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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 10th APRIL 1933.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th April, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and Assistant Surveyors:- Messrs. T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, Thomas Cullen, J.F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill, were also in attendance.

Mr. Corish was moved to the chair on the proposal of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

At this stage Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman of the Council attended and presided for the rest of the business.

REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

The following reply to vote of condolence from Mr. W.P. Keegan, Co. Councillor, in the death of his nephew was directed to be inserted on the Minutes of the day on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline:-

"Please convey my grateful thanks to your Council for their vote of condolence, extended to me on the death of my nephew, also to yourself for your kind remarks and to all who joined in sympathy with me."

AGREEMENT TO RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

Consideration of agreement to Rates for current financial year and which had been adjourned from a previous meeting was the special business of the meeting.

Under date 6th April, 1933, the Department of Local Government

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and Public Health wrote:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 27th ultimo, concerning the rate to be adopted by the Council for the service of the present financial year and to state that the State Grants in relief of rates on Agricultural Land have already been announced and it is the duty of the Council forthwith to strike such rate as may be necessary to provide fully for the requirements of the County in 1933/34.

"This matter recently formed the subject of a full discussion with a Deputation from the General Council of County Councils when it was explained that the Grant for this year had been fixed at the highest possible figure having regard to all the circumstances and particularly the substantial relief afforded to tenant purchasers under the Land Acts. Before the announcement of the Grant was made the matter had been given prolonged and careful consideration and the Minister is satisfied that in providing £1,750,000 for the assistance of occupiers of land to meet their rates the Government had gone to the limit which their resources permitted. There is therefore no reason for further delay on the part of any County Council to determine the required rate for 1933/34. Essential public services depend on Councils keeping their finances in order and Councils should not relax pressure on Collectors to collect all arrears or give any encouragement to ratepayers who wish to postpone or evade their public obligations. As already intimated the Minister has consented by way of departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order to a reasonable extension of time for the determination of the rate."

Under date 31st March, 1933, the Secretary to Co. Councils' General Council wrote that the Minister had informed the deputation from General Council that the decision of the Executive Council to pay a less agricultural Grant than amount provided for year 1932/33 could not be departed from and that Co. Councils should proceed to strike rates on the basis of the reduced figure.

The following under date 8th April, 1933 was read from Secretary Co. Councils' General Council:-

"I am directed to forward you the report of the deputation appointed by the Special Meeting of the General Council held on the 24th ult. and to inform you that at the adjourned Special Meeting of the General Council held on the 5th inst. the following resolution was adopted viz:-

"Whereas, the retention in the State of the £5,000,000 previously paid to Britain has caused an economic War by which the Agricultural Community has lost its market and its only source of income, and whereas this War has resulted in an export agricultural loss of practically £8,000,000 in six months we feel the Agricultural Community is entitled to freedom from annuities and rates during the continuance of that war, the onus rightly falling on the National Exchequer which has now transferred to it the monies of the suspense account derived from the retained payment to Britain and consequently no justification exists for the reduction proposed in the Agricultural Grant."

"With a view to seeking some mitigation of the hardship inflicted on the Agricultural ratepayers by the reduction in the Grant a further deputation was appointed to interview the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to place before him the suggestions embodied in the following resolutions:-

- (1) That in view of the statement relative to the financial position made by the Minister for Local Government to the deputation from this Council, and if the Minister is not in a position to restore the Agricultural Grant to last year's figure, the Minister be approached to raise a loan equal to the amount deducted from the Grants and to pay the deducted amount thereout to the Councils.
- (2) That the deputation to the Minister be authorised to discuss with him the desirability of enabling County Councils to

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"reduce their expenditure on foot of loan charges by funding their outstanding loan commitments on a long term basis of repayment by the issue of Bonds.

"The Minister has now conveyed to me his view that no useful purpose would be served by the reception of the deputation inasmuch as he had already discussed the first suggestion with the previous deputation and could not recommend its adoption and that he disapproved of the principle underlying the second resolution."

The following is copy of report referred to in letter of Secretary of County Councils General Council:-

"The deputation appointed at the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 24th March waited upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on Friday 31st March, at Leinster House, the following members being present viz:- Mr. John J. Sheil, Chairman, D.L. O'Gorman, C.M. Byrne and E. Brady, accompanied by Mr. Keogh Nolan, Secretary. The deputation was received by the Minister who was accompanied by Mr. Collins.

"The Members of the deputation stated that they had been sent to the Minister by the General Council in the spirit of co-operation to discuss with him how the situation could be relieved. They stressed the very serious nature of the position confronting the agricultural Community consequent on the economic situation and pointed out the great difficulty experienced by the Councils in collecting the current year's rates. They expressed the view that a large proportion of the arrears still outstanding might be regarded as almost irrecoverable as the Agricultural ratepayers had not the money to pay.

"The deputation further pointed out that the County Councils' had been placed in a false position because the information that the grants were to be reduced was held back until the estimates had been made out and until they had agreed to undertake increased expenditure especially in connection with the Government's housing schemes and sewerage and water schemes undertaken with the object of relieving

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"unemployment. The further increase in rates necessary to make good the reduction in the Agricultural Grant would impose a crushing burden on the farming ratepayers which in view of their economic position they would be unable to bear. The deputation urged that the Agricultural Grant should be restored to the same figure as in the Current year.

"In reply the Minister said the Government had given all the assistance which they could afford in the reduced Agricultural Grant of £1,750,000 which represented a reduction of £448,000 as compared with last year. He had done everything he could to safeguard the position of the rural ratepayers and the Government had gone to the limit of their resources having regard to the financial situation and could not promise to do better. He also pointed out that the farmers had got the benefit of the reduction of their land annuities by half which meant £2,000,000 per annum and that if an effort were made there was no reason why the poor law services could not be maintained. If the services should fail to any extent he intimated that the blame would rest on the local authorities for failing to collect the rates.

"The deputation contended that the reduction of land annuities and the maintenance of the Agricultural Grant were two distinct questions - the former was intended to mitigate to some extent the loss suffered by farmers consequent on the economic conditions and could not in any way justify reducing the Grants which had been found to be necessary for the relief of Agricultural depression before the economic war arose. Dealing with the funding of the arrears of land purchase annuities the deputation pointed out that these arrears already had been made good to the Guarantee Fund at the expense of the ratepayers and that normally but for the funding operation these arrears when recovered would go to the credit of the Councils. In reply to a question on this subject the Minister maintained that in his opinion the Government were justified in retaining the interest on the funded arrears.

"In reply to a suggestion that the amount deducted from the Grant

"might be funded over a number of years the Minister stated he could not recommend its adoption.

"The Minister asked the deputation to bring from him to the Councils that he wished to speed up the collection of the rates and that those Councils which had not struck rates should do so without delay. He also emphasised that delay in striking the rates affected the position of other bodies. He warned the deputation of the unpleasant results of the collapse of the local services and said that the public would not tolerate a situation in which the essential health services would be placed in jeopardy. It therefore rested on the Councils as a solemn obligation to put their finances in order. He felt the Councils fully realised the seriousness of the position which would be created by allowing the situation to go out of hand. The duty of the Councils was to collect the rates and to get in the arrears outstanding for the financial year which concluded that day.

"The deputation having thanked the Minister for having received them then withdrew."

The following resolution which was adopted, at a meeting of Farmers held in Wexford on 8th April, 1933, on the motion of Mr. William Boggan, Hayestown, seconded by Mr. William R. Devereux, was read:- "That this meeting of Farmers consider that the Co. Council should not strike a Rate to make up for the grant withdrawn by the Government. The Rate struck for 1933/34 should not exceed that previously decided on by the Co. Council. The Agricultural Community is so hard hit by the present economic situation that additional payments are out of the question."

The following resolution was read from meeting of farmers held at Castletown:- "That we the farming community call upon the Wexford County Council to strike a rate not to exceed the amount paid on last year's Demand Notes."

