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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 27TH APRIL, 1931.

MINUTES.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 27th April, 1931.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2104:13: 4d. was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR NICHOLAS MOORE, EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman that the following letter from Mrs Elizabeth Boyce, Busherstown, Ballymitt, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"In answer to your kind letter I wish to thank you and also the members of the Finance Committee for your kind note of sympathy to us on the death of my Uncle, Mr Nicholas Moore, Ex-Rate Collector. I also on behalf of other members of his family express our acknowledgement. Again thanking you."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th March, 1931, as follows be received and considered.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, on 12th March, 1931.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy, John Culleton, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, ^{Co. Surveyor} Mr. Elgee Solr, and the Rate Inspector were also in attendance.

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3141: 9: 10d. was examined and signed.

VALUATION OF COUNTY COUNCIL NEW OFFICES ETC.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton to appeal against the Valuation Assessment on Co. Council new premises viz., £25 (part of) Wexford Co. Council premises (Old Jail): £70 for Co. Council Offices and Yard: and £52 for Courthouse and Offices half annual rent (exempt).

It was pointed out that up to the present Mrs. Johns, the landlady, paid rates on the half annual rent of the entire premises net amount £104. This had now been reduced to £52.

The Finance Committee are also of opinion that the usual rebate of rates for reconstruction of an existing building should apply in this case.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Under date 10th March, 1931, the following was read from the Office of National Education (Secondary Branch)

"In reply to your communication of the 3rd instant, I am directed to inform you that this Department has no objection to the admission of Mary Dymrna O'Leary and Kathleen Gertrude Furlong to the forthcoming examination under above.

'Regarding the cases of Aidan Howlin and Christina M. Devereux I am to state that your Council is not empowered under their approved Scheme to accept an application from any boy or girl where the valuation of the parents' holdings exceeds the

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amount specified in Clause 3 of Scheme.

'In view of the fact that the valuation of the parents' holdings of Aidan Howlin and Christina M. Devereux is in excess of the amount laid down, they could not be regarded as eligible under the Scheme."

A resolution was adopted instructing the Secretary to communicate with the parents of Aidan Howlin and Christina M. Devereux, and point out that as the Department of Education considered these candidates ineligible to compete for secondary etc., scholarships they cannot be admitted to the examination.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 6th March, 1931, the Office of National Education (Secondary Branch) wrote that students desirous of competing for University Scholarships provided by Co. Councils, and who do not satisfy the conditions of the Programme as to pursuing an approved Course of study at a Secondary School, could be admitted to the Leaving Certificate Examination at the request of the Council concerned in order to compete for the Co. Councils Scholarships. These students will not, however, be eligible for the award of the Secondary Leaving Certificate.

A special Form of Notice (No. E.7) from Candidates of this description who intended to compete for University Scholarship through the Leaving Certificate Examination should be filled up and forwarded to the Office of National Education not later than 31st May. An examination fee of 10/- must accompany the Form.

It was decided that the Secretary call the attention of pupils in the class referred to by the Office of National Education in their letter of 6th March, to the regulations as set down therein.

CLIFF ROAD ROSSLARE.

Under date 7th March, the following was read from Messrs M.J.O'Connor & Company, Solicitors, 2, George Street, Wexford.

"We put your letter of 2nd instant before our client who cannot understand the statement contained therein that the Council

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did not close the road in view of the fact that your Council have actually erected barriers bearing the words "ROAD CLOSED" near Mr. James' house.

'There is a barrier across the road at the Rosslare Strand side of Mr. James' house with these words printed thereon. If the road has not been closed by the Council will you kindly ask the Surveyor to explain why this has been done.

It appears to us that your council have acted in direct opposition to the Ministry of Local Government in erecting barriers or notices which give the public the impression that the road is closed by your Council. If it has not been closed then we ask that these barriers be removed at once. If it has been closed then we ask upon whose authority this has been done.

'It would seem that as the Council are responsible for the repair and upkeep of the road that steps will have to be taken to put it into proper condition and we would be glad to know what the Council proposes to do in that regard.

'We would like to hear from you as soon as possible.'

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne;—

"That letter from Messrs M.J.O'Connor, & Company, Solrs Wexford under date 7th March, 1931, relative to Cliff Road Rosslare, be referred for advice to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor."

PROPOSED HIRE OF MACHINERY.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 10th March, 1931, from Mr. T.C. Courtney, County Surveyor of North Tipperary, stating that he was now prepared to accept the terms laid down by the Wexford Co. Council in the Co. Surveyor's letter of 2nd inst., as to the hire of two steam Rollers, and two stone breakers.

The County Surveyor stated that the machinery in question would not be required for any work in ~~the~~ Wexford County during the year, and he recommended the offer of Mr. Courtney should be accepted.

It was proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:—

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"That two Steam Rollers, and two Stone Breakers with Drivers, Attendants etc., be hired to North Tipperary Council. Roller at £2, per day, and Stone Breaker at £2: 10: 0d. coal to be supplied by the Hirer in each case."

INTERFERENCE WITH DRUMS OF TAR.

The County Surveyor submitted a report from Mr. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District, under date 10th March, that recently a drum of tar was opened and allowed to flow away on Cherry's Road New Ross. The Ganger immediately reported the matter to the Civic Guards. This was the third drum of tar that had been tampered with in the last few months within the vicinity of the town.

The County Surveyor pointed out that this description of wanton damage was also happening in other parts of the County.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, and adopted:-

"That our Secretary report to the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Siochana, and call his attention to the fact that wanton damage was being caused to the property of the Co. Council, and ask him for the assistance of the Guards in endeavouring to prevent this occurring in future. The Finance Committee are also of opinion that the Road Ganger's should interest themselves in preventing conduct of this description, and call the attention of the Co. Surveyor to any instances which may come under or be brought to their notice.

EXTRA WORK ON ROAD.

The following under date 10th March, was read from Mr. Robert Sheridan Road Contractor :-

"With reference to Road No. 912 I beg to apply for extra payment, as owing to unexpected heavy traffic on same, the work is over the amount I contracted for, I value my extra work at £7. I trust you will see your way to allow same, and thank you in anticipation."

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The County Surveyor stated that this road was in Mr. Kehoe's area, and Mr. Kehoe expected there would have been some question with regard to its condition. This Contractor had certainly made the very best attempt possible to restore the road, and undoubtedly he must have had extra work in doing so. The difficulty was how to deal with the matter as the road was under contract.

It was decided to refer the letter of Mr. Sheridan to the County Surveyor for detailed report.

FURNITURE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES

The meeting considered several quotations for supply of upholstered Chairs for County Council Chamber at prices varying from 30/- to 17/6d each.

After consideration the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase 30 hard wood Chairs (No.18 page 4) catalogue of Aylesbury Bros., at 16/- each"

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 4th March, 1931, the Inspector of Co. Wexford and District Branch for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Society, wrote that he intended applying to the District Court Gorey, on the 13th March, for the committal of Margaret and Owen Kenny, Limerick Lane, Camolin, to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, and Rathdrum Industrial School, respectively.

The Secretary stated that he had reported the application to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

RATE COLLECTION. -----

The State of the Rate Collection up to 12th March, 1931,
was submitted as follows:-

Collector.	Percentage Collected.
1. E.J. Murphy	78.8
2. J. Curtis	77.1
3. W. Doyle	76.1
4. M. McCarthy	74.2
5. T. Rowe	72.4
6. T. Bolger (No.14)	71.0
7. J. Cummins	70.0
8. Sean Gannon	69.4
9. J. Quirke (No.1)	69.0
10. P. Doyle	68.9
11. A. Dunne	68.2
12. J. Deegan	68.0
13. J.J.O'Reilly	67.4
14. P. Nolan	67.3
15. P. O'Byrne	63.3
16. M. Kelly	62.6
17. P. Carty	61.6
18. W. Cummins	61.3
19. J.J. Sinnott	56.3
20. J. Quirke (no.2)	52.8
21. T. Bolger (No.12)	46.6

The Rate Inspector said Rate Collectors had been directed to close their warrants by 31st March. They were doing their best. John J. Sinnott was backward but he^{had} had a long illness and was not completely recovered. It was only now that Quirke was getting into close touch with the derelict farms of No. 2 district and the same could be said of the other Collectors who were acting temporarily in districts other than their own.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr

Culleton seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the County Council be requested to make no change ~~as~~ regards temporary Rate Collectors for the following districts:-

No. 2, 7, 12 and 19 until the closing of the Collection therein for financial year 1931+32. The Committee recommend this course as they are anxious to have all outstanding arrears of Rates cleared off and feel this result will be brought about in the most satisfactory manner by allowing the present temporary Collectors to continue until the close of financial year 1931-32."

