

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 11TH APRIL 1932

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COUNTY HALL
WEXFORD

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th April, 1932.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding:
also Messrs John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, 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, County Solicitor and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th March, 1932.

Present:- Messrs J.J. Culleton, James Hall, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5,691: 16: 9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

State of: Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	87.7 %
2.	E.J. Murphy	84.5 %
3.	T. Rowe	81.2 %
4.	W. Doyle	80.0 %
5.	J. Cummins	75.3 %
6.	P. Carty	74.0 %
7.	J. Quirke	74.0 %
8.	J. Deegan	73.0 %
9.	T. Bolger	72.1 %
10.	S. Gannon	70.0 %
11.	A. Dunne	69.0 %
12.	J.J. O'Reilly	69.0 %
13.	P. Doyle	68.5 %
14.	J.J. Sinnott	68.0 %
15.	W. Cummins	67.0 %
16.	M. McCarthy	66.6 %

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No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
17.	S. Gannon (6)	66.2 %
18.	P. O'Byrne	66.0 %
19.	P. Nolan	63.3 %
20.	T. Bolger (12)	55.7 %
21.	J. Quirke	52.2 %

The first four Collectors on above list were concerned with New Ross Area.

The Rate Inspector stated that the rest of the County was not making the same effort as the Collectors in New Ross.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Department of Local Government & Public Health be requested to consent to the payment of full poundage on the basis of Warrant for 1931/2 as already agreed to by Wexford County Council, to all Rate Collectors who lodge the full amount of collectable Rate for current year by 31st March, 1932."

In connection with No. 2 District it was decided that a Scheme as to its apportionment between Collectors J. Curtis, William Doyle and James Quirke be considered at next meeting of the Committee.

The following statement of Irrecoverable and Temporarily Uncollectable Rates for Wexford and Enniscorthy Districts was submitted and approved:-

<u>Wexford:</u>	Irrecoverable Rates.	Temporary Uncollectable.	Total.
J. Quirke	64: 13: 7d	146: 0: 2d	210: 13: 9d
do.	209: 13: 5d	1153: 10: 0d	1363: 3: 5d
P. Boyle	67: 4: 5d	223: 1: 10d	290: 6: 3d
M. McCarthy	72: 11: 7d	392: 6: 7d	464: 18: 2d
P. Nolan	209: 13: 2d	883: 7: 0d	1093: 0: 2d

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<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Irrecoverable Rates.	Temporary Uncollectable	Total.
S. Gannon	296: 8: 3d	397:15: 0d	694: 3: 3d
J. Deegan	98: 1: 3d	95: 0:10d	193: 2: 1d
J. Cummins	24: 2: 8d	399:10: 1d	423:12: 9d
P. O'Byrne	171:10: 0d	243:15: 1d	415: 5: 1d
Sean Gannon	136:19:11d	129: 9: 4d	266: 9: 3d
W. Cummins	165: 5:11d	694:13: 8d	859:19: 7d
T. Bolger	133:13: 3d	286: 8: 3d	420: 1: 6d

Letter under date 10th March, 1932, was read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, asking that the collection of rates in the case of Mrs. Mary Lambert, Newtown Upper, and Deeps, should be held over for the present, as the release of the sale of the lands had to be signed in Australia.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Connor that the Finance Committee could not see their way to interfere with the discretion of the Rate Collector in this matter, to whom it was decided a copy of Mr. O'Connor's letter should be furnished.

Ex-Collectors Philip Furlong and J.J. Fitzpatrick: In connection with fees unpaid to Ex-Collector Furlong for his work in respect of the preparation of Voters' Lists in 1928 the following was read from Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh and Proud, Solicitors, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, under date 12th inst:-

"On 1st August, 1931, you wrote the Managing Director of the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., pointing out that £30:17:9d had been lodged to the credit of the County Council on 24th July, 1929, by the County Registrar, representing the fees unpaid to Ex-Collector Furlong in respect of the preparation of the Electors' Lists in 1928. Our clients, who have had to pay up the amount which was due by Furlong when he absconded, on foot of their Fidelity Guarantee, have not been given credit for this sum of £30:17:9d, and we would ask you to have a Paying Order issued to the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., for this amount, as we propose to have Furlong adjudicated a Bankrupt as an absconding Debtor with a view to getting at his lands for the balance which will then remain due to our clients.

"Our clients have also drawn our attention to the fact that on 22nd May, 1931, when you were forwarding the poundage

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unpaid to Furlong, by way of part recoupment to our clients, a sum of £90: 0: 0d was deducted on the basis of a letter from the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Council of 9th January, 1931, ostensibly as representing the amount of overdraft interest incurred by the Wexford County Council owing to default of Furlong. Kindly let us know what contract existed between the County Council and ex-Collector Furlong under which ~~the~~ ex-Collector Furlong was liable for overdraft interest incurred by the County Council. It seems to us that unless there was such a contract, no deduction as against our clients would be in accordance with the agreement come to.

"We are anxious to have these points cleared up before instituting the Bankruptcy proceedings."

This communication was submitted to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who wrote that he did not think it advisable for the Council to comply with Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud's request. They could defer dealing with the matter until Furlong had been actually adjudicated a Bankrupt, when the Council would be quite safe in lodging the money to credit of the Bankruptcy matter. With regard to the sum of £90 deducted from Furlong's poundage, it would be well to inform Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud that having regard to the fact that Furlong had not closed his Warrant, the County Council could only pay such sums for poundage as were authorised by the L.G.D. and as this Department had required the £90 in question to be deducted from the poundage the Council could not now make any lodgment of same to Insurance Company.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, explain to Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud the position of the Council as regards application for payment of £30: 17: 9d for Electors' Lists and £90 poundage claimed by New Ireland Assurance Co. as Guarantors of Philip Furlong, ex-Rate Collector."

Under date 12th March, 1932, Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud wrote asking for payment of £33: 0: 11d, amount of fees payable to Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick for preparing Electors' Lists and Jurors Lists, which they stated seemed to be payable to their clients, the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., in reduction of their loss as Guarantors for this Ex-Collector.

Under date 23rd March, 1932, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that it would not be advisable to pay over the sum in question until the Council had a Court Order directing them to hand over the money to the Insurance Company.

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

"That as regards claim made by Messrs Little O'Huadaigh & Proud for payment of £33: 0: 11d fees payable to Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud be informed that as advised by our Solicitor, the Insurance Co. should obtain Order from a competent Court to have the money paid over to them."

INSURANCES

Quotations for Insurances for Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability were received as follows:-

The Ocean Accident and The Hibernian Insurance Companies - £676: 2: 0d each - Workmen's Compensation.

Public Liability - Ocean Co. - £55: 10: 8d; Hibernian Company - £100: 0: 0d.

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

"That Quotations for Insurances (Workemn's Compensation and Public Liability) from the Ocean Company as submitted to this meeting be recommended to the County Council for acceptance."

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NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

Under date 10th February, 1932, letter (G.1026/1932 Fa. Loch Garman.) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the inclusion of Munster & Leinster Bank premises at Buncloody on New Buildings List.

This letter pointed out that according to the statement of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, for the Bank, work of reconstruction and renovation had been carried out to the value of £3,036 between 7th June, 1920, and 2nd December, 1921. If, on inquiry, it was found that the work of reconstruction was not commenced before 1st April, 1920, the premises should be reinstated on the New Buildings List.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of letter from L. G. D. under date 10th February, 1932 (G.1026/1932 Fa. Loch Garman), correspondence from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son and from inquiry from Messrs J. Browne & Co., Building Contractors, the Council is recommended to reinstate the premises of the Munster & Leinster Bank at Buncloody on the New Buildings List."

TENDERS FOR COUNTY PRINTING

Tenders for printing for Co. Offices for financial year 1932-33 as follows were submitted.

Messrs J. English & Co.	- £83: 4s. Od.
"Free Press"	- 106: 6s. 6d.
"The People"	- 116: 13s. 6d.

The Tender of Messrs English & Co. at £83: 4: Od. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:

HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

In connection with Grants under above attention was directed to memorandum A.H.A.I. prepared by Local Government Department, in which it was stated there are no restrictions

on sale or letting in respect of houses erected under the Act and in respect of which grants had been made available.

The County Council, by resolution, had limited their Grants only to houses which were to be used as residences.

