

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S

OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH AUGUST, 1927.

N. J. Frizelle,
Secretary.

Fortview,
Wexford.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 8th August, 1927.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice-Chairman), and subsequently, Mr T McCarthy (Chairman) presiding. Also present:- Colonel Quin, Messrs James Cline, Michael Doyle, Sean O'Byrne, Wm. Boggan, John Whyte, James Hall, Patrick Colfer, James Gaul, Patrick Hayes, John Pender, M M O'Donoghue, W Thorpe, Thos. Rossiter, Patrick Byrne, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Connor, D Kavanagh, James Shannon, Thomas Cooney, and Richard Corish.

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

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman explained that the Secretary was on holidays, and, on the motion of the Chairman, Mr T A Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, was appointed to act as Secretary during the absence of the Secretary on holidays.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th July, 1927, were submitted for consideration:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 7th July, 1927.

Present:- Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; M. Jordan, P. Hayes, Wm. Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £ 6376 : 13 : 7d was examined and signed.

ABSENCE OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Under date 3rd July, 1927, Colonel Gibbon, wrote regretting his inability to attend the meeting owing to his attendance at the Royal Agricultural Show.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted the following showing the amount of percentage of rate outstanding for total amount of Collectors' warrants for financial year ended 31st March, 1927:-

Messrs J. J. O'Reilly .28; J. J. Sinnott 1.28;
E. J. Murphy 1.43; J. Curtis 1.91; J. Quirke 2.3; T. Rowe 2.82;
M. Deegan 3.17; J. Doyle 3.5; B. Cleary 3.67; P. Furlong 4.2;
P. J. Fitzpatrick 4.39; P. Walsh 5.16; S. Gannon 5.22;
C. McCarthy 5.41; J. J. Kelly 5.98; W. Cummins 6.06; J. Cummins 6.37; P. O'Byrne 7.07; P. Donohoe 7.33; T. Sutton 7.57;
M. M. Kelly 11.42.

Mr M. M. Kelly came before the meeting and explained that there were three or four cases of very large ratepayers who were in bankruptcy. He promised to submit a statement giving the names of all ratepayers in his district who were in arrears. He had lodged that day £76: 12: 11d which brought down his arrears by about 3 per cent.

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In the case of the other Collectors, who at last meeting had still over 10 per cent of warrant for second moiety outstanding, the meeting considered they were doing what was possible to cope with the arrears. They also decided that new books should be handed to all Rate Collectors who had not received them to the present.

Under date 23rd June, 1927, the Manager, Irish National Assurance Co., wrote that as their bonds did not guarantee the collection of the rates they were not interested in the amounts outstanding in the cases of Collectors guaranteed by them.

Under date 4th July, 1927, Mr. S. Gannon, Collector for No.10 Collection District, wrote asking for permission to transfer his Fidelity Guarantee bond from Irish National to New Ireland Assurance Co.

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

"That we agree to the request of Mr. Sean Gannon to transfer his Fidelity Guarantee Bond to the New Ireland Assurance Co".

Under date 30th June, 1927, Mr. James Murphy, Ex-Rate Collector for No.19 Collection District, wrote asking for payment of poundage and arrears due to him on amounts which he had collected and lodged to the credit of the Council. At present on the full amount of the warrant his successor had only 3.5 per cent outstanding.

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

"That in view of the fact that the warrant for pottion of which Mr. James Murphy, Ex-Rate Collector, ^{was responsible} has been practically closed we request the Department of Local Government to agree to the payment of poundage to Mr. Murphy on all sums collected and lodged by him "

CENTRAL MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT 1918.

Under date 14th June, 1927, the Department of Local Government

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wrote enclosing letter from Secretary, Central Midwives Board, stating that the proportion payable by Wexford County Council under Section 13 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918 was £19: 3: 8d in respect of year ended 31st December, 1926.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay £19: 3: 8d proportion of expenditure for year 1926 due by County Council to Central Midwives Board under Section 13 of Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918".

APPLICATION EXTENSION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP.
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Under date 5th July, 1927, Miss K. Bolger, Victoria Place, New Ross, wrote applying for an extension of her University Scholarship for a fourth year to enable her to obtain Higher Diploma of Education. This was practically essential for secondary teachers nowadays.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to the application of Miss K. Bolger for an extension of her University Scholarship for a fourth year as the Scheme of County Council provides that students studying for the higher diploma of Education should hold Scholarships for four years to enable them to secure this diploma".

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY ACT.
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Under date 24th June, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (DB-52) pointing out that the County Council owed on foot of Section 14 of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923 two and a half year's instalments.

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

"That half year's instalment under Damage to Property Act be paid as soon as financial position of the Council will allow".

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INCOME TAX, COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

A demand for 16^s/6d for Income Tax on Courtown Harbour was received from Income Tax Collector Gorey District.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay the amount.

INSURANCES.

A letter under date 19th June, 1927, was received from the Irish National Assurance Co., Ltd., stating that as regards the fire insurances of the Council they would allow a discount of 25 per cent if the Council would agree to leave the Insurances with the Company for five years.

The meeting decided that they could not recommend the Council to rescind their resolution to allow the Irish Public Bodies Assurances to hold all the Insurances of the Council.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

The County Surveyor applied for permission to purchase second hand Rotary Gestetner for £21 or (allowing £7 for old Roneo) for £14.

The meeting considered that the existing Gestetner duplicator in County Council Office should meet all requirements.