A long discussion took place in respect of amount of Rates due on derelict farms.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of ~~the~~ Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the County Council be recommended to invite the Land Commission to send down one of their Inspectors to discuss with the Finance Committee what steps might be taken in connection with payment of Annuities and Rates on derelict farms .

The following letter under date 3rd March, 1931, (G 14828/1931) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"Further to this Department's letter of equal date sanctioning overdraft accommodation, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is with reluctance he has given his consent to the overdraft as it was noticed that there was a decided falling off in the rate collection which for a time had shown signs of improvement!"

NEW BUILDINGS LIST

New Buildings List for 1931-32 as prepared by the Secretary was approved on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

REMISSION OF RATES HOUSES BUILT UNDER HOUSING ACTS Etc.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded

by Mr. Shannon that houses erected under the Building
Facilities Acts and Housing Acts be exempt from proportion
of rates as authorised by Section 7 of said Acts in accordance
with amounts of remission appearing on list prepared by
Secretary.

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Cliff Road Rosslare: Mr Elgee said the road was not stopped. There was a barrier across one end of it but the inhabitants of Mr James's house could get into the place. Beyond James's house the road was stopped but this was because the place was actually dangerous.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the Council deny liability as to the closing of the Cliff Road, Rosslare. Any attention given to this road by the Council was for the safety of the public.

Hiring of Machinery: Mr Hall said he had proposed that the machinery be not hired out, and he proposed it again. The County Council, he said, would be at a great loss by hiring out the machinery. If they hired it out it might come back worn out. It never was the intention of the Council to buy machinery for hire.

Chairman - Would you have it lying up ?

Mr Hall - I would.

Mr McCarthy - It was decided by a majority of the Finance Committee to hire out the machinery provided the Tipperary Council agreed to the terms laid down. They declined to pay the terms, but immediately after consented, and it was then decided to give them the machinery.

Mr Hall - It came before the last meeting of the County Council.

Mr McCarthy - That was because they would not agree to our terms at that time.

County Surveyor - They agreed to them afterwards.

Mr Hall said it appeared that at present a Council could hire machinery cheaper than it could be purchased.

The County Surveyor said that Mr Courtney, County Surveyor for North Tipperary, was glad to get the machinery on the terms asked by him (Mr Barry). It appeared that Mr Courtney was doing a good deal of work on special grant and

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the machinery he had was not able to reach on the whole of it.

The matter dropped.

Interference with drums of tar: Col. Quin said he saw children rolling some of the tar-barrels all over the road.

Chairman - Tar was taken from casks in some places.

County Surveyor - They were damaged but I do not know whether the tar was actually taken away from them. There were leakages as a result of the damage, and there was loss in that way.

Chairman - These casks are terribly exposed to any sort of theft or damage. They are actually a temptation for somebody to meddle with them. Could they not be left inside the nearest farmer's place, or some place adjoining their vicinity? I see them in heaps on my road, and anybody wanting tar, could take it. I think something ought to be done to protect them, and I don't think anybody would object to the barrels of tar being rolled into their premises. They would not be so exposed as they are. Four of them between Jones' Cross and Taghat are on the top of a heap of spawls.

Extra Work on Roads: The County Surveyor said the Contractor certainly made the best possible attempt to restore the road and it involved extra work. The difficulty was how to deal with the matter owing to the road being under contract.

No action was taken pending receipt of detailed report from County Surveyor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th March, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee submitted as follows in respect of meeting held on 26th March, 1931, be received and considered:

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 26th March, 1931.

Present - Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy, James Shannon and John J. Culleton.

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

Mr O'Byrne moved and Mr Culleton seconded ~~the~~ a resolution appointing Mr Hall Chairman of the meeting.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3967: 12: 2d. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

State of: The State of Rate Collection to 26th March, 1931, was submitted as follows:-

Name of Collector.		Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	E.J. Murphy	90.
2.	John Curtis	87.1
3.	Wm. Doyle	85.5
4.	Thomas Rowe	80.9
5.	Patrick Carty	79.8
6.	M. McCarthy	78.1
7.	J. Quirke (1)	77.5
8.	Sean Gannon	77.5
9.	J. Cummins	77.2
10.	T. Bolger (14)	77.0
11.	John Deegan	75.1
12.	Art Dunne	74.5
13.	Patrick O'Byrne	74.2
14.	J.J. O'Reilly	73.8
15.	Patrick Noonan	73.4
16.	Philip Doyle	72.9
17.	W. Cummins	70.9

Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
18. M.M.Kelly	66.2
19. J. Quirke (2)	62.2
20. J.J.Sinnott	62.1
21. Thady Bolger (12)	51.2

Complaint against Rate Collector E.J. Murphy (District No.17):

With reference to complaint made by Mr Brennan County Councillor at meeting of 23rd March, 1931, that Mr Murphy had handed in his books to close off his warrant to his Solicitor who refused to accept ^{Rates without costs} from large number of ratepayers in Mr Brennan's district, and that he never called on rate payers to collect Rates, the following under date 25th March, 1931, was read from Mr Murphy who was in attendance:-

"In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. I beg to refer you to your letter of 28th January, 1931, enclosing copy letter from Department of Local Government which stated:-

"That in the event of any Rate Collector failing to comply with the conditions of his employment by not lodging the full amounts of his warrant on or before the 31st March, the Public Bodies Orders 1925 will apply and such Collectors must not ~~be~~ expect to be allowed poundage at a rate similar to that fixed for the due performance of their duties"

On receipt of that letter I sent out Six Day Notices with very little result and one Ratepayer in the presence of a County Councilor, told me that he "lit the fire with it."

I further beg to refer to the Rate Inspector's letter of the 2nd inst., stating that all warrants must be closed on the 31st inst., and failure on the part of the Collector to close may lead to dismissal and the Sureties be called upon to make good outstanding rates.

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst. The expenses of seizing under warrant are so heavy that I have always adopted the cheaper course of proceeding by Civil Bill.

In reference to your letter of the 24th inst. I did not

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know it was necessary to call for rates on Ratepayers and would be glad of specific instructions on this point.

I did not hand all my books to my Solicitor. I gave him a list of those who took no notice of my repeated demands for payment and told him to collect them for me.

If I have done wrong it was unintentional and my efforts were solely directed to the repeated requests to get in the rates referred to above."

The following under date 23rd March, 1931, was read from Mr P. Quigley, Lacken, New Ross:-

"Excuse me for troubling you but I cannot let this pass. I sent in a cheque to Mr Murphy, Rate Collector, for rates the 21st March, and he refused to take same, although he took it from other people in his district. He told my son I had got a civil bill which was not the case. He even called my son a liar, when he said I had not received a civil bill. I always paid my Rates before the time and I think it very strange to be treated in such a manner. I think it is hard enough on the farmer to pay the amount due without putting extra cost on him, by having it collected through a Solicitor. Mr Murphy is the only Rate Collector in New Ross district that refused taking the rates on the 21st. If you think it proper you can put this letter before the Finance Committee.

Mr Murphy stated that he had not handed in all his Collecting Books to Messrs Colfer & Son, but had made a selection from a large number of names of ratepayers who had failed to pay although Six Day Notices had been served upon them. Mr Quigley's name was on the list and when his son came in he told him to go to Mr Colfer, Solicitor, and see what could be done in the matter. Mr Colfer declined to accept the Rates without payment of the costs. With reference to the case referred to in Mr Quigley's letter in which the Rates had been accepted without costs, a death had occurred in the family during the week, and for that reason and others

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Mr Colfer had not insisted upon *costs*.

Mr Murphy denied that he had called Mr Quigley Jun. a liar. As a matter of fact a few days previous to the 23rd March he met another son of Mr Quigley's and asked him if he would pay the Rates. He said he would not pay before the 31st March. He had not seen Mr Quigley Snr., at any time but had issued his Demand Note by post and also wrote to him twice for payment. He had been 19 years collecting Rates and had never heard it would be necessary to call on Ratepayers at their houses. He met a very large number of them in fairs and markets.

The Chairman pointed out that it was a very easy way for Mr Murphy to get the rates to suit his own convenience. Mr Murphy appeared to think that the Ratepayers should call to his office, and that there was no obligation on him to call to their residences.

Mr Murphy said that seizing on his own Warrant would mean on an average an expenditure of £3 while as regards proceedings in the District Court, the costs would be only a few shillings. He had seized on his own Warrant in the case of Bantry Commons and lost very nearly £60 in consequence.

Mr O'Byrne referred to order of County Council that Collectors should call on Ratepayers for the rates but Mr McCarthy pointed out that this order referred only to Collectors whose Collections were in a backward state.

Mr Murphy stated that he was prepared to call on rate payers at their residences if directed to do so but there was nothing in the Public Bodies Order as to the method of Collection except that he was to proceed with all "due diligence". He carried on the procedure of his predecessor and shortly after his appointment 19 years ago a number of Rate payers asked him not to call to their houses as this gave rise to the idea amongst their neighbours that they were financially embarrassed.