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

"That in view of Article 3 of Memorandum furnished by L.G.D. in connection with Grants for houses erected under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 that there are to be no restrictions as to sale or letting, we request the Co. Council to reconsider their resolution making their grants applicable only to houses which are to be used by the applicants as residences."

"As Government Grant is not payable unless the County Council make a Grant of an equivalent amount and as the County Council have full control over the selection of applicants, the Finance Committee would be glad to have the Council review the position in the light of memorandum of L.G.D. (A.H.A.I.)."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That in view of the circumstances explained in letter of Mr. W.J. McDonald N.T. Kilmuckridge, Gorey, as to his financial position we recommend the Council to accept the application of his daughter Rita McDonald for University Scholarship."

Mr. O'Byrne stated he would serve notice of motion if necessary in this case.

Miss K.M. Kickham, University Scholarship Holder, wrote that she intended, if successful at the forthcoming examination for B. Comm. Degree to continue her University Studies for another year in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education.

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

"That, as provided by University Scholarship Scheme, the Council be recommended to approve of the application of Miss

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K.M. Kickham, University Scholarship Holder, for a year's extension of her Scholarship in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education."

REVALUATION OF RAILWAYS

Under date 9th March, 1932, (3201083) the General Valuation Department wrote, forwarding copy of the "Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931."

The Chairman mentioned that the Administration of the Act would mean further reduction in the amount received in rates from the Railway Company.

MISSING PAY ORDER

Under date 15th March, 1932, Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, wrote that he had lost Pay Order for 6s. for haulage and requested that a Duplicate should issue to him.

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

"That Duplicate for Pay Order No. 2352 (Subsidiary Account) for 6s. payable to Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, (and who has lost original) be issued and that our Secretary estop original with Co. Council Treasurer."

APPLICATION FOR USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Thomas Forde, Gorey Hill, applied on behalf of the Fainne Organisation for the use of one of the rooms in Gorey Courthouse on Sunday nights once a fortnight, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The purposes and objects of the Fainne Organisation were the propagation of the Irish language by means of local Irish speakers, assembled in a spirit of fraternization, participating in debates and offering their views in lectures etc.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That while approving very strongly of the objects of the Fainne Organisation, the Finance Committee in view of the precedent

which would be created, are reluctantly compelled to refuse Mr. Forde's application."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Application from Sergeant Lee, Fethard, as to committal to Industrial School of Thomas and Annie Mallon, Adamstown, Fethard, were referred to County Solicitor.

SURETIES OF ROAD CONTRACTOR.

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

"That we approve of Edward Furlong, Barntown, and Edward Keyes, Gibberwell, Duncormack, ^{being} ~~he~~ accepted as Sureties of John Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormack, Contractor for Road No. 917, and execution of Bond for which had been adjourned from meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee, owing to the Contractor's illness."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, be received and considered."

Rate Collection: The Secretary submitted the following table showing the percentage of collectable rate outstanding on 7th April, 1932:-

Thady Bolger (No.12 District).....	25 %
J. Quirke (No. 2 District).....	20 %
J.J. O'Reilly.....	14 %
Thady Bolger (No.14 District).....	14 %
A. Dunne.....	14 %
J.J. Sinnott.....	14 %
P. Doyle.....	13 %
P. Nolan.....	12 %
J. Deegan.....	12 %
P. O'Byrne.....	12 %
S. Gannon (No. 10).....	12 %
M. McCarthy.....	9 %
W. Cummins.....	8 %
S. Gannon. (No.6. District).....	7 %
J. Cummins.....	5 %
P. Carty.....	5 %

The Chairman said that people in his district said they never saw the Rate Collector. Though they had the money he never called.

Col. Quin considered it was the fault of those who told the public they were unable to pay.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should impress on the Department the necessity of agreeing to the payment without delay of full poundage to those Collectors who had closed to date.

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He (Mr. O'Byrne) could prove that items remained outstanding in Gorey District which should have been collected.

Preparation of Rate Books etc: The Secretary stated ~~that~~ in reply to Miss O'Ryan that the Finance Committee had selected the temporary staff who were engaged in writing up the Rate Books. There were over 100 applicants and only about 20 places.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded:

"That the list of those employed at writing up Rate Books be examined by a small Committee with a view to making recommendations to the Council."

Mr. Murphy, as an amendment, proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following:-

"That no change be made in the temporary clerical staff, appointed to write Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Notes this year."

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

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth - 13.

Against:- Messrs Breman, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, O'Ryan and the Chairman - 6.

Messrs Cooney, Hall, Shannon and Walsh were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That in future years a small Committee of the County Council be appointed for each Electoral Area to recommend to the Council the names of those who are to be appointed on the temporary clerical staff."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 16.

Against:- Col. Gibbon, Messrs Maylor, Murphy and Quin - 4.

Messrs Cooney, Shannon and Walsh (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

University Scholarship Scheme: After discussion a poll was taken on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Rita McDonald, daughter of Mr. W.J. McDonald, N.T. Kilmuckridge, be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship, with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon - 13.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Maylor, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman - 8.

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

Revaluation of Railways: It was decided that the Finance Committee should at their next meeting consider the provisions of the "Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act 1931" and report to the Council.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th April, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th April, 1932.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

MAY MEETING OF COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as 5th of May (ordinary meeting of Finance Committee) falls on Ascension Thursday the meeting be held on the previous day - Wednesday."

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,078: 0: 1d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The following Report was submitted by the Secretary:

"Rate Collection to 31st March, 1932. Warrant - £106,805."

"Of the £26,088: 14: 7d outstanding on 31st March, 1932, the Finance Committee struck off £2,253: 3: 9d as Irrecoverable leaving net outstanding £23,835: 10: 10d. A sum of £6663:8:4d has been passed as temporary uncollectable and will be carried forward for collection with 1932/33 warrant.

"Collectors must therefore lodge £17,172:2:6d, collectable rate subsequent to 31st March, 1932, before collection for 1931-32 can be regarded as closed.

"As regards individual collection Mr. Quirke lodged all collectable rate by 31st March, 1932. The amount of temporary

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uncollectable rate unlodged being £146: 0: 2d. This sum will be carried forward for collection with 1932-33 warrant.

Collectors J. Curtis, W. Doyle, T. Rowe and E.J. Murphy lodged balance of collectable rate on 1st April, 2nd April, 4th April and 6th April, 1932, respectively. The amount of temporary Uncollectable rate unlodged in each case being £116: 10: 6d, £141: 13: 2d, £82: 16: 1d and £62: 8: 6d. These sums will be carried forward for collection with 1932/33 warrants.

The lodgments by the four collectors above mentioned were made in New Ross Branch of National Bank the day previous to that on which they could be credited by National Bank in Wexford, Treasurer of the Council.

I set out below the sums to be lodged subsequent to 31st March, 1932, by the remaining Collectors. These figures do not include Temporary Uncollectable rates ~~which~~ (which amount to £6,663: 8: 4d., for County) and which Collectors are not called upon to lodge.

No.	Collector.	Amount.	
2.	J. Quirke (Sutton)	- £1,817: 13: 2d.	To be lodged subsequent to 31/3/32.
3.	P. Doyle	- 898: 9: 1d	"
4.	M. McCarthy	- 787: 12: 1d	"
5.	P. Nolan	- 1,224: 18: 3d	"
6.	S. Gannon	- 447: 4: 6d	"
7.	J. Deegan	- 1,415: 5: 1d	"
8.	J. Cummins	- 676: 8: 4d	"
9.	P. O'Byrne	- 838: 11: 5d	"
10.	S. Gannon	- 778: 2: 5d	"
11.	W. Cummins	- 647: 12: 9d	"
12.	T. Bolger	- 1,215: 13: 9d	"
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	- 1,266: 0: 0d	"
14.	T. Bolger (own)	- 997: 18: 3d	"

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No.	Collector.	Amount.
15.	A. Dunhe	- £1,466: 2: 9d To be lodged subsequent to 31/3/32.
16.	J.J. Sinnott	- 1,004: 4: 11d "
21.	P. Carty	- 387: 3: 10d "

Since 31st March, 1932, to date a sum of £6,275, had been lodged by Collectors.

The following under date 6th April, 1932 (G.22704 - 32 Fa. Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 showing the position of the rate collection on the 31st ultimo and to draw the Council's attention to the large sum of rates outstanding at the close of the financial year, £23,835. In view of the present financial position of the Council this state of affairs is most unsatisfactory and is viewed by the Minister with apprehension. It represents an increased percentage of Rates outstanding on a smaller total warrant than that of last year and the natural conclusion to be drawn therefrom is that some of the Collectors are not discharging their duties with reasonable energy and efficiency."

