveyor said the deterioration of a road which was unattended to would be not in arithmetical but in geometrical progression. This particular road was not at present as bad as he expected; it was, however, very rough and uneven.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area with the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor for the district examine the condition of the Gorey-Courtown road on Thursday, 21st March, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m., beginning at Gorey end and report to the meeting of the Council on the 8th April, 1929, with a view to securing an additional grant to have the road put into a passable state of repair."

In reply to a query, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated, that the road was certainly in a very bad way and was certain, if not looked after, to break up in the Summer. They were beginning at the Courtown end as it was the worst.

Surface Dressing Work.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the County Surveyor be authorised to place an Order at once for supply of bitumen for surface dressing.

The County Surveyor said that the necessary bitumen would cost a couple of thousand pounds.

New Ross-Camblin-Duncannon Road. It was decided that the County Surveyor be authorised to start the necessary work in connection with this road as the loan was now available.

Haulage Tenders. It was decided, Mr. Hayes dissenting, to approve of the form of tender for haulage drafted by the County Surveyor, a definite date by which all offers would be received to be inserted in advertisement.

Gorey Hill Quarry. With reference to report of County Surveyor

in this matter it was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, that the Sub Committee appointed to examine Gorey-Courtown Road on 21st March, 1929, should also visit Gorey Hill Quarry and report as to its working by hand breaking.

Fire in County Surveyor's Department.

In reference to report of County Surveyor it was decided that the County Surveyor forward the name of Michael Martin, Allen Street, Wexford, to Insurance Company, as entitled to remuneration for his help on the occasion of the fire; also that he point out to the Company, regarding their refusal to allow for damage to clothing of local Gardai, that the claim under the policy would have been considerably larger were it not for the successful efforts of the Gardai in extinguishing the fire before it had made much headway.

Brownswood Quarry.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement for new letting to the Council of Brownswood quarry".

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

"That the report of County Surveyor, presented to this meeting, be and is hereby approved, subject to any amendments made by resolutions of this Committee".

APPLICATION BY ROAD WORKER.

Under date 8th March, 1929, Mr. Michael O'Hanlon, 6, Faythe, Wexford, wrote asking to be allowed to make a statement before the Committee having a grievance with regard to employment.

After discussion the following resolution proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Colonel Quin, was adopted without dissent:- "That this meeting refuses to hear Mr. Ml. O'Hanlon

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in reference to his letter of 8th March".

ILLNESS OF MR. MOORE, CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

The County Surveyor submitted medical certificate under date 8th March, from Dr. S. A. Furlong, Wexford, that Mr. T. Moore, was unable to work owing to frontal sinusitis. Mr. Moore was attending to his duties as well as it was possible in the circumstances.

It was decided to leave the matter of Mr. Moore's sick leave in the hands of the County Surveyor to make the best arrangements he thought would be necessary to meet the case.

DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR - ROAD 63G.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from P. Higgins, Contractor for above road, under date 9th March, 1929, that as his permanent man had been laid up for nine weeks and the man employed in his place did very little work he asked for some time before the Council would proceed with prosecution against him for neglect. He would put two or three men on it and finish it up quickly.

It was decided that Mr. Higgins be given a fortnight to have his road made up to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

MANURE ON ROADS.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 19th February, 1929, that Mr. Howard Jeffares, Woodview, Foulksmills, had placed a large heap of manure on the side of the road near Horetown Cross leading down to the Church. Mr. Elgee had written Mr. Jeffares giving him to the 16th February to remove the manure but tho' some of it had been taken away, the great bulk remained. There was no excuse for allowing it on the road as there was no difficulty in getting it into the adjoining field.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against Howard Jeffares for allowing heap of manure to remain on Road 153 R notwithstanding directions to remove same".

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was directed to warn the owners of manure heaps at Solsboro, Enniscorthy, that unless they removed same at once they would be prosecuted.

Mr. Hall dissented from this as he said manure had been deposited at these places for years ^{part} ~~passed~~ and was no obstruction to anyone or injury to the road.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADWAYS OVER RAILWAY BRIDGES.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. F. Sidesm; Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, under date 18th February, 1929, as to contribution towards cost of maintenance of roadways over the following railway bridges:- Slaney Bridge at Wexford 39 perches; Millpark Road Enniscorthy 37 perches; Island Street, Enniscorthy 110 perches. Mr. Sides pointed out that the average rate for the maintenance of the two Enniscorthy bridges was 2/1d per perch.

It was decided that the County Surveyor consult with Mr. Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy, as to the amount which should be demanded for maintenance of the roadways over the two Railway Bridges in Enniscorthy and that he submit to the County Council the figures which he believed would be equitable for the maintenance of the roadway over Wexford Bridge.

WEXFORD MAIN STREET AND MOTOR TRAFFIC

The Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote under date 2nd March, 1929 (R/RV/32) that with reference to the correspondence as to the closing of Main Street, Wexford, to motor traffic, the Minister would, on receipt of an application for Order under section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, with copy of Resolution - the terms of which were set out - consider the question of holding a public inquiry in connection with the application.

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting the driving of mechanically-propelled vehicles in Main Street, Wexford, from the turn at Slaney Street to the turn at King Street, Lower (West), provided that nothing in the Order shall prevent the driving on the said street of any mechanically-propelled vehicle which is being used for the conveyance of goods or merchandise to or from any house, building or other premises situate on or adjacent to the said street. The grounds for the application are that the street is unsuitable for use by mechanically-propelled vehicles".

In connection with the proposal to close portion of Rosslare Coast Road South of Coastguard Station, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote under date 8th March, 1929 (R/IR/10&1) forwarding for the observations of the Council copy of an objection received from residents concerned.

The objection which was signed by three residents on the road - Messrs Thomas James, Philip Wickham and Stephen Crowe and also 14 residents of Rosslare, pointed out that the three residents on the road protested strongly against the closing of the road as it is the thoroughfare to their houses. They asked the Local Government Department to send a representative to see the road before deciding to close it. The closing of the road would, they stated, mean serious loss to them as they had put all their savings into the building of their homes.

It was decided to point out to the Local Government Department that the residents on the road would not be shut off from an alternative route which - tho' it would mean some inconvenience to those concerned - would yet provide a thoroughfare to the entrance gates and over which vehicles could pass.

The Committee believe that the best way to deal with the complaint would be for those concerned to put their views before the Inspector who will hold the Inquiry into the application of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for Order under section 29 of Local Government Act 1925 to close to vehicular traffic for twelve months from such date as may be fixed by him 302 lineal yards of the Coast road between Rosslare Strand and Tagoat through Rosetown running northwards from the point at which the road between ~~Rosslare~~ Rosetown and Rosehill emerges on the Coast, as owing to Coast erosion the portion of road covered by the 302 lineal yards referred to in this resolution has become dangerous to such traffic. That we request the Minister to arrange that at local inquiry asked for in regard to closing of Wexford Main Street to motor traffic the application of the Council for the proposed closing of Rosslare Coast road should be also dealt with".

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Committee the following grants for roads had been received from the Department of Local Government (Roads) £ 31 £400; Trunk Road £632 and Link road £1379.

FOOTPATHS - GOREY TOWN.

Under date 5th February, 1929, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote that this Commissioners had directed him to call on the County Council to provide concrete water tables on both sides of the Main Street. At the time of writing water was lying opposite the doors of most of the traders causing a considerable nuisance.

The County Surveyor said this work would have to be done

sooner or later. He had put forward a proposal for the work in last estimate, but, owing to its reduction, this work had to be cut out.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to furnish to next meeting of Roads' Committee estimate of the cost of laying down watertables in the Main Street Gorey (both sides)".

Under date 7th March, 1929, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote that his Commissioners wished to draw the special attention of the County Council to the state of the footpath in McCurtain Street, Gorey. Large holes in this footpath constituted a danger to the public. The footpath in Clonattin Road was also very rough for the want of gravel.

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Committee.

COURTOWN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

Under date 7th March, 1929, the Department of Lands & Fisheries, wrote, asking to be specially informed if the Council is now satisfied that the £480 estimated for new dock gates would prove adequate to provide a work of lasting nature.

The County Surveyor stated that his estimate for grab dredger and gates had been amended the cost of grab dredger being considerably less than in his first estimate while that for the gates was increased to £507: 15: 0d but the total figures did not exceed the amount agreed to. He believed the £507: 15: 0d would provide substantial gates. This information had been already furnished to the Department in his letter of the 9th January, 1929.

It was decided to refer the Department of Lands & Fisheries to this communication from the County Surveyor.

FLOODING AT FAIRFIELD.

Under date 5th March, 1929, letter was read from Mr. James Cline, M.C.C., complaining of the flooding of road at Fairfield, Enniscorthy. The place was flooded five or six times a year and this was doing great damage to the road and causing great inconvenience to the public. Something should be done to provide a remedy.

Mr. Elgee said this matter had been previously before the Committee and he and the County Surveyor had seen the place. The flooding was caused by a mill pond and in his opinion the owner of this millpond was responsible.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That notice be served on the owner of mill pond at Fairfield to abate the nuisance caused by the flooding of the road within 21 days from the service of same. That in the event of failure to comply with said notice proceedings be instituted."

FLOODING AT BURROW ROSSLARE.

Mr. James Bent wrote, under date 22nd February, 1929, that his lands in Hopeland, owing to the inflow of water from the roads and other places was a complete sea and ~~would~~ was now a complete bog. He wished Colonel Gibbon would see the place. If something was not done soon the place would be of no value to anyone.

In a second letter, dated 3rd March, 1929, Mr. Bent forwarded a statement from Rev. D. Quigley, P.P., Rev. P. Kavanagh, C.C., and Dr. Anglim, that the back strand at Rosslare was in a very dangerous state and not fit for car traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that the County Council were not responsible for the flooding as it was not caused by a County road. Hopeland was a reclamation work and had been neglected which was the cause of its present condition. There was a bit of flooding at the little road which goes down towards the Slob

just beyond the golf links but the place was so flat it was not possible to have it drained.

Mr. Birthistle said that on Colonel Gibbon reporting the matter to him he had seen Mr. Bent and arranged to inspect the place as soon as it had dried out and make a report.

FLOODING AT KILTENNEL.

Mr. Keegan called attention to flooding from the road at the farmyard of Miss Bibbon, Kiltennel, Gorey.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a report in this matter to next meeting of the Committee.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that Counsel engaged in this matter was away and would not be back in Dublin until after the 17th March. He (Mr. Elgee), with the County Surveyor, had arranged to see Counsel after that date.

FLOODING AT DUNCORMACK.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had spoken to two men who lived at the flooded road at Scar. They would not clean the river themselves but one of them informed him they had no objection if the Council would clean it.

FLOODING AT "RAVIS TREE" KILMORE.

In reply to Mr. Hayes, the County Surveyor, said he would try and do something to remedy the flooding at this place.

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS AS A STATE CHARGE.

The following resolution was received from Wicklow County Council:-

"That, being satisfied that the repair and maintenance of Main Roads in each County should be accepted as a national question to be shouldered by the Government, and is one which can only be dealt with by means of a large long-term loan, to

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be raised by the Government, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow consider that there should be an immediate review of the financial relations existing between the State and the local public bodies in relation to the amounts of grants received by such local bodies in respect of Maintenance of Lunatics and the upkeep of Main Roads; we also consider that the time has arrived when agricultural land must be given exceptional treatment by way of relief of rates, if that, our only remaining industry, is to survive".

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

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

Under date 22nd February, 1929 (A.78/30) the above Board wrote that they proposed laying high and low tension cables in the town of Wexford. This would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths but care had been taken to cause the minimum amount of disturbance and the avoidance of damage to persons using the roadway and to the property of the County Council or the Wexford Corporation.

No Order.

"SAILEEN" ROAD.