Mr Elgee said that the expenses of a Collector seizing on

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his own warrant would be very high, as he had to have two or three men with him. In the District Court the costs for a debt of £25 would be £2 and proportionately lower when the proceedings were for a lower amount.

Mr Murphy pointed out that the bailiff in his district was not prepared to assist in making seizures unless he had adequate police protection.

After further discussion the Committee decided to recommend to the Council to reconsider the order directing Rate Collectors to seize on their own Warrants, in view of the heavy expenses involved on the Ratepayers concerned.

Mr Culleton said that as Mr Murphy was at the top of the list for his Collection, it showed that his method of collection was getting in the money and must be efficient.

Mr McCarthy held that as Mr Murphy's methods of collection were so effective it would be against the interests of the Council to interfere with them.

Mr Shannon agreed. The desire of the County Council was to get in the rates as rapidly and as effectively as possible. Mr Murphy's plan was giving the necessary results and it would be a pity to interfere with him. What suited one district might not be applicable to another. New Ross was the only town in Mr Murphy's district and was used by all the Rate payers in his area for fairs and markets. This being the case it was very convenient for them to call to Mr Murphy's office and 90 % of them would prefer to do this rather than have the Rate Collector visit the houses.

Mr McCarthy proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following recommendation:-

"Having heard Mr Murphy's explanation as to complaint made by Messrs Brennan and Quigley we are satisfied he is carrying out his duties as Rate Collector in an efficient and satisfactory manner."

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The resolution was adopted.

The Chairman in dissenting, said it was a very handy procedure for Mr Murphy to hand his books to his Solicitor, without calling to Rate payers.

Mr McCarthy said that Mr Murphy had written to all the defaulting Rate payers on more than one occasion.

Mr Murphy said he was prepared to serve the Demand Notes personally if it was the wish of the Council, but a number of them were certain to object.

Legal Proceedings by Rate Collectors: Under date 21st March, 1931, Collector Patrick Carty (No. 21 District) wrote that he did not exercise the powers under his warrant where he was refused payment, because he understood it was the desire of the Council that Rate Collectors should not resort to harsh methods. He asked that he should be notified if it was the wish of the Council that he make seizures in cases where he was refused payment three or four months before the half year expires. He was prepared to carry out the instructions of the Council.

In the course of the discussion which arose after the reading of this communication, reference was made to the statement of Mr Murphy (Collector for No. 17 District) that the average cost for seizures under a Collector's own warrant was £3, whereas the cost of legal proceedings at the District Court was much lower.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Rate Collector P. Carty be directed to exercise his discretion as to the legal proceedings to be taken by him in the case of a Ratepayer who is able to pay his rates but refuses to do so."

Applications for Extension of time for closing Collection:

Under date 24th March, Collector J.J. Sinnott (No. 16 District) made application for extension of time to close his warrant as he had been ill since last September. It was only during the past week he was able to resume duty against the wishes

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of his doctor, who had warned him to be careful of over-exertion and travelling in bad weather.

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

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"That in view of the fact ~~that~~ Mr Sinnott's illness over a prolonged period we request the L.G.D. to extend the time for closing his warrant to the 6th May, 1931."

Under date 24th March, 1931, Mr T. Bolger asked the Finance Committee to extend the time for the closing of his collection in No. 12 District (late P. Donohoe). He believed if he got the extension of a month he would be able to vastly improve the Collection.

Application was also received from Mr Quirke for an extension of time in the case of No. 2 District (late Thos. Sutton).

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

"That in view of the fact that the collection of Rates in Nos. 2 and 12 Districts had been held up for some months previous to the appointment of the present temporary Collectors, we request the L.G.D. to agree to an extension for the closing of the Warrants in both these districts for at least one month."

NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon that the usual Rebate of Rate be granted John O'Connor, Rathiminey, Gusserane, New Ross, on account of increase in his valuation from £3:15: to £8 in consequence of improvement to dwelling houses.

DEDUCTIONS FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The Secretary stated that a sum of £503: 14: 10d. had been deducted from the last instalment of Agricultural Grant owing to sums due by defaulting annuitants under the Land Purchase Acts not being covered by deductions from the Estate

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Duty Grant.

DISPUTE BETWEEN COUNTY COUNCIL AND PIONEER
ROAD CONSTRUCTION CO.

In connection with the dispute as to the value of material at Gorey Hill Quarry left over from the reconstruction of Courtown-Gorey Road by the Pioneer Road Construction Co., and which under the Contract was to be taken over by the Co. Council, the Pioneer Road Construction Co. wrote under date 25th March, 1931, that they were surprised to receive the letter of the County Surveyor of the 10th March and to note that the Council had decided that the matter in dispute should not be left to the arbitration of a nominee selected by the L.G.D. The Company were very reluctant to take the matter into Court as they felt that an equitable decision on the real merits of the case would best be obtained from some independent Engineer. They therefore suggested that the dispute should be dealt with by an Engineer to be nominated by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to rescind the resolution proposing that the dispute between the Pioneer Road Construction Co. and the Council should be settled by Court proceedings and recommend that said dispute be referred to Mr T.C. Courtney, Co. Surveyor for North Tipperary, provided the Pioneer Road Construction Co., are prepared to accept this nomination and that Mr Courtney is prepared to act as Arbitrator."

RECONSTRUCTION OF COURTHOUSE.

A Bill for £37: 10:, Interest on £1500, amount of unpaid Certificate of County Surveyor for five months @ 6 % was received from Messrs McNally & Co., East Wall, Dublin, Contractors for reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That we recommend the Council to disclaim liability for payment of Bill received from Messrs McNally & Co. for £37: 10: in connection with reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse."

OLD COURTHOUSE SITE - REDEMPTION OF RENTS.

Under date 14th March, 1931, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that he had noted from correspondence with the Secretary of the Council that funds are now available for the redemption of the Head Rents of the Old Courthouse, but as he had not yet satisfied himself that the titles in all cases were in order he could not ask for Paying Orders. For instance in Capt. Redmond's case the amount would be divided into four shares payable to different parties and he (Mr Elgee) had not yet agreed with Capt. Redmond's Solicitors as to what the individual shares would be.

No action taken pending further report from Mr Elgee.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING CONTRACT.

Tenders for the annual printing for County Council were received as follows:-

Messrs English & Co. Quay, Wexford	-	£78: 18: 6d.
"Free Press" - - - - -	-	£83: 7: 0d.
"The People" - - - - -	-	£116: 14: 0d.

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

"That the tender of Messrs English & Co., for annual printing of County Council Offices for financial year 1931-32 at £78: 18: 6d. be accepted subject to reservation that unless items of printing are delivered in specified time the Contract will be cancelled by Finance Committee."

INSURANCES.

In connection with Insurance Policies for P.L. and E.L. which were held by the Ocean, Accident & Guarantee Corporation, Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 5 Dame Street,

Dublin *concerning the following*

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Dublin, a/c's for Premiums:- Public Liability £47: 10: 8d.
and Employers Liability £674: 7: 9d.

Mr William Boland (Messrs McDonagh & Boland) attended the meeting.

The County Surveyor stated that in connection with Employer's Liability Policy a number of claims had been settled through his office for small amounts, while a number of others had been settled by the Insurance Brokers direct. He (County Surveyor) was unable to tell the amount in the latter instance but in any case all the claims would be considerably less than the Premium. The Public Liability claims for one year might be less than the Premium but taking a period over five or ten years the premium and the claims were very nearly the same amount.

The Secretary pointed out that the amount of the Employer's Liability Policy was based on the wages paid. For year 1930 the premiums were £568: 7: 6d.

Mr Boland pointed out that on account of the claims experience the Company with which the County Council were formerly insured wanted an increased Premium. When a Tariff Office fixed a higher Rate all the other Tariff Companies had to fall into line. The present Company put in a proposal to accept liability at the old percentage rate and this was accepted by the Council. Claims settled and outstanding for the present year were about £300. At the end of two years there would be a review of the Rate. Quotations obtained from non Tariff Companies were 40/- % and from the Ocean Co., 29/9 the present rate. The figures of 40/- per cent quoted by the non Tariff Companies was the average for County Councils. As regards Public Liability the old Company wanted to have a provision included that the Council would be directly responsible for all claims up to £5. The ^{Council} Company did not agree with this resolution and the

Insurance Brokers secured a policy from the Ocean at the old rate. As regards the explosives risk the public liability policy had been applied to vehicles and the rate quoted covered damage to property, injury to the public, Civic Guards escorting explosives, or drivers or owners of the vehicles. The premium had been 28/- % with the minimum premium of £8. When explosives were conveyed by vehicles the property of Assistant Surveyors the procedure usually adopted was to request the Company holding insurance of the vehicle to endorse the policy and indemnify the County Council and the owners. The Companies concerned would of course, require an additional Premium for the additional risk. If the names of the companies holding Insurances of the Assistant Surveyors' motor cars were furnished to Messrs McDonagh & Boland they would approach the Companies and have the risk covered.