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

"That we request the Local Government Department to agree to the payment of full poundage on the basis of last year's warrants to the following Collectors who have lodged all Collectable rate by the 6th April, 1932:- James Quirke, J.J. Curtis, W. Doyle, T. Rowe and E.J. Murphy."

As regards position of the remaining Collectors' Districts it was decided to go through the Rate Books at next meeting of the Committee and examine the various outstanding items to 6th April, 1932, also to obtain from the

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Collectors concerned a full explanation in all cases in which the Committee are of opinion that Rates should have been collected prior to the close of the financial year.

PROPOSED DIVISION OF DISTRICT NO.2

The meeting considered the advisability of dividing District No. 2 as follows:- Ardcolm to be allocated to No. 12 District. Artramon, Ardavan and Kilpatrick to be transferred to No. 1 District. Killurin, Glynn, Whitechurch and Kilbride to No. 19 District. Two divisions to be agreed on to be transferred from No. 19 to No. 20 District, the views of Collectors W. Doyle (19) and J.J. Curtis (20) to be ascertained as regards the transfer of Districts by next meeting.

SMALL SALTEE ISLAND

Collector M. McCarthy (No.4) wrote asking that if he takes proceedings against Wm. White, owner of Small Saltee Island for £51: 2: 11d, rates and arrears, would the Finance Committee guarantee payment of his costs. He does not see much chance of succeeding as owner is in bad health and had no other property.

It appeared that four years' rates were due on the place and Mr. McCarthy had been advised by his Solicitor he would not succeed if he took proceedings.

After discussion the Committee decided to inform Mr. McCarthy that the Finance Committee would favourably consider his application for payment of his law costs should he be unsuccessful in obtaining the rates due on Small Saltee Island.

DEDUCTION FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 29th March, 1932, letter was read from the Department of Local Government that a deduction of £13,255: 13: 2d had been made from the amount of agricultural Grant due to Co. Wexford for financial year ended 31st March, 1932, on account of land and buildings.

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

"That we protest against the deduction of £13,255:13: 2d from Agricultural Grant for arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. We call upon the Government to repeal Section 6 of 54 and 55 Vic Chap. 48 (Purchase of Land - Ireland - Act 1891) mulcting Ratepayers through County Councils for losses sustained by the failure of Land Purchase Annuitants to meet their obligations."

ADDITIONAL OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:- "That in consequence of deduction of £13,255 from Agricultural Grant application be made to Treasurer for additional overdraft Accommodation of £13,000 until such time as full Agricultural Grant has been reinstated. That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE

The Courtown Harbour Committee recommended that a new range or stove should be installed in Harbour Master's Cottage as the old one was completely burned out.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 26th March, 1932, the District Superintendent, Enniscorthy, wrote that on the 25th February, 1932, Garda Maurice O'Carroll, Food and Drugs Inspector, Enniscorthy, purchased a sample of new milk from Mrs. Mary Callaghan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy. On analysis it was found to be adulterated but the analyst did not forward certificate necessary for prosecution as the adulteration was slight. Accordingly no proceedings were instituted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th April, 1932, be received and considered."

Rates on Small Saltee Islands: In reply to the Chairman Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that in his opinion it would be a mistake to take proceedings in this case. The costs would run to £5 or £6.

The Chairman said the man had nothing and he could not see by what ~~means~~ the Council were going to recover the Rates.

Mr. O'Byrne considered it was worth the Council's while to go on with the proceedings in order to make an example. They were being bested all over the County and they should stand out against it.

The Chairman was opposed to the proceedings.

Miss O'Ryan considered that the assessment should be wiped off the Rate Book.

Col. Gibbon said he landed on the Island within the past year. The land was covered with weeds and the only thing on it was a few rabbits in the rocks. It was a nesting place for wild birds but the public who were interested in these confined their visits to the Big Island.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to agree to pay the law costs of the Rate Collector in the proposed proceedings to recover the arrears of Rates due on Small Saltee Island."

Mr. Elgee said the landlord had not got anything out of the place for the past 30 years.

Col. Gibbon said there was a rumour that both Saltee Islands were about to be taken over as a bird sanctuary by the Government.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the circumstances of non-payment of

Rates for Saltee Islands be placed before the Government and that they be asked to take immediate steps to put the Council in such a legal position as will enable them to recover amount of rates due or have the Islands taken over as a bird sanctuary."

" Pending reply to this resolution that consideration of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to indemnify the Rate Collector in the matter of law costs should he fail to recover amount of rates due, be adjourned." Passed.

Deduction from Agricultural Grant: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

Mr. D'Arcy - When we had this under consideration last year we were told by the late Government Department that we were something in the neighbourhood of £18,000 or £19,000 of accumulation fund from year to year deducted. It seems very extraordinary now if this one year is going to equal the last number of years. I think there is something wrong.

Chairman - In Limerick they have a deficit of £72,000 in the Agricultural Grant.

Col. Quin - It is the effect of what we were told-not to pay the annuities. They will have to pay their annuities just the same as to any Government. No Government can do without money. The more we talk about this the more they wont pay it. They were promised all sorts of things which are impossible to carry out.

Chairman - Is it to be taken that the poor people who are paying their rates and taxes are to go on paying this deficit and the debts of people who are not paying.

Col. Quin - As far as I can see you cannot help that. You have got to grin and bear it.

Chairman - If everybody adopted that line of action

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and not pay any annuities -

Col. Quin - You have to pay the annuities and the thing is to go on paying as the decent thing.

Chairman - Will we go on paying other people's annuities ?

Col. Quin - I am afraid I will have to.

Chairman - It is all very well for you, you have it to pay.

Miss O'Ryan - I think we should draw the attention of the Department to the conditions in the county. You have the Department forcing us to collect the rates and we certainly experience more hardship than the Land Commission in looking for rates. Why does not the Land Commission show the same assiduity in collecting their share of the money ?

Chairman - Because they have an indemnity which we have not.

Miss O'Ryan - I think we should draw their attention to the matter. The Land Commission are very backward in the state of their collection and we bear the expense of it. We should draw the attention of the Department to the fact that they were not very diligent in the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne - In the resolution submitted by the Finance Committee it is pointed out that we don't see why the grant should be withheld. One reason is that we have no control over the collection of the annuities and another that it has been stated by the Government that they won't pay the annuities themselves. This grant is withheld then to make up the deficiency in the annuities. Why withhold the grant ?

Chairman - That is one of the soundest reasons why the grant should not be stopped. If the annuities are going to be held by the Government and there is no obligation on them to find the money to send away why should

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the county councils be responsible for any deficit, in the three millions of annuities. I cannot understand why a lot of people who are trying to pay their own debts should be ~~taxed~~ with the debts of others of the community who refuse to pay or won't pay or, for some reason or other won't make any attempt to pay. I have the greatest sympathy for those in adverse circumstances, who through loss of cattle, are unable to pay, but taking the general bulk, who are not paying annuities all over the country, it is certainly not due to adversity with money. I don't think they will improve their position and there are people who are trying to pay, and, if they are going to continue in this country and pay their own debts, I think it is time they should strike against the payment of debts for others.

Mr. Cooney → I am glad to see you are converted. When I brought this matter on some time ago of people who did not pay and mentioned about high power motors you told me that anyone who was not paying annuities could not pay them and attributed it to the poverty of the county. Now you say these people can pay.

Chairman - I never said they could pay. Don't take it from me as saying so. I said I had the greatest sympathy with men in adverse circumstances who could not pay. I say so still and that people, who are not paying and could do so, are not going to improve their position by paying for them.

Mr. Cooney - You should have said that when the last Government was in power too.

Mr. McCarthy said the deduction created a very serious position for the County council as they had in making up their grants calculated on recovering the Agricultural Grant in full.

The result was that they would have to apply for an extension of their overdraft by the amount of the deduction. For years past they had succeeded in reducing their overdraft

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year by year but this would send it up again.

Mr. Cummins said the Land Commission were in a much better position to collect the Land Annuities than the County Council were in to collect the rates.

Mr. Cooney held that if the same pressure was brought to bear on the annuitant as on the ratepayer the annuities would be paid.