The meeting, however, agreed to the purchase of Elliott Semi-Automatic Hand Addresser at £11 and of "Fleming's Loan Repayment and Annuity Tables at 25/6d, for the purpose of calculating amounts &c of loans repayments.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

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

"That our Secretary and County Surveyor arrange for the Summer Holidays of their staffs to fit in with the conditions of work".

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On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the foregoing minutes of Finance Committee were confirmed.

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 21st July, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 21st July 1927.

Present:-Messrs A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe and Patrick Hayes.

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

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr P. Hayes, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Col Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) wrote apologising for his absence owing to another engagement.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £11,783-18-2 was examined and signed.

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Application was received from District Superintendent O'Neill, Gorey for handbag for Inspector under ~~WEIGHT~~ Food and Drugs Acts for the purpose of taking samples.

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

"That the Co. Council agree to be responsible for cost of handbag to be purchased by Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the Gorey District for the purpose of taking samples under above Acts."

Mr Elgee, Solicitor referred to letter which he had received from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co, Solicitors, Enniscorthy under date 14th July 1927 as to a sample of brandy taken at the premises of Buttle Brothers, Enniscorthy and which had been adulterated by the addition of 6.07% of added water. Mr Armstrong, the owner of the premises, ~~who was managing~~ found that an Assistant who was managing the premises had been dipping his hand in the shop till and to make up some of the money which he took he watered the stock. As soon as the matter was found out by Mr

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Armstrong this Assistant was dismissed. Mr Armstrong was anxious that these facts would not be disclosed in Court as they certainly would be if a prosecution was brought.

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

"That the Finance Committee take no action as regards the prosecution by Garda Murphy, Enniscorthy versus Buttle Bros. Enniscorthy as regards adulterated brandy."

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Under date 20th July 1927, the following letter was read from Messrs Haggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Miss Josephine M. Walsh, Librarian of the Wexford Rural Library Service has handed us your letter to her of the 28th ult. notifying her of a surcharge by the Local Government Auditor against her in respect of a sum of £12-6-0 which it is stated was money received by her but which she did not account for and which was money received by her for subscriptions to County Library.

On her behalf we wish to appeal to your Council to endeavour to do all in their power to have this surcharge written off. The facts of the case, we are instructed, and as we feel sure are known to you are as follows:-

The sum of money in question represented the accumulated subscriptions received by Miss Walsh from Subscribers to the Library from the month of February 1926 to the end of October in that year. This money was kept in a cash box locked in a press in her office and as she confidently trusted in safety.

On the 10th November, she discovered that the cash box had been taken and the money with it. She immediately reported the matter to the Civic Guards but their investigations proved fruitless. She also reported it at the next meeting of her Committee and communicated what had happened to yourself, and by letter on 12th November, and sent a full report to the Co. Council on the 6th December.

There can be no doubt, we submit, that Miss Walsh did

" everything in her power to recover this money for the County Council nor can there be the slightest doubt of the fact that she was perfectly satisfied, and we think, reasonably entitled to be satisfied, that the money was safe and sound where she had it in the office.

No doubt, under the regulations of the Public Libraries Acts, monthly lodgments of the subscriptions should have been made by her, but this is a detail which anyone might have overlooked owing to the smallness of the monthly lodgments which would have to be made in this case. At all events, Miss Walsh was rightly or wrongly unaware of the regulations with regard to the lodgments.

Nothing is further from our client's mind or our own than to suggest slackness or dilatoriness on the part either of the Library Committee or the County Council, but during Miss Walsh's period of office, we would like to point out in her favour that no question of the Library subscriptions was ever raised. The matter was indeed never discussed and at the usual quarterly meetings of the Library Committee, she, in her reports, informed them of the number of subscriptions, and evidently, they were satisfied to leave the matter in her hands.

Miss Walsh for over two years has been connected with the Library and during that time no fault has been found with her nor with any of her accounts, and it certainly does appear to us to be extremely hard upon her that she should be expected personally to bear the loss occasioned by the criminal act of another.

We feel sure that your Council will recognise, as we do, how harshly treated Miss Walsh would be, if this surcharge against her were to be upheld. We believe that if the Co. Council support us in our view, as ~~wahaps~~ we hope they will, the Local Government Department could be induced to write off the surcharge, an action which, we suggest, under all the circumstances, to be not only desirable but fair, and we trust that when you bring this matter before your Council it will receive their most favourable attention.

Rev. R. E. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island, Chairman of the County Library Committee, Mr E. P. Foley, member of Library Committee and Miss Walsh, Librarian attended in connection with the matter.

Father Fitzhenry having referred to the manner in which the money was lost said that Mr Foley and he attended on the part of the Committee and asked the Finance Committee to let bygones be bygones. The Library Committee asked the County Council to request the Local Government Department to wipe out the surcharge. Miss Walsh was leaving the county and, in the opinion of the Library Committee, she had been sufficiently punished through having lost her position as Librarian.

Mr Foley followed in the same strain.

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

"That we recommend the Co. Council to support any application by County Library Committee to the Minister for Local Government as to remission of ^{amount} ~~recharged~~ by Auditor against Miss Walsh, County Librarian."

Minutes of meeting of County Library Committee for 8th June 1927 were submitted.