In connection with the reference to issue of Bonds referred to in letter of Secretary of Co. Councils' General Council of 8th April

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1933, the following resolution was read from Cavan Co. Council:-

"That considering the Annuities Suspense Account amounts to, approximately, £5,000,000. sterling, presently, which is now about to be made available for general Exchequer purposes, this Council respectfully requests the Minister for Finance to consider the advisability of impounding £1,750,000. sterling of this Account and issuing Bonds to that amount on the security of this Fund, such Bonds to be made legal tender in the Free State for the purpose of completing the Housing Scheme and relieving Local Authorities from the necessity of pledging their credit at high interest rates."

Under date 31st March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.30008/1933 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned such departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order 1925 as would enable the Council to adopt a Rate in respect of financial year 1933/34 on a date not later than 3rd April, 1933.

The Chairman stated that this was all the correspondence in connection with the rate and the Council could see that the Deputation had failed completely to move the Minister. It was very fine for the Minister to tell them that the Government were providing £1,750,000 in Grants but £1,000,000 of that had been provided by the British Government and the Council need not thank anyone for it. It represented the land-lords' half payment of rates and was embodied in the Local Government Act 1898 in order to placate that class. The Cosgrave Government had added to that £750,000 and the present Government gave another £250,000 to be applied to the first £10 of land valuation.

Col. Gibbon asked if in the event of the Council deciding to have the same rate as last year would it be possible for them to reduce expenditure on roads in particular, and also the Co. Board of Health and Mental Hospital Demands.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that as the Road Works Scheme had been adopted and printed it was impossible to make any reduction in

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road expenditure now, and as for the demands of the County Board of Health and Asylum, the function of the Council would be merely to reject or refer back. They had, however, the statements of members of those bodies that the demands had been framed with every care and that it was necessary every penny of them should be provided to have the services carried out in a proper manner.

Col. Gibbon said it appeared there were only two alternatives open to the Council - to strike the full rate with the extra 2/0³₄d rate on land as compared with last year or not to strike any rate at all.

Mr. Cummins stated he would be in favour of striking no rate if the Council would agree but wished to know what would happen then.

Chairman - You would be dissolved and a Commissioner appointed.

Miss O'Ryan - That would be no loss.

Col. Gibbon - It would be a very good thing.

Mr. Cummins said no doubt to strike no rate would be a popular move but they had to consider other people besides themselves, those in hospitals and in the County Home.

Col. Quin said that to strike no rate was unthinkable. It was absolutely necessary that the Public Bodies should be financed. As regards the Co. Board of Health the figures of their Estimate had been very scrupulously examined and no reduction could be secured. The Country was in a very bad way and he knew hundreds of people who were trying to live on 10/- per week.

Mr. Hayes held it would be much better for everybody - the County Council and Public - if the Council fell in with the views of the Minister and faced up to the facts.

Mr. D'Arcy contended that the Finance Committee would not have agreed to the rate they did had they been made aware of the reduction in the Agricultural Grant. The proposal of the Finance Committee was for a rate the same as last year and everyone would have to admit that it would be very difficult for the farmers to pay this.

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Miss O'Ryan said that great complaint was made when the Government withdrew what they clearly stated was a temporary subsidy. The cry was with a great many only hypocrisy and playing up to the Press. The Council should realise they were taking less money in rates from the people every year the State contributing the balance. Then look at the excellent County Services they had - roads, Co. Hospital, free medical service. One of the resolutions which had been read said the country had lost its markets but that only applied to live stock. The prices of bacon and grain had improved and through the action of the Government butter was three times the price. If the present Co. Councillors were afraid to face the people they should make way for people who were prepared to carry on.

Col. Gibbon held that after a very close comparison of prices he came to the conclusion that the difference in price between cattle in England and Ireland was 8/- per cwt. against Ireland which in a ten cwt. beast meant a loss of £4. He was prepared to produce evidence to show this. And also that the loss was due to tariffs. There were any number of men in Kilmore district who could not dispose of their potatoes. One poor man had 12 tons on hands. All the potatoes in the district had been grown for South Wales markets. Having referred to prices of other farm produce Col. Gibbon said the farmers were paying for tariffs and could not afford an increased rate.

Miss O'Ryan said the price of butter in England was 64/- per cwt. and in Ireland 117/-.

Chairman - The Creameries will reap the benefit of that.

Miss O'Ryan said the price of potatoes in Northern Ireland was 17/6d. per ton.

Col. Quin said the previous Government was composed of business men. The present Government bribed the voters with all sorts of things and now had not the money to provide them. The Country was going to the d---l and later on there would be no money to pay for anything.

Mr. Hayes contended that the present Government had received a

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mandate from the people to carry on the economic war.

Mr. McCarthy said the Council were losing £17,000 and also the £12,801 arrears of Agricultural Grant for year 1932 and which they were informed would not be paid them.

The Chairman said that during the last election campaign the people were told they would get half the annuities but there was not a word about a reduction of the Agricultural Grant.

Col. Quin - All sorts of bribes were offered and all sorts of promises made.

Mr. Keegan said that Col. Quin should withdraw these observations.

Mr. D'Arcy referred to the prices ruling at Tinahely Fair on 8th April and which went to show that the farmer was 100% worse off than he was last year.

The Chairman pointed out that the overhead charges of farmers had not decreased in any way but prices of their produce had deteriorated to an extraordinary extent.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed the following resolution:- "That the County Council agree to the rate recommended by the Finance Committee and that the amount of rebate of rate for Agricultural Land be the same as for financial year 1932/33."

Mr. Gulleton seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said that nothing could be done in the way of getting the Subsidiary Bodies to do with less money than they had applied for. He did not think however, they should surrender their right to the £12,801 of arrears and they would have an increase of 1/2¹/₂d in the £. on land without that.

Col. Gibbon said he feared that a reduction in the expenditure would mean a corresponding reduction in Government Grants with the result that an additional impost on land would probably be 2/7¹/₂d in the £.

Miss O'Ryan said that great capital was made of the position of the ratepayers but she did not believe a single ratepayer in the

County would be so heartless as to see beds in the Co. Hospital shut up and the people turned out of the Co. Home.

Mr. Keegan contended that there were a great many other people harder hit than the farmers who were receiving great consideration from the Government. He knew of instances in towns where rent had been increased 56%. If that had happened in 1882-1883 the landlord would have been shot.

Col. Gibbon proposed that no rate be struck but this proposal was not seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following:-

"That Rate for General Charges for financial year 1933/34 (in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42) be and is hereby agreed to at 8/7½d in the £. That rebate on Agricultural Land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be allowed in accordance with allocation of said Grant (£60031 and £8163 Total £68194) as fixed by Minister for Local Government and Public Health representing rebate of 3/2d in £. plus 2/- in £. on first £10 of valuation on agricultural land. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1933/34 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43 and supplemental Form 43) and as presented to this meeting be also agreed to.

"That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts of the County:-

Enniscorthy.....	£3039.
New Ross.....	£2886.16.2d.
Wexford.....	£6522.17.0d.

"That the following amounts be raised for drainage rates for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Areas:-

KILMANNOCK: Amount assessed on various proprietors as per charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works dated 19th January, 1927, amount £83.7.10d.

SOW: Amount assessed on the various proprietors or reputed proprietors in accordance with letter from Office of Public Works No.25807/32 amount £551.2.6d. This amount to be charged to the various occupiers

"in the proportions set out in Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929."

Mr. Corish in seconding, said that the Government had obtained a mandate from the people and were entitled to think that their programme had been approved. The Irish cattle trade would have been badly hit no matter what Government was in power because they could see the attacks which had been made by the "Daily Mail" and "Daily Express" on that trade, and asking for the prohibition of the importation of Irish cattle. He believed this campaign of exclusion from England would have been successful if they never had an economic war. If later on, the Council found it was impossible to collect rates they could make representations to the Government.

Mr. Hall could not see how the Council could persuade themselves to strike a rate of 2/- in the £. extra on land in view of the prices of farm produce.

Mr. Hayes held that the condition of the country was growing worse but not on account of the Tariff War but because science by machinery had thrown so many people out of employment.