Chairman - We have nothing to say to the collection of the annuities. You have only to pay up for any deficit. The resolution of the Finance Committee demanding the repeal of the guarantee should go to every Co. Council in the Saorstát and a deputation from the General Council of Co. Councils should go to the L.G. Department and put the case of the Councils before them. This matter was certainly more important than some of the cases deputations had been received about for the past three weeks or a month.

Col. Gibbon said he felt very strongly on the subject as it meant an addition of £20 to his rates. The Government did not want to incur the odium of putting pressure to bear on people and took the simple way out by deducting the amount from the Agricultural Grant and in that way shirking their responsibility. The County Council had no power whatever in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan agreed that the matter should be taken up by the General Council of County Councils.

Mr. Corish - They are certainly rubbing it into the man who is doing his best to pay.

Mr. O'Byrne then added the following to his resolution, Mr. McCarthy seconding:-

"And that copy of resolution of Finance Committee be furnished to each Co. Council in An Saorstát and to the General Council of Co. Councils with a request to the latter that no time should be lost in summoning a meeting to con-

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sider it with a view to approach the Government to urge the repeal of the Section of the Act of Parliament making County Councils responsible for defaulting land annuitants."

Passed.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th April, 1932, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

PROPOSED LOAN FOR ERECTION OF TECHNICAL SCHOOL
GOREY.

The Secretary stated he had received query form for loan in connection with Gorey Technical School. The Co. Vocational Education Committee had considered obtaining a loan directly themselves but did not succeed, and it was their desire now that the Co. Council should proceed with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That copy of resolution adopted by Wexford Co. Council on 23rd June, 1931, re loan for Gorey Technical School be furnished Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) and that they be asked if they are prepared to pay half annual repayment of Principal and Interest and if they can inform the Council if the loan would be advanced through the Public Works (Ireland) Acts 1831-1886."

WATER SUPPLY - COURTLANDS EAST

Under date 24th March, 1932, Sealed Order (No. P.H. 8.211 - 1932) fixing the area of charge for Courtlands East Water Supply as the Bridgetown Dispensary District was received from Local Government Department.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT - SHORTHAND-
TYPIST.

Under date 5th April, 1932 (G.21705/1932/se.Loch Garman.) was read from Local Government Department:-

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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo regarding the proposed appointment of a Shorthand-Typist and to state that the Minister considers that it is important, in view of the candidates being invited to enter for an examination, the position should be filled by appointment of the person who obtains first place provided the conditions as to age, health, and character are fulfilled."

Col. Quin - That's very sound.

The Chairman explained that at the last meeting the Co. Council asked the Department to reconsider their decision to have the examination a competitive one. The Council wanted it to be a qualifying examination.

Col. Quin - It's very much cleaner by having it competitive as the first will get it.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be again asked to agree to the appointment of Shorthand-Typist in Co. Council Office being made through qualifying Examination."

Col. Quin said that the qualifying examination could lend itself to jobbery.

Secretary - You asked to have it qualifying twice already and the L.G.D. refused.

Mr. Cooney - We always had a grievance about the competitive examination, but I agree with Col. Quin, because when there are three or four candidates you are harrassed by them.

Col. Quin - I did not think that would rankle with you, Mr. Cooney.

Mr. Corish - If we put it up twice to the L.G.D. what is the use in putting it up again ?

Mr. McCarthy - I would be very glad to have it a

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qualifying examination, but what's the use of pressing it ?

Mr. Gaul - If that's the general feeling I will withdraw my motion.

Chairman - Then does it fall through.

Miss O'Ryan said she was against the competitive examination.

Mr. Cummins - We should stick to our resolution, and this Council has integrity and honesty enough to put the best candidate in after a qualifying examination.

Mr. Gaul - If the Minister for Local Government does not sanction it our time is wasted.

Mr. Cummins - I proposed we stick to our resolution and have a qualifying examination. I do not care what the L.G.D. says. There is a change of Government now.

Mr. Corish - Does that mean to make the appointment after a qualifying examination.

Mr. Cummins - Yes, and stand by our appointment the same as the men in Mayo. Let them put us out if they like. It's all bosh with their d----- tricks.

Mr. Corish - Is the effect of the resolution that we ignore the L.G.D. and go ahead with our appointment ?

Miss O'Ryan - Mr. Cummins proposes that we make the appointment at the next meeting whether we are sanctioned or not.

Mr. Cooney - And get out like Mayo.

Chairman - Get where you like.

Mr. Cooney - And climb down at the next meeting.

Mr. McCarthy - I don't think it's wise for Mr. Cummins to go ahead. Ask the Department to reconsider it.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the appointment of Shorthand-Typist for County Council Offices be filled at the next meeting of the County

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Council through qualifying examination and on the terms and conditions agreed to by the Finance Committee. And that our Secretary be directed to advertise the position."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Shannon and the Chairman - 13.

Against- Messrs Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Gibbon, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin and Walsh - 8.

Messrs Maylor and Murphy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Secretary - Am I to understand now that the position is to be advertised and a qualifying examination to be held in spite of the L.G.D. ?

Chairman - Yes.

Mr. Cooney - What will happen if they don't sanction it.

Chairman - You have the decision of the Council now.

ROAD GRANT -----

Under date 6th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RG/32) approving^{of} the proposals for the expenditure of Road Grant of £1,463 on Maudlintown, Trinity Street, and John Street, Wexford.

DRAFT ORDER - WATERFORD AND NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY -----

Under date 6th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.75609/1932) enclosing draft of an Order which the Minister for Local Government proposed to make adopting the provisions of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority Order 1904 and asking to be furnished with the observations of the Council in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That we approve of Draft

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Order (No.P.H. 75609 - 1930²) which the Minister for Local Government proposes to make for the adapting of the provisions of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority 1904." ^{Order}

RATES BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

The following was read:-

"On Wednesday, 6th April, 1932, Mr. J.J. McAuley, Valuer from the General Valuation and Boundary Survey Department attended at Rathnure Village Hall in connection with the Ratings for Bantry and Blackstairs Commons.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and Co. Secretary appeared for Co. Council.

The following persons rated for Bantry Commons were represented by Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy:- Messrs Joseph Rowe, Patrick Brennan, James Brennan, Hannah Dunne, George Rowe, James Forrestal, Garret Leary, John Nolan Senr., John Nolan, Jun., Henry King, Thos. Pender, Thos. Cowman and Patrick Hanrahan.

Mr. McAuley said he attended at the request of the Wexford Co. Council, the object of his visit being to ascertain who were the occupiers or who had the right of commonage, on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons. There was a considerable amount of rates due but he had only to ascertain who were to be rated. So far as he could understand from the Local Government Department they were going to insist on the rates being collected by the Co. Council in future. He understood there was a proposal from the Co. Council to wipe off a very substantial amount of the arrears but he was not in a position to say if the Local Government Department would agree to the proposal.

Rate Collectors E.J. Murphy and P. O'Byrne were examined as to each person rated for the two Commons, and as to the area of their holdings adjoining or adjacent.

Mr. Frizelle, Solicitor, examined each of his clients

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who stated they had never grazed the Commons and did not claim any grazing rights there.

Mr. McAuley said it had been held that if people had rights of commonage - even if not exercised they were liable for rates under 15th and 16th Vic. Chap. 63 Section 12.

With the exception of about half a dozen all those rated were in attendance and disclaimed having ever grazed the commons or stated they had no stock on them for a number of years.

Mr. McAuley at the conclusion of the Inquiry stated he would inspect the holdings adjoining both Commons after which he would report to the Commissioner of Valuation.

DISQUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES
OF AGRICULTURE

Under date 1st March, 1932, Circular Letter E.2282-32 as to above was read, from Department of Agriculture.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 10th April, 1932, was read from the Harbour Master, Courtown:-

"At a special meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee held on Sunday 10th April, 1932, Mr. K. McNeill in the chair, also present Messrs Wafer, Fitzpatrick and M'Garry., the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Wafer, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick and passed:- "That we desire the Co. Council to take the necessary steps in speeding up the Contractor for the Sluice Gates to have the work completed as soon as possible as the boats are all ready for fishing and cannot get in or out owing to the silted condition of the bar. We are also of the opinion that there is so much silt accumulated in the bar mouth at the present time that it will require a suction dredger for three or four days to remove it before the gates will be really effective."

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The County Surveyor said he had a letter from the Contractor for erection of the gates Mr. William Lee, 21, Upper Main Street, Arklow, under date 29th March, 1932 that he had been very ill and was not yet better so if the County Surveyor could arrange to meet him at Courtown Harbour in about a fortnight's time they could go into the matter.