In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that as Assistant Surveyors were receiving a fixed amount to cover their locomotion expenses there was no obligation on them to ensure their motor cars against Third Party Risk, or for the risk incurred in carrying explosives, and if an explosion occurred to one of the cars which might not be insured the Council might find themselves liable for very considerable damages.

The County Surveyor pointed out that it would be advisable if the County Council had a policy covering the explosion risk without having to make enquiries annually as to the insurance of Surveyor's cars.

After further discussion it was decided that Mr Boland should look into this matter and advise the Council if it be possible to secure a policy in their name to cover risk to Surveyor's vehicles when conveying explosives.

Mr McCarthy proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

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"That we recommend the County Council to continue Employers Liability Insurance Policy at the rate of 29/9 % and the Public Liability at £47: 10: 8d.

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr McCarthy:-

"That pending inquiries being made by Messrs McDonagh & Boland as to the most advisable way to secure policy for explosives risk they be asked to furnish covering note protecting the Council against risk in this respect."

TOURIST RATE.

Under date 13th March, 1931, application was received from the Irish Tourist Association for payment of £207, balance of Tourist Rate for financial year.

Resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr McCarthy that the amount be paid.

WORKING OF MACHINERY.

The County Surveyor stated that at the meeting of the Council on 23rd March, 1931, a resolution was adopted to employ as lorry driver during the illness of Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, John Radford, Old Pound, Wexford, at £2 per week. He already found that Mr Radford was not available and suggested that Lce. Doyle, Fairfield, Enniscorthy, be employed as temporary lorry driver at £2 per week during Mr Murphy's illness.

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

"That Laurence Doyle, Fairfield, Enniscorthy, be employed as temporary lorry driver during the illness of Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer."

It was also decided that Mr Murphy's wages be paid during the period of his illness.

EXPENDITURE ON ROADS.

The Secretary stated that it was apparent from the state of the Rate Collection that a substantial amount would be out-

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standing after the 31st March, while owing to the fact that the County Council had only agreed to their Rate for financial year 1931/32 on the 23rd March, it would be some months before the new Rate could be put into course of collection. If the County Surveyor developed a full road programme as from the 1st April next, the Council would not have sufficient funds to meet the expenditure.

It will be necessary that expenditure be curtailed as much as possible until new rate is in course of collection.

DREDGING AT KILMORE.

It was decided to adjourn to next monthly meeting consideration of the settlement of the claim of the Board of Works for dredging work carried out at Kilmore.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

On the representations of the Inspector for N.S.P.C.C. Co. Wexford and District Branch, it was decided that if a child named Martin Fenelon, formerly of Grange, Killanne, whose period of detention in St. Patrick's Industrial School, Kilkenny, would expire on the 10th April, was recommitted to a Senior School, the Council was prepared to accept responsibility for capitation Grant until he reached the age of 16 years.

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Dispute between Co. Council and Pioneer Road Construction Co.:- Mr McCarthy proposed the confirmation of the ~~record~~ ^{recommendation} of the Finance Committee.

Mr Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion;- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Corish, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Shannon. - 10.

Against - Messrs Armstrong, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman - 9.

Messrs Colfer and Gaul⁽²⁾ did not vote.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

Mr Corish held that notice of motion to rescind the resolution of the County Council deciding that the matter be settled by Court proceedings should have been given.

Mr Elgee said that the following appeared on agenda paper of the meeting as a recommendation from the Finance Committee:- "Dispute between County Council and Pioneer Road Construction Co." It had always been the practice in such cases to look upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee as tantamount to a notice of motion.

Mr Corish still contended that the Councillors should have received notice of the proposed rescinding of the resolution and the item on the agenda did not suggest that a rescinding of a former resolution was contemplated.

The Secretary pointed out that that no member had given notice of rescinding as it was held that the recommendation of the committee was equal to such a notice.

Mr Elgee pointed out that it would have been ~~most~~ advisable if the full minute of the Finance Committee had been set out on the agenda.

After further discussion ~~Mr~~ McCarthy by permission of the meeting) withdrew his motion and gave notice to move at next County Council meeting that the resolution of the Co.

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Council to have the dispute with the Pioneer Road Construction Co. settled by Court proceedings be rescinded, and the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Mr T.C. Courtney, County Surveyor, North Tipperary County Council, be appointed to act as arbitrator in the matter.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th March, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered, or amended by resolution adopted at this day's meeting."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th April, 1931, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 9th April, 1931.

Present - Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy, James Shannon, James Hall and John J. Culleton.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr McCarthy on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3551: 17: 2d. was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR NICHOLAS MOORE, EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

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

"That we desire to record our sympathy with his relatives in the death of Mr Nicholas Moore, Ex-Rate Collector who was for a considerable time a faithful and loyal servant of this Council."

The Secretary and Mr Elgee (both of whom knew Mr Moore intimately) paid tribute to his many fine qualities, and expressed their regret on his death.

RATE COLLECTION.

State of The State of the Rate Collection up to 9th April, 1931, was submitted as follows:-

No. of District	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	E.J. Murphy	93.9
2.	J. Curtis	93.4
3.	T. Rowe	91.9
4.	W. Doyle	91.6

No. of District.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
5.	P. Carty	89.6
6.	J. Deegan	89.4
7.	J.J. O'Reilly	88.9
8.	M. McCarthy	88.0
9.	P. O'Byrne	88.0
10.	T. Bolger (No.14)	87.6
11.	J. Cummins	87.2
12.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	87.0
13.	P. Doyle	86.9
14.	Sean Gannon	86.4
15.	A. Dunne	85.9
16.	P. Nolan	80.2
17.	W. Cummins	80.0
18.	J.J. Sinnott	72.3
19.	J. Quirke (No.2)	71.5
20.	M. Kelly	70.0
21.	T. Bolger (No.12)	65.3

Derelict Farms: The following gives a list of the Rate Collectors with total amounts due in each case for rates on farms certified by Rate Inspector as absolutely derelict, carrying no crops and no stock:-

No. of District.	Name of Collector.	Amount.
1.	Jas. Quirke	£. s. d. 6: 9: 2d.
2.	do.	589: 13: 10.
3.	Phil Doyle	136: 6: 2.
4.	M. McCarthy	92: 10 : 7.
5.	Patk. Nolan	97: 14: 9.
6.	M.M. Kelly	54: 15: 4.
7.	J. Deegan	23: 18: 8.

(No. of District)	Name of Collector.	Amount.
8.	J. Cummins	34: 16: 9.
9.	P. O'Byrne	248 : 17: 0.
10.	Sean Gannon	66: 13: 5.
11.	W. Cummins	500: 11: 4.
12.	T. Bolger	196: 0: 11.
13.	J. J. O'Reilly	99: 0: 10.
14.	T. Bolger	Nil.
15.	Art Dunne	Nil.
16.	J.J.Sinnott	216: 0: 10.
17.	E.J. Murphy	224: 5: 4.
18.	T. Rowe	40: 0: 4.
19.	W. Doyle	103: 6: 9.
20.	J. Curtis	68: 2: 2.
21.	P. Carty	30: 5: 1.
		<u>£2829: 9: 3.</u>

The various items in each Collector's District were carefully considered and instructions issued to the Rate Inspector as to the action to be taken in each individual case.

Arising out of references to several instances in the list, the following resolutions were adopted:-

Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That in our opinion the Land Commission should be held responsible for payment of Rates and arrears on any lands which are in their hands or of which they have taken possession. We recommend the Council to call upon the Land Commission to pay amounts due in such cases."

Proposed by Mr Shannon and seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That as regards transfer of lands to evade payment of Rates such as we believe has happened in the case of the Great Saltee Island, we recommend the Council to direct the Rate Collector concerned to proceed against the present owner, on the understanding that the Council will be responsible for

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payment of law costs, incurred by the Collector. It is evident to any reasonable person that the ownership of the Great Saltee Island was transferred to a person alleged to have no means in order to avoid payment of Rates and arrears."

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That should the Land Commission agree to the request of the Finance Committee on confirmation of same by the Co. Council, to send down an Inspector to confer with the Committee regarding rates on vacant farms and particularly those which are derelict, and the circumstances of which were considered at this day's meeting in detail, we direct the Rates Inspector to have for the purpose of this Conference a complete statement of the particulars of each individual item concerned.

Proposed by Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Culleton and adopted:-

"That in view of the present impossibility of obtaining payment of any rates or arrears of same in respect of farms in this County which are absolutely derelict we request the sanction of the L.G.D. to the Council passing the amount concerned as temporary irrecoverable and not to insist upon same being carried forward as arrears into next year's warrant for collection."