Attention was directed to a resolution of the Committee deciding to pay travelling expenses to members.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That the attention of the Library Committee be directed to Section 63 of the Local Government Act 1925 which governs contributions towards travelling expenses of members of Local Authorities and their Committees. That we point out to the Library Committee that the Co. Council must obtain from the Minister for Local Government his declaration to regard the Library Committee as an "authorised Committee" under Local Government Act 1925 before any contributions towards travelling expenses can be legally made by the Co. Council. Application to this effect from Library Committee will be considered by the County Council."

Under date 20th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 33308/1927 Wexford County) that as the Minister consented to the continuance of Miss Doyle's services as Assistant to County Librarian in a temporary capacity. Any proposals as regards her permanency could best be considered when the re-organisation of the Library Scheme is undertaken by the new Librarian.

RATE COLLECTION.

The amounts outstanding on 1927 Rate was £5840-10-8, the percentages outstanding in each case being:-

"J. O'Reilly 2.28: J.J Sinnott 1.23: E. J. Murphy 1.43: J. Curtis 1.56: J. Quirke 2.30: T. Rowe 2.82: M. Deegan 2.94: B. Cleary 3.14: J. Doyle 3.45: P. Furlong 3.54: P. Fitzpatrick 3.99: C. McCarthy 4.97: P. Walsh 4.98: S. Gannon 5.22: J. J. Kelly 5.98: J. Cummins 6.10: P. O'Byrne 6.63: P. Donohoe 7.33 and M. Kelly 9.51.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to call on the Collectors to close their collections for 1927 Rate at once and pointing out the necessity for proceeding with all due despatch with current year's collection of which only £2342-12-1 had been obtained up to 21st July 1927.

A letter was read from Mr M.M. Kelly, Collector for No. 6 Collection District giving the names of four ratepayers who owed £194-0-9 in rates. He pointed out that no rates were available in these cases at the moment.

Under date 20th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 34319/1927) that so far as the Minister for Local Government was concerned, no objection would be raised to the proposal of the Co. Council to pay poundage fees to ex-Collector, James Murphy (No. 19 Collection District) provided all sums due in respect of his collection had been accounted for.

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

"That all sums due for poundage to ex-Collector, James Murphy be paid at next available meeting of the Co. Council."

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BALLYVERGIN CROSS.

The following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by the Chairman:-

We consider the Roads Committee should instruct the County Surveyor to proceed with the work of easing corner at Ballyvergin Cross by widening corners at the Taghmon side and by having proceedings to compel him to lower his fences instituted against Patrick Kennedy, owner of the land on the Adamstown side."

WEXFORD QUAY IMPROVEMENT.

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

"That as the Wexford County Council have no control of or responsibility for the maintenance of Wexford Quays, the amount of £800 received from the Department of Local Government for the improvement of said roads and quays be lodged to an account to be entitled "the Wexford Quay Improvement A/c: that payments on this account be made by cheques signed by Co. Surveyor and County Secretary."

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COMPENSATION ACT.

Under date 9th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (R./DB/32) pointing out that the County Council owed five moiety of contributions payable by them under Section 149 Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923. The position of the Council in this matter is the most unfavourable of any of the Councils in the Sacrostat and no valid reason had been advanced why the Council cannot meet their obligations punctually.

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

"That we recommend the County Council at their meeting on 8th August 1927 to pay two moiety of contributions due to Ministry of Finance under Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923 and amounting to £9874-10-8."

CLAIM BY COUNTY COURTHOUSE KEEPER.

Under date 9th July 1927, letter was read from Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford asking for payment of £54-8-7 made up

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as follows:- Salary for year £10; Rent in lieu of rooms in old Courthouse which was burned £26: Coal £11: 2: 3d: Gas £7: 6: 4d.

Under date 1st July, 1927, Mr. Elgee, wrote that until Mrs McNally's appointment as caretaker of the Courthouse was terminated, the County Council were bound to pay her salary, rent of rooms in lieu of those formerly occupied by her at the Courthouse and also for fire and light.

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

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, we recommend the County Council to pay Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, the sum of £54: 8: 7d in respect of financial year ended 31st March, 1927".

IRISH SUMMER COLLEGE.

Under date 16th July, 1927, the following was read from Mr. H. Sadlier, Manager, Irish Summer College, Valentia House, Camolin:-

"As you are probably aware we will be vacating the premises here on Saturday 31st July. We have purchased a large quantity of furniture and household utensils and these must also be cleared out. We expect that the County Council will be satisfied to allow us to store the material in one of the buildings held by the Council. We think the Union Buildings, Gorey, would suit admirably, but we are open to any suggestion you may make. This is in the nature of a formal application for permission to store the material. Of course we understand that your body accept no responsibility for loss or damage. The material will be required if and when a further session of the College is held."

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

"That the County Council be requested to comply with the application of Mr. Sadlier under date 16th July 1927, relative to storing of furniture etc., of Irish Summer College at Gorey Workhouse

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Buildings; the County Council not to be responsible for any loss or damage to any article so stored and Mr. Sadlier giving an undertaking that all articles will be removed on notice to that effect from the County Surveyor.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES(OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.
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Demand for payment of £25: 18: 10d amount assessed on Co. Wexford in respect of expenses of the Local Appointment Commissioners for financial year ended 31st March, 1927, was received from Local Government Department.

Referred to meeting of County Council on 8th August, 1927.

EXPENSES ATTENDANCE OF RATE COLLECTORS AT REVISION SESSIONS.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:-

"That travelling expenses of Rate Collectors in respect of their attendance at Revision Sessions for Jurors Lists etc., be agreed to on the following scale:-

Pedal cycle 2d per mile; motor cycle 3d per mile; motor car 5d per mile

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Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Gibbon seconded:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 21st July, 1927, be received and considered".