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, submitted a petition from thirteen persons calling the attention of the Council to the repairing and maintaining of the above road leading from the County road to a strand about three miles long known as "Saileen" strand. The above road was the only way to and from Gorey, their market town, for three families. The sea had taken a large portion of the road away so that they were obliged to go miles around to get to their houses. If the place, which was a favourite resort for tourists, was made passable for motor traffic it would be an inducement for more tourists to visit it. The road was 20 feet wide with an entrance of 40 feet off the County road. It was over a mile long.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had inspected the road which was a mile or a mile and a quarter in length. There was no resident living on it and it ends in a cliff.

The Committee decided they could not see their way to accept any responsibility for the repair of the laneway.

APPLICATION BY ROAD WORKER.

Under date 22nd February, 1929, Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote, on behalf of James Shannon, road worker, St. Leonards, Ballycullane, that he had been ordered by the ganger, James Berney, to trim bushes and clean up the sides of the Fethard-New Ross Road in Coolroe District. A farmer named Nicholas Flaherty had written to the County Surveyor stating that Shannon had cut his fence and that he wanted the bushes returned to him. Shannon, according to the letter, had carried out his duties as directed by the ganger and, of course had no liability regarding the bushes.

Their client, as a result of Flaherty's letter, was discharged and 30/- which was due him was retained. They asked that this money should be paid and what the Council intended doing about the man's employment.

The County Surveyor stated that the ganger had instructed Shannon to leave the bushes with Flaherty as the latter claimed they were his property. Shannon, in spite of this, took away the bushes. Having committed a direct breach of instructions he was discharged. He had been paid all that was due to him.

The meeting decided that Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey should be furnished with the County Surveyor's statement in the matter.

HAULAGE GOREY COURTTOWN ROAD.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, that the tenders for haulage for Gorey-Courtown road be advertised and be dealt with on the 21st March by Councillors of Gorey Electoral area after the inspection of

Gorey-Courtown road.

DUNCANNON "NEW LINE" - WEXFORD.

Mr. Hayes complained of the condition of the Duncannon "New line" from Breens of the Dirr to about half way into Wexford.

The County Surveyor said they were doing what they could with the money available.

TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The following reports of Tenders Committee were submitted:-

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NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE.

Meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee was held in Courthouse New Ross on Thursday, 7th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. J. Cummins, presiding; also Messrs T. Cooney, P. Colfer, J. E. Walsh and J. Brennan.

The County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and O'Neill and the Assistant Secretary were in attendance.

Mr. John Wilkinson, on behalf of Direct Labour Employees requested the Tenders Committee not to accept contracts for any third class roads owing to the large amount of unemployment in the district and Road work was the only chance of employment the men had.

The Chairman stated that although he did not agree with the decision of the County Council to repair third class roads by Contract the Tenders Committee were bound to open the tenders received.

Mr. Cooney agreed with the Chairman that the Tenders Committee were bound to carry out the duties delegated to them by the Council. He appealed to the Contractors, however, in a spirit of Christian Comradeship and fellowship not to take up the roads and thus deprive the workers of their only chance of making a living.

Mr. Thomas Whitty, Fisherstown, who said he had 94 acres of land stated he was a contractor and had given employment to a lot of labourers in his time. He and others were not going to be denied the right to tender for the roads if they thought fit.

ACCEPTED TENDERS.

Form 20 with particulars of all contracts provisionally accepted by Tenders Committee is forwarded herewith.

CONTRACTS OF MARTIN KEHOE, LOUGHNAGEER.

One of the Sureties of Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, who was provisionally accepted as Contractor for six roads did not attend to sign bond at conclusion of meeting of New Ross Tenders' Committee. Kehoe stated the surety (John Wallace, Loughnageer) was ill and unable to attend, but would complete bond at County Council office, Wexford, within a fortnight if permitted to do so.

Bond has been signed by second surety (Joseph Whelan, Loughnageer).

The following are the roads for which Martin Kehoe has been provisionally accepted as Contractor:-

	<u>Amount</u>
723	£11 : 19: 6
724	£19 : 19: 4
727	£5 : 0: 0
747	£19 : 9: 6
825	£10 : 5: 0
828	<u>£15 : 19: 3</u>
	<u>£82 : 12: 7</u>

LATE TENDERS.

It was decided that all late tenders be referred to the County Council.

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Proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the report of New Ross Tenders Committee be received and approved. "

Mr. Colfer contended that Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, who had been accepted as Contractor for six roads would not be able to satisfactorily carry out the work.

The County Surveyor said he did not approve of this man receiving so many contracts. His experience was that where a man had a number of roads he ~~spen~~ spread his time over them and was in trouble with the lot. Kehoe was a new man and as they had no bad report of him they could not say he would not be able to carry out the work.

The resolution approving of report of New Ross Tenders Committee was then put and passed, Kehoe's second surety to sign bonds in County Council office within a fortnight from the date of Roads Committee Meeting.

ENNISCORTHY TENDERS' COMMITTEE

Mr. Shannon submitted the following:-

"We, the Undersigned Contractors, do hereby surrender all contracts on the roads in this area as we consider there is unemployment enough at present without adding to its ranks; moreover we believe that the roads cannot be done better than by Direct Labour owing to the enormous amount of traffic:-

<u>Signed:-</u>	<u>No. of Roads</u>	<u>Class</u>
Peter O'Brien, Ballytarsna.	429	3rd
do do	439	4th
do do	441	4th
James Furlong, Ballyvaldon.	430	3rd
do do	430	3rd
do do	436	3rd
Dwen Murphy, Knocknasilloge.	446	4th
do do	445	4th
Murtha Murphy, Ballinellard	437	3rd
Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasilloge.	433	3rd
do do	438	3rd
Patrick Wafer, Kilmuckridge.	431	3rd
do do	434	3rd
	435	3rd

Enniscorthy District Section N.

After discussion Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded, the following resolution:- "That all Road Contractors be held to their Contracts".

As an amendment Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:- We recommend the County Council to accept surrender of Road Contracts entered into at Enniscorthy Tenders Committee on 12th February by Peter O'Brien, Ballytarsna; James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Owen Murphy, Knocknasillone, Murtha Murphy, Ballinellard; Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasilloque and Patrick Waffer, Kilmuckridge.

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For the amendment:- Messrs Keegan, Hayes, Shannon O'Byrne, Corish, Colfer and McCarthy.....7
Against:- Messrs Culleton, Hall, Smyth, Colonel Quin and the Chairman.....5

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it passed nem. con.

GOREY TENDERS' COMMITTEE.

In connection with Contract No.101, Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote, under date 8th March, 1929, that Mr. Morgan McDonald, had this road for about 20 years. He tendered for it again ^{but} was not accepted as the Chairman said McDonald had enough roads as he had been (at the same meeting) accepted for two other roads.

The total number of perches for which he would be responsible if he secured No.101 with the two others was 1390 perches and on looking down the list it could be seen that at least three single contracts were over this figure. McDonald's was the only tender for the road and he thought it particularly hard that he should be deprived of this contract seeing that he had ~~been~~ had it for such a long time.

The Committee decided to take no action on the letter.

WEXFORD TENDERS' COMMITTEE.

The meeting of Wexford Tenders' Committee was held on 9th March, 1929.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the Council presided and there were also present:- Messrs R. Corish, P. Hayes, Miss O'Ryan and Colonel Gibbon.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors John Kehoe and J. F. Birthistle were in attendance.

A letter was read from Mr. M. M. Roche, County Councillor, apologising for his absence as he was attending a meeting in Carlow in connection with sugar beet.

TENDERS.

James Breen, Grange Little, Rosslare, Labourer, tendered for Road No. 994 at £52 per annum and No. 996 at £14 per annum, the amounts allowed in each case respectively being £57: 10: 0d and £15: 10: 0d.

During the consideration of the tenders Breen withdrew. These were the only tenders which had been received in time.

The County Surveyor stated he had a very large number of late tenders.

Col. Gibbon said that there appeared to be some misunderstanding amongst the intending contractors. In consequence of the discussion at the last meeting of the County Council some men did not send in any tenders before the 26th February; the date originally fixed for the meeting of the Tenders Committee. They submitted tenders since, and he desired to know whether they could be accepted.

The Chairman referred to the appointment of the ~~special~~ special Committee, after which notices were inserted in the press that tenders were to be withheld or postponed.

Secretary - The only notice that we published was that the meeting of the Tenders Committee was adjourned until further notice.

County Surveyor - And a number of the contractors considered that the whole business of tenders was to be adjourned until further notice. As it was, a number of contractors came to me and I told them there could not be any other tenders put into the box. I said without prejudice and no responsibility I would take charge of any tenders and submit them to the meeting.

Colonel Gibbon - There was one point I did not mention. If we rule out the tenders for the third class roads.

Mr. Corish - You can't have it both ways. A special Committee was set up by the Council to go into the question of road maintenance, and they made an unanimous recommendation. The Council turned down the recommendation, and gave as an alternative that any tenders received up to date would be accepted, and that the remainder of the roads would be done by Direct Labour, I submit we are here to consider that, and I consider we have no power in the world to alter it.

The Chairman said that in consequence of the notices that appeared in the Press a good many people who would have tendered did not send in any tenders. He did not think the Tenders Committee had any power to alter the resolution, and the only course open to them was to send the tenders before the Council and have notice of motion served on the County Council to alter the resolution.

County Surveyor - That's the view the Tenders Committee in New Ross took. They referred all the late tenders to the Co. Council to be dealt with.

A long discussion took place after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That in view of the position created by the publication of a notice postponing the meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee from 26th February to the 9th March, 1929, we recommend that the County Council should rescind the resolution of the 25th February relative to Road Maintenance in so far as to enable the County Council to have fourth class roads in the Wexford District dealt with by tenders to be submitted not later than 19th April, 1929, and to be considered on the following day".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of Wexford Tenders' Committee be approved".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee Meeting of 11th March, 1929, be received and considered".

Gorey-Courtown Road.

The County Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee met on 21st March. Colonel Quin, Messrs O'Byrne, Keegan and Smyth with County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, being in attendance.

The Sub-Committee inspected the road at the Courtown end and arranged for the work to begin there and it was now in progress.

The Sub-Committee then considered offers for carrying out haulage from Gorey Hill and Tara Hill Quarries and accepted suitable tenders.

They further recommended that the County Council should do everything possible to obtain a grant from the Government which would allow of the improvement of the whole road from Gorey to Courtown as the grants to the present allowed $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles to remain in a poor condition and subject to ordinary maintenance. In their opinion it would be false economy to remove the machinery plant working on the road at the moment until the entire length had been dealt with.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that with the present grant both ends of the road would be dealt with while the section in between was very poor. The Sub-Committee in the interests of economy as well as trying to cater for the tourist traffic recommended the Co. Council to do everything possible to ~~finish~~ finish the road.

The County Surveyor pointed out that if the Council borrowed the money, according to present regulations, they would not be entitled to the 30 per cent refund.

After further discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the County Surveyor should point out to Mr. Quigley, Chief Engineer Roads' Department

(Local Government Department), who is at present on an inspection tour in the County, the necessity which existed for dealing at once in the way of improvement with the full length of Gorey-Courtown Road.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

The County Surveyor reported that the Sub Committee having arranged for commencement of work on Courtown-Gorey road proceeded to Gorey Hill Quarry where the County Surveyor pointed out that the hand breaking should cease as a sufficient quantity of coarse stone had been broken for the Courtown-Gorey road and a large quantity of screenings was now required.

Haulage Tenders.

The County Surveyor reported that the Councillors for each Electoral Area met in Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th April and considered various tenders for haulage of material. In Gorey prices ran higher than last year. In the other districts prices were not excessive. In Wexford, in cases in which it was considered prices were excessive, it was decided to offer the work at a reasonable figure, taking last year's prices into consideration.

Mr. Shannon referred to a case in New Ross District in which a man who tendered considered he had a grievance. This man tendered at 8d per yard while another man tendered at 7d and was considered the cheaper. But in this latter case the provision was made by the contractor that the material to be hauled should be loaded by the Council. In his (Mr. Shannon's) opinion the Co. Council should load for all or for none.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That in future loading of material by County Council employees for haulage contractors be not carried out."