Poundage to Collector: Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted:-

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"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment of Poundage to Mr T. Bolger for temporary work in No. 12 District. This Collector has obtained 50% of the amount of the Warrant in this particular district, and as his travelling expenses are very heavy and as he has received no payment of Poundage up to the present, we request the L.G.D. to agree to this proposal."

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Mandatory Rate for Agriculture: Under date 31st March, 1931, letter (No.E.2740/31) was read from the Department of Agriculture.

This pointed out that the Agriculture Act, 1931, now law

had made the raising of a sum equal to not less than a rate of 2d in the £ mandatory. In the circumstances the Council should take such steps as were necessary to comply with this provision of the Act.

The Secretary stated that the difficulty in the matter might be got over by the County Council at their meeting of the 27th April agreeing to raise the balance necessary to make up the equivalent of the mandatory 2d Rate in the £. On the 23rd March the Co. Council had agreed to raise a sum of £1850 - the equivalent of a rate of 1½d in the £ - on the rural portions of the County as their contribution towards the cost of the schemes of the County Committee of Agriculture. The amount in question was £1110 short of that fixed by Section 36 of the Agriculture Act. As the Rate Books were in course of preparation and as any change in poundage figures would necessitate reapportionment of Books etc, causing delay and expense, the L.G.D. were asked if it would be in order for the County Council be resolution to apply £750, amount to be raised by the Contingency Fund to partially make up the deficit, and transfer the balance viz., £360, from other sub-heads on which anticipated expenditure was not likely to be incurred.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Hall:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to adopt a resolution on the lines suggested to this meeting by our Secretary showing how the £1110 balance to make up the equivalent of the mandatory Rate of 2d in the £ under the Agriculture Act can be raised."

Mr O'Byrne pointed out that at the time the Rate was agreed to the Council had no information that the Agriculture Act had passed into law. No doubt the Department of Agriculture had called attention to the provisions of Section 36 in the Bill but, at that time, there was no guarantee that this Section might not be amended in the Bill so that the mandatory levy would not commence until the beginning of the financial

year 1932-33. At the moment the Council had not been able to obtain a copy of the Act from the official publishers. There could be no doubt that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to induce the Council at this stage, to raise the figure of the present rate by the smallest sum. In his (Mr O'Byrne's opinion) the Council should not take any steps in the matter.

Proceedings against Ratepayers: Under date 8th April, 1931, Mr P. Colfer, County Councillor, wrote calling attention to the case of Mr. Roche, Clonmaines, Wellingtonbridge, who had received a process on behalf of Mr Curtis, Rate Collector, for £2: 15: 2d. rates and 8/- costs. Mr Roche told the Rate Collector about the end of March that he could not pay until the end of April when he had two yearling cattle to sell. Roche was a poor farmer with a big family and was inclined to pay his rates if he got time.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Colfer be informed the Finance Committee are not in favour of interfering with the discretion of the Rate Collector as regards legal proceedings for recovery of rates in respect of the financial year just closed. The L.C.D. would not consider an application for an extension of time to close the Collector's Warrants beyond the 31st March, 1931, the end of the financial year, and it was natural to expect in view of this decision that Rate Collectors would have to take court proceedings against Rate payers who were in default.

ALLOCATIONS PUBLIC WORKS.

The County Surveyor submitted the following list of allocations from Public Works Estimate for approval:-

BRIDGES:-

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Wexford Maintenance.....	£50
Wexford Repair.....	£25
Ferrycarrig Maintenance....	£25
Ferrycarrig Repair.....	£120
Deeps Maintenance.....	£20
Deeps Repair.....	£10
Edermine Maintenance.....	£15

BRIDGES:-

Edermine Repair.....	£30
New Ross Maintenance.....	£60
New Ross Repair.....	£100
New Ross Caretaker.....	£40
Mountgarrett Maintenance....	£10
Mountgarrett Caretaker.....	£12

HARBOURS:-

Poulduff.....	£25
Carne.....	£10
Kilmore.....	£50
Fethard.....	£10
Glade.....	£10
Duncannon.....	£10
Arthurstown.....	£10
Ballyhack.....	£10
Courthouses.....	£50
County Buildings.....	£50
Expenses Transfer Offices..	£50

Mr O'Syrne proposed and Mr Hall/seconded a resolution agreeing to the recommendations of the County Surveyor as to Public Works allocations.

COURTOWN HARBOUR SLUICE GATES.

Mr Garland, Chairman, Courtown Harbour Committee, wrote under date 7th April, 1931, requesting the Council on behalf of the Committee, to have the new sluice gates at Courtown erected as soon as possible, as the old ones were useless. Two local fishermen had purchased motor boats, and unless the Bar was regularly sluiced they would be unable to fish.

In connection with this request the Harbour Master, Courtown, wrote that the existing paddle in North Sluice Gate was unshipped under water, leaving it in danger of being carried away when gate was shut, while useless expenditure in securing and putting it back in position would be incurred. The fishing industry was undergoing a revival at Courtown and it was therefore urged that the Council should bring pressure to bear upon the proper authorities to have the gates looked after.

The County Surveyor stated that if the Council did not get authority to proceed with the work within the next month or so, it would be too late to carry it out this year. The Fisheries Department had agreed to the work, subject to the

Council putting up 50 % of the cost. The Council had agreed to this and if anything was to be done, no time should be lost in proceeding during the proper season.

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

"That we again call attention ^{of} the Fisheries Department to the delay in carrying out repairs to Courtown Sluice Gates. We are informed by our County Surveyor that unless this work is put in hands within a reasonable time it cannot be carried out this year. The matter has been under consideration for practically ~~two~~ years now and the Finance Committee fail to see any reason for further delay. That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Fisheries Department."

MR. T. MOORE - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Under date 7th April, 1931, the following was read from the Secretary, County Wexford Board of Health:-

"I have received a recommendation from Dr. W. O'Connor in respect of Mr T. Moore, Clerk in the Co. Surveyor's Department of your Council's offices. Dr. O'Connor requests that arrangements be made for the provision of Sanatorium treatment for Mr Moore at Newcastle. This would probably mean a course of three or four months.

Mr Moore has asked me to inform you of this recommendation as he intends to apply for leave so as to avail of the treatment. I understand that his application will be before you on to-morrow (Thursday)."

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

"That in view of letter from Secretary, County Board of Health, under date 7th April, 1931, four months' leave of absence be granted Mr T. Moore, County Surveyor's Department, and that the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a substitute, during Mr Moore's absence at a salary of £3 per week."

ILLNESS OF OFFICIALS.

Under date 6th April, certificate was read from Dr. S.V. O'Connor, Westgate, Wexford, that Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was still under his care, suffering from neurasthenia post Influenza, and would be unable to resume duty for a further month.

Proposed by Mr Shannon and seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That a further month's sick leave up to the 6th May be granted Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor." Passed.

Under date 4th April, 1931, a certificate was read from Dr. P.D. Murphy, Enniscorthy, that Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, was suffering from Influenza and Pulmonary Congestion.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That sick leave on full pay be granted Mr Wm. Murphy as from the date of last medical certificate to 13th April, 1931." Passed.

APPOINTMENT SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

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Mr Shannon proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council be recommended to appoint on the same terms and conditions as obtained for last year the following lay sheep Dipping Inspectors:-

Enniscorthy District - James Murphy and Myles Roban.

New Ross District - Ml. J. Hennessey.

Wexford District - Thomas Hayden.

Corey District - Thomas Prendergast.

As regards the second portion of Corey District for which Morgan Flaherty acted last season, the Committee decided that advertisements should be issued inviting applications from candidates for this district, remuneration £1 per week during dipping season, with out-of-pocket expenses incurred for postage only, appointment to be made at the Council meet-

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For insurance to cover Council's liability including passengers unlimited indemnity all sections in connection with cars owned by Officials and used by them for their employer's business, the rates will be :-

- PROVISO:-

If the reduced rates are availed of it will be necessary to include such officials as Rate Collectors, Doctors or other Officials of the Council using motor cars.

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

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BINDING COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES.

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

"That the quotation of Messrs English & Co., Quay, Wexford, for binding Minutes of Wexford County Council for year 1931 at 17/6d. be accepted."

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES.

For the printing of Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes for financial year 1931/32 the following tenders were submitted:-

Wexford People	£28: 10: 6d.
J.English & Co.	£30: 0: 0d.
Free Press	£42: 0: 0d.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall the tender of the Wexford People, which was the lowest, was accepted.

DEMAND FOR INCOME TAX - YEAR 1924-1925.

Demand was received from the Inspector of Taxes for payment of £325, assessment being described as "£1000 profits from Quarries, and £300 from Interest."