Col. Quin said he had been asked by Mr. Kearon of Arklow if he would be allowed to remove the sand which was blocking the entrance to the Harbour. He had been getting sand at Arklow for sale in Liverpool but had been lately prevented from taking it from the beach.

The County Surveyor said he would be only too pleased if anyone would remove the bad bank there. It would be to the advantage of the Council if this was cleared and he (Co. Surveyor) would be prepared to make a bargain with Mr. Kearon in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the question of entering into an arrangement with Mr. Kearon, Arklow, for removal of sand bar at the mouth of Courtown Harbour be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Mr. Keegan said they had expected the sluice gates would have been put down in September last. They were not a success; in fact they were worthless at the moment. If they had been erected properly in September last the bar would not have been in its present deplorable condition. The boats were now locked up in the harbour which was peculiarly hard on the fishermen as the herring fishing had been very poor.

The County Surveyor said the Contractor had promised to carry out the work at the gates but it had not been done up to the present. He had not been paid anything. The gates could not be made right until the lock chamber was run dry. He (Co. Surveyor) proposed to meet the Contractor this week.

Mr. Keegan said they should ask the Government to do some-

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thing to clear out the inner basin. A suction dredger for a few days would finish the work.

The County Surveyor said the Council had put up a proposal for £600 to cover half the cost of this work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that Messrs Allen and Corish T.D.'s should interview the Minister with a view of obtaining a grant of £600 half estimated cost of dredging inner basin and that they would be accompanied by the County Surveyor.

TARRING GOREY AVENUE

Mr. D'Arcy objected to the work of the surface tarring of Gorey Avenue. This was the principal place for the fair and owing to the manner in which in the past cattle had been falling over it the people of the district were very much opposed to the work.

Mr. Smyth supported Mr. D'Arcy. When the lower part of Gorey town had been tarred the people from his district had to get into town by a different route, owing to the manner in which their animals were falling. They were now, owing to the same cause, bringing their pigs to Monamolín and Inch instead of to Gorey. He strongly objected to any extension of the area tarred at the lower end of Gorey town.

Mr. Keegan said that if gravel was spread there animals would not fall.

Mr. D'Arcy - It is quite all right as it is and I do not see any necessity for doing anything there.

Mr. O'Byrne said the tarring was only being done over the area which had been treated before and it was necessary that the tar should be renewed.

Mr. Hall - Do away with the Gorey Fair.

The County Surveyor said he would put coarse material and a limited amount of bitumen on the place and it would not then be slippery. But something should be done to keep the

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road in good order.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following resolution:- "That no tarring be carried out on Gorey Avenue Road."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded:-

"That the work of repair on road at Gorey Avenue be carried out as arranged by County Surveyor."

A poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh - 9.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth, O'Ryan and the Chairman - 11.

Messrs Gibbon, McCarthy and Quin were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Byrne's motion lost.

Mr. D'Arcy's motion was then put and passed nem con.

HOUSES ON PUBLIC ROADS -----

In connection with the building erected by P. Kinsella, Tomduff, Enniscorthy, within 30 feet of centre of road the following under date 2nd April, 1932, was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council directing that proceedings should be taken to compel Mr. Kinsella to remove the house above mentioned.

I write to say that the section of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1851 which deals with the matter, only gives the District Justice power to impose a fine not exceeding £10 and a further sum of ten shillings per week, from the time of the conviction until the House shall be pulled down. But he has no power to order that the house shall be pulled down or removed."

Under date 5th April, 1932, the Co. Surveyor submitted

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the following letter forwarded to him by Mr. P. Kinsella:-

"With reference to the building at Tomduff when Mr. Cullen called I stopped the work. I also called on Mr. Cullen in Enniscorthy Courthouse, and I told him I was sorry if I had done anything wrong. He told me to apply for leave. Three days afterwards Mr. Flood called I was not there, and he left word if I could meet him at Enniscorthy. I met him at a meeting of the Health Board and he enquired if the building was going to be very high. I said not. He asked me if I'd put on a cement roof. I said I was willing to do so, but I had already the roof bought, timber and ruberoid. He said in that case I could roof it. Mr. Connolly was present. You have accused me of persisting, but this is what really happened, whatever the consequences be I did not break the law."

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Flood was the engineer to the Health Board and only acted as regards the erection of the structure on the labourer's plot but he had nothing whatever to say to the building as affecting the road. Mr. Flood had no authority in the matter from the Co. Council and Mr. Cullen stopped Kinsella when he only had the foundations in.

No order.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as recommended by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Guard H. Doherty, 445, Gorey, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for the sub-districts of Gorey, Courtown Harbour, Coolgreany and Camolin vice Garda John O'Brien."

HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

Applications for Grant of £20 were received from James Doyle, Whitewell, Camolin and Thos. Fenelon, Moortown, Ballymitty.

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

"That we agree to pay to James Doyle, Whitewell, Camolin, and Thos. Fenelon, Moortown, Ballymitty, £20 each under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 on receiving intimation that the Local Government Department approve of plan and specification of houses and when the appointed Officer has certified that the buildings have been properly erected also that applicants will use the houses as residences."

Chairman - People pay as much as £100 for a site on which to build. Would the Council think they were entitled to the grant.

Mr. D'Arcy said such people could not be considered badly off.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that although he had had enquiries from three firms in connection with this work the only tender he received was from Messrs M. O'Connor & Co., Builders, Wexford, for £598: 10s. The price was rather high the estimate being between £500 and £600. It was not possible to carry out the work by direct labour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the tender of Messrs M. O'Connor & Co., Builders, Wexford, for painting New Ross Bridge at £598: 10s. be accepted on condition that paint of Irish manufacture be used in the work."

Mr. Cooney considered that local painters should be employed.

The County Surveyor said they could not make a stipulation that Mr. O'Connor should employ New Ross men and leave his own tradesmen idle. But so far as local unskilled labour was concerned he would mention the matter to Mr. O'Connor.

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Mr. Murphy said the County Surveyor could ask O'Connor & Co. to employ local labour as far as possible.

THE PLIGHT OF THE RAILWAYS

The following resolution from Cavan Urban Council was submitted:-

"Resolved that we, the Cavan Urban District Council, in view of the condition of grave economic peril to which the Railways of Saorstát Éireann have been reduced owing to the unfair competition of badly organized road services, appeal to the Oireachtas to take immediate steps to save for the Saorstát the valuable national asset represented by the existing railway system; and the Council also appeal to the Manufacturers and Traders to distribute their custom with due regard to the present position."

Mr. Corish proposed the adoption of the resolution with the following addendum:-

"And that the Government be asked to set up a Commission to deal with the whole transport problem."

Mr. Hall seconded and the resolution with addendum was adopted unanimously.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 25TH APRIL 1932

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th April, 1932.

Present - Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, 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, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the six Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £29,589:10s. Od. transfer to Public Bodies and £5,794: 3s. Od. Ordinary payments were examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. PEARSE

Mr. Cummins said that before the business of the meeting began he wished to propose a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mrs. Pearse, St. Enda's College, Rathfarnham, Dublin. It was not necessary to inform the Council of what the Pearse family had done to secure the emancipation of Ireland. Their first duty should be to sympathise with her relatives in their great bereavement.

Mr. O'Byrne in seconding the resolution said that the country would never forget the sacrifices made by Mrs. Pearse for the welfare of the country. No other woman in Irish History had ever given more and there was sincere regret by every true Irishman that she had been called to her reward.

The Secretary on behalf of himself and staff associated

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himself with the resolution which was adopted in silence.

THE LATE CAPT. REDMOND T.D.

A vote of condolence to Mrs. Redmond, widow of Capt. Wm.A. Redmond T.D., and friends, was moved by the Chairman who said that Capt. Redmond came from a noted Wexford Family, a family which had been political leaders in the County for generations. He (Chairman) knew Mr. Redmond's grandfather and father as they came from his parish and had resided there for a long time. He knew the late Capt. Redmond intimately. In fact he acted as his Counsel on several occasions and he also knew Capt. Redmond for several years in the Dail and knew him to be a thoroughly good Irishman who never refused to do a good turn for the country. It was a melancholy pleasure to him to propose this vote of condolence and to see such a noble career cut short under such tragic circumstances. It was with the greatest regret he moved that the Wexford County Council tender their sympathy to Mrs. Redmond and friends.