The County Surveyor said that this arrangement would mean higher tenders for mechanical haulage. When a contractor came with his wagons, loaded them in the quarry and took them away,

empty wagons were filled by County Council employees and were ready to be hauled when contractor returned. In this way no time was lost and in making up their tenders the hauliers took into account the assistance they received from the County Council employees.

The resolution was put and passed.

Wexford Main Street and Motor Traffic.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order under section 7(4) of the Roads' Act 1920 prohibiting the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles in Main Street, Wexford, from the turn at Slaney Street to the turn at King Street Lower (West) provided that nothing in the Order shall prevent the driving on the said street of any mechanically propelled vehicle which is being used for the conveyance of goods or merchandise or passengers to or from any house, building or other premises situate on or adjacent to the said street. The grounds for the application are that the street is unsuitable for use by mechanically propelled vehicles."

Footpaths Gorey Town -

Colonel Quin said that a certain sum had been obtained from the Co. Board of Health for repair of portion of the footpaths which had been interfered with owing to the laying down of water supply.

Mr. O'Byrne said there were ^{four} lengths of curbing in the Main Street, two at each side. The one done at the expense of Health Board was all right but the three remaining were in very bad condition. The place was almost dead level and unless a satisfactory water table was constructed the water could not be carried off. After rain the water stands opposite every trader's door. He would like the County Council

would try and get money from some source to carry out the necessary work.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr. Keegan complained that no cleaning was done in Gorey after the fair on Saturday near the Church to the great inconvenience of people attending their devotions.

The County Surveyor stated he would look into the matter.

He said the other footpaths mentioned at the meeting of the Roads' Committee were in a very bad condition but he had no money to put them in repair.

Flooding at Fairfield.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said he had communicated with Mr. Davis, Mill owner, and had had a reply that Mr. Davis was not in a position to deal with the matter until he had seen his Solicitor. He had served notice on Mr. Davis to abate the nuisance.

Mr. McCarthy said he met Mr. Davis casually and the latter said he did not think he was responsible, that the flooding was caused by the bridge there.

Mr. Elgee - He raised the point that the bridge had sunk owing to the heavy traffic going over it.

Mr. McCarthy - He said he would do anything for which he was responsible.

Mr. Clince said after rain the water could not get through the mill gate and this caused the flooding. Mr. Davis was responsible for this.

Flooding at Kiltennel.

The County Surveyor said this matter had been attended to.

Ford of Lyng. Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that the Co. Surveyor and himself had had a consultation with Senior

Counsel as regards the flooding at the Ford of Lyng and he expected to have the considered opinion of Counsel by next Roads Committee. Counsel had suggested the advisability of getting some of the adjoining owners of land coupled with the Co. Council as plaintiffs and if possible that they should bear some of the expense.

The Chairman said that one or two might contribute something but the rest were very poor people.

He suggested that a meeting of the owners of land adjoining the Slob be held in Tagoat Hall and the position could then be gone into with Mr. Elgee and the County Surveyor.

This was agreed to - the Chairman to make arrangements for the meeting.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that the Slob Co., according to the Act allowing the reclamation works to be undertaken, were bound to maintain the works in a condition that would save the adjoining lands from flooding. The Government had given a grant towards the work and had given permission for the work without any reference to the land owners whose interests the Government undertook to protect. The Government had failed to do this but they certainly ^{should} carry out that obligation without driving them into law and incurring the heavy costs of a Chancery action. The T.D.'s for the County should take up the matter with the Government and force their hands. The Government and not the small land owners were responsible for the present state of affairs. It would be a good thing to send a deputation to the Government from the land owners and the Co. Council to put forward the view that it was the Government who made the agreement, it was the Government who made the condition to protect the small land owners and it was the duty of the Government to see that the small land owners are protected without forcing them into law.

Mr. Elgee said when he received Counsel's opinion he would lay the whole matter fully before the Council.

It was decided to postpone further action in the matter until the opinion of Counsel had been discussed by the Council.

COUNCILLOR COMPLAINS OF GANGERS.

Mr. Culleton said he had been informed by several farmers that some of the road gangers had canvassed road contractors recently accepted by the Council to surrender their contracts. If it were found on investigation that this happened the gangers concerned should be dismissed. He would make further inquiries into the matter.

Mr. D'Arey said he had heard that a similar statement had been made as regards Gorey District but he could not say if it were true.

ROAD CONTRACTORS AND PROPOSED SURRENDER OF THEIR CONTRACTS.

In connection with this matter under date 5th April, 1929, one of the men concerned, Patrick Wafer, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, wrote asking permission to withdraw his name from the list of Contractors who were seeking to surrender their contracts. His name went forward through a misapprehension and he wished to withdraw his name and allow his contracts to stand and which he would carry out to the best of his ability.

Mr. Shannon proposed, and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the following:- "That the recommendation of the Roads' Committee agreeing to the surrender of their Road Contracts by Peter O'Brien, Ballytarsna, James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Owen Murphy, Knocknasilloogue, Murtha Murphy, Ballinellard and Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasilloogue, be and is hereby confirmed"

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For the motion:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney,

Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan.....14.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall,
Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the
Chairman.....13.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong handed in the following from John
Brennan, Kildaloo, Ballycarney, Ferns:- "I desire to withdraw
my tenders for roads No.284, 285 and 286 in favour of Direct
Labour".

Mr. Shannon handed in the following which was signed by
Edward Maddock, Tomfarney, John Cahill, Ballybrittas, William
Kehoe, Coolaknick (Road 502), Daniel Murphy, Ballybanogue (526),
John Nolan (521) and James Murphy, Borelea (417):- "We, the
Undersigned Contractors do hereby surrender all Contracts on the
Roads in this ~~area~~ area as we consider there is unemployment
enough without adding to its ranks; moreover we believe the
roads cannot be better kept than by Direct Labour owing to the
enormous amount of traffic."

Mr. Shannon moved and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following:-
"That Contractors whose names have been handed in at this
meeting be allowed to surrender their road contracts".

Colonel Quin - You can swear those are the signatures of
the men ?.

Mr. Shannon - Who do you think you are talking to ?. Are
you asked to swear anything here ?. Isn't my word as good as
yours ?. I wasn't elected on the scrapings or leavings of
preference votes. If that point should be raised it is by the
Chairman it should be raised. Colonel Quin has no right to
raise that point. I wouldn't take it from him or from anyone
in the room. Would I swear ! ! ! .

A poll was then taken with the following result:-
For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cooney,

Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon
and Miss O'Ryan.....13.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon,
Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh
and the Chairman.....14.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Tenders Committees.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Hall seconded the
following:- "That the resolution of the County Council of
26th February last as to method of road maintenance be
rescinded in so far as same relates to maintenance of fourth
class roads in Wexford District. That these particular roads
be advertised for tenders to be considered at 10.30 a.m., on
Saturday, 20th April, 1929, in Co. Council Chamber, Wexford."

After consideration this resolution was adopted.

Mr. Jordan proposed:- "That the same facilities be
afforded Road Contractors to allow of tendering for fourth
class roads in New Ross District as the Council have afforded
contractors in Wexford district".

Mr. Colfer moved that no change be made as regards New Ross
District. Haulage tenders on most of the roads in New Ross
District had been accepted.

The Chairman suggested that in the case of New Ross
where no contract had been arranged for haulage the County
Surveyor be empowered to employ the old contractor provided
he can make suitable arrangements.

The suggestion of the Chairman was agreed to.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion
of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes
of Roads' Committee of 11th March, 1929, be and are hereby
confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended
at this meeting".

ROAD GANGER AND HAULIERS.

Mr. Keegan complained that as Road Ganger Swords in Gorey declined to remain on after one o'clock on Saturday nine hauliers who were employed at so much a cubic yard mile had to cease work at 1 p.m. He moved - That if Road Ganger in Gorey in the future interferes with haulage contractors in the same circumstances as on 6th April he be immediately dismissed from the service of the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the ganger could not allow the work in question to proceed when he was not in a position to supervise it. All the County Council employees ceased work at one o'clock on Saturdays.

Mr. Corish proposed, and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the following amendment:- "That complaint made by Mr. Keegan against Road Ganger in Gorey be deferred pending investigation and report by the County Surveyor".

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Cummins.....11

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Maylor, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman.....16.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem.con.

Mr. Corish asked if the ganger was supposed to be at work without payment; that was the effect of the proposal.

County Surveyor. - He is not. The usual arrangement for haulage is that it is to be done in ordinary working hours. We do not enforce that where it is possible to deal with the

work otherwise. In this case the material had to be checked at the quarry and also when brought to the road.

Mr. Corish said he was at a loss to understand the arguments raised by Mr. Keegan in this matter. The Labour Party in the Council had always advocated that men should be paid by the day. Mr. Keegan was now suggesting that a man who had a contract should be allowed to work outside ordinary working hours, eat up the job, leave nothing for anyone else, and then go to another job.

Mr. McCarthy said this appeared to be a particular job and the County Surveyor wanted the material out within a specified time. The ganger was not to be lame as his work ceases at 1 o'clock on Saturday and the material could not be taken out of the quarry after that hour or put on the road as there was no one to check it. He suggested that in this particular case the County Surveyor should make arrangements for the ganger to stop on during the afternoon and check the material.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy moved and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con. :-

"That the County Surveyor make the necessary arrangements to provide for Ganger (Gorey-Courtown Road) to remain at one ^{work after} p.m., on Saturday, in order to allow of hauliers working a full day's work on that day in view of the necessity of having the work on this road pushed forward during favourable weather".

IMPROVEMENT MAIN ROADS ENNISCORTHY URBAN.

Under date 5th April, 1929, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy Urban District:-

"I am directed by the Urban Council of Enniscorthy to request you to bring to the notice of your County Council the difficulty which has arisen in connection with the Street Scheme for the town. The Department have refused to sanction the loan of £3,000, which has been offered by the Munster and

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Leinster Bank to Council to have the Scheme carried out, as more than half the proposals refer to Main Roads for which my Council have no responsibility for construction or maintenance. To overcome the difficulty it is suggested that the County Council borrow that portion of the loan required to do the Main Roads which are the principal streets of the town, and the Urban Council will raise the loan sufficient to do the remaining portion of the town. The work could be given out in one contract and the County Council could repay their share of the loan and set off the instalments against the £411, payable to the Urban Council under the Main Road Contract. My Council desire that this proposal be given favourable consideration so that the work may be proceeded without further delay."

The County Surveyor said by the arrangement contemplated they would lose £179 in maintenance grant.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. McCarthy and the County Surveyor should go into the question with Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer, Local Government Department, who is at present in the County on a tour of inspection.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS NEW ROSS URBAN
DISTRICT.

The following under date 5th April, 1929, was read from Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"The New Ross Urban District Council has had before them the letter of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, dated 15th March, wherein it was suggested that they renew the Contract referred to for the sum of £357: 0: 0d, which represents a reduction of £161: 0: 0d (or about 38%) on previous year's figure, (£518). Having carefully considered this matter they are advised by their Town Surveyor - who has carefully recorded previous costs - that it would not be possible to maintain this road at its

present standard for anything like the figures mentioned, and they would also point out that some sections of it were only partially resurfaced under the original improvement schemes (as sufficient money was not allocated for the purpose) and still need considerable improvement.

"Having regard to these circumstances, they respectfully urge the County Council to increase the figures mentioned by Mr. Barry, which they consider entirely inadequate, in order that this road may not be allowed to deteriorate".

The Chairman said that the Council could not do anything in the matter. The amount estimated by the County Surveyor for maintenance of New Ross Main roads had been reduced pro. rata as regards the rest of the County and as the reduced amount was what was being raised in rate there was no source from which the amount allowed New Ross Urban District for the maintenance of Main roads could be increased.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Cooney pressed strongly on the Council the necessity for properly maintaining the streets of New Ross. If neglected now they would cost considerably more next year and it was the business of the Co. Council to keep them in decent condition.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following resolution:-

"That the agreement between the County Council and New Ross Urban District Council for financial year 1929-30 for maintenance of Main Roads in New Ross Urban District be fixed at the same figure as for last financial year".