Letters from the Secretary to the Inspector of Taxes explaining how no profit could arise from quarries as no material was sold to the public, and that the alleged profit was only a transfer entry from Road Expenditure Proposals, were read. Debit Interest for the period in question exceeded Credit Interest.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall to appeal against the assessment.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Under date 8th April, 1931, Mr J. Leacy, Inspector, M.S.P.C.C., County Wexford and District Branch, wrote that he intended to apply at Enniscorthy Court on 16th instant for the committal of four children named Roche to an Industrial School. The father had been sent to Penal Servitude for

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three years recently and the mother was unable to support them.

After discussion Mr Elgee, Solicitor, was instructed to oppose the application on behalf of the Council.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

The County Surveyor stated that he had submitted to the Electricity Supply Board an estimate for £15: 12: 6d. cost of repairing damage to foot paths in New Ross Urban District and they had accepted this figure, the County Surveyor to carry out the work.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded: the following resolution:-

"That we agree to the County Surveyor carrying out the work of restoration of damage to footpaths in New Ross town on behalf of the Electricity Supply Board for the sum of £15: 12: 6d. this being the amount estimated by the County Surveyor to carry out the necessary restoration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Cummins:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th April, 1931, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Mandatory Rate for Agriculture: Colonel Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That in order to meet the deficit of £1110 necessary to make up the equivalent of the 2d Rate in the £ mandatory under Section 36 of the Agriculture Act , 1931, we hereby agree that the sum of £750 proposed to be raised for General Contingencies be applied for partially meeting the deficit and that the balance of £370 be taken from other sub heads on which the full anticipated expenditure is not likely to be incurred."

Mr Corish held that a special meeting should have been called and the question of the inclusion of the necessary amount to make up the full amount of the 2d rate should have been considered.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, held that the resolution was quite in order. The Rate which had been already agreed to by the Council was not being interfered with in any way and the County Council, in connection with their miscellaneous services, had, in his view, power to make transfer of funds from one head to another as occasion required.

The resolution was then put and passed Messrs Corish & Cooney and Gaul dissenting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th April, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed"

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd April, 1931, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 23rd April, 1931.

Present:- Messrs T. McCarthy, James Shannon and James Hall.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr McCarthy on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1,977: 5: 2d., ordinary account, and for £28,708: 15s. transfers to Public Bodies were signed.

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr Hall, that the following applications for inclusion in New Buildings List for 1931-32 be refused:- National Bank Ltd., Re-roofing Bank House, Bunclody. Kieran McNeill, Courtown Harbour, store at back of premises. Patrick Murphy, Tenacre, Tagoat, cattle and boiler house, amount £15. Thomas Byrne, Main Street, Gorey, house raised and new roof put on it, amount £70. Sara J. Gowan, Blackwater, shed removed from one side to another and increased in size, amount £30.

It was decided to include New Building on the holding of Mr Michael Doyle, Yoletown, Rosslare, on New Buildings List, valuation £8.

RATE COLLECTION.

Refund: It was decided on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Shannon that refund of 13/4d rates paid by Mr Lce. Heery, Duncannon, on vacant Martello tower on his land be made.

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Irrecoverable Rates: On the motion of Mr Hall seconded by the Chairman the following amounts were struck off as permanently irrecoverable:- Enniscorthy District, £205:2:6d; New Ross, £118: 12: 11d.; Gorey, £81: 12: 1d and Wexford £255: 18: 11d. Total £661: 6: 5d.

Temporary Uncollectable Rates: It was decided that items amounting to the following for each district be regarded as temporary uncollectable and be carried forward into warrant for current financial year for collection therewith:- Enniscorthy, £1967: 8: 8d.; Gorey £474: 15: 6d.; New Ross £437: 7: 8d.; and Wexford £2124: 7: 3d. Total £5003: 19: 1d.

Collectors were instructed to lodge £2786: 9: 2d. outstanding and which could not be regarded as temporary uncollectable. It was decided that Collectors be given to 6th May to lodge same.

Rates due on Derelict Farms: The Rates due on Derelict Farms amounted to £2829: 9: 3d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That consideration of Lists of irrecoverable rates and temporary uncollectable rates of the following Collectors be adjourned to meeting of 7th May:- J.J. Sinnott (16 District); James Quirke (No.2 District) and Thady Bolger (No.12 District); P. Carty, (No.21 District) balance of Irrecoverables.

The following under date 13th April, 1931 (G24998 - 1931 Loch Garman) was read from L.G.D:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant relative to an extension of time for the closing of their 1930/31 warrants to Collectors Sinnott, District No. 16, T.Bolger No.12 District and J. Quirke No.2 District, and I am to draw attention to the terms of Article 101 of the Public Bodies Order and to state that he is not prepared at this stage to sanction an extension of time for the pur-

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pose of enabling full poundage to be paid on the closing of the warrants at a date later than that contemplated by the Order. In the case of Collector Sinnott the provisions of Article 104 of the Order should be borne in mind.

The Collectors generally should understand that failure to account for their warrants by the 31st March should involve at the least some reduction in the normal rate of commission.

I am to draw attention also to the requirements of Article 102 of the Public Bodies Order (1929) and to state that, apart from the question of poundage, if the Council are fully satisfied in any particular case that adequate reasons exist for delay in the submission of the lists of uncollected rates the Minister would not object to a reasonable but brief extension of time for the submission and consideration of such lists."

The following under date 13th April, 1931 (G24999/1931 Loch Garman) was read from L.G.D.:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of March, and to draw attention to the large sum £26,341, outstanding. All the Collectors should be called upon to close at once"

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter was furnished to the Collectors on 14th April, 1931.

Poundage for Collectors: Under date 3rd April, 1931, Mr James Quirke (No. 1 District) Hon Secretary, County Wexford Rate Collectors, wrote applying on behalf of all Collectors for payment of poundage on all rates lodged to 31st March last. As several items on temporary uncollectable sheets had been disallowed it would facilitate the Collectors considerably if poundage was paid now. Also that the Council would consider ~~payment of~~ balance of poundage when warrant was closed.

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

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to agree to payment of full poundage on all rates collected up to 31st March last. That consideration of payment of poundage on sums lodged after 31st March last be adjourned until close of Warrant when Department's letter of 13th April, 1931, No.G. 24998/1931/^{Loch Garman} will be further considered.

Under date 21st April, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (G28481-1931 Loch Garman Fa) stating that the Minister would raise no objection to an advance not exceeding 75 per cent of the poundage fees on the amounts, actually collected and lodged by Collector Bolger in respect of his warrant for No. 12 District. A schedule showing the actual advances of poundage made to the Collectors should be furnished the Department.

DIVISION OF LAND.

Consideration of correspondence from Messrs Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, as to the proposed division of lands at Glenogue, Gorey District, was adjourned to meeting at which it is anticipated an Inspector from Land Commission will be in attendance.

LAND COMMISSION - DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

Under date 18th April, 1931, the Irish Land Commission forwarded lists of defaulting annuitants in Co. Wexford, against whom legal proceedings had been directed to be taken for recovery of instalments due on 1st November and 1st December last in respect of advances made under the various Land Purchase Acts.

The Secretary stated that the amounts due according to the lists supplied were £18,992: 15: 1d.

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DREDGING KILMORE HARBOUR - DEDUCTION OF COST FROM
GOVERNMENT GRANT.

Under date 27th March, 1931, the Department of Finance wrote (S. 31/9/27) that the Council's liability to the Office of Public Works in connection with dredging work at Kilmore Harbour viz., £297: 13: 2d. had been paid to the Office of Public Works from the following Grants:- In respect of County in lieu of rates £218: 10s. and Prosecutors & Witnesses' expenses £79: 3: 2d. Total £297: 13: 2d. A Pay Order to cover the balance of the Grant for Prosecutor's and Witnesses Expenses viz., £95: 8: 7d. was enclosed.

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

"That as the dredging work carried out at Kilmore Harbour by the Office of Public Works was most unsatisfactory and, as we are informed the condition of the harbour now is much worse than previous to dredging operations, we protest against the action of the Department of Finance in deducting from the Government Grants the amount charged by the Office of Public Works for said dredging."

SLUICE GATES AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

The following under date 21st April (D/S/2) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the erection of new dock gates at Courtown Harbour; I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that he is now in a position to notify that a State contribution of £350 or half the actual cost, whichever sum is the less, will be made available when the new dock gates fitted with proper sluices have been erected at Courtown harbour to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioners of Public Works. The balance of the cost involved to be found by the Wexford County Council who will continue to be

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responsible for the maintenance of the gates and sluices at Courtown harbour.

On receipt of an intimation that the County Council is willing to accept these conditions arrangements will be made with the Commissioners of Public Works for payment of State Grant when the work has been completed to their satisfaction."