Miss O'Ryan said there was a fearful depression all over the world and there was no doubt that people had been hit by the economic war, although it was not the cause of all the depression.

The Chairman held that the Council could make certain reductions in their ordinary expenditure. What about stopping the grant to the Tourist Association and scrapping all the Scholarships.

Mr. Cummins said the Council could expect a worse state of affairs as regards depression than at the moment, and more money would be necessary for Home Assistance and unemployment. The great obstacle to prosperity was that there was no money in circulation and business-men in the towns were as badly off as the farmers. They had 86,000 unemployed men and everybody was looking for a solution of this question. A solution could be found in having their own currency. When Mr. Corish T.D., went to the Dail

he should advocate this very strongly because it would enable them to pay their labourers a decent wage, open up their mines and develop agriculture. He would ask Mr. Corish to tell the President there was no other course open and it might happen that their adoption of this step would be a headline for other countries. They never had a more favourable Spring than this year and the only drawback was the lack of "filthy lucre". He did not see why for internal business a note signed by Mr. DeValera or Mr. MacEntee would not be as valuable as the notes at present in circulation.

A poll was taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion and resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth, and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon and O'Ryan. (13)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. O'Byrne then proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following amendment:- "That the rebate on land be fixed at 4/0¹/₂d in the £. instead of at 3/2d. which would be rebate if the deduction in Agricultural Grant and arrears to March 1932 were taken into account.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Hall, McCarthy and O'Byrne (3)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman. (21)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A poll was then taken on Miss O'Ryan's proposal with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (12)

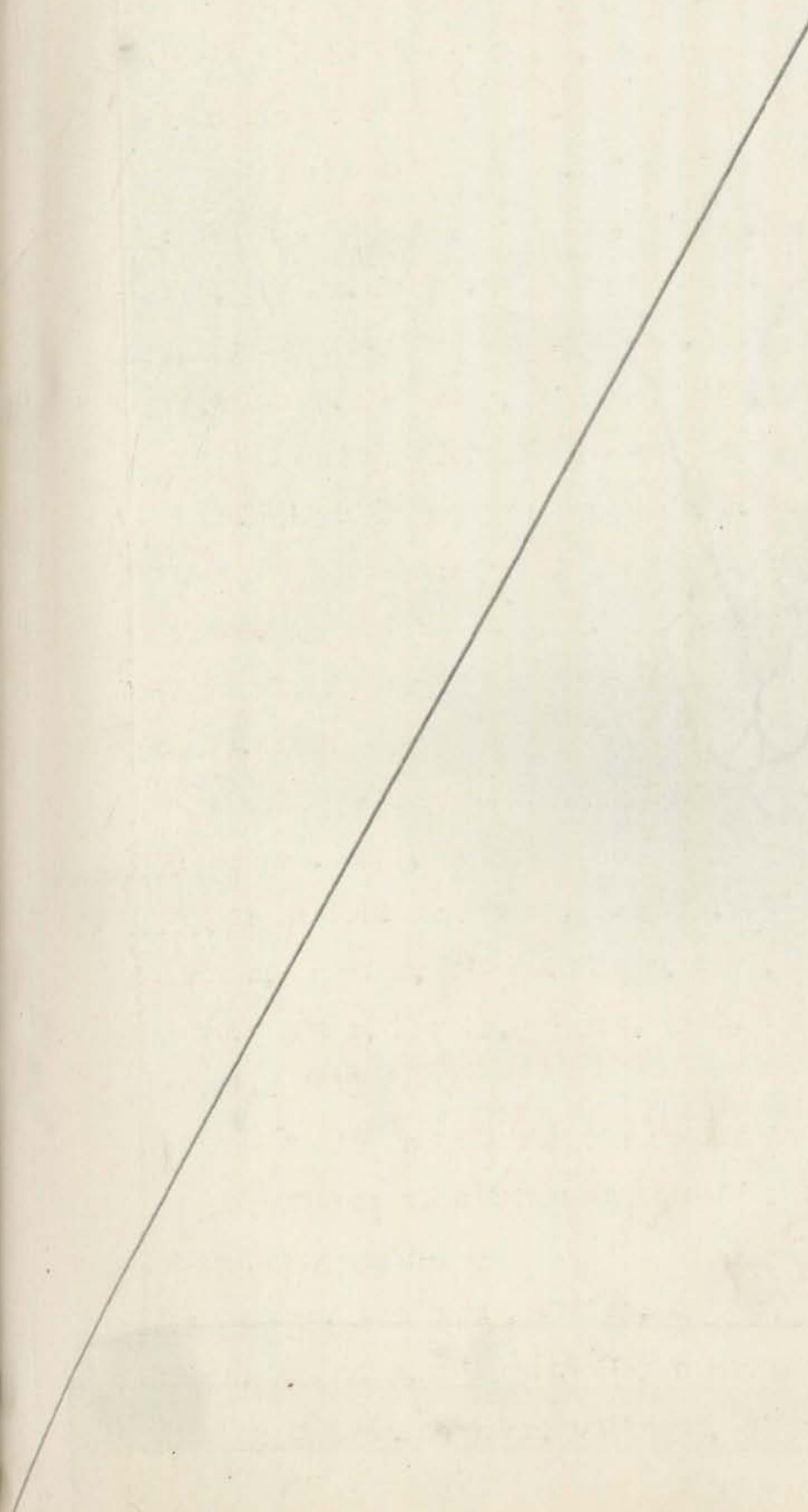
AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Jordan,

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Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

Mr. Hall did not vote, The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th March, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING - 16th MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th March, 1933.

Present Messrs. J. Colloton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the chair was taken by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3279.8.3d and for £60 were examined and signed.

PRINTING CONTRACT FOR 1933/34

The following tenders were received for printing contract for next financial year:-

Redmond Brothers, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy:	<u>£95.8s.</u>
J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford:	<u>£105.9s.</u>
"Echo", Enniscorthy:	<u>£119.14s.</u>
"Free Press", Wexford:	<u>£127.2.6d.</u>
"People", Wexford:	<u>£138.2.6d.</u>

The tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, the lowest, at £95.8s. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of Rate Collection up to 15th March, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>		<u>Percentage of Warrant collected excluding arrears.</u>
1.	J. Curtis	77.8
2.	S. Gannon (6)	75.6
3.	E. J. Murphy	75.0
4.	P. Carty	72.8
5.	J. Cummins	72.2
6.	J. J. O'Reilly	70.0

	<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected excluding arrears</u>
7.	T. Rowe	70.0
8.	A. Dunne (15)	69.0
9.	W. Doyle	67.4
10.	P. Nolan	67.4
11.	W. Cummins	65.6
12.	M. McCarthy	65.3
13.	M. Murphy	64.6
14.	J.J. Sinnott	64.5
15.	S. Gannon (10)	64.2
16.	A. Dunne (14)	63.4
17.	J. Deegan	63.2
18.	J. Quirke	62.7
19.	P. O'Byrne	61.1
20.	P. Doyle	61.0
		<u>67.4</u>

The Secretary stated the collection was 2.7 per cent. behind the figures for the corresponding period last year.

APPLICATION FOR POUNDAGE:- Under date 4th March, 1933, Collector P. O'Byrne wrote asking for payment of poundage on 50% of warrant on 1933 Rate.

The amount collected to date by this collector was 61.1 per cent. of warrant excluding arrears.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon:-
 "That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of poundage to Rate Collector P. O'Byrne in respect of lodgments of poor rate made by him to the end of November."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES:- Mr. Jeremiah Walsh, Blackwater, applied for refund of rates. It appeared that a field adjoining his holding formerly rated to his father James Walsh, was really held by Mr. James Walsh, National Teacher.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That as regards his claim for refund of rates Mr. Jeremiah Walsh, Blackwater, be informed that acting on the advice of Co. Solicitor the Finance Committee regret they are not in a position to make refund."