The Chairman said there was no use in putting such a motion because no money for upkeep of roads was available beyond the amount agreed to by the Council in the Road Works' Scheme.

The motion was dropped.

At this stage of the meeting/^{there}was considerable disorder and Mr. Hall proposed that the remainder of the business be

adjourned.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

The Chairman considered it would be more advisable to finish the remaining items on the agenda paper, and, accordingly Mr. Hall withdrew his motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Finance Committee 28th February, 1929.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th February, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 28th February, 1929.

Present:- Messrs James Shannon (Vice Chairman Co. Council); presiding; also Messrs J. J. Culleton, James Hall, T. McCarthy; Sean O'Byrne, M. M. Roche and James E. Walsh.

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.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice note for £1534: 2: 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

At the meeting of the Committee on the 14th February, 1929, a resolution was adopted that Rate Collectors who failed by the 27th February to lodge at least 40% of second moiety of their current rate collection be suspended from duty and their books taken up.

The following gives the percentage amount of second moiety collected to 27th February, 1929:-

Sean Gannon 40.5; Matthew Kelly 39.4; James Quirke 36.9; E. J. Murphy, 36.7; J. Curtis, 31.9; A. Dunne 30.6; J. J. Sinnott 29.3; P. Furlong 28; J. J. O'Reilly 27.1; M. Deegan 24.8; W. Cummins, 23.9; John Doyle, 23.7; P. Donohoe, 23.6; P. J. Furlong 19.4; T. Sutton 19.4; and James Quirke No. 5 District 23.4; Thomas Rowe 19.9; P. Doyle 18.5; J. Cummins 17.6; P. O'Byrne, 12.6; J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott No. 14 District 10.6; M. O'Hanlon 1.1;.

Letters of explanation as to their failure for non compliance were read from the following collectors:-

Messrs Joseph Cummins; W. Cummins; M. Deegan, Art Dunne; E. J. Murphy; J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Sinnott, while no

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replies had been received from John Curtis; P. Donohoe; John Doyle, Philip Doyle; Philip Furlong; M.M.Kelly; P. O'Byrne; M. O'Hanlon; James Quirke; Thomas Rowe; Thomas Sutton.

J. Cummins wrote, under date 27th February, that he had been laid up for a fortnight with sciatica and unable to leave his room. If he would not get round the following week he would ask the Finance Committee to allow him to appoint a deputy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman:- "The Finance Committee have no objection to the appointment of a deputy by Collector J. Cummins to act during his illness; Mr. Cummins to be responsible for the person appointed and for the cost of the Collection "

Mr. O'Reilly wrote, under date 27th February, that he had called on practically all ratepayers in his district and was unable to obtain payment of rates up to 40%. He had been promised payment of substantial amounts on Friday and Saturday 1st and 2nd March, fair days in Gorey. His district was dependant on cattle which were at present unsaleable.

Mr. Sinnott wrote, under date 27th February, that he had not been able to collect the percentage required. In many cases farmers had not been able to dispose of their fat cattle and from his experience he could say that the majority were not wilfully withholding the rates.

Mr. Art Dunne wrote, under date 27th February, giving similar reasons for non-compliance with the resolution of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Deegan wrote, under date 20th February, that he would make every effort to comply with the resolution of the Finance Committee. He asked time until 1st March as Buncloody fair would be held that day.

Mr. E. J. Murphy, under date 16th February, 1929, wrote that

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he did not think the great majority of the Collectors would be able to collect the required 40%. He had notified all rate-payers in his district three times and at the February fair in New Ross he was not able to collect £50. Times were very bad in his district.

Mr. W. Cummins, under date 26th February, wrote that tho' he had worked hard he would not have anything near 40% lodged by the 27th. His district was a late one most of the ratepayers not being in a position to pay until March or even April when they had fat cattle and other stock for the market. He had hoped to collect substantial sums at last Enniscorthy fair but it was very small and little trade was done. After March fair he would be able to reduce considerably the large amount of rates now outstanding.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with the Collectors who have not complied with the resolution of the Finance Committee and who had not replied to same that unless they furnished a satisfactory reply for next meeting of the Finance Committee their books will be taken up.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman :- "That we place on record the fact that the following Collectors have apparently made no effort to comply with the Order of the Finance Committee to lodge 40% of second moiety of current rate and have not furnished reasons explaining their non compliance:- Messrs Curtis, Donohoe, John Doyle, Philip Doyle, Furlong; Kelly; O'Byrne; O'Hanlon, Quirk; Rowe and Sutton. That between now and the close of the collection the Finance Committee will continue to place on record their opinion as to the manner in which collectors are performing their duties. At the ~~next~~ close of the collection the Committee will go into the whole matter and recommend the Council to call on Collectors who have not

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carried out their duties properly to resign".

The following Order was agreed to:- "That Collector O'Byrne be informed unless he has at least 40% of second moiety collected by next meeting of Finance Committee - 14th March, he be directed to attend meeting with his books. That copy of this Order be furnished the personal sureties of Mr. O'Byrne".

It was decided that the attention of temporary collector O'Hanlon be called to the very backward state of his collection. The manner in which he has dealt with this must have a very bad effect when the permanent appointment comes to be made at the April meeting of the Council; unless in the meantime, this Collector can show a vast improvement in his work. That copy of this resolution be furnished the personal sureties of Mr. O'Hanlon".

RATEPAYER AND LETTING OF LAND.

Mr. N. Mullett, Whitefort, Oylegate, came before the Council and asked for "time" for payment of his rates and also if the Committee could assist him with the Land Commission in obtaining their permission to let his land provided the proceeds went towards the payment of rent and rates. The Land Commission had informed him that they expected all the proceeds to be applied to the payment of rent only.

The amount of rates due by Mr. Mullett was:- for 1927 £22:4/- for 1928 £23: 10: 7d and for 1929 £21: 14: 10d .

It was decided that the Secretary request the Land Commission to allow portion of the money received for the letting of Mr. Mullett's land to be applied to the payment of the rates; otherwise he would not be in a position to set any portion of his holding.

EX-RATE COLLECTOR C.MCCARTHY.

The following under date 22nd February, 1929, was read

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from Mr. C. McCarthy, Senior, Murrintown:-

"I received yours of the 18th instant contents of which surprise me, as my son never received any intimation of his removal from office but voluntarily sent in his resignation owing to his ill-health and which resignation was accepted from him without any question or suggestion of ^{his} have having been previously removed.

"I would ask you to put this before the Local Government Board and let me know when you hear from them and oblige."

Under date 28th February, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.14344-1929 Loeh Garman, Fa) acknowledging letter from Mr. McCarthy and referring the Council to their letter of the 25th January (G.5531/29) which stated that as Mr. McCarthy had been removed from office owing to failure to adequately discharge the duties of his office as Rate Collector Section 44(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 did not apply and the Minister could not consent to any proposal to grant him a gratuity.

No order.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

Under date 25th February, 1929, Collector James Quirke wrote that the Rate Collectors of the County had asked him to apply to the Finance Committee for poundage on all rates lodged to date. The last payment was only a percentage on rates lodged to 30th September, 1928. In the meantime the Collectors had incurred expenses in connection with the Rates on Small Dwellings Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government to allow payment of poundage on amounts collected to date to Collector Cannon as he is

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the only Rate Collector who complied with the directions of the Finance Committee to collect 40% of second moiety of current rate by 27th February.

DISPUTED PAYMENT OF RATE IN KILLINICK E. D.

It was decided that the Secretary communicate with Mr. McCarthy, Senior, Murrintown, and ascertain from him if he had heard from his son regarding the payment of rates on certain items in Killinick E.D., rated in the name of Reys of Martin Kehoe.

RATING NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

It was decided to request Collector O'Hanlon to furnish reports in the cases of Joseph J. O'Neill, Kilmannock, Campile and Peter Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, in connection with applications for inclusion in list of ratings under New Buildings Order 1925, these cases having been referred to Mr. O'Hanlon some time ago for report.

RATES ON DERELICT FARM.

Mr. O'Reilly wrote under date 15th February, 1929, relative to 203E.D. Monaseed on which the following rates were due:- 1927 £6: 6: 4d; 1928 £5: 15: 3d and 1929 £4:19:3; Total £17: 0: 10d. The former owner (Mrs Fitzwilliam) had cleared out leaving the place derelict. A would-be purchaser had made an offer to the Land Commission of one year's rent. He also offered to pay one year's rates for March 1928 period and would pay the current rate. But this was provisional on obtaining a guarantee that he would not be held responsible for the 1927 rates; otherwise he would not proceed with his offer to the Land Commission.

It was decided to furnish the Collector with the advice of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in the matter.

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OLD JAIL SITE FOR COUNTY
COURTHOUSE.

Under date 18th February, 1929, the Department of Finance wrote (404/296) as to site for County Courthouse that the Minister had received the plans of the premises which the Council propose to erect on old Jail site and had informed the County Surveyor that the Minister was having the plans examined. When this examination had been completed he would give his further consideration to the Council's proposal.

It was decided to ask the Minister to do what was possible to have the matter dealt with at an early date. It is now three years in suspense and the Finance Committee would be obliged for immediate consideration of the matter by the Minister.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

Under date 18th February, 1929, the Secretary, Central Midwives Board, wrote, pointing out that the proportion of the expenses of the Board due under Section 13 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918, by Wexford County Council was £19: 1: 5d.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that the Council be recommended to pay £19: 1: 5d proportion due by them to the Central Midwives Board under section 13 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 19th February, 1929, Mr. Thomas Funge, Secretary Fianna Fail Comairle Ceanntair, Gorey, wrote, for permission for the use of the Gorey Courthouse for District semi final of 45 Card Drive on Sunday, 24th March.

It was decided to grant the necessary permission, the Fianna Fail Committee to be responsible for the safety of the premises and their surrender in good order and condition.

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Mr. McCarthy dissented from this decision.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following, under date 25th February, 1929, was read from Mr. Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford:- "I beg to inform you that I have decided to discontinue my studies at the National University, Dublin."

Under date 15th February, 1929, the Secretary, National University, in reply to a query from the County Secretary, wrote that Mr. White had not been in attendance at the University for the present term.

The Secretary stated that since the first of the year the following payments had been made Mr. White:- 3rd January £7 and 14th February £7;.

The meeting decided that as the second £7 was a payment in respect of the present term Mr. White be called upon to make refund.

SIDE-FILLING ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That the Department of Local Government (Roads) be requested to lodge to the credit of the County Council £4640 spent ~~improviding~~ for side-filling Wexford-Enniscorthy Road and which includes £2445 taken from the credit of Enniscorthy Urban District Council by the Department to meet portion of the cost of this work. The Urban Distirct urgently need the money for improvement work."

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REMUNERATION BOVINE
TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

The following letter, under date 27th February, 1929, (L.2414/28) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, and to previous correspondence, regarding the question of the

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revision of the rates of remuneration of your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors, I have to state that, having regard to the extent of the area in which each of the Inspectors operates, and to the incidence of Bovine Tuberculosis in the several areas as indicated by the number of cases dealt with, the Department suggest that the following rates of payment would be equitable for the current year:-

<u>INSPECTORS.</u>	<u>REMUNERATION.</u>
T. A. Mernagh, V.S.	£20 per annum.
P. J. Hayes, V.S.	£25 " "
R. Malone, V.S.	£25 " "
Joseph Lynch, V.S.	£25 " "
F. W. Taylor, V.S.	£30 " "

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to fix, as from 1st April, 1929, an annual payment of £25 each to their five Veterinary Inspectors for work under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order. "

SAVING CERTIFICATES REGIONAL
COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That, in the event of a Regional Committee under Central Savings Committee being established for Wexford we recommend that Messrs McCarthy, Roche and Walsh be appointed as Representatives of the County Council!"