Passed.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following extract from Minutes of meeting of Library Committee of 8th June, 1927, was read:-

"Before the reading of the Minutes, the Chairman stated that, as the Minutes sent to the County Council were merely for the purpose of record, it would be by far the wisest procedure to first have them passed and certified at the following meeting of the Library Committee, thereby eliminating any cause for misunderstanding or corrections which otherwise arise, and have the matter there and then completely settled with".

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin, that the Library Committee be requested to furnish the County Council with the Minutes after each Meeting of Committee instead of waiting until they have been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Library Committee".

The following extract from report of Sub-Committee of Library Committee was read:-

"During the investigation between the Library Committee and the Appointments Commissioners, it was officially decided that, as Miss Doyle was not at first appointed Assistant Librarian, and was merely an assistant to the Librarian, she therefore went out of office with the present Librarian, and the Library service be temporarily closed down until the new Librarian was in office".

The order of the Library Committee on the foregoing extract was read as follows:-

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"It was therefore decided not to close down as such a step might seriously affect the future of the Library inasmuch as it might lead the public to believe that the Rural Service was at an end, and, secondly, it would mean a serious loss to Library property."

The following extracts from Minutes of Meeting of Library Committee of 8th June, 1927, were also read:-

"Librarian submitted Assistant's application for extension of Summer leave to attend Library Summer School at Wales, and was directed to inform her that, ^{as} she had merely been appointed as ^k clerical assistant, it was not possible for the Committee to recommend her to the County Council for such a course. That they offer no objection to her going but that owing to the new appointment it makes the position rather impossible. If she were prepared to pay her own expenses and take it out of her holidays it would be quite practicable".

"The Librarian read the following letter received from Co. Council on 17th May, 1927:-

'With reference to my letter of 9th November, 1926, as to appointment of Miss Eileen M Doyle as Assistant to Librarian I would be glad to have report from you as to her suitability for transmission to the Local Government Department.

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N J Frizelle.'

'The Librarian was directed to send the following reply:-

'Dear Sir,

I submitted your letter of the 17th ult., re Miss Doyle to meeting of my Committee held on Wednesday, 8th inst., and was directed to inform you that, as we are in direct communication with the Local Government Department in connection with the appointment, they do not consider that the position of Miss Doyle should be now dealt with."

Colonel Quin asked for information as to what was exactly the present status of Miss Doyle, and the following extract from report of Mr Gleeson, who conducted the inquiry into the administration of the County Library, was read:-

"With reference to this post, I should say that, from the nature of the duties to be performed and the obligation to act as substitute during any temporary absences of the County Librarian, the lady recently appointed to the Library Staff was in fact an Assistant Librarian and not a mere clerical assistant. I am strengthened in this view by the testimony of Mr Hickey to the effect that two former assistants, who served in the Wexford Library, in a similar capacity had obtained posts as Chief Librarians."

The Acting Secretary stated that Miss Doyle had been appointed by the County Council as Clerical Assistant to Librarian, but this was disputed at the Inquiry by the Library Committee, who held that the position was that of Assistant Librarian.

Attention was drawn to the letter from the Department of Local Government, under date 20th July, 1927, No G 33308/1927, Wexford County, and which was considered at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 21st July, 1927.

It was pointed out by the Acting Secretary that the reason permanent sanction was not given was that the Local Government Department probably took the view that the present Librarian was not capable of deciding as to the competency of the Assistant.

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Pender seconded:-

"That the Library Committee be requested to furnish certificate as to the manner in which Miss Doyle, Assistant, has performed her duties, since she took up her appointment".

Passed, Mr Corish dissenting.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT? 1926.

Demand for £25:18:10, amount assessed on Co. Wexford in respect of expenses of Local Appointments Commissioners for financial year ended 31st March, 1927, which was referred to the County Council by the Finance Committee, was submitted from the Local Government Department.

On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Colfer, it was decided to defer payment of the amount pending explanation as to delay in filling vacancies for medical officers in Bunclody and Carrickbyrne Dispensary Districts.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st July, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 4th August, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on August 4th 1927.

Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Also present:- Messrs Aidan Mernagh, P. Hayes, Sean O'Byrne and Wm. Thorpe.

The Assistant Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

Letter was read from Col Gibbon apologising for being unable to attend the meeting owing to his absence in Dublin at the Horse Show.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5,661-19-4 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentage of Rate lodged to date in connection with 1927-28 Rate:-

E. J. Murphy 27.90: J. Quirke 24.40: P. Furlong 21.88: J. Doyle 11.02: W. Cummins 10.15: M. Kelly 9.11: J. Curtis 8.65: J.J. O'Reilly 8.35: B. Cleary 8.04: M. Deegan 6.62: T. Rowe 6.20: P. Walsh 6.02: T. Sutton 5.41: P. O'Byrne 4.67: J.J. Sinnott 4.12: J.J. Kelly 4.11: S. Gannon 3.57: J. Cummins 3.21: P. Fitzpatrick 3.08: C. McCarthy 2.97: P. Donohoe 1.86.

The total amount of current rate lodged was £5849-7-2 out of half year's warrant of £67,341-15-0.