Mr. McCarthy in seconding the vote said that Capt. Redmond came from a distinguished Wexford family and was a patriotic and talented Irishman. He certainly fulfilled all the traditions of his ancestors in his patriotic work. His death came with a tragic suddenness which shocked not only the people of Wexford by whom he was so highly esteemed but the whole of Ireland. He was cut off in the prime of life and at a time when he could certainly have given valuable help in shaping the future destinies of the country. No matter how some of them had differed with some of Capt. Redmond's actions in the past they certainly admitted that whatever course Capt. Redmond took he was perfectly sincere and was always guided by a deep love for Ireland. The Redmond's loved Ireland and Capt. Redmond lived up to the best traditions of his name. Here in Wexford they had

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material and artistic monuments to the Redmond name. In the material monuments they had those ~~erected~~ by the Redmond family in the years gone by to develop the trade and prosperity of the town of Wexford and artistic monuments erected by a grateful people as a token of ~~action~~^{esteem} for the work which this grand old family had carried out. The County Council in expressing their sympathy with Mrs. Redmond and her family were speaking for the people of the County Wexford.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL BYRNE EX-CO. COUNCILLOR

Mr. Brennan proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballynabearna, Ballywilliam, who had been a member of the County Council for several years during troubled times.

Mr. Cummins seconded the motion which was passed in silence.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT -----

The following Report was submitted from County Surveyor:-

"During the past week Mr. Quigley, Local Government Engineering Inspector visited Wexford, and was over a number of roads and works in my company. He discussed with me existing road improvement Grants and the Relief Grants already in progress. With reference to the further allocation of £500 for relief works he went through the lists I made out, and varied the last suggestions to some extent. There is now a communication from the Local Government Department sanctioning the works as selected by Mr. Quigley.

"When inspecting the improvement Grant work on the New Ross Road Mr. Quigley discussed with me the question of having a very bad corner in Ballinaboola improved. We interviewed the owner of the premises, Mr. Sutton, and he was not at all inclined to agree to the removal of his out office building. There is no doubt that when we are laying a concrete road at

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this place we should certainly look to have it carried through in the best manner, and it is essential that this blind corner should be removed. Mr. Quigley suggested that a small committee of the Council should be able to deal with the owner, and that if the existing grant funds did not allow sufficient for compensation that it could be dealt with in next year's grants, but that the work should be done now. Personally, I consider this a really essential improvement work.

On the 19th instant I visited Courtown Harbour and found Mr. Lee's men at work preparing to lay dry the sluice gate chamber. On the same date I met by appointment at Courtown Mr. Kearon, and discussed with him the matter of shipping gravel and so forth, but as he points out until the gate chamber is made good we cannot come to any definite understanding in the matter. He has a great deal of experience of this class of work, and carefully noted the suction dredger in Arklow. Unfortunately, the dredger had just left Arklow, or we should have had an opportunity of having the Captain of the dredger with us. I shall be in a position to deal with this matter when the County Council deputation meets the Minister of Fisheries.

I have only one tender for the discharging boat at Courtown, and consider that the suggested scantlings and sheetings are insufficient. I purpose inviting further offers, and do not recommend the acceptance of the tender put in.

"On the 21st instant I made an inspection of Carne Pier with reference to the reported cracks appearing in the structure at the end. I had a good opportunity of examining the work formerly carried out as I was present at dead low water of spring tide, and I am satisfied that the work is perfectly sound, and that the small cracks are of no material consequence. I shall, as opportunity serves, keep the Pier Head under

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obsefvation.

On the 22nd instant I made an inspection of the gearing of the opening span of New Ross Bridge in company of the Care-taker and -our Machinery Overseer. The link chains working the swivel span are badly stiffened up with old paint and so forth, making it very difficult to work the gearing, and I shall make arrangements later to have the chains taken out and thoroughly freed. In the future I shall not allow any painting to be carried out on these.

At a former meeting you ordered the removal of several houses built within 30 feet of the road centre, and up to the present this has not been done. I recommend now that the County Solicitor be ordered to take immediate proceedings. In connection with this matter of houses, the Secretary has received a letter from Mrs Mangan, Kilmuckridge, in regard to a lean-to built on to the end of her house. This is within 30' feet of the road centre of the narrow by-road adjoining, but as there is a very wide space opposite it on the leading road there is no material obstruction to the view, and I do not press to have this house removed.

"Questions have been raised regarding employment in Curr^xanduff and Carrigeen Quarries, and I shall have particulars for the meeting, and the Assistant Surveyor for the district will be in attendance."

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

Relief Grants: Under date 22nd April, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RU/32) that the Minister had approved of the proposal ^{for} ~~XXXX~~ the exepnditure of £500 out of the Relief Grant of £900 on the improvement of dangerous corners. Labour was to be recruited through the Employment Exchange.

The following is the list of approved works:-

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- (1) Crosslaghroe 5 Roads near Blackwater.....£50
 - (2) L. 29 Randalstown between Wexford and Kilmore.£60
 - (3) T.7. Leap about 3 miles from Enniscorthy£40
 - (4) T.16. Tombrick two corners Enniscorthy-Newtownbarry.....£38
 - (5) L. 127. Near Kildealy.....£20
 - (6) L. 127. Byrne's Cross, Glenglass South of Kildealy.....£35
 - (7) L. 159. Stokestown 2 miles south of New Ross £30
 - (8) L. 159. Horeswood, north of Campile..... £33
 - (9) No.111 County Road at Loggan near Wicklow Gap £35
 - (10) No. 362.Three Corners on County Road at Rathnure..... £24
 - (11) No. 387.Monglass between Enniscorthy and Killarne..... £15
 - (12) No. 982 Greenfield between Wexford and Tomhaggard.... £45
 - (13) T. 7. Arnold's cross in Enniscorthy Urban.... £36
 - (14) No.980 Ballymore South of Killinick..... £18
 - (15) No.984 Twelve Acre between Killinick and Lady's Island.....£21
- £500

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Colfer considered that New Ross District had not been given its share of the expenditure.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That we approve of the allocation of £500 for easement of dangerous corners as set out in list which accompanied letter from L.G.D. (Roads) under date 22nd April, 1932 (R/RU/32)."

Mr. Colfer dissented.

Shed at Ballynabola: This matter was considered in committee.

The County Surveyor said the shed was 43 ft by 16 ft. with an average height of ten feet. The walls were masonry, floor concrete and roof galvanised iron. An alternate structure would probably cost about £170. He had offered to build a shed for the owner when they had the concrete mixer at the place but Mr. Sutton said he preferred to build it himself.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded a resolution for appointment of a small committee as suggested by the County Surveyor.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following :- "That the negotiations for acquiring shed at Ballynabola be left in the hands of the officials of the Council and that they report result to first available meeting."

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The County Surveyor pointed out that when he was building the concrete road if the shed was not removed it would be necessary to spend an extra £100 in banking the opposite side of the thoroughfare.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following amendment:- "That owing to the probable exorbitant cost no further action be taken towards acquiring shed at Ballynabola."

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne withdrew his resolution to have a Committee appointed and Col. Quin withdrew his amendment to take no action.

Mr. McCarthy's proposal was then put and passed nem con.

In connection with the concreting of road on which shed is situate Mr. Murphy said he had a letter from Mr. Neville, Ballynabola, that sand for the work was being drawn from the Slaney 16 miles away while suitable sand was available at Ballynabola. The Pioneer Co. which carried out the concreting of the road in 1931 were prepared to use the Ballynabola sand but they fell out with Mr. Neville about the price.

The County Surveyor said he did not believe the sand was suitable. Any sand he saw at Ballynabola was not suitable.

Mr. Murphy read a letter from Mr. Neville in which it was stated that the Pioneer Road Construction Co. had been prepared to take the sand but they disagreed with Mr. Neville about the price. He was now prepared to sell at a reasonable figure.

The County Surveyor said he did not believe any pit sand was as good as that obtained from the Slaney.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor should procure a sample of the Ballynabola sand and have it tested in the ordinary way.

The County Surveyor said he had already made a bargain for the supply of river sand.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said he knew the pit at Ballynabola and it was impossible to get the sand out. That was

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the reason why the Pioneer Co. did not agree to take it.

Mr. Cummins said there was a sand pit at Ballykerogue which contained material better than that which could be procured from the rivers Nore and Barrow.