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

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th February, 1929, be received and considered".

Gorey Courthouse.

In connection with permission given for the use of Gorey Courthouse the Secretary submitted the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction on 11th March, 1929:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to the application of the Gorey Gasra for the use of room in Gorey Courthouse for Sunday evenings on the understanding that Mr. Bolger, Irish Teacher, would be held responsible for the premises, their cleaning etc., while in use by the Casra".

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

"That the use of rooms in Gorey Courthouse be allowed to the Gasra class on the conditions laid down by the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

Bovine Tuberculosis Order - Remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors.

In connection with this matter, Mr. R. Malone, V.S., came before the meeting and stated that the carrying out of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order was one of the most troublesome jobs in the world, as he had to take out rotten lungs, send them away, and also hold post-mortems. He considered that it would be unfair to offer a mere pittance of £25 per year for such work. He pointed out also that the Veterinary Inspectors received no travelling expenses, and he considered that the remuneration which he obtained to the present, should be allowed to stand plus travelling expenses.

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After considerable discussion, Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded, the confirmation of the Minute of Finance Committee relative to the salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded, the following:-

"That the remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors for work under Bovine Tuberculosis Order be allowed to stand except in the case of Mr. Taylor, which should be fixed at £20 per annum".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Shannon and the Chairman....11
Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Smyth and Walsh.....16.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

As a further amendment, Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following:-

"That the amount of remuneration to Veterinary Inspectors under Bovine Tuberculosis Order which obtained to the present, be confirmed.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and Shannon.....9
Against:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and Walsh 17.

The Chairman, who declined to vote, declared the amendment lost.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put through a show of hands, and, as 15 were in favour, it was declared carried.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 28th February, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed!"

Finance Committee Meeting 14th March, 1929.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 14th March, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman Co. Council presiding; also Messrs J. Culleton, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2017: 4: 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following shows the percentage of amount of second moiety of Rate for 1928-29 in the case of each individual collector:-

E. J. Murphy	58
S. Gannon	47
M. M. Kelly	41
J. Quirke	40
A. Dunne	40
J. Curtis	39
T. Rowe	38
J.J. O'Reilly	38
J. Doyle	35
J.J. Sinnott	35
P. Furlong	34
J. Cummins	34
T. Sutton	33
M. Deegan	32
No.15 District J. Quirke and	
P. Furlong	32
P. O'Byrne	31
W. Cummins	29
P. Donohoe	29
P. Doyle	27
No.14 District J.J. O'Reilly and	
J.J. Sinnott	19
M. O'Hanlon	15.

The amount outstanding is £40023: 14: 3d for second moiety, and £5718: 7: 10d in respect of first moiety.

It was decided that at the first meeting of Finance Committee in May the details of Collection showing the amounts collected by each Collector for every fortnight of the

whole period of Collection be considered and a recommendation made to the County Council as regards the cases of Collectors who have carried out their duties in a haphazard or dilatory manner.

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee a resolution was adopted asking Collectors who had not forwarded to the Council any explanation as to their failure in not lodging 40% of the 2nd moiety of Rate by 27th February.

Collector Curtis wrote, under date 9th March, 1929, that he was doing his best and could not do more. He had made out a list of fifty ratepayers who owed £260 and called on those in two days but out of the fifty only two paid, his takings for the two days amounting to £10. Ratepayers who had always paid him punctually now wanted time as they had stock for sale.

Collector Donohoe wrote, under date 13th March, 1929, that he had travelled over the whole of his district and called on everyone from whom it was possible to get rates. When he could not get the money he could not lodge it. He expected to have the collection in a good state by the end of March as Blackwater and Enniscorthy fairs were coming on. It was impossible to get anything worth while until March and September.

Collector John Doyle wrote, under date 11th March, that he was not able to lodge the 40% as ratepayers had 'nt the money. Men on whom he never had to call a second time for rates had failed to pay now. Also men who were fattening cattle had not disposed of them, while, those having store stock, complained of the bad prices and were waiting till April or May to dispose of their animals.

Mr. Philip Doyle wrote, under date 12th March, that everyone who could pay his Rate did so. If given time most of them would have paid by the middle of April. If it was the wish of the Committee he would summon every defaulter in the district.

Collector Furlong wrote, under date 13th March, 1929, that he did his best to get in the 40% but failed owing to his position as temporary Collector for portion of No. 5 district. He expected to have a big improvement by the end of March as sale of cattle will be now on.

Collector M. M. Kelly wrote, under date 8th March, 1929, that he was fully certain he would have been able to comply with the Order of the Committee to collect the 40% by the 27th February but he failed to do so by a small margin. He had travelled to every ratepayer in his district who he thought would have been able to pay. He hoped the Committee would consider his excuse genuine and was sorry that he had not been able to comply with their instructions.

Under date 11th March, 1929, Collector Quirke wrote, that the only reason he could offer for his failure to lodge the 40% by the 27th February, was that the ratepayers had not the money.

He had interviewed all the ratepayers and believed that all ratepayers who could pay had done so. If it was the wish of the Finance Committee he was prepared to prosecute every defaulting ratepayer in his district.

Collector Sutton wrote, under date 13th March, that he had collected all available money. Owing to bad prices for stock and bad fairs farmers were not able to meet their liabilities as in the past. The depressed state of the Country should be known to the members of the Finance Committee who were farmers.

Collector O'Byrne came before the meeting and stated that he had been able to get up to 31% of second moiety. Owing to the bad weather he did not begin his collection of second moiety really until the month of February.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Rate Collector P. O'Byrne be directed to have at least 50% of second moiety of current rates lodged by 28th March - date of next meeting of Finance Committee".

No replies had been received from Collectors O'Hanlon or Rowe.

It was decided that the Secretary demand an immediate reply from these Collectors.

In regard to the payment of poundage the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That we request the Local Government Department to sanction the payment of 50% of poundage to Collectors who-up to this date - have collected 40% of second moiety of current rate".

Collector W. Cummins wrote, under date 28th February, 1929, that a small holding in his district had been derelict for past three years, the owner having left the Country. Four years rates amounting to £5: 17: 3d were due on it. Last September it was purchased by Edward Brien, Oylegate, for the sum of £17, the purchaser at the time being under the impression that the amount paid would cover all rent and taxes. However, under the conditions of sale the purchaser was liable for all arrears of rates. Brien asked the Council to take one years rates in full settlement as he was a poor man. The Collector was afraid if the Council did not accept the offer it would ^{be} very difficult to collect the total amount due.

The Committee decided to inform Collector Cummins that they could not see their way to accept anything less than the full amount of Rates due in this case.

RATES OF NICHOLAS MULLETT, WHITEFORT.

The Secretary read letter from Irish Land Commission under date 13th March that they agreed to the payment of the rates out of the proceeds of the letting of Mr. Mullett's land.

RATING NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "That Collector

Rowe be directed to report at once as to the application of Mr. Joseph J. O'Neill, Kilmannock, Campile, and temporary Collector O'Hanlon as to the application of Peter Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, to have their houses rated on a reduced valuation under Rating of New Buildings Order. These Collectors have ignored the direction already made them to supply such reports".

Under date 13th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.17270/1929 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister would raise no objection to the payment of 50% of the poundage fees which may have accrued to Collector Gannon on the sums collected and lodged by him since last payment of poundage was made to him.

 PERSONAL SURETIES - COLLECTOR ART DUNNE.

Under date 4th March, 1929, the Manager National Bank, New Ross, wrote that Michael Ryan, Clonleigh, Palace and Maurice Condon, Donard, Clonroche, might be looked on as good securities to the extent of £200 each.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that Messrs Ryan and Condon be accepted as personal sureties for Art Dunne.

 INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Letters from District Court Clerks for proposed committals of the following children to Industrial Schools were read:- James O'Neill, Well Lane, Wexford; two children named Murray, New Ross; Thomas Hanlon and Mary Hanlon, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo, Ferns.

Particulars in each case had been furnished Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

 ELECTORAL ACT - ADVANCE.

Under date 6th March, 1929, an application for advance of

£20 to enable him to meet current expenses in connection with the preparation of Seventh Register of Electors for the County was received from Mr. M. J. Dwyer, County Registrar.

In connection with the application the Department of Justice wrote, under date 9th March, 1929, that while the Minister is satisfied that Mr. Dwyer's application is in order he was inclined to doubt whether an advance even of so small a sum as £20 was necessary at this stage. The Department of Finance paid for stationery, postage, etc., and it was difficult to understand why it was necessary for a Registration Officer to ask for an advance until the remuneration of the various local officials engaged in the preparation of the Register came to be paid. The matter was being taken up with the Local Government Department.

The Secretary stated he had seen Mr. Dwyer who informed him that the money was required for payment of motor hire in connection with forthcoming Revision Sessions.

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

"That an advance of £20 be made to the County Registration Officer under Electoral Act to enable him to discharge items to be for motor hire/incurred in attendance at Revision Sessions."

ILLNESS OF MR. J. J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

Under date 13th March, 1929 (G.17269/1929 Loch Garman Se) the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister sanctioned an extension of sick leave to Mr. Fanning to the end of March, 1929, and noted that the question of Mr. Fanning's continuance in office would be then definitely dealt with by the Council.

DR. FURLONG'S PRIVATE NURSING HOME.

Under date 9th March, 1929, the following was read from Sister M. Abban, Matron, Private Nursing Home, (formerly County Wexford Infirmary) and which had been let to Dr. Furlong for

Private Nursing Home:-

"There are from twenty four to twenty nine hair mattresses here which are not likely ever to be required and which will deteriorate if not in use. Would you kindly ask if the County Council will give permission to me to dispose of them and to apply the amount realised towards the purchase of an up-to-date range which would add greatly to the value of the premises.

'Since Dr. Furlong took over the institution he has himself spent a very large amount of money on improvements as anyone who knew the place in former times can easily see".

The Finance Committee considered it would be advisable if Sister M. Abban advertised the mattresses for sale. They recommended that a sum of £10 should be allowed out of proceeds to provide for purchase of range; any balance over and above this amount to be lodged to the credit of the County Council.

CONTINUATION OF OVERDRAFT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we apply to the Treasurer of County Council for continuance of Overdraft of £40,000 from 31st March to 30th June. That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction this proposal".

DUPLICATE PAY ORDERS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That duplicate Pay Orders be issued to Terence Doyle, Tinnecarrig, Newbawn, No.876 (£17: 5: 0d) to Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne No.737 (£22: 19: 3d) and James Hendrick, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo, No.735 (£25: 7: 6d) originals having been lost in course of post".

BINDING CO. COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR 1928.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion

of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the tender of Messrs English & Co., Custom House, Quay, Wexford, for binding Co. Council Minutes of Meetings for year 1928, at 17/6d be accepted. "

AUDITOR'S REPORT CO. COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.

The Local Government Department forwarded under date 25th February, 1929, A.S. 13188/29 (Loch Garman F.b.), the following report of their Auditor (Mr. Sean T. Healy), on his audit of the Accounts of the Co. Council in respect of half year ended 30th September, 1928:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half year ended 30/9/1928. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith:.

'The following table will permit a comparison of the Rate struck for the service of the year 1928-29 with the rate struck for the year 1913-14:-

	<u>Enniscorthy</u>		<u>Gorey</u>		<u>New Ross</u>		<u>Wexford</u>	
	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1913-14</u>	<u>1928-29</u>
Rate in £ (General)	4/6	7/11	4/4	7/11	5/2	7/11	4/2	7/11
Rate in £ (Separate Charges Leviable off the entire rural district)	3	1/1 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
	4/9	9/- $\frac{1}{4}$	4/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8/5 $\frac{3}{4}$	5/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	8/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	8/9 $\frac{3}{4}$

'In so far as the occupiers of Agricultural Land are concerned the above rate was reduced by an average amount of 1/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ in respect of each of the four districts in 1913-14, and in the year 1928-29 by the sum of 2/4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the £, the said reductions representing the division of the Agricultural Grant applicable to the respective years. The Agricultural Grant in 1928-29 would have permitted a rebate of 3/2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £ but provision for the repayment of the Loan raised under the Rates on Agricultural Land Act which would have entailed a levy of 10d in the £ on Agricultural Land was made by

deduction from the rebate allowable.