The County Surveyor said the original agreement between the County Council and the Government Department in respect of this work was 50 per cent from each side. He wrote to the Department of Lands and Fisheries on the 28th June, 1930, when he forwarded them specification for the work that the County Council had approved a proposal for £500 to ~~cover~~ half cost subject ~~to~~ to the Department contributing another £500. The cost of the work at £1000 was the figure estimated by the Engineer to the Office of Works and set out in his report to the County Council, on the 23rd October, 1929. His (County Surveyor's) estimate was £700 but in view of the statement of the Engineer to the Office of Public Works the County Council had agreed to the maximum amount. He then asked for authority to put the work in hands as it was important there should be no delay in having it carried out. He (County Surveyor) could not understand why the Department were throwing over the estimate of their own engineer. At the time the estimate of £700 was prepared local people not now available would have carried out the work for that figure. If his (Co. Surveyor's) estimate had been in excess of that of their own engineer it was very doubtful if it would have commended itself to the Department.

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

"That the attention of the Department of Lands and Fisheries be called to the report of the Engineer to the Office of Public Works to the Wexford County Council on 23rd

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October, 1929, and in which it was definitely stated that the reconstruction of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour could not be carried out for less than £1000. The County Council acting on the understanding that the Government were prepared at all times to make a State Contribution of not less than 50 % of the cost of the work, raised their share (£500) and the Finance Committee express their surprise that the Department now repudiate the recommendation of their own Engineer and request that contribution of £500 from State Funds should be made available.

SALE OF SURPLUS ROAD MATERIAL.

Under date 21st April, 1931, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RM/32) that if surplus material was such as might be regarded as a temporary surplus appearing as stock at the end of the accounting period no objection would be raised to its sale provided no loss is incurred thereby. It was presumed that the sale would not be of an extensive nature.

ILLNESS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER.

Certificate was read from Dr. D.P. Murphy, Enniscorthy, that Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, would not be able to resume work before the 20th.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr Murphy had taken up work on 20th as stated by Certificate.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Hall:- "That we approve of Mr Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, receiving sick leave on full pay from date of previous Certificate to 20th April, 1931."

OFFICIAL HAND BOOK - IRISH FREE STATE.

Letter etc from Mr Kevin J. Kenny, 65 Middle Abbey St., Dublin, under date 22nd April as to advertising in above named handbook was read for the meeting.

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It was decided to take no action.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A report was read from one of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council that as regards a specified reported case under above Order he was not able to say whether the animal was tuberculous or not owing to the fact that the Department of Agriculture did not inform Mr Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector, of the result of the examination of the material he had forwarded. The Department did give the result of examination of milk forwarded previous to the slaughter of the animal but they had never given any reports on post mortem specimens sent up.

Memorandum from Department of Agriculture of 10th April 1931, stated it was not the practice of the Department to notify Local Authority's Veterinary Inspector of the result of the examination of specimens sent to the laboratory in connection with Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

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

"That in connection with the working of Bovine Tuberculosis Order we request the Department of Agriculture to notify Local Veterinary Inspectors as to whether the examination of viscera of animals gives a positive or negative result of disease."

DUPLICATE PAY ORDERS.

Letter was received from Rev. Mother St. John of God Convent, Wexford, asking for duplicates Paying Orders as originals had been accidentally destroyed, ~~was read~~

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

"That the following duplicate Pay Orders from General Account, financial period 31st March, 1931, be issued: No. 1297 Sister M.A. Pearson, £7: 10s.; No. 1309, Sister Ml.

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Delaney, £13: 18: 9d.; No. 1313, Sister M de C Cosgrave,
£7: 12: 10d. and No. 1314 Sister M.A. Loughlin £8: 8: 1d
payment of the originals (accidentally destroyed) having
been estopped with Treasurer.

Industrial School Applications.

Applications from ~~District~~ Superintendent M. Walsh,
New Ross, as to committal of James Morgan, Little Graigue,
Carrig-on-Bannow, to an Industrial School and from Mr D.
Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, was to committal
of Ellen Doyle, Ballyeden, Clonroche, had been referred to
Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

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Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd April, 1931, be received and considered."

Rates due on Derelict Farms:- Mr Cummins said the amount of annuities and rates due on derelict farms was now a very serious item. In rates alone it meant a loss of £2829, practically £3000. Continuing Mr Cummins said if we could put these men who have those farms in a way to do something it would be a means of helping them and helping us in the rates. I would put up a proposition to the Inspector when he comes down that would please everybody - the tenant, ratepayers and all concerned.

Secretary - If we get the Inspector down - if the Council agrees to it - we can ask Mr Cummins to attend and discuss the matter fully with the Inspector and discuss the details of each case and embody any suggestion Mr Cummins has to make.

Mr O'Byrne - I propose that Mr Cummins be invited to the meeting at which the Inspector is to attend.

Chairman - I will second that. I think all the members should be invited and let whoever like come.

Mr McCarthy - I propose the adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendations. If we could get somebody to come down we could make some suggestions.

Mr Shannon seconded.

* Passed.

Chairman - There was legislation introduced giving Co. Council's power to deal with derelict farms and they were wanting County Councils to take over such farms, but I don't see how they could manage them.

It was decided that if it could be arranged with the Land Commission to send down an Inspector to discuss the matter with the Finance Committee all the County Councillors should receive a copy of the agenda paper of the Finance

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Committee so that they could attend the Committee meeting if they so wished.

Sluice Gates at Courtown Harbour: The County Surveyor asked for authority to advertise the work to see what tenders would be forthcoming. The Department agreed to give 50 per cent of £1000 but now that was cut down to 50 % of £750. This matter was going on for three years.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded a resolution that tenders for the work be invited by advertisement.

This resolution was adopted.

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

"That we protest against the action of the Department of Lands & Fisheries in connection with repairs of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour which has been held up for more than two years. The Engineer to the Office of Public Works estimated the work to cost £1000 in view of which the County Council had raised £500 half of the money. Now the Department of Lands & Fisheries have cut down their contribution from £500 to £350, notwithstanding the estimate of the Department's own engineer. This we consider unfair treatment of the Council.

Rate Collection: The various recommendations etc of the Finance Committee meetings of 12th March, 26th March, 9th April and 23rd April, 1931, were read .

Rate Collector Murphy (District No. 17): A long discussion took place as to the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the question of the manner in which Rate Collection is carried on in District 17 be referred back to the Finance Committee and that Mr Brennan , County Councillor, and Mr Murphy, Rate Collector, be asked to attend. If necessary the Finance Committee arrange for the attendance

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of Mr Murphy at the meeting of the County Council at which the matter will be finally disposed of.

As an amendment Mr Gaul proposed and Mr Cooney seconded ~~an amendment~~ that the matter be disposed of at this meeting:

Considerable discussion took place on both motions and finally they were withdrawn and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Walsh:-

"That Mr Murphy (Rate Collector for No. 17 District) be instructed that for the future he must serve demand notes personally and call on ratepayers twice for the purpose of securing the Rates.

APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTOR.

For the vacant Sheep Dipping Inspectorship in Gorey area for the following district Electoral Divisions - Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed, Wingfield, at remuneration of £1 per week (and out of pocket expenses for postage) during the two dipping periods, applications were read from the following:-

1. Corcoran Patrick, Brideswell, Craanford.
2. Doyle James, Ballylucas, Ballymurrin.
3. Flaherty Morgan, 113 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, former Inspector for the area, Ballyellis, Carnew.
4. Lawless Michael, Coolinteggart, Gorey.
5. Mordaunt Wm., Ballingarry, Gorey.
6. Ormonde Patrick, Ballyellis, Carnew.
7. Kearns Thomas, Rathpierce, Ballyfadd, Inch.
8. Sunderland John, Ballyfarrell, Carnew.
9. Tully Daniel, Gurteen, Coolgreany.
10. White Edward, Monaseed, Gorey.
11. Whyte William, Fortchester, Inch.
12. Green Stephen, Hollyfort, Gorey.
13. Mordant P. Ballinclair, Hollyfort.

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14. Sullivan Ml. Clough, Gorey.
 15. Browne John, Kiltilahane, Carnew.
 16. Hughes Michael, Clonsilla, Gorey.
 17. Boland Thomas, Pallas, Kilanerin.
 18. O'Connor Lce., Ballymacsimon, Kilmuckridge.
 19. Doyle Patrick, Ballytegan, Gorey.
 20. Doyle Peter, Hollyfort, Gorey.
 21. Cline James, Ballyscartán, Gorey.
 22. Scallan John Joseph, Crosstown, Wexford.
(expected 35/- per week)
 23. Power Ml. Vernegeley, Cottage, Bannow.
 24. O'Reilly James, Corramacorra, Murrintown.