After discussion it was decided to call upon Rate ~~Collectors~~ Collectors to have at least 20% of their collection lodged by date of meeting of Finance Committee on 18th August and that Collectors be notified that failure to have this amount lodged will mean suspension at the said meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr Walter Cummins, Rate Collector ~~wrote~~ wrote as follows enclosing Bill for Law Costs amounting to £29-16-9 :-

"I enclose herewith a/c from my Solicitors in connection with Poor Rates. Would there be any possibility of your Council paying this a/c? I am already at a big loss through poundage as

many of them have no goods and it is hard lines to pay more for them now. Please do your best for me in this matter."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to notify Mr Cummins that the Finance Committee could not recommend payment of this account as they consider Collectors need not employ a solicitor except in very exceptional cases as they have full authority under their own warrants to proceed against defaulters.

RENT -DISTRICT COURT OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY.

Under date 22nd July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.34411/1927 Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 13th ultimo, regarding the refusal of the County Council to pay the sum of £10 for arrears of rent to Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, as the Council would have been liable for the expenditure in the event of application having been made to them, the Minister considers it only reasonable that the County Council should not permit Mr Doran to be out of pocket. Accordingly, I am to request the County Council to kindly reconsider their decision in the matter.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe, it was decided not to recommend the County Council to make any change in their previous order refusing this claim ~~as the Finance Committee~~ as the Finance Committee could see no reason to vary their previous decision, as payment of rent had been made from the date of Mr Doran's first application in respect of same.

PAYMENT OF SALARIES - SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Mr M. Flaherty, Sheep Dipping Inspector, Ballyellis, Carnew applied for payment of account in respect of salary as Sheep Dipping Inspector.

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

That all Inspectors of Sheep Dipping be paid at next Finance Committee meeting the amount of remuneration due to them in respect of the Summer dipping period."

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 4th August, 1927, be received and considered:-

RENT, DISTRICT COURT OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY.

Mr Shannon considered that the decision of the Finance Committee in connection with above should be dissented from. Mr Doran had to pay the amount out of his own pocket and it was not fair that he should be at the loss of the amount. He considered Mr Doran should be re-imbursed what he had paid for public purposes. He proposed that the amount of the Claim, £10, be paid Mr Doran.

Mr Patrick Byrne seconded.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, was asked by the Chairman for his opinion as to whether Notice of Motion would be required to vary the previous order of the Council refusing the payment, and, in reply, Mr Elgee stated that, in his opinion, Notice of Motion would be necessary. He was afraid payment of the amount was statute barred as it was four years old.

Mr Shannon stated he would give Notice of Motion that the Council rescind their previous order refusing payment, the Local Government Department having recommended the County Council to pay the amount.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 4th August, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

ROADS COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 25th July, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 25th July 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, William Boggan, P. Colfer, Richard Corish, Ml. Cloney, James Shannon and Col Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE.

Col Gibbon wrote that owing to being a witness in the Dublin Law Courts, it was not possible for him to attend the meeting.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"On the 9th inst the Committee appointed by the Council met on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road and made inspection of the contract work and the concrete, and their report will be before you. I shall deal with this matter in detail at the meeting. On the 5th inst, I had an interview with Mr Musgrave, representative of the Cement Association Ltd. and discussed with him in general the matter of concrete roads. I am arranging, as far as possible, to expedite the work and improve the method of procedure.

Since your last meeting I had the Compressor Plant removed to Ballybrennan Quarry where I had an extended trial of it made. The work was under the direct supervision of Mr William Murphy, Machinery Overseer and I was in attendance there myself on several occasions. I shall have detailed report from the Machinery Overseer to submit to the meeting, and I may say here that I am satisfied that we shall have a great saving in cost of the work and will expedite same by the use of this plant.

The restoration work in Enniscorthy Courthouse has now been commenced and the Contractor is clearing off the site and preparing foundations, etc., The work in Gorey Courthouse is progressing satisfactorily.

"I have now started the Grant work on the main roads in Enniscorthy Urban area, and have arranged with Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to take charge of same, and have set out the work with him. In connection with this, I wish to point out that there are two petrol pumps at present in Island Road Enniscorthy which are actually on the roadway, and they must be removed in order to carry out the work properly.

A great deal of the Grant work under the National Road Scheme this year provided for bitumen grouting, but owing to the very broken weather I did not believe we could possibly carry it out this summer, and accordingly, I communicated with the Chief Engineer, Local Government Department. I have now received from the Department authority to vary the work, and I am drafting a Scheme with the three Assistant Surveyors interested in the several jobs. The Department request that the work on the Enniscorthy-Scarawalsh section should be advanced without delay, and I have an offer from the Pioneer Road Construction Company to supply us with some of their surplus material from Brownswood Quarry. I consider that it will be advisable to obtain this extra material as our plant will be fully occupied in regard to the other jobs.

I have in hands the preparation of material for concreting Wexford Quays, which work is being carried out by me at the request of the Local Government Department, and I hope to start the concrete work shortly. For this work I am purchasing a concrete mixer and I shall charge hireage against the job for its use, and later, for use on the Wexford Urban Grant work also.

Complaints have been made in regard to the condition of the Gorey-Courtown road and I shall submit letter from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, asking for a special Grant towards this work out of Contingencies Fund.