RATING OF BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS:- The following under date 28th February, 1933 (C/M) was read from the Valuation Department:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to refer to your

"letter of 29th January, 1932, relative to Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, and to state that the enquiries made by this Office would indicate that the position as regards each of the three tracts of land in question is that sundry occupiers of land possess, as appurtenant to their holdings, rights of common over it. Upon that view of the facts it would, in the Commissioner's opinion, be lawful to divide the present valuations, as desired by the Wexford and Carlow County Councils among the various persons interested, but there remain the difficulties of determining who the persons are who possess the rights of common, how much of each valuation should be allocated to each, and how much should be allocated to the occupier of the soil.

"If you are of opinion that the legal position as regards these lands is as indicated above it is open to you to have the valuations submitted for revision on form R.2. on or before 27th June next. For your guidance a draft form R.2. is attached, which indicates the manner in which, it is thought, such a submission should be made.

"You will observe from the draft that the onus of indicating who the persons are who have the rights of common rests primarily with the County Council officers. It is considered that in rating rights of common the relevant point is whether the right actually exists as appurtenant to a holding; the circumstance that the occupier of the holding may not have chosen in any given year actually to exercise the right is immaterial.

"This Office has not been able to ascertain who the occupier of the soil of each of the three tracts is. The number and extent of the rights of common would suggest, however, that the value of the occupation of the soil to the occupier of the soil can only be nominal. In case you are unable to ascertain the name of the occupier of the soil you should enter it in your submission as "not known".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That application be made to Valuation Department for revision of the valuation of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons."

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COURTOWN HARBOUR

The Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor for dredging Basin at Courtown Harbour had made application for payment of £60. He had been paid a similar amount already but he had work to the amount of £180 carried out, and he was entitled to be paid the amount of his present requisition as he had £180 worth of work done.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Pay Order for £60 a payment on account to Patrick Donovan, Contractor for dredging Basin at Courtown issue from this meeting on the certificate of the Co. Surveyor."

BUS ROUTE WEXFORD TO ENNISCORTHY

Inspector Harte of the I.O.C., came before the meeting in regard to a request for the Company to be allowed to use the road from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross in order to get on to trunk road to Enniscorthy.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Harte had informed him that since the Ferrycarrig Bridge had been closed the bus lost a considerable amount of traffic between Wexford and Enniscorthy and were getting practically no traffic between Ballymackessy and Wexford the alternative route. He (Co. Surveyor) did not know if the Co. Council had any legal power to prevent the Bus Company from using the route from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but in his (Co. Surveyor's) opinion the road was dangerous for both bus and public. It was very narrow, and if a common cart or motor-car was coming in an opposite direction to the bus there would be danger of collision as the bus would not be well able to get off the crown of the road. He was afraid that if the request was agreed to there might be an accident.

Mr. Harte said they had four bus services daily; one at 8 o'clock a.m.; second at 1 o'clock p.m.; the third at 4.30 p.m. and the last at 10 o'clock. It was only the one at 4.30 p.m. which would cause any inconvenience and that would be for a few minutes only. Most of the traffic went now by Castlebridge.

Mr. Culleton said he understood that when the bridge was closed traffic was to go by a certain route which was not via Castlebridge.

The Co. Surveyor said that it was published by advertisement that Ballymeckessy was the alternative route but this would not bar traffic from the use of the Castlebridge road.

Mr. O'Byrne said if the bus was compelled to use the alternative route it would be a great hardship on the people from Kyle into Enniscorthy who were in the habit of taking this means of transport.

Mr. Harte said it was not the desire of the Company to do anything against the wishes of the Co. Council.

The Co. Surveyor said he was not against the use of the road from the Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but the Company should give an undertaking that if found dangerous to the public or destructive to the road surface the route should be abandoned.

Mr. Culleton said it appeared as if all motor traffic formerly using Ferrycarrig Bridge in and out of Wexford had now come on to the Castlebridge road, the repair to the damage of which, before the work at the bridge was completed, would run into three times the cost of a temporary bridge.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Harte said the Company would be only too pleased to take the bus off the route if the Council objected.

The Co. Surveyor said the speed going down the hill from Kyle should be limited to ten miles an hour.

Mr. Harte said that the Company would confine themselves to any specified speed.

It was then decided that the request of the I.O.C. to use foad for bus from Killurin Civic Guard Barracks and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross via Newtown, be agreed to, speed to be limited to ten miles per hour the company to withdraw this service at any time on the request of the Co. Surveyor.

CLAIM FOR INJURY TO MOTOR CAR

The following under date 13th March, 1933, was read from Mr. Henry J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy:-

"I am instructed by Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, Manager, Boro Creamery, Rathmure, Enniscorthy, that he injured his Motor Car this morning while going over New Ross Bridge. More than half the Bridge was closed by means of a Chain which was laid across the Bridge. My client was driving very cautiously but owing to the heavy fog he did not see the chain, and there was no notice of any kind displayed to warn on-coming traffic. The Radiator of my Client's car, the left hand mudguard, the two head lamps and right hand light were completely destroyed. The full extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained. My Client has left his car in a Garage to obtain an estimate as to what it will cost to repair it. When I receive same I can forward it to you. Please let me know if your Council are prepared to compensate my Client for the loss which he has sustained."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the claim of Mr. Denis O'Sullivan, Manager, Boro Creamery, for injury to his motor car on New Ross Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification of Sergeant Lee, Fethard, as to his intention to make application for the committal of two children, Margaret Mason, four years old and Mary Mason, two years old, (illegitimate children) of Margaret Mason, a native of Gorey, to the New Ross Industrial School, at Ballycullane District Court, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Applications for loans under above Acts were received from the following:-

Paul Hannon, Kilcavan, Ballymitty; Loan £25 on £200 house.

Mary A. Carty, Ballinvegga, New Ross; Loan £100 on £200 house.

Edward Kelly, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy; Loan £100 - House £200

Patrick Hayes, Kilmannon, Cleariestown; Loan £75 - House £190

Ellen Casey, Ballinamona, Foulksmills, Loan £50 - House £250

John Webster, Shannon, Enniscorthy; Loan £180 - House £200

Patrick Doyle, 13 Old Church, Enniscorthy; Loan £150 - House £270

Brigid Brennan, National Teacher, Ballymitty N.S.; Loan £200 - House £400

Sylvester Murphy, Monksgrange, Killanne; Loan £50 - House £120

The following were recommended for acceptance to the Co. Council:-

Messrs. Edward Kelly, Patrick Hayes, Patrick Doyle and Sylvester Murphy.

The application of Brigid Brennan was refused and the others were adjourned for further information.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th March, 1933, be received and considered:-

PRINTING CONTRACT FOR 1933/34:- The recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, at £95.8s. was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin.

RATE COLLECTION:- The Secretary stated that the collection to the 31st March last on current Warrants showed an improvement of 7% on the collection for corresponding period 1932/33.

RATING BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS:- Mr. Brennan and Mr. D'Arcy argued that the Co. Council would not be in a position to collect rates until a fence had been put round the Co. Wexford portion of the Mountain so that sheep from the Carlow side could be excluded from Wexford portion.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colloton seconded confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee.

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

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (19)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Murphy and Smyth. (4)

The Chairman who did not vote, declared the motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR POUNDAGE:- The recommendation of Finance Committee asking Department of Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of poundage to Collector O'Byrne in respect of lodgments of rate to the end of November was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Under date 1st April, 1933, Collector Quirke, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors, applied for payment of poundage on all rates lodged to 31st March, 1933, as the Collectors found it very difficult

to carry on at the present time.

On the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Clince the application was referred to the Finance Committee meeting of 13th April, 1933.

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

In reply to Mr. Keegan the Co. Surveyor said the Contractor had been paid £150 and he (Co. Surveyor) was satisfied that work to this amount had been carried out.

Mr. Keegan said he would raise the matter at a future meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 16th March, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th March, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 30th MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th March, 1933,

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor were in attendance.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2941.14.10d. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- According to Return of Rate Collection to 25th March, 1933, the amount collected showed a one per cent improvement as compared with the corresponding period last year. The amount outstanding was £29305.