'Of the sum of £832: 12: 6d previously charged against the Rate Collector for number 15 district and referred to in my last report a sum of £644: 7: 10d has been recouped under his Fidelity Bond. A sum of £28: 12: 3d due to him in connection with the preparation of Franchise Lists has been withheld and set off against his liability; and a further sum of £163: 9: 3d representing poundage on rates collected and lodged by him, which would have been payable to him had he completed his collection, is retained by the County Council.

'The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 31/3/27, 30/9/27, 31/3/28 and 30/9/28 were respectively £30426, £39058, £42160 and £49295. The collection shows a serious disimprovement and drastic action will be needed to arrest and alter this tendency.

'All the Urban Councils in the County are substantially in arrears in respect of their liabilities to the County Council.

All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date.

'The Accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner'".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That Mr. Elgee be instructed to communicate with New Ireland Assurance Co., and inform them that the full claim in connection with default of Ex-Rate Collector Fitzpatrick must be met by them otherwise the Council be recommended to decline to further recognise this Company as regards any of their Insurances. The Rate Collectors fidelity guarantee bonds are renewable as from 31st May and failing a satisfactory settlement with the New Ireland Co., as regards the Fitzpatrick claim the Wexford County Council will direct the Collectors to submit the name of some other Company which has the approval of Local Government Department".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 14th March, 1929, be received and considered:-
Rate Collection.

Under date 4th April, 1929, (G.21283/1929, Loch Garman, Fa), the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote, stating that the Minister would not raise any objection to the proposed payment of poundage to Collectors J. Quirke, M. Kelly, S. Gannon, A. Dunne and E. J. Murphy.

Dr. Furlong's Private Home.

The Secretary reported that it had been arranged that the County Board of Health would take over the mattresses at this Home.

Overdraft.

Under date 25th March, 1929, (G.19644/1929, Fb Loch Garman), the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, stating that the Minister sanctioned an overdraft not exceeding £40,000 to the 30th June next. Interest might be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 14th March, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."
Finance Committee 28th March, 1929.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th March, 1929, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber on 28th March, 1929.

Present:- Mr. James Shannon, Vice Chairman (Presiding); also Messrs J. Culleton, James Hall, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3858: 12: 0d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following gives the percentages of the collection of second moiety of Rate Collection up to 28th March, 1929:-

E. J. Murphy	68.
Sean Gannon	63
John Curtis	63
Mr. Deegan	57
James Quirke	56
John Doyle	55.
T. Rowe	55
J. Cummins	53
P. O'Byrne	50
M. M. Kelly	50
P. Doyle	48
Art. Dunne	47
W. Cummins	47
J. J. Sinnott	45
J. J. O'Reilly	44
P. Donohoe	44
T. Sutton	42
P. Furlong	41
J. Quirke &	33
P. Furlong for	
No. 5 District	
J. J. O'Reilly &	
J. J. Sinnott	
for No. 14	27
M. O'Hanlon	24.

Particulars of arrears of rates outstanding were also submitted. £5317: 18: 0d was outstanding on foot of first moiety of 1928-29 rate; £2385: 15: 0d for Rate 1927-28 and

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£1133: 0: 2d in respect of all old arrears from 1923 to 1927 (inclusive).

It was decided that application be made to the Department of Local Government for sanction to pay 50% of poundage on all amounts collected and lodged by collectors who have up to the present 50% of second moiety of current rate collected.

Under date 23rd March, 1929, Mr. Thomas Rowe, Rate Collector ~~whom~~ wrote that the reason he did not have 40% of current rate lodged by 27th February, 1929, was because he had not been able to comply with the instructions of the Committee. He had called on several ratepayers two or three times but could not secure payment from them.

Mr. O'Hanlon wrote under date 26th March, 1929, that at the time he took over the collection in October it was in a very backward condition and he had to obtain the rates for first moiety before proceeding with the collection for the second moiety. During the time in which he was collecting the first moiety he should have been collecting the second. If the previous September rate had been finished by the former Collector he could have had the 40% of second moiety in by the time stipulated by the Council.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

It was decided to place premises, the property of the following, on the New Buildings List:-

Joseph J. O'Neill, Kilmannock, Campile, increase in Valuation £5.

Peter Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, increase in valuation £4.

Terence Breen, Church Street, Gorey: Increase in Valuation £14.

The Rate Collectors, in each case, submitted statements of the work which had been done by the claimants.

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Under date 15th March, 1929, James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody, wrote that as regards arrears of rates due by his brother, Christopher Molloy, the latter had left the country and that the Land Commission had agreed to accept him as tenant. He would be allowed to let the land for the purpose of paying off the arrears of rent and he applied to the Council for a promise that it would not make a seizure as no person would take the lands unless he was guaranteed his stock would not be seized. He was satisfied that the proceeds of the auction of land should go towards the payment of arrears of rent and rates. If the sale did not realise enough to pay off all arrears he promised to pay off the whole amount by 1st Dec.

It was decided to communicate with Mr. Michael Deegan, Rate Collector for the district, and point out to him that in all similar cases which had come to the notice of the Council the Land Commission had agreed to the payment of the rates and had accepted any balance remaining towards reduction of outstanding annuities.

DEDUCTION FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Under date 25th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote that there had been deducted from the agricultural grant in respect of arrears of Land annuities up to February 1929 (in excess of County share of proportion of Estate Duty Grant) £1008:7 : 7d leaving net amount of agricultural grant payable to the Council to the end of March 1929, £11014: 7 : 7d.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following, under date 25th March, 1929, was read from Mr. Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford:- "I received your communication of the 8th instant and regret delay in replying. I was surprised to see that the £7 paid me on the 14th ult., was intended as an instalment of my scholarship

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for this term. As I had not been in Dublin since Christmas I thought the University Authorities would have informed you of my non attendance. I accepted the £7 as consideration for arrears of last year which I was assured would be paid this year.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. Thomas F. White, late University Scholarship Holder, be informed that he received the full amount under his Scholarship for 1927-28 to which he was entitled and we must request him to refund the £7 paid on account of current term and during which he did not attend the University. "

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, called attention to the large number of children which were committed recently to Industrial Schools.

The Committee - after discussion - came to the conclusion that they could not interfere with the discretion of the District Justice in this matter.

Intimations were read from the Local Inspector, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of his intention to apply for the committal of the following:- Thomas Sheridan, Monaseed, Gorey; Mary Jane Keegan, do and Johanna Browne, King Street Avenue, Wexford, to Industrial Schools.

Letter was read from Mr. Gregory, District Court Clerk that application was to be made to Wexford District Court for the committal of Mary, Sheila and Kathleen Rutledge, of Barrack Street, to an Industrial School.

ADVANCE TO REGISTRATION OFFICER.

Under date 25th March, 1929, (F.19690/1929) Loch German (c)), the Local Government Department wrote that the necessary expenses arising out of the hire of motor cars by the Registration

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Officer for the purpose of attending revision sessions would be defrayed by the Department of Justice.

The Secretary stated that the Registration Officer had dropped his application for advance under Electoral Act and there was no necessity to deal further with the matter.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL OFFICERS.

Under date 14th March, 1929, the Local Government Department (G.15863/1929 Loch Garman. Se) ^{wrote} that the Minister sanctioned the appointment of Messrs Moloney and Hawkins on the permanent staff of the County Council.

INSURANCE POLICIES.

Under date 26th March, 1929, Messrs McDonagh & Boland wrote (7536) forwarding renewal notices for E.L. Policy No. 306947 £700: 16: 11d and P.L. Policy No. 1929 £36:9:0d. In connection with the Employers Liability Policy they had been endeavouring to secure a reduction but regretted they had not been successful. Bearing in mind the heavy expenditure in connection with Quarry work and the high rate usually charged for this section of the risk they considered that the present premium was reasonable and were of opinion that it could not be improved on by any non-tariff office. Based on the estimate £21500 for Quarry work alone the normal premium should be over £950 without any consideration for the other employees. The rate charged was, therefore, a favourable one. The amount for E. L. Policy was also reasonable.

After discussion the Committee agreed that the amounts in each case should be paid.

MR. J. J. FANNING, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO. COUNCIL OFFICES.

Under date 13th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.17269/1929 Loch Garman Se) wrote that the Minister sanctioned an extension of sick leave to Mr. Fanning

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to the end of March, 1929, and noted that the question of Mr. Fanning's continuance in office would be then definitely dealt with by the Council.

Under date 20th ^March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.18663/1929 SeWexford County) that the Minister assented to the retention of Mr. O'^Kennedy's services to the end of March.

Under date 22nd March, 1929, Dr. Hugh T. J. Kennedy, R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, wrote as follows:-

"I fear that it would be impossible for Mr. Fanning to resume duty before the end of this month. He is going on fairly well here but he should remain here for a good time if there is any hope of his ever being really well in mind. "

"The following resolution was adopted:-

"That, in view of letter from R. M. S. Enniscorthy Mental Hospital, under date 22nd March, 1929, as to condition of Mr. J. J. Fanning, we request the Local Government Department to sanction further sick leave to Mr. Fanning to the 30th April, 1929, and the temporary employment of Mr. Sean O'Kennedy to that date".

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The Secretary submitted a/c from Office of Public Works under date 25th March, 1929, for £131: 12: 2d for repayment of Principal and Interest on Loan for Sow Drainage District Improvements.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the resolution of the County Council refusing to take over the maintenance of any drainage scheme in respect of which drainage ratepayers were dissatisfied, the Finance Committee decline to make any recommendation as to payment of instalment of Loan for Sow Drainage System.

COUNTY PRINTING 1929-30.

The following tenders were submitted:-

Messrs English & Co., Quay Wexford	£70 : 19: 6d
"The Echo", Enniscorthy ...	£92 : 2: 0d
"The Free Press", Wexford ...	£98 : 19: 9d
"The People", Wexford. ...	£106 : 1: 9d.

The tender of Messrs English & Co., at £70: 19: 6d was accepted.

PRINTING RATE COLLECTORS' RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES.

The following tenders for printing above, in respect of financial year 1929-30:-

Messrs English & Co., Wexford	£18 : 10: 5d
"Free Press", Wexford ...	£33 : 0: 0d
"The People, Wexford. ...	£49 : 12: 6d.

The tender of Messrs English & Co., was accepted.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 28th March, 1929, be received and considered:"

Illness of Mr. J. J. Fanning.

In connection with this matter, the following letter, under date 4th April, 1929, (No. G. 21914/1929, Loch Garman,) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to the illness of Mr. J. J. Fanning, Assistant in the County Council Offices, and I am to advert to your letter of the 7th ultimo and to state that the question of Mr. Fanning's continuance in office should now be determined.

"The Certificate of the Resident Medical Superintendent Enniscorthy Mental Hospital, does not indicate that Mr. Fanning is likely to be able to resume duty at any definite date".

Mr. Cummins gave the following notice of motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at Meeting of Wexford Co. Council to be held on 13th May, 1929, that superannuation to Mr. John J. Fanning, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Offices, be agreed to by the Council and that amount of same be fixed".

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, and adopted:-

"That the question of amount of superannuation to be paid to Mr. J. J. Fanning be remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting. That the Finance Committee also make recommendations relative to new appointment. That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of salary to Mr. Fanning until the question of

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his superannuation has been determined, and also to agree to the retention of the services of Mr. O'Kennedy for the same period".

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 28th March, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed".

NEW ROSS-CAMBLIN-DUNCANNON ROAD.

Mr. Cummins pointed out that the best value for the £4,000 loan, which the Council had devoted towards the improvement of this road, would not be obtained unless they were prepared to spend another £1000 in order to deal with the several dangerous corners on the road.