I have issued to all the Assistant Surveyors Road Direction Signs to be erected and the work is now in hands. The Speed Limit Signs for Wexford and New Ross Bridges and for

Gorey-Courtown Road have not yet come to hand owing to difficulty regarding the lenses for same. I have a letter from the Department of Local Government referring to this and stating that it will be necessary to readvertise for contractors in regard to these signs. No provision has yet been made for the erection of Danger Signs, and I ask for authority ~~xxx~~ to order a number of these. I understand that the Local Government Department will make provision towards cost of same, but at present I have no specific directions, and it will be advisable, I think, that the Department should be approached on the matter.

I enclose copy of letter received from the Caretaker of New Ross Bridge from which it appears that he was interfered with in the performance of his duty in opening the span, and I consider, subject to solicitor's advice, that proceedings should be taken against the owner of the motor car in question.

On the 11th inst, I made inspection of the river wall below Scarawalsh Bridge and have arranged with Mr Ennis to have repairs carried out. I do not consider that this is really a County work, but as repairs were formerly done to the wall, I take it, we are now liable to maintain it.

On the 14th inst, I visited Carne Pier with Mr Hassard, Engineer to the Minister of Fisheries, and we made a thorough inspection and took measurements of the structure. I shall submit a separate detailed report on this.

Bristowes Tarvia Company are in dispute regarding final payment for work done under contract last year, and I am withholding final certificate to the sum of £30-10-0. The Company threatens proceedings if this money be not paid. I consider that the work done was not fully up to the standard of other work in the county, and this £30-10-0 was actually expended by us in making good defects. The Tarvia Company have been in communication with the Local Government Department and after correspondence with me the Chief Engineer states that he does not propose to interfere any further in the matter."

Compressor Plant.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that in Ballybrennan Quarry they had been able to get five feet per hour from the large drill and in addition three-quarters of a foot from the "Jackhammer." The plant could not work the large drill, the "Jackhammer and the Sharpener simultaneously but would work any two of them at the same time. The best they ever did in Ballybrennan under old conditions was 22 feet per working day; the average being sixteen. The plant was now working at Cherryorchard. He was confident it would save its cost within three years.

The Committee regarded the result of the working of the drill at Ballybrennan Quarry as satisfactory.

Petrol Pumps, Island Road, Enniscorthy.

The Co. Surveyor was directed to serve notice on Messrs Kehoe and Doherty, owners of petrol pumps which interfere with the work of road improvement in Enniscorthy Urban area, to have same removed.

Enniscorthy-Scarawalsh Road Section.

The Co. Surveyor stated that as regards the offer of the Pioneer Road Construction Company he considered that his own staff would be able to supply rubble stone cheaper than the Pioneer Company offered, viz, 8/- per cubic yard. This would entail over two miles haulage. The Company would give broken stone delivered on the road from Enniscorthy to New Ross at 9/- per cubic yard. The cost in County Council quarry was 8/- per cubic yard and adding the cost of haulage, the offer of the Company would be cheaper. The rubble stone could be produced by the Council's staff at 7/- or less.

Mr Boggan and Mr Colfer opposed the proposal as it would interfere with the proper distribution of County Council labour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Boggan:- "That we refuse to accept the offer of the Pioneer Road Construction Company to supply surplus

"material from Brownswood Quarry. We consider that the County Council staff will be able to provide the necessary material for the improvement of our roads.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor said that the refusal to accept the offer of the Company might mean a delay of six months in the execution of the work and the Co. Surveyor pointed out that it would also mean he would have to hire an extra breaker.

Gorey-Courtown Road.

Col Quinn said that the £1,000 which they had obtained as a Tourist Grant was being spent on about 200 yards of the ~~the~~ streets of Gorey whereas it would have been an enormous gain if spent on the road from Gorey to Courtown.

The County Surveyor stated that the Gorey street was part of the thoroughfare from Gorey to Courtown Harbour. The Local Government Department would not allow the Council to do work which could only be described as "super" maintenance. They preferred to have one mile finished in a perfect manner than to have nine or ten miles patched. He expected, however, as time went on they would be able to roll the whole length of the road between Gorey and Courtown.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we point out to the Department of Local Government (Roads) that the amount granted to this county for improvement of Tourist Roads is entirely inadequate for all practical purposes. We request the Department- in view of the case ~~in~~ which is being made by local residents for the development of Courtown Harbour and Rosslare- to allocate a further sum which is really necessary for the development of these resorts."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey under date 11th July 1927 stating that the road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour was badly pot-holed, and to put it in passable order would need 50 casks of Colas for repairs of the worst holes. The cost entailed by work as proposed ~~would~~ will make a serious inroad on maintenance amount

allocated by the County Council and he (Mr Treanor) considered at least half the outlay should come out of the Contingencies Fund.

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

"That £100 be allocated from the Contingencies Fund towards the cost of repairing Gorey-Courtown Road."

ROAD DIRECTION SIGNS, ETC.,

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to request the Automobile Association to provide warning signs for the information of motorists passing through the County Wexford and that he also apply to the Department for a specific grant towards the cost of these signs and to cover the cost of their erection."

New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Thomas Lee, caretaker of the New Ross Bridge that on the 18th July 1927 a man who was driving a motor car No. W.I. 753 offered money and drinks to the men in charge of the bridge to be allowed through, although there was only twenty minutes available to allow for the opening of the bridge, getting the vessel through and closing it again. The man in question took down the chains which were a barrier to the public and drove over. He stated he "did not care a damn for the County Council" and he gave all sorts of impudence.

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

"That proceedings be instituted against owner of motor car (W. I. 753) for interfering with the work of opening New Ross Bridge to allow of vessel passing through on 18th July 1927."