It was decided that the question of outstanding amounts should be carefully dealt with at next meeting of the Committee.

APPLICATION REFUND OF RATES:- Messrs. M.J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, 2, George Street, Wexford, wrote under date 18th March, 1933 pointing out that holdings which had been formerly rated in the names of their clients Denis and James McDonald who had been wrongly paying rates therefor for the past 13 years were now rated in the names of the actual occupiers Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Harvey. They considered in the circumstances the Council should refund Messrs. McDonald a reasonable amount of the rates and they suggested this refund should cover the rates for the past six years. In limiting their request to that amount they considered Messrs. McDonald were meeting the Council fairly.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That as advised by our

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"Solicitor the Committee find they are not in a position to make refund of rates to the Messrs. McDonald for holdings at Kyle Middle and Ballydicken."

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- Under date 16th March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.15231/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister agreed to the continuance of present system of payments on account of rates due until the 1932/33 Warrants are closed, when, after report as to its working the matter can be again considered.

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

The Co. Surveyor forwarded letter from Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, under date 14th March, 1933, as to claim by Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill Quarry. They had a consultation with the Ocean Company who, as they had dealt with similar claims previously were prepared to deal with the present one. They hoped the claim would be settled properly and to the satisfaction of the County Council.

The following tenders were submitted:- McDonagh and Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin (for Ocean Insurance Co. - Tariff) Employers Liability 1/6% Common Law and 29/9% for remaining.

This based on a wages roll of £47,530 would amount to a premium of £708.16.4d. per annum.

Public Liability 2/-%, total of £47.10.8d.

Messrs. Coyle and Co., 7, Anglesea Street, Dublin, (Federated Employers Insurance Association - Non Tariff) Employers Liability 1/6% Common Law and 25/-% all others. Amount £594.2.6d. Public Liability £47.10.8d.

London and Lancashire Tariff - same quotation as Messrs. McDonagh and Boland and Ocean Accident, for Employers Liability. No quotation for Public Liability.

National Employers Mutual General Insurance Association Ltd. 2/6% Clerical Staff; 5/-% County and Assistant Surveyors and 40/-% all others.

Mr. Gulleton proposed the acceptance of quotation submitted by Messrs. Coyle and Company.

Mr. Hall proposed and the Chairman seconded the selection of the Ocean Insurance Company, through Messrs. McDonagh and Boland.

The Chairman pointed out that from experience he found there was considerable difficulty in dealing with non-tariff companies. Of course this might not happen with the Company submitted by Messrs. Coyle and Co., but dealing with a Public Authority he felt constrained to the acceptance of a Tariff Company.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For acceptance of quotation and Company submitted by Messrs. Coyle:-

Messrs. Gulleton and O'Byrne. (2)

For acceptance of quotation and Company submitted by Messrs. McDonagh and Boland:- Messrs. Hall, Shannon and the Chairman. (3)

PAYMENT OF WORKMEN

The following report under date 24th March, 1933, was submitted from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I have discussed with the Assistant Surveyors, the suggested alteration in the system of dealing with payments. The Assistant Surveyors are unanimously of opinion that any system that calls upon them to distribute the money would be out of the question. They state that each fortnight the distribution of individual Pay Orders would entail several days' work, and that some of the workers would not be paid until the week after the Finance Committee meeting. Even if extra travelling allowance was made to the Assistants for such work it would entail a decided loss in their efficiency in looking after the ordinary routine jobs. It was suggested that if Pay Orders for each Ganger's Area were made out to the Assistant Surveyor that he could obtain cash and hand it to the ganger for distribution. This would entail visits by the Assistants to local banks, and the travelling about the

"County with large sums of money, which they are not prepared to do.

"It is suggested that the only satisfactory method of dealing with these payments would be to revert to the individual Pay Orders and have them sent to each Ganger by registered post who could distribute them to the men, and obtain their receipt on the present form."

The following resolution was adopted after considerable discussion:-

"That Pay Orders covering payments to workers which now issue to Road Gangers be forwarded in future to Assistant Surveyors who will meet the gangers at the various banks and hand the cash to them for distribution receiving in exchange a receipt for the amount. That the liability of Assistant Surveyors under this head be covered by a special endorsement or if required a special ^{Insurance} policy."

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES

The following tenders were received for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes for financial year 1933/34:-

Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....£23.10s.
"People", Wexford.....£25.16s.6d.
Messrs. English & Co., Wexford.....£28.0s.0d.
"Free Press", Wexford.....£35.0s.0d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes at £23.10s. for current financial year be accepted."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications were received:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: -

John Rigney, Ballyprecus, Bunclody. Loan £75.
John Breen, Dranagh, Davidstown. Loan £70
John Hayes, Clonjordan, Marshalstown. Loan £40
Mary Anne Roman, Kiltaly, Clohamon. Loan £85.

Robert Swaine, Tincurry, Ballycarney; loan £200.
Cecilia Elizabeth B. Swaine, Ballycarney, Ferns. Loan £130.
Peter Nolan, Mullinahasmear, Bunclody. Loan £85.
Michael Doyle, Abbeydown, Clonegal. Loan £85.
Denis Murphy, Gurteen, Bunclody. Loan £85.
William S. Sheil, Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy. Loan £150.
John Greene, 17, Duffry Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.
James Nolan, Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £180.
James Joseph Doyle, Kilcasey Upper, Ferns. Loan £200.
Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns. Loan £200.
Denis Finn, Ballydan, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.
William Sheridan, Glanna Smol, Sweetfarm, Enniscorthy. Loan £140.
Daniel Neill, Blackstoops, Enniscorthy. Loan £85.
Walter Sutton, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy. Loan £150.
Christopher Murphy, Moneytucker, Enniscorthy. Loan £120.
Edward Dunne, 82, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.
John Murphy, 59, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.
James Walsh, 16, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.
GOREY DISTRICT:- Elizabeth Gregory, Raheenagurren, Gorey. Loan £180.
John Keating, Ballinavocran. Loan £75.
James Doyle, Grattan Terrace, Gorey. Loan £180.
James Mythen, Mount Alexander, Gorey. Loan £100.
Myles Byrne, Coolishal House, Gorey. Loan £200.
Patrick Murphy, Knockadague, Killena, Gorey. Loan £100.
NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- Walter Walsh, Carrowanree, Campile. Loan £200.
Thomas Neville, Moor of Bannow, Wellingtonbridge. Loan £50.
Francis Duffin, Ramstown, Fethard. Loan £50.
Philip Rochford, Ballygalvert, Ballywilliam. Loan £75.
John Hackett, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge. Loan £180.
WEXFORD DISTRICT:- Jack Busher, Greyrobin, Tomhaggard. Loan £100.
Stephen Parle, Duncormack, Co. Wexford. Loan £100.

The following were recommended to County Council for acceptance:-

Robert Swaine, Loan £150; James Walsh, Loan £130.

John Murphy, Loan £130; Daniel Neill, Loan £85.

John Greene, Loan £130; Wm. S. Sheil, Loan £150.

W. Sheridan, Loan £140. W. Sutton, Loan £150.

Cecelia E.B. Swaine, Loan £130. John Breen, Loan £70.

James Nolan, Loan £180. J.J. Doyle, Loan £200.

John Rigney, Loan £75; Mary A. Ronan, Loan £85.

Denis Murphy, Loan £85. Peter Nolan, Loan £85.

Elizabeth Gregory, Loan £180; James Mythen, Loan 100.

Myles Byrne, Loan £140. James Doyle, Loan £150.

The other applications were adjourned for further information.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification from the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, for the committal of James Foley, 12½ years old and Laurence Buckley, 10½ years old, both of Clonroche, to Industrial Schools was referred to Mr. Elgee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th March, 1933, be received and considered."

CO. COUNCIL INSURANCES:- Mr. Colleton proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee accepting the quotation of Ocean Insurance Company for Public Liability and Employers Liability for Co. Council Insurances as from 31st March, 1933, and that the tender of Messrs. Coyle and Co., on behalf of Federated Employers Insurance Association Ltd., be accepted."