No Order.

MONGLOSS LANE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 2nd April, 1929:-

"I inspected this lane on Thursday last, 28th ultimo with Mr. Cline, M.C.C.

"The local people have carried out a good deal of work in way of trimming and side cleaning, and if sanction was obtained work set out under Proposal could be put in hands as there is now suitable material available in Kiltrea Quarry".

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

"That, as the local people concerned, have carried out their guarantee to the Council in regard to the preparing Mongloss Lane for repair, proposal for repair of this thoroughfare, already agreed to by the Council, be now carried into effect and directions issue to the County Surveyor accordingly".

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APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The Secretary submitted the following result of examination, held on 2nd April, 1929, for position of Rate Collectors, and conducted by the Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford:-

<u>Order of Merit.</u>	<u>Name and Address of Candidate.</u>	<u>Arithmetic</u> (100)	<u>Marks Obtained.</u>		<u>Total</u> (300)
			<u>Irish</u> (100)	<u>English</u> (100)	
1.	John Power, Latimers-town, Drinagh	100	75	62	237
2.	P. Boggan, Loughgunnen, Ballycogley.	80	77	48	205
3.	Maurice Kehoe, Upper Lacken, New Ross.	76	90	34	200
4.	James French, Ballyshane, Camolin.	100	35	54	189.
5.	Hugh Crean, Ballyphilip, Clohamon.	62	40	75	177
6.	P. J. Nolan, Clologue, Ferns.	80	45	38	163
7.	Loream Sinnott, Ballinakill, Ferns.	48	67	46	161
8.	Patrick Parle, Tacumshane.	52	59	46	157
9.	Michael Carty, Gardimus, Ballycogley	80	40	34	154
10.	Patrick Carty, Millhouse, Enniscorthy	50	44	51	145
11.	Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford	44	60	34	138.

The following failed in one or more subjects:-

William Pettit, Rathmore, Tagoat.
 Patrick Nolan, Ballycoursey, Glenbrien.
 John J. Murphy, Broadway.
 Martin O'Hanlon, Rochestown, New Ross.
 Patrick Gleeson, Ballygow, Duncannon.
 M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure.

No.5 District.

The following who were successful at the recent

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examination, applied for the position of Rate Collector for this district:-

John Power, P. Boggan, Hugh Crean, Patrick Parle and Michael Carty.

Applications were also received from Martin J. Kealy, Kilanerin, Inch, who took third place at examination held on 30th September, 1928, and Martin J. Culleton, Harristown, Ballymitt, who took 5th place at examination held on 5th June, 1928.

It was decided to dispense with the formality of proposing and seconding candidates.

A poll was taken immediately with the following result:-

For Power:- Messrs Cline, Gaul, Hayes and Corish.....4
For Boggan:- The Chairman.....1
For Kealy:- Messrs O'Byrne and Shannon.....2.
For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth and Walsh 11.
For Parle:- Messrs D'Arcy and Cooney.....2
For Crean:- Mr. Armstrong.....1.
For Carty- Messrs Doran, Hall, Keegan, Roche, Colonel Gibbon and Miss O'Ryan.....6.

As Crean and Boggan had secured one vote each a poll was taken to ascertain which ~~one~~ should be eliminated from the subsequent voting. This resulted as follows:-

For Boggan:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and The Chairman.....17.
For Crean:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Keegan and Shannon.....10

Crean was eliminated.

A poll on the remaining candidates resulted as follows:-

For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth and Walsh. 11

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For Power:- Messrs Corish, Cline, Gaul and Hayes.....4
For Boggan:- The Chairman.....1
For Kealy:- Messrs Armstrong, O'Byrne and Shannon.....3.
For Parle- Messrs Cooney and D'Arcy.....2
For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran,
Hall, Keegan and Roche.....6.

Boggan was eliminated and a poll on the remaining candidates gave the following result:-

For Power:- Messrs Cline, Gaul, Hayes and Corish.....4
For Kealy:- Messrs Armstrong, O'Byrne and Shannon.....3
For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer,
Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth,
and Walsh.....11.
For Parle:- Messrs Cooney, D'Arcy and the Chairman.....3
For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran, Hall,
Keegan and Roche.....6.

An eliminating poll between Kealy and Parle resulted as follows:-

For Kealy:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Corish.....8.
For Parle:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin,
Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy,
Doran, Gaul, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....19.

Kealy dropped out and a poll between the remaining candidates resulted:-

For Power:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne,
Shannon and Corish.....7.
For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton,
Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Walsh and
Smyth.....11.
For Parle:- Messrs Cooney, D'Arcy and the Chairman.....3

For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran,
Hall, Keegan and Roche.....6

Parle was eliminated and a poll between the other
candidates resulted:-

For Power:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Corish.....8

For Culleton:- Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Colfer,
Culleton, Cummins, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....12

For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doran,
D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan and Roche.....7

Carty was eliminated and the final poll resulted:-

For Power:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes,
O'Byrne, Shannon and Corish.....8

For Culleton:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin,
Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran,
Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....19.

The Chairman declared Mr. Culleton elected and the
following resolution was then adopted on the motion of
Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Mr. Martin J. Culleton, Harristown, Ballymitty,
be appointed Rate Collector for No.5 Collection District,
subject to the terms of advertisement and conditions of
appointment. Also to the production of certificate of birth
that he is over 21 and not more than 45 years of age, and to
the approval of Department of Local Government and Public
Health. This appointment is to be probationary for one year,
is not to carry pension rights, and is conditional on residence
within the Collection District".

Mr. Culleton submitted references from Rev. J.J. Murphy,
C.C. Ballymitty; Andrew Forrest, P.C., Wellingtonbridge and
Philip E. Mayler, Harriestown, Ballymitty.

No.14 District.:

The following who were successful at recent examination, applied for the position of Rate Collector for No.14 District:-

James French.
Hugh Crean.
P. J. Nolan,
Lorcan Sinnott
Denis Kenny

Also Martin J. Kealy and
Thady Bolger, Camolin, who obtained

7th place at the examination held on 3rd September, 1928.

It was decided the formality of proposing and seconding candidates be dispensed with and an immediate poll resulted as follows:-

For Kealy:-Messrs Clinee, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Shannon
and Corish.....6

For Crean:-.....Mr..Armstrong.....1

For Nolan:- Mr. Doran.....1

For Bolger:- Miss O'Ryan, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin,
Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, Hall,
Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth,
Walsh and the Chairman.....18

For Kenny:- Mr. D'Arcy.....1

French and Sinnott received no vote.

Mr. Bolger, having obtained a clear majority of the Council, was declared elected.

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

"That Mr. Thady Bolger, Camolin, be appointed Rate Collector for No.14 Collection District, subject to the terms of advertisement and conditions of appointment. Also to the production of certificate of birth that he is over 21 and not more than 45 years of age, and to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. This appointment is to be probationary for one year, is not to carry pension rights and is conditional on residence within the Collection District".

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No.21 District.

Applications were received from the following who were successful at the recent examination:-

Maurice Kehoe.
Hugh Crean
Patrick Carty also
Martin J. Kelay.

It was decided to dispense with the formality of proposing and seconding candidates and an immediate poll was taken with the following result:-

For Kehoe:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Smyth, and Walsh.....8
For Kealy:- Messrs Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon.....4
For Crean:- Mr. Armstrong.....1.
For Carty:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, McCarthy, Corish and the Chairman.....14.

Mr. Carty, having obtained a clear majority of the Council, was declared elected, and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cline:-

"That Mr. Patrick Carty, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No.21 Collection District, subject to the terms of advertisement and conditions of appointment. Also to the production of certificate of birth that he is over 21 and not more than 45 years of age, and to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. This appointment is to be probationary for one year, is not to carry pension rights, and is conditional on residence within the Collection District".

Mr. Carty submitted references from Rev. Thomas Cleary, P.P., New Ross.

The three successful candidates came before the meeting and returned thanks for their election, promising to do everything possible to discharge the duties of their office with satisfaction to the County Council and the public.

APPOINTMENT OF COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the following be appointed as Local Committee for Courtown Harbour for the three years ~~from~~ 31st March, 1929, in lieu of Committee whose term of office expires on that day:- Rev. John O'Grady, C.C., Riverchapel, Rev. Mr. Verschoyle, Rector, Ardamine; The Earl of Courtown, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C., the Avenue, Gorey; Kyran McNeill, Courtown Harbour, Thomas McGarry do; Richard Garland do, Michael Fitzpatrick do, Michael Wafer, Middletown, Sean O'Byrne, Courtown.

CINEMATOGRAFH INSPECTOR.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Sergeant Thomas O'Donnell (1134) G.S. be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Clonevan Sub District vice Sergeant Tangney (3979) left the district".

NOTICE OF MOTION - WAGES OF WORKERS AND ROAD ADMINISTRATION.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Council consider the advisability of reducing the wages of Road and Quarry Workers and, if agreed to, that they fix a new figure for such wages".

Mr. Culleton said he had been speaking to some of the Farmer members of the Council and as they were about to move for the appointment of a Committee to consider the whole question of Road Administration and make suggestions to bring about greater efficiency he would withdraw his notice of motion for the present.

Colonel Quin proposed that in consequence of the lateness of the hour the question of setting up a Committee to deal with the system of Road Administration be adjourned for a month.

Mr. O'Byrne. seconded.

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The proposal was defeated receiving the support of the proposer and seconder only.

It was then agreed that a special Sub-Committee on the lines mentioned by Mr. Culleton should be set up and the following were appointed:- Messrs Culleton, Meyler, Colfer, Hayes, Keegan, James Shannon (Vice Chairman) and M. Doyle, Chairman.

CARETAKING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Messrs E. Lawlor & Sons, Quay, New Ross tendered for the caretaking of New Ross Bridge at £30 and Thomas Lee, Quay, New Ross, at £35, for year 1929-30.

The tender of Messrs Lawlor and Sons was accepted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

TRANSFER OF FEVER HOSPITAL FROM WEXFORD TO NEW ROSS .

Under date 4th March, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote ^{P.} (4442/1929Pb, Loch Garman) forwarding copy of Wexford County Scheme (No.3) Order 1929, transferring the fever hospital from Wexford to New Ross.

Mr. Corish protested against the transfer, Wexford was a town of 12000 people - a seaport town and with Rosslare Harbour and Kilmore they had suspected cases of disease entering the district every day. He was against the transfer of the Hospital. He was in favour of New Ross having a fever hospital of its own and had advocated this always.

No Order.

PETROL PUMP TANKS AND FOOTPATHS &C.

Under date 21st March, 1929, the following was read from the Local Government Department (R/IR/93/32):-

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the refusal of Wexford County Council to grant a licence to Messrs Bates of Gorey in respect of a Petrol Pump the storage tank of which is beneath a footpath, I am directed by the

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Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inquire the reasons why the Council passed their general resolution refusing to grant licences where tanks are placed in/^{the}sub-soil of footpaths".

It was decided to inform the Department the Council came to the conclusion that it was not safe to have tanks which were filled with a highly explosive and inflammable material under footpaths. A further objection was owing to the fact that footpaths were generally laid in cement concrete at great expense. To have these ripped up in order to lay down tanks which could be put on a different site did not commend itself to the Council.

Mr. Keegan gave notice to move at next meeting of the Council that the action of the Council in refusing to allow Messrs Bates & Son licence for petrol pump because the tank was placed under the footpath be reconsidered ~~at next meeting~~ and if resolution be rescinded that licence for this petrol pump issue in the ordinary manner.

GRANTS WITHHELD OWING TO DEFAULTING LAND
COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

Under date 4th April, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.21295/1929 Loch Garman FB) that the amount of Local Taxation Grants absorbed in the Guarantee fund in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities in Wexford County is £20,468: 16: 5 of which £19,460: 8: 10d was in respect of Estate Duty Grant and £1008: 7: 7d in respect of the Agricultural Grant.

The Chairman said that with this large amount retained by the Government and the debt of over £10,000 by Urban Districts it was easy to understand the large amount of their overdraft.