The Co. Surveyor said it was possible to get pits here and there but there was no uniformity of quality and no guarantee of a decent supply. They might get a couple of hundred yards in these pits but he would want at least 2,000 yards. As for the stuff at Ballykerogue he declined to use it for work at Ballygarvan Bridge.

Mr. Cooney said it had been found good enough for the concreting of New Ross quays.

It was decided to adopt Col. Gibbon's suggestion and have a test made of the Ballynabola sand.

Mr. Cooney asked when would the concreting of the Wexford-New Ross Road be completed.

County Surveyor - It won't be open for four months but it will be open in the meantime in part for local traffic.

Mr. Cooney said that judging by the progress made to the present the work would not be finished for 14 months.

County Surveyor said the work was going ahead well and quite to his satisfaction.

Mr. Walsh said that New Ross had been shut off for the Christmas markets and it was now to be shut off for the Eucharistic Congress which would be a bad thing for the town. He suggested it should be done in sections.

The County Surveyor, in reply to a query, said he proposed to start the work on the first of May. It would take three and a half weeks to lay the concrete and four weeks after that to season.

Mr. Cummins said the Eucharistic Congress would be over before the road would be open to traffic.

The Chairman suggested that the work should be deferred until after the Congress.

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County Surveyor - That would be better than having a piecemeal job. The Road was partly blocked at present by distribution of sand for concreting.

Mr. O'Byrne said a postponement would mean that the men employed on the work would be thrown out of employment.

Mr. Colfer proposed that the work be carried out as already arranged. The men had been hungry and waiting for this work and there was no use in agreeing to a proposal to disemploy them.

Mr. O'Byrne, in seconding, said it was a hardship to disemploy men who had been promised work.

A show of hands was then taken when 15 to 5 voted in favour of proceeding with the work immediately.

Courtown Harbour: Under date 9th April, 1931, the Department of Lands & Fisheries wrote (D/5/2) enquiring as to the progress of the work of repairing etc of sluice gates and the approximate date when it would be completed. The payment of the State Grant towards the work was contingent on the issue by the Office of Public Works of a certificate that the work had been done to the satisfaction of the Commissioners.

Mr. Corish said that he and Mr. Allen T.D. had interviewed the Minister in this matter. The Department were not at all satisfied that the work at the sluice gates had not been completed before now. However the Council was now making an effort to have it finished. The Minister was to write to the Board of Works to have the suction dredger sent to Courtown as soon as possible provided the Co. Council would put up a moiety of the cost. He proposed a resolution that the Co. Secretary write to the Department that the Council was prepared to do this and that the attention of the Department be called to the fact that the Council had included in the Public Works Estimate a sum of £600 for Courtown Harbour Dredging provided the Department was prepared to put up a similar amount.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

In reply to Mr. Keegan the County Surveyor said he could not say when the gates would be finished. The Contractor had to run the gate cill dry and might have more trouble in the matter than was anticipated.

In connection with tenders for providing discharging boat the Co. Surveyor said the structural work proposed was too light. He would invite further offers.

It was decided to postpone this matter to next meeting.
Removal of Houses within 30 feet of the road: Under date 20th April, 1932, Mary Mangan, Kilmuckridge, wrote that before she put up the shed the road man saw it and reported it as a by-road. She considered the shed was not in anyone's way.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that the shed had been erected on a very wide space opposite the Protestant Church.

The County Surveyor said the building was 50 or 60 feet from the centre of the leading road, but only 15 or 16 feet from the centre of the by-road. It did not obstruct the view.

Mr. Smyth proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted Col. Quin dissenting:- "That no action be taken by this Council as respects shed erected in the village of Kilmuckridge by Mary Mangan."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Col. Quin:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against Messrs James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare, and Mr. Kelly, Chemist, Rosslare, in respect of having erected buildings within 30 feet of the centre of the road."

In connection with house at Tomgarrow Cross erected by Mrs. C.E.B. Swaine, Ballycarney, School, letter was read from Mrs. Swaine in which she stated that Mr. Elgee, the Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, marked out the site of the house and by consenting to go a certain distance from the corner she was permitted to go nearer the road with the structure. They erected the house two feet further back from the stump on which Mr. Ennis stood and where it was decided they could put the front

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wall. When the house was more than half completed they received a letter from the County Surveyor that it was too near the road. She wrote to the Co. Surveyor on 25th March but did not receive a reply until the 9th April. In consequence concluding the matter was all right they re-started work. It appeared there was some misunderstanding about the matter. If the structure had to be removed the greater part of the iron and timber would be **reined**. If some of the members of the Council would see the structure it might settle matters.

Mrs Swaine who was in attendance said that no work had been carried out at the place since the receipt of the letter from the County Surveyor.

Col. Quin said he passed the house every day and work had been to his knowledge carried out since the letter of the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman said that no considerable amount of work had been carried out in the meantime.

Col. Quin said he regarded it as very necessary to have the structure removed as it was on a very bad corner.

The County Surveyor said the structure was 26 ft. 4 ins. from the road centre. Mr. Swaine had been distinctly told that the ~~fact~~ of the house should be 30 feet from the road centre.

Col. Quin - If the house was placed five feet further back it would mean a great difference to visibility.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said when he was present Mr. Swaine was plainly told where he could go as regards the erection of the house.

The Chairman said it was evident Mrs. Swaine took the stump as the guiding mark for the erection of the house and believed that the surveyors were satisfied if she went two feet behind that.

Mrs. Swaine said she could have built the house as readily five feet back as in its present position.

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Mr Hall suggested the Co. Councillors for Gorey Electoral area with the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, act as a Committee to see the place and report to next meeting.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that the matter be left as it was.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The Chairman said that as the Council had already decided the house should be removed Mr. D'Arcy's motion was not in order. It would require notice of motion to rescind the previous resolution.

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

"That the following Committee be appointed to visit the house at Tomgarrow Cross recently erected by Mrs. Swaine and report to next meeting Messrs Hall, Quin, Armstrong, Jordan and D'Arcy. That the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, attend with the Committee and that the Co. Surveyor fix the day and hour of meeting."

Carrigeen Quarry: The following extract from the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 21st April, 1932, was submitted:

"Mark Kearns, Tobergal and Wm. Doyle, Carrigeen, came before the meeting and complained they could not get employment at Carrigeen quarry.

"Kearns said there were 11 men idle in the neighbourhood of the quarry in which seven men were employed, only two of whom were from the locality. The others came from a distance of from three to eight miles. A vacancy in the quarrymen occurred about a year ago and had been filled by bringing in a man from outside the district. Of the 11 idle men in the district 9 were married. Kearns had formerly worked in Rock-spring quarry and Doyle had helped his father who was a road-contractor.

The matter was referred to Co. Surveyor for report."

The following report under date 22nd April, 1932, was submitted by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

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"All the men in Carrigeen Quarry have been working for the County Council for a considerable time. I do not see any reason for dismissing them to make room for others. The men at present employed have been idle for 10 or 12 weeks and have almost exhausted their Unemployment payments.

"It is of course desirable that the men employed in a quarry should be drawn from a fairly wide area. Otherwise it would be impossible to be sure of getting suitable men for the roads in the winter. They can come on bicycles to the quarry but must use a donkey and cart on the road work."

Mr. Hall said it was extraordinary that he found local men employed in every Co. Council quarry except Carrigeen where brothers and brothers-in-laws were employed. It was the one party got all the work there.

The County Surveyor said when direct labour was agreed to he had met groups of men in various districts of the County and also the Labour Union representatives. Men were selected at these meetings.

Mr. Hall said he would be satisfied if Mr. Ennis would employ local men in the quarry as vacancies occurred.

Mr. Ennis said that he would be able to employ a certain amount of local labour on roads for which no tender had been received, and which were now under the Co. Surveyor's charge.

Curraduff Quarry: The following letter under date 18th April, 1932, was read from Mr. Clince, Co. Councillor:-

"Complaints have been made to me by men from Kiltalea district as to Curraduff Quarry. They complain they are idle though living close to the quarry while men from Bunclody came four miles to work there. When the quarry was opened it was for the purpose of serving the local men and he (Mr. Clince) knew the men were idle in the district."

The following under date 22nd April, 1932, was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I generally work this quarry with about three men. One lives quite close to the quarry, the other about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles

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away. These men work on the roads in the winter. I see no reason for dismissing them to make room for others. As a matter of fact the quarry is not being worked at the moment, and the three men are idle.