Mr. Shannon proposed the confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee but this was not seconded and the motion of Mr. Colleton was adopted, Mr. Shannon dissenting.

PAYMENT OF WORKMEN: - Mr. Colfer contended that the Council should revert to the system of paying each worker by Pay Order and proposed a resolution to this effect.

Mr. Clince seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The payment direct by Pay Order was not satisfactory. In some places posts were irregular and the men had to come to town very often to have the Orders cashed. Again the cost of postage would be enormously increased and there was the fact that unless the letter was registered it would not be possible to prove delivery.

Mr. D'Arcy held that if the Pay Order for sections of men was sent to the Assistant Surveyors the men could be paid at the residence of the Surveyor.

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

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Hayes, Keegan and Shannon (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall,

Jordan, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

Mr. Gaul (1) did not vote and Messrs. McCarthy and Murphy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The recommendation of Finance Committee was then put and adopted nem. con.

Mr. Ennis explained that he would not get his post until 11 o'clock on Friday after which he would meet the Gangers at the Banks of Enniscorthy, Ferns and Bunclody. It might happen on account of the amount of travelling he would not be able to pay the men until the following day and perhaps some of them might not be paid until Monday following.

The Chairman said in his opinion if Mr. Ennis cashed all the Pay Orders in the bank at Enniscorthy he should be able to get round his district by Friday evening.

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES:- The recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the Tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy at £23.10s. for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes was accepted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. D'Arcy.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The Chairman ruled that in considering names of persons whose titles to plots were in order they would deal with the following notice of motion which had been given by Col. Quin:-

"That the resolution of the Co. Council agreeing to consider chattel mortgages on houses as sufficient security for repayment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded and that the Council oblige applicants for loans under these Acts to provide ordinary security by themselves and two solvent sureties jointly. This resolution not to be retrospective and to apply only to applicants dealt with by County Council after 3rd April, 1933."

Col. Quin in moving his motion said the Council was "broke" as it was but they would be doubly "broke" if they gave out money

on loan on the security of a chattel mortgage. As a business proposal this was absolute rot and could not be regarded as any security at all. They should have their work done in a businesslike way. It appeared to him that if men were not able to get security for the amount of the loan they would be very doubtful payers of what they were borrowing and the Co. Council would be left in the lurch.

Col. Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Keegan said the motion by Col. Quin was an insult to the Co. Councillors who up to the present had recommended a number of very decent people for the loan.

Three or four names had come before the Council when it was found they were paying 10/- a week rent. They were not in any arrears with this, and as the loan would only represent a payment of 4/- or 5/- a week he could not see how anybody could say these men were not in a position to pay back the loan. If they passed Col. Quin's motion it would mean scrapping the whole scheme.

The Chairman said he could not see how this would happen as Col. Quin's motion did not deal with any application for loans which had been considered up to the present.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Council had decided by a majority to accept the mortgage on the house as security and not to put any of the applicants to the humiliation of seeking securities. All the applications which had been received up to the present had been dealt with on this basis. The loans had **not** been given in any sort of a promiscuous or haphazard way. Every case had been carefully considered by the Finance Committee. He appealed to the Co. Council not to upset the present arrangements and held that the chattel mortgage was a safe and a sound security.

The Chairman questioned the ability of the Council to obtain possession of the house in cases in which the loan was not repaid. There would be a fearful outcry against the Council if they evicted any of these applicants even though they repudiated the redemption of the loan.

Miss O'Ryan said the Board of Health had dispossessed people who had not paid rents and asked the Council not ^{to} have one regulation for one set of people and a different one for the second set. For this year anyhow there should be no change in the scheme.

Mr. Cummins said in his own area a couple of hundred houses were required and there was no doubt that going through the country they could see a large number of dwellings were dilapidated and required substantial reconstruction or pulled down altogether. It would pay the Council to be a little generous in a matter of this sort and he might remark that at the moment it ran through his mind where the Grand Jury had given to a policeman in his district £500 compensation for a squirt of pepper in his eye.

Col. Gibbon held that the Council should not stand on the proposal of advancing money unless they had a guarantee for repayment. It would not be difficult for the right type of man to obtain security. If he was not trusted by his neighbours it would be a mistake to trust him with the money of the Council.

After further discussion a vote on the motion was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Shannon. (11)

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

The voting being equal the Chairman exercised his casting vote in favour of the vote which he declared carried.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, mentioned that Col. Quin's proposal could not apply to any applications which had been received prior to the 31st March ~~as~~ the Co. Council had advertised in the local papers that they would receive applications for loans, the security being the chattel mortgage and all applications which had been received up to the present were forwarded to the Council on that understanding.

Mr. Cummins said he would give notice of motion to rescind the resolution.

The following motion of which she had given previous notice was moved by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the resolution of the County Council rejecting the application of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded and the application accepted."

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

"That the following payments under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be issued to applicants provided they have signed chattel mortgages, as their titles to plots are in order and a satisfactory certificate as to value of house has been received from the Assistant Surveyor of the District:-

William O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy. Loan £130. Work certified £210. Payment £65.

John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy. Loan £100. Work certified £105. Payment £50.

Michael Ryan, The Bridge, Gorey, loan £100. Work certified £190. Payment £50.

Michael Codde, Ballyscarton, Gorey. Loan £100. Work certified £15 (Foundations are in and material for erection of house on site) payment £10.

Mr. Elgee reported that the title of Patrick Doyle, Templeshannon Enniscorthy, was in order and on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. O'Byrne application for loan of £150 in this case was approved.

On the motion of Mr. Glince seconded by Mr. Armstrong the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th March, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been amended by resolution passed at this meeting."


HARBOUR MASTER KILMORE

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That Patrick Kehoe, (provided no objection be received from his mother) be appointed Harbour Master of Kilmore and that when said appointment has been ratified his application as to increase of remuneration for the position be considered."

Mrs. Annie Kehoe, Kilmore Quay, wrote that the Councillors would remember she was appointed Harbour Master on the sudden death of her husband who held the position. Her son was then a minor but he was of age for some time past and it was with her consent he asked to be appointed Harbour Master as he had been performing the duties since her appointment. She and the rest of her family were dependant on him.

Mr. Corish then moved his motion as follows:-

"That we accept the resignation of Mrs. Annie Kehoe as Harbour Master of Kilmore and that her son Patrick be appointed to the position on the same terms and conditions viz. £1 per week and poundage of 5% on all dues collected." 

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Corish then gave the following notice of motion:- "That application from Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, for an increase in his wages of £1 per week be considered at next meeting of the Co. Council and that he be granted an increase."

SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

Under date 31st March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No. 89-33) that the Government were anxious to encourage tillage but it was realised that as it is not always possible to recover the full expenditure on Schemes for supply of seeds and manures it had been decided the State would undertake liability for one half of any loss in carrying out such a scheme this year. In Wexford County the maximum liability of the Government would be £876. Persons who were in arrear with payment

of their Rates or who had not discharged their indebtedness under last year's scheme were not entitled to participate in the benefits of the present scheme. With the object of minimising the possibility of any loss applicants should be required to furnish two solvent sureties. Recoupment of any loss would be provisional on the Council taking all necessary steps to secure recovery of the amounts due.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the Council formulate a Scheme for supply of seeds and manures to farmers on the conditions mentioned in letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (31st March, 1933 - Circ. No.89-33)."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that at a recent meeting the Council had adopted a resolution declining to put this scheme in force and it would require notice of motion to rescind that decision.

Mr. D'Arcy held that as the Government were now providing for half of any loss it could not be regarded as the same scheme as had been turned down by the Council.

Mr. Elgee, held that notwithstanding the offer of the Government the scheme could not be put into operation without a notice of motion.

The Chairman said he felt bound to act on the advice of their Solicitor and on the proposition of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Mayler it was decided to take up the next business.