Scarawalsh Bridge.

Mr Boggan said if this work was one for which the Council was not responsible it should not be done at the expense of the county.

Mr Elgee pointed out that the work was really in connection with Scarawalsh Bridge and as the Council feared they might be responsible for any injury caused to the residence there which would occur through collapse of river wall they had already carried out work there. In the circumstances it would be as well for the Council to carry out the necessary repairs.

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

"That the necessary repairs as estimated by County Surveyor be carried out at the river wall at Scarawalsh Bridge,"

BRISTOWES TARVIA CO'S CONTRACT.

The Co. Surveyor submitted correspondence from Tarvia Company claiming that an excellent job had been carried out. They claimed to have ample evidence on this point, no matter what the position was at present.

The Co. Surveyor in reply pointed out that the work was not thoroughly satisfactory and that any deduction which had been made from the account was fully authorised and seemed quite reasonable. However, without prejudice, and to come to a settlement, he (Co. Surveyor) was prepared to pay the Company a further sum of £24-12-6 which would leave a deduction of £30-10-0 which merely covered out of pocket expenses in remedying defects.

The Co. Surveyor explained that while the £30-10-0 had been actually expended in making good defects the £24 odd represented an estimate of the cost of repairs that would have been necessary if the Council was not going to re-tar the road this year. There might be difficulty in sustaining this particular claim against the Company.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor in deducting £30-10-0 from amount of contract with Bristowes Tarvia Company as this amount had to be expended in making good defective work carried out by the Company."

Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

The following report was presented by the Committee appointed to inspect this road:-

"The Committee appointed by County Council on 4th July 1927, attended on 9th July 1927 for the purpose of inspecting work on Enniscorthy-Wexford road.

Present:-Col Gibbon and Mr James Gaul.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr Birthistle Assistant Surveyor Wexford District were also in attendance.

The Committee examined very carefully the work of concrete mixing and laying at Kyle end and the quarrying at Brownswood Section.

Brownswood Quarry.

As regards the working of this quarry, as the Broadbent stonebreaker in use there is capable of turning out 200 tons a day there is no reason to apprehend that the output from the quarry should not be able to keep two mixers going full time provided bad weather does not intervene. The margin is ample.

Quality of the Concrete Work.

The sides of the concrete slab show cavities due to inefficient tamping in the early stages. A considerable improvement was effected later and this portion of the work can at present be regarded as satisfactory.

An actual test with the wooden frame used showed that the depth of concrete was at one point only four seven-eighths inches ^{while} ~~while~~ at several other points the depths varied from five inches upwards to the full six inch minimum required. The immediate attention of the contractors should be called to this matter.

Water Tables.

The Committee were struck with the enormous amount of work which will be entailed in the construction of efficient Water Tables to drain the sides of the new road. The work will be complicated by the existence of the irregular holes which are

"being dug at varying depths in the course of the old water tables in order to provide a clay covering to keep damp the surface of the new concrete. Unless provision be made to complete the water-tables before wet weather comes in the Winter, there may be danger of water soakage affecting the foundation of the concrete road. It is therefore for consideration whether it would be advisable to carry on this work concurrently with the making of the road.

Expansion Joints.

The Committee consider Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department, should be asked for a definite opinion as to the advisability of having expansion joints provided at closer intervals than at present. The average length for 31 joints is 74 feet.

Level of Road.

Where the surface of road has to be "cut" to allow for sufficient depth of concrete, the face of "cut" should not be left vertical but should be sloped. Further such cuts should run irregularly and not be left in a straight line.

Size of Material.

Kerlogue material does not appear in the beginning to have run sufficiently small to fill "voids." The Co. Surveyor has, the Committee understand, taken steps to rectify this defect.

Tamping.

We suggest that the County Surveyor should satisfy himself that the tamper at present in use is sufficiently heavy for the purpose.

Sand.

The Contractors have three sources of supply:-

- (1) Slaney gravel; landed at Black Castle. (2) Sand Pit at the Deeps.
- (3) Sand Pit between the Deeps and Ferrycarrig.

The Committee believe these will provide adequate supplies and the Co. Surveyor agrees. The supplies of gravel and sand are from a fortnight to three weeks ahead and we suggest existing arrangements should continue.

Facilities for Water.

On investigation we noticed that the surface of the road-

"-in preparation for concrete mix- was watered from a bucket filled by a man from the tank on the top of the mixer. This is inefficient and if adhered to will probably lead to irregular results.

General.

We believe, generally speaking, that the work is going ahead and the only essential needed is the machinery which is awaited.

At the present we do not consider it is necessary to provide for double gangs. We recommend that the position should be reviewed in four weeks' time. The matter can then be considered so as to allow of sufficient time before the short days, to put extra men on, and provide for sufficient material, so as to get the full use of the Concrete Mixers.

Transport.

We were informed that the Contractors had secured ample motor transport at 5d per ton mile.

The Committee consider that provided the two new concrete mixers arrive on the dates expected, viz., 20th July and 1st August between eight and nine miles of road should be completed by the 1st November next.

It was decided that the Committee make a second inspection of the work on Saturday, 20th August 1927."

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

"That the report of Special Committee relative to their inspection of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road be received and considered."

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that as regards depth of concrete, it would be impossible to secure uniform depth. There must be an in-and-out depth, but he would not care to have depth less than 5½ inches.