Miss O'Ryan said the Co. Council or the Land Commission should adopt some system under which the land/defaulters

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could be set so that the rent and taxes could be raised.

The Chairman said the only thing the Council could do would be to press for legislation. They had no authority whatever as regards the collection of the annuities. The people who were in charge of the collection should stand the loss and not the Council. It was a matter that might be dealt with by the General Council of County Councils.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that defaulters could not set their land as people were afraid if they took it their stock would be seized and in consequence they were getting deeper and deeper in the bog.

Col. Quin said the matter should be brought to the notice of the General Council with a view to bringing forward legislation to save the Councils from the present situation.

Mr. Cummins said if it was lawful for the Northern Government to retain the Land Annuities it was quite as lawful for the South to do the same. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That the five T.D.'s for the County Wexford be called upon to raise the question of the retention of the Land Annuities in An Dail with a view to the setting up of a Committee of Inquiry to ascertain whether it is lawful to have the amount of these Annuities retained in the Country. That the T.D.'s for the County be furnished with a copy of this resolution."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

On a poll the following voted in favour of the motion:-

For:- Messrs Colfer, Corish, Hayes, Cooney, Shannon, Cummins, Keegan and Miss O'Ryan.....8.

Against:- Messrs Meyler, Jordan, Culleton and Doran.....4

The following declined to vote:- Messrs Gibbon, Roche, Walsh and the Chairman (4).

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The other members were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR FOR THE DISTRICT.

Under date 4th April, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (Estab. 261) that County Wexford is included in the District assigned to Mr. A.P. Delaney, Local Government Inspector, as from 1st April, 1929.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

Under date 28th March, 1929, the Department of Education wrote as follows:-

"I am to refer to the Circular letter issued by this Department to County Councils on the 30th March, 1927, regarding the question of the continuance of County Council Scholarships to pupils who obtain places in Preparatory Colleges and to state that the Department has found that the arrangements proposed in the Circular letter have not proved satisfactory and have given rise to confusion in certain cases. In the circumstances it has been decided that, while arrangements already entered into with Scholarship winners by a County Council may be continued for the normal duration of the Scholarship in question, the procedure for the future should be on a different basis.

"The Secondary Schools attended by Pupil Teachers and the Preparatory Colleges are approved Schools for the purposes of County Council Scholarships and therefore no good reason exists for ceasing payment, or altering the value of one of these Scholarships when the holder has qualified for appointment as Pupil teacher or has been admitted to a Preparatory College.

"Candidates who obtain these appointments (Pupil-Teacher-ships or places in Preparatory Colleges) are required to

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contribute towards the cost of their Secondary education so far as their means will permit them to do so, and any Scholarship which a candidate has already been awarded for the purpose of obtaining a Secondary education should normally be included as part of the means available to him for this purpose. Nevertheless some Councils have taken the view that pupils admitted to Preparatory Colleges are entitled to receive free education therein and appear to be in some doubt as to whether they have power to continue payment of their Scholarships to such pupils. It is hoped that this explanation will remove any doubts that may have arisen in regard to this matter.

"The Department has therefore decided that in future, unless a Council's Scheme makes provision to the contrary, it will be assumed that any holder of a County Council Scholarship who is admitted to a Preparatory College, or appointed a Pupil-teacher will continue to receive his Scholarship from the Council, and the value of this Scholarship will be taken into consideration in determining what payment, if any, (subject to a maximum of £40 per annum) should be made towards the cost of the pupil's education in the Preparatory College, or what grant, if any, should be made towards the cost of his Secondary education as a pupil-teacher".

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

"That circular letter from Department of Education under date 28th March, 1929, relative to Secondary Scholarships being tenable at Preparatory Colleges be adjourned to next meeting and that copy of circular letter be issued to members with agenda paper for said meeting".

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OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

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

"That permission be given the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs for erection of the following telegraphic lines subject to the poles being erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor:- Overground telegraphic line from Bettyville Gate Lodge to E.S.B. Transformer Station Shelmalier Commons Road Barntown.

Overground telegraphic line along Bawnmore Road from existing line on Irishtown Road to a point 80 yards North - New Ross.

Overground telegraphic line along Arklow Road from St. Michael's Road to E.S.B. Transformer Station Gorey. "

DREDGING KILMORE HARBOUR.

Under date 2nd April, 1929, the following letter (No.D/73/1) was received from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication of 4th ultimo forwarding copy resolution of the Wexford County Council regarding the proposed dredging operations at Kilmore Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that as the work will be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works and under the supervision of one of their Engineers, the question as to the area &c., to be dredged, referred to in the Council's resolution, is a matter for agreement between the County Surveyor and the Commissioners' Engineer who in this matter will act on behalf of this Department.

"With regard to the proposal that the County Council should have a representative aboard the dredger when working, I am to state that it would be an advantage to have a man aboard the dredger acquainted with the set of the tides, etc., but the

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County Council should clearly understand that he is merely acting as an agent of the Council and not in any other capacity. It is, of course, assumed that the County Council will pay the wages of this agent, which would be in addition to their contribution of £200 payable towards the cost of dredging".

Mr. Corish said he wondered if it would be possible to have this work done without employing the Board of Works Dredger. Mr. Donovan, who was dredging the cot safe at Wexford in a satisfactory manner, would be prepared to undertake it.

The County Surveyor pointed out that one could gather from the correspondence that the grant would not be forthcoming unless the dredger was employed.

Mr. Roche mentioned that it would be advisable to point out to the Department of Fisheries that for the last five or six months the harbour was practically useless. No coal had been landed for the last three months as it was impossible to get a steamer into a berth. Owing to the condition of the harbour, the last steamer that entered there was damaged and a bill of £800 had been incurred for repairs.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the Department of Fisheries be informed that the County Council were prepared to pay for the services of the representative they intended to put on board the dredger when working, as well as to be responsible for the contribution of £200 towards the actual cost of the work. Also that it be pointed out to the Department of Fisheries that it was most essential that operations should start without further delay.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said he had been in correspondence with Mr. P. O'Brien, Secretary to the Local Committee and had asked him to get some information as to the owners of the adjoining lands. It was only on the previous Saturday that he had obtained this information and he would

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now have to inspect the maps in the Office of the Land Registry to ascertain if the land was vested in anybody. Nothing could be done until this point was dealt with; and he would report the result of his investigations to the next meeting.

LOAN FOR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Under date 28th, March, 1929, the following resolution was received from the County Board of Health:-

"That the Wexford County Council be requested to consent to the borrowing, by the Board of Health and Public Assistance, of a sum of £625 for the purpose of converting a wing of the old Hospital at Wexford into apartments for the Nursing Sisters at the Hospital"

The following notice of motion was handed in by Mr. James Shannon:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the Meeting of Wexford County Council on 13th May, 1929, the following motion:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £625 for the purpose of converting a wing of the old Hospital at Wexford into apartments for the Nursing Sisters at the Hospital".

ROAD CONTRACTS.

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

"That we hereby confirm the tenders accepted at the recent meetings of Tenders Committees and as appearing on Form 20, subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman".

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SHEEP DIPPING ORDER, 1915.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the following be appointed lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Summer and Autumn Periods, 1929, remuneration to be £1 per week during the dipping periods with actual amount spent for postage:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT.

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrell, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's, The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kildealy and The Leap.

GOREY DISTRICT:-

Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue, Wells.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT.

M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD DISTRICT.

James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

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POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

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

"That new licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Anastasia Somers, Coolgreaney, report having been received from Superintendent O'Neill, G. S. Gorey, recommending the granting of the application; also new licence to Michael Cullen, Taghmon, subject to satisfactory report from Garda Siochana as to suitability of applicant and his premises; That renewal of licence issue to Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford."

ERECTION OF BUNGALOW.

Under date 28th March, 1929, Mr. Robert C. Williamson, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, wrote, applying for permission to erect bungalow at Scarawalsh. The distance from the building to the centre of the public road would be sixty feet.

This was agreed to, the County Surveyor pointing out that the proposed building would be more than 30 feet from the centre of the road and would not obstruct the view of road users.

ERECTION OF HOARDINGS IN TOWN OF GOREY.

Under date 16th March, 1929, Messrs David Allen & Sons, Bill Posting Ltd., 40, Pearse Street, Dublin, wrote, in connection with their application for permission to erect hoardings in town of Gorey, making the following suggestions:-

Esmonde Street: To remove wall to level of field and build hoarding on line of inside of wall.

Arklow Road:- To remove remnants of wall and place hoarding on line of inside of same.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the application be refused.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Adopted.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter was received from the County Council's General Council asking for a statement of any matters which the Council desired to have included on agenda paper for next meeting of that body.

It was decided that the Secretary submit statement explaining the position of the Council as regards retention of Government Grants owing to arrears of Land Purchase Annuities and the difficulty of carrying on administration in consequence; also, asking the General Council to consider the advisability of endeavouring to secure legislation which would rid County Councils of this incubus and make some provision by which derelict farms could, in some expeditious and satisfactory manner, be let to suitable persons who would be prepared to pay annuities and rates.

WEXFORD - ROSSLARE ROAD.

Under date 11th March, 1929, the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association wrote, in reference to the resolution of the County Council as to the allocation of £3000 for the Wexford-Rosslare Road, that he would request his Directors to support the Council's representations in the matter and would arrange for the inclusion of this item in any schedule he was preparing for submission to the Department of Local Government.

CLAIM - DAMAGE TO MOTOR LORRY.

Under date 22nd March, 1929, Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross, wrote, on behalf of Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Dungulph, Fethard, Co. Wexford, claiming £30 for repairs to his motor lorry rendered necessary by the dangerous condition of the road between Campile and Ballysallagh Cross.

Mr. Elgee informed the Council that they had no liability and it was decided that the Secretary inform Mr. T.J. Kelly, Solicitor, accordingly.

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RESTRICTION OF POSTAL SERVICES.

A resolution was read from Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, protesting against the curtailment of rural postal services, and also letter on the same subject from the Post Office Workers' Union.

No action, as the proposal of the Government to curtail these services had been abandoned.

CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from above, asking that the County Council should be represented by their Chairman at the National Celebrations.

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

"That Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of this Council, be appointed our representative at the forthcoming Catholic Emancipation Centenary Celebrations."

BEEET GROWERS AND PRICE OF BEEET.

A resolution was received from the County Council of Kildare, sympathising with the Beet growers in their efforts to get a decent price for Beet grown in 1929, promising them support and deploring the action of the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Co., Ltd., in seeking drastic reduction in the price of Beet particularly in view of the liberal profits accruing to the Company as the result of their first three campaigns.

The Chairman stated that this matter had been settled and he did not think it was necessary to have any further discussion.

EVIL LITERATURE BILL.

Resolutions in connection with above were received from Galway and Limerick County Councils.

No action was taken as the Bill had passed into law.

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BLENDING OF MAIZE.

The following resolution received from Athy Meeting of Grain Growers, held on 1st January, 1929, was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Roche:-

"That we request the Government of An Saorstát to introduce legislation before the Autumn of 1929, making it obligatory on all millers of maize to blend it with 15 per cent of home grown grain before offering it, in An Saorstát, for sale in any form other than whole grain".

INCREASING AREA DEVOTED TO WHEAT CULTIVATION.

The following resolution was received from Athy Meeting of Grain Growers, held on 1st January, 1929:-

"That we exhort the Government, in the interests of national security, rural regeneration and the prosperity of the Nation as a whole, to seriously undertake the work of increasing the area devoted to wheat cultivation in An Saorstát".

Adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, with the following addendum suggested by Mr. Roche:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture to carry out experiments for wheat cultivation on a much larger scale than those carried on at present".

The other resolutions from Athy meeting of Grain Growers, held on 1st January, 1929, were adjourned to next meeting.

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Michael Doyle

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

I certify the foregoing to be a correct record
of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council
in respect of Meeting held on 8th April, 1929.

(Signed) _____

Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1929.