Mr. D'Arcy then gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the resolution of the Co. Council declining to put into operation a scheme of loans for supply of seeds and manures be rescinded and that scheme be adopted on the lines of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 31st March, 1933 (Circ. No.89-33) and that this motion be considered at next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 8th May, 1933.

SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

Under date 29th March, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch) 14, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote that as regards the piers at Arthurstown and Duncannon the maintenance of which the Council requested should be transferred to Waterford Harbour Commissioners who collected and retained the dues the question of the transfer of marine works from one authority to another is a matter to which attention would be given if and when proposals for legislation of a general character in relation to harbours are under consideration.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 4th April, 1933, the Department of Education forwarded authorisations for candidates to attend examinations which would open at 9.50 a.m. on 19th April, 1933.

The Secretary stated that the authorisations had been issued to the selected candidates.

ARREARS OF RATES

Col. Quin referred to the question of rates being due on Mount St. Benedict, and said there was talk of a certain individual making £600 per acre.

The Secretary said that the Finance Committee had directed a Collector to take certain steps in the matter.

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary said there was a very large sum due on Mount St. Benedict which was occupied by Father Sweetman. He thought it would be better to leave the matter in the hands of the Finance Committee.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the matter was important, because the two individuals referred to (Father Sweetman and Captain Bryan) had a very bad effect in the districts concerned. In the case of Captain Bryan, the land was very highly valued, and there were people paying rates whose land was covered with water.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that, in the

case of Captain Bryan, they could not seize on property to pay rates on other land that was not his property. They could not seize on his property in respect of property owned by Madame Serres.

Mr. Keegan - Who is Madame Serres?

Mr. Elgee - I do not know.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if Mr. Elgee had ever inspected the title of the lady that got the place and Mr. Elgee replied that he had inspected it.

Col. Quin - Has he got sporting rights.

Mr. Elgee - The deed did not show that.

Mr. Corish - He has right sport, I think, with this Council.

After further discussion it was decided to fefer the matter to the Finance Committee.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE CONTRACT AND WAGES

The following resolution was at meeting of Co. Council on 27th March, 1933, adopted:-

"That Mr. P.G. O'Rourke, B.E., of the Irish Piling Co., be requested to meet the sub-committee which interviewed him regarding the tender of his Company for this work on Monday 3rd April, 1933, at 11 a.m. in County Surveyor's Office to discuss various questions in connection with the Bridge Contract."

In consequence of the time spent in considering the question of the agreement to the Rate it was decided that the matter should be considered in Committee by the whole Council the sub-committee being unable to deal with it unless they were not present for some portion of the business.

The Co. Surveyor said that as regards the question of wages the Contractor ^{was} notified that he would have to carry out the terms of his contract as regards the rate of wages paid to his men.

The Chairman said it would be remembered that Mr. Corish had raised the matter. In the letter from the Irish Piling Company, which had been read at last meeting there was a statement that remarks made

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at the meeting and which appeared in the Press were an inducement to the men to strike but there was no intention on the part of the Council to foment any trouble. As different sums of wages had been mentioned the Council adopted a resolution asking the Contractor to adhere to the terms of Contract as regards payment of wages. Exception had been taken by some members to the rates of wages which were being paid.

Mr. Corish contended that any statement which he had made was not calculated to provoke a strike. This was no time to bring men out of employment.

The Chairman said one of the questions which had been raised was that the Contractor should pay the rate of wages prevailing in the Urban District of Wexford.

Mr. Corish said that labourers from Wexford town when employed in the country were paid Urban wages and received "country money" as well.

Mr. O'Rourke said that after the Committee had settled the contract with him he asked the rate of wages paid labourers and the Co. Surveyor said 8½d per hour and it was generally agreed that this was a fair rate. This was what he was paying. The men demanded 10¾d but he put it to the men that the cost of the job had been based on 8½d and the men accepted and there was no trouble now.

Mr. Corish said that the letter from the Contractors stated that Mr. O'Rourke had been informed by the Sub-Committee that the rate of wages was 8½d per hour but the question of wages had never been discussed by the sub-committee. He (Mr. Corish) contended that the men working at the bridge could not be regarded as ordinary road workers and he held they should be paid at the rate obtaining for builders' labourers.

Mr. O'Rourke argued contra. Builders' labourers waited on Carpenters, Masons and Bricklayers and had to know a certain amount of these trades, whereas the men at Ferrycarrig bridge were employed with pick and shovel and were only ordinary manual labourers. As regards carpenters the Contractors were working in several parts of

Ireland and they were paying 1/- per hour. All these points were prejudicing the position of the Contractors in carrying out the work.

The Chairman ruled that the Council take up the next business and the matter dropped.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL HALL

Under date 5th April, 1933, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that the plot at Courtown Harbour on which it was proposed to erect the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall was held by the Co. Council under lease dated 19th January, 1906 made by Lord Courtown for a term of 31 Years from the 1st of March, 1905 subject to a yearly rent of £4. As there were only three years of the term of the lease to run the Council were not in a position to make a letting of the plot in question.

UNEMPLOYED AT BUNCLODY.

The following under date 30th March, 1933, was read from P. Doyle, Secretary, Irish Labour Party, Bunclody Branch:-

"We the workers of Bunclody and District wish to again draw your attention to the necessity of having something done to relieve the terrible conditions prevailing because of unemployment in this district. If it is possible to have any work started under the minor relief scheme it would give at least temporary help. There is a very important stretch of lane/leading from Irish Street, Bunclody, to the main road in Ballyprecus with branch to the mountain in Ballyprecus. Hoping you will give the matter favourable consideration!"

The following petition from the unemployed workers of Johnstown, Corragh, Ballinastraw, Coolmeelagh, Abbeydown, Ballyshonogue, Drumderry and Gurteen in the parish of Moyacomb was read:-

"We, unemployed workers in the areas above-named respectfully solicit the Wexford Co. Council to initiate some works of public utility in this locality to help to relieve the prevailing want of employment. The depression in the farming industry re-acts on us the Winter's work on the roads is almost finished; and no other occupations are available. We would respectfully request the

"provision of some public work to aid us, and beg to suggest that the resumption of repair work on the "Corragh road" is both necessary and practical, and would at present meet our claim for the provision of work to relieve ourselves and our families."

Mr. Cummins thought that a request should be made that lists of unemployed in the different divisions should be supplied to the Council, and he thought they might be able to do something by sending the lists to the men in authority.

Mr. Armstrong said he was of opinion that the Council could do a lot to relieve unemployment.

Mr. John Fortune, Irish Labour Party, Kilmannon Branch, wrote under date 6th April, 1933, stating that a resolution of the Branch had been adopted asking to have all road material in Ballyconnick and Mountain quarries broken by hand as it would give more employment than any other class of work and at present there were about 46 unemployed in the district.

Mr. Hayes said that twelve married men and seven single men required work in the area. He thought the Council would be in a position to relieve unemployment if they adopted the system of hand-breaking in all the quarries. There was nothing before the married men, at least, but to seek for Home Assistance, which they would do with great reluctance. It would be better to have men trying to earn something than to have machinery doing the work. He thought there was never greater necessity for hand-breaking than at present.

Col. Gibbon said that some men in the locality were very badly off. If some work could be secured for them now they would be getting work at thinning beet in about another month.

Mr. Colfer proposed:- "That, where feasible, material in quarries should be broken by hand."

Mr. Hayes seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that the men would not be able to secure more than 10/- or 15/- a week wages as they would break only from

three to five cubic yards of material per day. He had to look at this question from the point of road maintenance as well as providing work to relieve unemployment and if they paid higher wages than those which obtained to the present they would not have enough for the up-keep of the roads.

Mr. D'Arcy was of opinion that all material for third and fourth class roads should be broken by hand.

The Co. Surveyor said that in the two quarries of Edenvale and Tubberfinnick hand breaking would be possible.

The resolution was then put and passed.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the instruction in the resolution was already being carried out.

Mr. Armstrong proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the representations as to unemployment in Bunclody District be filed for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes will be available."