Morgan Flaherty, wrote from 113 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, that he was living only for a short time in Dublin and would be back before the opening of the Summer dipping period. He considered he had first claim on the position as he had carried out the duties satisfactorily for the past five years and had not sent in his resignation. In the circumstances he believed he was entitled to the position without a further election.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr Hall:- "That a vote be taken on all candidates who have complied with the terms of the advertisement by being ~~on~~ personal attendance."

The following candidates were in attendance:-

P. Corcoran, Jas. Doyle, Ml. Lawless, Patrick Ormonde, John Sunderland, Wm. Whyte, Stephen Green, Peter Mordaunt, Ml. Sullivan, John Browne, Ml. Hughes, Thomas Boland, Patrick Doyle, Peter Doyle, John J. Scallan, Ml. Power, James O'Reilly.

It was decided that Flaherty (though not in attendance) be included in the vote.

The application of Mr J.J. Scallan was ruled out of order as he asked for a remuneration at the rate of 35/- per week.

The following is the result of the voting:-

Ormonde - Messrs Armstrong, Cummins, Gaul, Keegan,
Miss O'Ryan - 5.

James Doyle - Mr Clince.- 1

Power - Messrs Colfer, Cooney and Murphy - 3.

Flaherty - Messrs Corish and D'Arcy.- 2

Hughes - Col. Gibbon and Col. Quin.- 2.

Corcoran - Messrs J. Hall and T. McCarthy.- 2

Reilly - P. Hayes - 1.

Peter Doyle - Messrs M.J. Jordan, Brennan, Smyth, Walsh
and the Chairman - 5.

Sunderland - Messrs O'Byrne and Shannon.- 2

Messrs Clince and Hayes who were the only supporters of
James Doyle and Reilly, transferred their votes to Flaherty
and Sunderland, respectively. Reilly and James Doyle were
then eliminated and the next division resulted as follows:

Ormonde - Messrs Armstrong, Keegan, Cummins, Gaul, Miss
O'Ryan, and Corish - 6.

Power - Messrs Colfer, Cooney and Murphy. - 3.

Flaherty - Messrs Clince and D'Arcy - 2.

Hughes - Col. Gibbon and Col. Quin.- 2.

Sunderland - Messrs Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon - 3.

Corcoran - Messrs Hall and McCarthy - 2.

Peter Doyle - Messrs Brennan, Jordan, Smyth, Walsh and
the Chairman - 5.

A poll on the three candidates lowest in the last
division was then taken the voting being:

Corcoran - Messrs Brennan, Hall, McCarthy and the Chair-
man - 4.

Flaherty - Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney,
Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon,
Jordan, Miss O'Ryan - 14.

Hughes - Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs Murphy, Smyth and
Walsh - 5.

Corcoran and Hughes were eliminated, and the subsequent

poll resulted as follows:-

Ormonde - Messrs Armstrong, Cummins, Gaul, Keegan, and O'Ryan - 5.

Peter Doyle - Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs Hall, Jordan, Smyth, Walsh, Brennan and the Chairman - 8.

Sunderland - Messrs Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon - 4.

Power - Messrs Colfer, Cooney, and Murphy - 3.

Flaherty - Messrs Clince, D'Arcy and Corish - 3.

The division between Power and Flaherty resulted as follows:-

Power - Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Hall, Cooney, Cummins, Murphy, Walsh, and Col. Quin - 8.

Flaherty - Messrs Armstrong, Clince, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth, Corish, Col. Miss O'Ryan Gibbon/and the Chairman - 15.

Power was eliminated.

The next poll resulted as follows:-

Ormonde - Messrs Murphy, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Keegan, Miss O'Ryan - 6.

Peter Doyle - Messrs Brennan, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, Smyth, Walsh, Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, and the Chairman - 9.

Sunderland - Messrs Colfer, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon - 5.

Flaherty - Messrs Clince, D'Arcy, and Corish - 3.

Flaherty was eliminated and the next division resulted as follows:-

Ormonde - Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Cummins, Gaul, Keegan, Miss O'Ryan, and Corish - 7.

Doyle - Messrs Brennan, Cooney, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, Smyth, Walsh, Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin and the Chairman - 10.

Sunderland - Messrs Colfer, D'Arcy, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Shannon - 6.

Sunderland was eliminated and the final poll resulted as follows:-

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Ormonde - Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon, Miss N. O'Ryan, and Mr Corish - 12.

Doyle - Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth, Walsh, Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, and the Chairman - 11.

The Chairman declared Ormonde elected.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon :- "That Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for the following District Electoral Divisions in Gorey District viz., Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed, and Wingfield at a remuneration of £1 per week (plus cost of postage) for the two dipping periods of 1931, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture!"

Ormonde returned thanks, for his election and said he would do all in his power to give satisfaction.

DAMAGED ROADS - KILLANNE DISTRICT.

Seven residents of Killanne district forwarded under date 16th April, 1931, the following relative to Road No. 372 through Grange and Carrageen:-

"We the undersigned Ratepayers wish to call the attention of your Council to the scandalous state of the roads in the townland of Newtown leading from Timons' Contract to the Mountain. Owing to the recent heavy rains the surface is washed away and there is caves from 2 feet to four feet deep. The Contract on these roads expired last March and as there is no one to look after them they are simply gone scandalous.

We request your Council to have these caves filled up so that a horse and cart can get along with safety."

Mr Richard Sinnott appeared to put the views of the writers before the Council.

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Three ratepayers of the district attended in connection with the condition of an adjoining road No. 374.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said these roads were in contract up to the 31st of March, and the flooding in April wore them down. They were narrow roads and were cut badly. He estimated £3: 10: to do one of them and £4 the other, and said this amount was only sufficient to repair damage.

Mr Shannon said he was over one of the roads the previous day and he could say it was very dangerous. It was a narrow road, and in places there were soft cavities three feet in depth. He got them measured and was of opinion that no man would be safe travelling on the roads with a horse. He thought the water tables should be built up so that they would not be dangerous and yet useful enough to take away the water. The surface was worn and he understood there was shingle to be got there that would restore the surface and bind it together. That would be got free and the only cost would be the labour in carting it. The other lane mentioned was also in a bad way.

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr D'Arcy:-

"That the following amounts be allocated from the County Road Contingency Fund for the purpose of road repair:- Road 371 £3; 372, £5; and 374 £10.

COMPLAINT OF DISRATING OF ROAD GANGER. -----

Attention was drawn by Mr Cooney to the case of Patrick M'Gee, a ganger, of nine years' experience, in New Ross district, who was reduced to an ordinary worker. Altogether he had fourteen years' road experience, and he wished to know from the County Surveyor why he was reduced.

County Surveyor - He was most unsatisfactory. He was doing grant work and I had to get another man to supersede him. I warned him myself personally, and I had to get another man to supersede him as ganger. He is still kept on as an ordinary worker.

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Mr Cooney - It was very strange that he was doing the work as ganger for nine years, and there was no complaint before, and anybody looking at the Brandon Well Road, which was under him, must admit that it is a good job. I think you should hear his side of the story.

M'Gee appeared before the meeting and was informed by the Chairman of the complaint that he was found unsatisfactory two or three times, and had to be cautioned.

M'Gee, in explanation, referred to orders about sweeping roads etc., and, in reply to Mr Cummins, said he should get notice as ganger of such matters.

County Surveyor - Didn't I constantly warn you about the way the work was carried out generally? You referred to one case. You had three boilers, and not a sufficiency of bitumen to go on with the work. Proceeding the County Surveyor said he had to complain about tar drums being left for months on the road and thrown over the fence. There were a number of little things he warned M'Gee about ~~over~~ again and again. Last year, when doing grant work, he had to get another ganger from the next area. He would have dealt stronger with the man before only, unfortunately, no man of the gang was fit to take up this job. That was the real crux.

Mr Cooney - Wouldn't you think, after his nine years' experience as ganger, and doing a lot of bitumen work, he was just of capable of doing this job as the job he did do?

County Surveyor - I never found him satisfactory, and the difficulty was to get a satisfactory man.

Mr Cooney - And it took you nine years to find out that he was not satisfactory.

Chairman - I think if we are going to curtail or give no liberties to the County Surveyor we might as well not have him at all. He should have discretion over the gangers on the roads without being pulled up by the County Council. He gave a reasonable explanation, and I don't know what you want

the County Surveyor to do. Are you going to back up your officials, or do nothing but hamper them. If we don't give our officials some discretion in these matters I don't know how we can carry on.

Mr Cooney proposed that McGee be reinstated as ganger and put on six months' probation with a view to his permanent appointment provided he gave satisfaction in the meantime.

Mr Colfer seconded.

After further discussion Mr Cooney withdrew his motion.

As regards a complaint by Mr Cooney that a ganger from Wexford District was employed in New Ross Area the County Surveyor said that by an exchange he would be able to have the matter adjusted.

Consideration of the remainder of the business , items No 3 to 15 (inclusive) was adjourned to next meeting.

W. J. Cooney
12 May 1931