"The breaker usually works in this quarry about 8 to 10 days each year. I take on 2 or 3 men from the district. These with the Foreman and a couple of men from Ryland Quarry attend the breaker."

Mr. Clince asked if some of the material at the quarry could not be broken by hand.

Mr. Ennis said that hand breaking in this quarry would produce a material which would be entirely too rough and there would be endless complaints about it. The rough stones which came from the breaker could be steam rolled. Hand broken material would be very costly and would not be suited for the road. He would have some roads in his charge in this district and he would take on a man or two for their maintenance later on in the year.

Mr. Shannon said the Council should endeavour to give all the employment possible on the roads. Otherwise ^{men} ~~they~~ would have to be relieved through home help. There were 25 to 30 men out of employment in his district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

PAYMENT TO GANGER

Mr. Cooney asked if James Wilkinson, Ballywilliam, Road Ganger, had been employed at masonry work.

The Co. Surveyor said he had: Wilkinson was a mason.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co. Surveyor said that the man was not paid mason's wages when working as a mason.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That James Wilkinson, Road Ganger,

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be paid Mason's wages for the period at which he was engaged at masonry work for the Co. Council."

On a poll the voting resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, O'Byrne and Shannon - 7.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

GOREY AVENUE

The following resolution of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the resolution of Co. Council not to carry out tarring work at Gorey Avenue, Gorey, be rescinded, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out this work in the ordinary way."

In moving his motion Mr. O'Byrne said that this street had been surfaced and tar sprayed a couple of years ago and the work now required renewal. There had been no complaint of the work when it had been first carried out and he believed the surface from the point of view of the live stock fair was more satisfactory than the former surface of some years ago. This was an important road and it was essential that it should be kept in a decent condition.

Mr. Cline seconded.

Mr. Keegan said that cattle were slipping on this road under existing conditions and the position would be far worse when the Co. Council made it a skating rink. He suggested that the money should be transferred to the repair of the road from office of Warren, Auctioneer, to Bates' Coach Factory via Railway station which was in a wretched condition, and which was subject to very heavy traffic details of which were given by Mr. Keegan.

The County Surveyor said that such a transfer was not possible as Gorey Avenue was a main road and the road by the

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railway station was a county road. He (Co. Surveyor) had brought forward proposals for the repair of the last mentioned thoroughfare but they had been turned down.

After discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon and Walsh - 12.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, Smyth and the Chairman - 9.

Col. Gibbon (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

Under date 1st April, 1932, the L. G. D. wrote (H.25878/1932 - Ilgh) that intimation had been received from the Minister for Finance that the Local Loans Fund was now available for the purpose of making advances for financing operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890-31, the Labourers (Ireland) Acts 1883 to 1931 and Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1931. Interest would be charged on such advances at the rate of 5½d per cent per annum.

Under date 19th April, 1932, Daniel Kavanagh, Ballina, Curraclloe, wrote applying for grant under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That we agree to pay to Daniel Kavanagh, Ballina, Curraclloe, the sum of £20 under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 on receiving intimation that the Local Government Department approve of plan and specification, of house, and when Appointed Officer has certified that the building has been properly erected and that Mr. Kavanagh proposes to reside therein, and provided the building is not erected within 30 feet of the road centre."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded an amendment

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that the application be adjourned for further information as to the financial position of the applicant.

Mr. Culleton said that the applicant held between 60 and 70 acres of land but he was a poor man living with his brother and would not be able to erect the house without some assistance.

Mr. Corish said he was prepared to accept the assurance of the local councillor as to Mr. Kavanagh's means and withdrew his amendment.

A vote on the resolution resulted as follows:-

For:→ Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 19.

Against:- Messrs Brennan and Quin (2)

Col. Gibbon (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 71 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 1925.

Under date 20th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (B.27415/1932 - Ilgh (Sg) that the Minister intended at an early date to introduce legislation to annul the provisions of Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1925 requiring local officers to make a declaration on appointment or on obtaining an increase of remuneration. It was intended to ^{recommend} ~~make~~ the Legislature to make the operation of the repealing Bill retrospective so that failure to subscribe to the declaration will not militate against officers whose appointments were otherwise in order. Particulars of any specific cases which present difficulty might be forwarded the Department.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That particulars of the case of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office, who did not make declaration under Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1925 and was not in consequence paid

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increments of salary, be referred to the Department of Local Government for favourable consideration."

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Under date 13th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (Circular No. 85/32) that Co. Council Elections would not be held in 1932. The annual meeting for this year is to be held on such hour and day not earlier than 23rd August nor later than 1st September.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That meeting of County Council fixed for 22nd August, 1932, be dropped and that instead meeting be held on 29th August, 1932, as fixed by the Council."

ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that the following road grants had been received from Local Government Department since last meeting viz., £800 Wexford Urban; £2,900 Improvement Grant; and £280 Unemployment Grant (Letters from L.G.D. (R.G./32 - 20th April, 1932), (R.A.- 32 - 9th April, 1932) and (S.G.K./32 - 12th April, 1932).

GRATUITY TO FORMER SHORTHAND-TYPIST

Under date 21st April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.26232/32/Se) that the Minister had accorded his assent pursuant on Sub-Section 4 of Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1925 to the grant by the Wexford Co. Council of a marriage gratuity of £50 to Miss Monica Frizelle, formerly Shorthand-Typist in the Council's Office.

SHEEP DIPPING ARRANGEMENTS

Under date 12th April, 1932, (L.1141-32) the Department of Agriculture wrote asking particulars of the sheep dipping Arrangements which Co. Council had made with a view to ensuring the effective dipping of all sheep in their area during the dipping periods of the current year.

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Under date 15th April, 1932, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1291/32) that the Garda Siochana would give the same assistance in having the Sheep Dipping Order carried out as in past year/

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

"That the following be re-appointed lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the same areas as last year viz:-

Gorey District: Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew.
Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.

Enniscorthy District: James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns.
Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy.

New Ross District: M.J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure.

Wexford District: James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, *at*
£1 per week and refund out-of-pocket postage.

Appointments to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture."

MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 15th April, 1932, that at the meeting of the Committee on 13th April the resignation of the Revd. R. Talbot was accepted.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which passed nem con: "That the District Mental Hospital Committee be requested to recommend the appointment of a member vice Rev. R. Talbot resigned."

NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Clinck:- "That the contract with Messrs M. O'Connor, Wexford, for the painting of New Ross Bridge be ~~be~~ sealed and signed on behalf of the Wexford Co. Council."

ANALYST'S REPORT

It appeared from Analyst's report for quarter ended 31st March, 1932, that she had analysed 165 foods, 24 drugs

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and 1 water - Total 190. Of these four samples of new milk and 1 of butter were found to be adulterated.

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con: "That the following be appointed ~~at~~ ^{or} Courtown Harbour Committee to hold office for three years ~~and~~ until their successors have been appointed:- Rev. John O'Grady, C.C. Riverchapel; Rev. Mr. Verschoyle, Rector, Ardamine; Earl of Courtown; Kieran McNeill, Courtown; Thomas McGarry, Do; Richard Garland, do; Ml. Fitzpatrick do; Sean O'Byrne M.C.C.; Michael Wafer, Middletown; Sean O'Byrne, Courtown; W.P. Keegan M.C.C., Esmonde St. Gorey and Myles Smyth M.C.C., Glasscarrig, South Clonevan.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following under date 23rd April, 1932 (G.26233/32. Loch Garman (Fa). was read from L.G.D.: - "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that he sanctions overdraft accommodation not exceeding £13,000 in addition to the limit of £20,000 already sanctioned, on the accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 1st June next. Interest may be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurer."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Secretary, Department of Education, wrote that with reference to the admission to the Leaving Certificate Examination of candidates for University Scholarships who do not satisfy the conditions of the Department's regulations the latest date for accepting applications in the case of such candidates had been fixed for 30th April.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That our Secretary report to the Department of Education that ~~their~~ Council approves of Miss

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Winifred Murphy, Clonmore, Ballycanew, a candidate for University Scholarship being admitted to the Leaving Certificate Examination."

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF CO. COUNCILLORS

The following resolution from Waterford Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall, Col. Quin dissenting:-

"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Waterford County Council, protest against the present procedure regarding the payment of travelling expenses to members of the County Council and other Bodies, and appeal to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend it by allowing expenses to Members for every meeting they attended since the passing of this Act, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all County Councils in Saorstát Éireann."

Michael Doyle