BOIRA DRAINAGE

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Co. Surveyor should impress upon the Minister the necessity for providing money to finish the work of drainage in the Boira area. The work carried out up to the present was splendid but the people of the area could not derive full benefit from it until the cleaning up of the rest of the drainage section was carried out. He proposed that the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Office of Public Works in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Government had spent £500 on the upper section of the system and the work was very good. But the river below Killenagh was badly choked and unless it was cleaned up the good work already done would only accentuate flooding in the lower reaches.

Mr. Smyth seconded Mr. O'Byrne's resolution which was adopted without dissent.

LANES - APPLICATION FOR REPAIR

Under date 7th April, 1933, the Co. Surveyor furnished copy of letter (M.R.S.34368-8 - 5th April, 1933) from the Office of Public Works stating that as the vote for Minor Relief Schemes 1932-33 was

exhausted there was no prospect of the following works mentioned in the letter of the Co. Surveyor:- (a) Millquarter Lane, Knock Brandon Lane and Aughnamaulmeen Lane being undertaken in the immediate future. The applications would be considered when further funds will be available.

In connection with Rathduff Lane Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that on 31st March, 1933, Messrs. J. Shannon and J. Clince, Co. Councillors, inspected Rathduff Lane and discussed the matter of repair with the local people. It was decided to recommend that the lane be put in a state of repair as soon as money be available.

Nine residents of Marshallstown area wrote asking to have the Marshallstown Lane repaired to the extent of 96 perches under the Minor Relief Scheme. It was in a very bad condition at present and in Winter time was impassable owing to flooding. There were three families living on the lane and the residents of the three new cottages passed for erection in the immediate neighbourhood would have occasion to use the lane at times.

Mr. Bernard Condren, Moneygarrow, Inch, and two others wrote asking the Co. Council to apply for a Government Grant to put Moneygarrow lane into repair. It was over a mile long and impassable at present so that it was only with the greatest difficulty they could get to their homes.

Five residents of Ballyroe lane (Blackwater) wrote calling attention to the bad condition of this lane which was half a mile in length. Several people who had land adjoining the lane found it impossible to get their crops out. It was impassable for a traction engine and people could not get their corn threshed.

In connection with the Ballysilla lane, Ballymurn, Rev. J. Murphy, P.P., and eight other Ratepayers wrote calling attention to the deplorable state of Ballysilla lane and asked for an allocation from Grant to put the lane into repair. It was constructed under Public Works about 80 years ago but had now deteriorated so much that a

good deal of land adjoining was practically inaccessible.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that all these applications should be filed and forwarded to the Office of Public Works when money was available under Minor Relief Schemes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That applications for repair of the following lanes:- Millquarter, Knockbrandon, Aughnamaulmeen, Rathduff, Marshallstown, Moneygarrow, Ballyroe and Ballysilla, be filed and forwarded to the Office of Public Works."

ILLNESS OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The Co. Surveyor forwarded certificate from Dr. R.V. Murphy, 89, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, that Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, who was under his care would not be fit for duty for two or three weeks.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Brennan it was decided that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, be granted three weeks sick leave as from 5th April, 1933."

The Co. Surveyor said he would make arrangements with Messrs. Birthistle and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors to carry out the duties in Mr. Kehoe's district, travelling allowance of Mr. Kehoe to be apportioned between them.

RIVERCHAPEL STREET

Mr. John Byrne, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour, wrote that at meeting of the Riverchapel and Courtown Branch of the Irish Labour Party the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Co. Council to finish the steam rolling of Riverchapel Street from the pump at Riverchapel to the Star of the Sea Church gate on the Ballinatray road."

The Co. Surveyor said that the work had been done under a relief Grant and a gap had to be left as they had not sufficient money to finish it. They could not do anything until a further grant was available and he would then see what could be done to comply with the request.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to John Doyle, 22, North Street, New Ross."

WEXFORD URBAN MAIN ROADS.

Under date 28th March, 1933, the Town Clerk, Wexford Urban district wrote that the Finance and Works Committee was surprised to note that the amount allocated for the maintenance of the main roads of the area viz. £350 was less by £88 than the sum allowed for financial year 1932-33 notwithstanding the fact that the Road Estimate generally stood at the same figures as for that year. The Committee adjourned consideration of the matter for a week to have some information from the Co. Surveyor as to the reasons for the reduction. The attention of the Co. Surveyor was also called to John Street foot-path which the Committee requested should be replaced by a new one to be paid for by a grant from Contingencies Fund.

The Co. Surveyor replied to this on 29th March, 1933, pointing out that in allocating money for maintenance consideration had been given by the Co. Council to the necessities generally of the main roads of the County. Where these had been improved under grants it was obvious that the cost of maintenance should be very much reduced and it would be noted that the allocation to the trunk roads of the County was very much less than formerly. In the case of Wexford Urban the greater part of the main roads had been so improved and consequently the amount allocated for maintenance was lower.

The Co. Surveyor said that where the main roads either in rural or urban areas had been improved the annual maintenance cost was reduced. It was natural as regards Wexford Urban that as the greater part of its main roads had been improved the maintenance cost had been cut down.

Mr. Corish contended that the Urban district had been treated

unfairly and held that it was entitled to have new footpath laid down in John Street.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Council.

CARNE PIER

Under date 29th March, 1933, Mr. James Ryan, Ballytra, Carne, wrote on behalf of the fishermen of Carne Pier that there were twenty or thirty yards of the structure damaged by the last winter storm. The pier had come away from the foundations about half way up inside the new work which was done last summer. It was also giving way around the outer end. If a buttress was put at the back it would form protection. It was the opinion of the fishermen that if something was not done this summer the pier would collapse next winter. If work could be started in the near future it would be a good thing as there were a number of able-bodied men in the district who were getting home assistance and who could be employed if the work proceeded. He suggested a Committee should visit the pier and furnish report.

The Co. Surveyor said he had been down at the pier and discussed the whole thing with Mr. Weldon. There were a few blocks out of the back of the pier but they were part of the old work. The new work was as good as when it was laid down. He had arranged when the weather would suit to replace these blocks. He was also contemplating laying a few blocks to break the force of the tide at the back of the pier, but there was very little wrong with the place.

Col. Gibbon said he would arrange to meet the Co. Surveyor at the pier

CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor stated that the Town Surveyor, New Ross Urban District informed him that he wanted $\frac{3}{4}$ inch chips and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch stuff and the Co. Council could not supply him with these unless he was prepared to take also the large gauge material.

Col. Gibbon said if the Town Surveyor agreed to take all the material he could have the larger stuff broken small.

The Co. Surveyor said if the New Ross people were prepared to pay the price of the small material he would give it to them.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor convey this information to the Town Surveyor New Ross.

MACHINERY AND QUARRY CHARGES FOR 1933/34

The following charges recommended by the Co. Surveyor were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colleton:-

Steam Drill.....	£3	per day
Engine and Granulator.....	£4	per day for 16 x 9
Engine and Granulator.....	£3	per day for 12 x 8
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3	per day
Compressor Drill Plant.....	£4	per day
Roller.....	45/-	per day
Lorry.....	50/-	per day
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1	per week each
Concrete Mixer.....	30/-	per week.

FOR MATERIAL A FLAT RATE AS UNDER:-

Rubble Stone	4/-	per cubic yard.
Broken Stone.....	7/-	per cubic yard.
Chippings screened from Broken Stone.	7/-	per cubic yard.
Granulated Chippings.....	10/-	per cubic yard.
The rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in the Specification.		

THE LATE MR. M. O'KELLY

Mr. Cummins proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the death of his brother Mr. M. O'Kelly. Even those who differed with Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly in political matters should recognise he was a great man and was doing great work for the country. He had announced he was getting £20,000,000 to build cottages for the poor people and a man

who was behind such a programme deserved all the sympathy that could be offered him by a body of Irishmen. They were very sorry indeed for Mr. O'Kelly's bereavement.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was supported by the Chairman and other Councillors and also by the Secretary.

The motion was passed in silence.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

Michael Doyle