Col Quin pointed out that the Committee were calling attention to places at which the depth was not 5½ inches and he wished to know what the Co. Surveyor proposed doing about the matter.

The Co. Surveyor stated it would be impossible not to have slight variations of depth. He believed that so far as it had gone it was a first class job.

Col Quin could not understand what the Clerk of Works was on the job for if he was not reporting matters of this kind to the Co. Surveyor.

Mr Boggan said it was extraordinary that the first time the Committee went there they found the depth in the specification was not being carried out.

The Co. Surveyor said that at Fortune's Gate the contractors had been obliged to put down 14 inches of concrete. The depth of four and seven-eights inches to which the Committee called attention ran for a couple of feet only. The work had been going on well and the contractors were doing their best to make a good job of it.

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

"That the report of Special Committee appointed to inspect Wexford-Enniscorthy Road reconstruction work be adopted and that the Committee be requested to arrange for a further inspection at an early date."

The following letter to the Co. Surveyor under date 11th July 1927 was read from Pioneer Road Construction Company:-

"We acknowledge your letter of 9th inst., and in reply beg to say that at present we cannot see that any advantage would be gained by putting on double shifts of men on the Kyle-Ferry-carrig section. Our programme is, we think, the better one. The No. 1 (Goodwin) Mixer will continue from Kyle Cross to Ferrycarrig.

A second mixer cannot be put to work on this section. To do so would stop the transport of cement to the first mixer.

A No. 2 Mixer will be at work to-morrow as you were informed by Mr Martin, beginning at Kyle and going north for a distance of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to a cross road. A No. 3 Mixer will be at work in a fortnight beginning at this same cross-road and working northwards towards Oylegate. The combined distances approximate $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and we expect this to be completed by 1st October. Should any means of expediting this progress present themselves, your Council may rest assured we shall avail of them as and when they arise."

The meeting agreed that the proposals of the Company in this letter met the situation fairly

GOREY GAELIC LEAGUE AND RECREATION GROUNDS.

Under date 14th July 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (33/396/1927 Wexford County) that the Minister for Local Government had ascertained from the Department of Valuation that a fair letting value for the plot of land attached to the Gorey Workhouse Buildings, and which it was proposed to let to the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic was £10 a year. He would be prepared to arrange for a letting on the basis of that figure.

Mr Sean O'Byrne said the Council would have to drop the proposal as the amount asked for represented an impossible figure to expect the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League to pay.

REMOVAL OF MATERIALS, ETC., FROM SHORE AT ROSSLARE.

Under date 11th July 1927 the following (M.S.1447) was read from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th inst and enclosure relative to the shore at Rosslare, I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to point out that there is something more at issue in this case than the quantity of removals that are being made by or on behalf of the County Council.

From inquiries which have been made by the Department it has been ascertained that removals of materials are being made on a large scale by many people and that serious injury to the coast is being caused thereby which will be increased if these removals are allowed to continue.

In the circumstances, therefore, it is clear that steps should be taken locally to prevent any further removals by each and all of the parties concerned. For this reason, the Department decided to bring the matter before the notice of your Council in order that they themselves would not be responsible for any more removals and that, as public interests are vitally affected by the removals which are being made generally, they might consider the

advisability of applying to the Department for an Order to prohibit removals by any persons on the usual undertaking to enforce the Order.

In a similar case at Tramore, the Waterford Co. Council applied to the Department and got such an Order.

I am, therefore, to request that your Council will be good enough to instruct their employees forthwith not to take or authorise to be taken any sand or shingle from the shore, and to invite their further consideration to the question of applying to the Department for the issue of an Order prohibiting removals by any persons."

The Co. Surveyor said that what was causing erosion of the coast was the Pier and not the few yards of gravel taken here and there by the people. If the Council were prevented taking sand and shingle from the shore they would have to provide from 12,000 to 15,000 cubic yards of broken material extra.

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

"That we request the Department of Industry and Commerce to send down to Wexford one of their Inspectors to discuss with the County Surveyor for Wexford County the matter of removal of sand and shingle from the shore at Rosslare."

COURTOWN HARBOUR SHORE.

In connection with Courtown Harbour, it was decided on the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman that the Co. Surveyor make a report to next meeting of the Roads Committee in reference to the removal of sand from the beach at Courtown Harbour and to deal particularly with the point as to whether erosion is likely to be caused by a continuance of the practice.

ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council forwarded the following letter from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways, under date 7th July, 1927:-

"Replying to your letter of the 1st inst, I am advised that 17 foot gates would amply meet the requirements, having regard to the fact that immediately adjacent to the crossing the road is carried over a drainage canal by a masonry bridge having only

"11' 3" between the parapets. The cost of such gates, with wickets and the necessary alteration of the fencing, is estimated at £90.

This estimate does not include the cost of signalling as the Chief Engineer is of opinion that the Company will not be called upon to signal the Crossing. In any arrangement made with the Council, however, the Company would require an undertaking that, if compelled to erect signals, or finding it advisable to do so, the cost would be borne by the Council.

The yearly attendance at the Crossing would, it is anticipated, amount to £100."

The Co. Surveyor in reply to queries said that if a bridge was put there it would cost £2000 as they would have to provide for traction engine traffic, etc., over it in order to satisfy the Slob Company.

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

"That the County Surveyor lay the facts in connection with Slob Road (Wexford-Rosslare) before Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government, and ask him what he will recommend to be done in the matter. The amount asked for by the Great Southern Railways Company to meet their requirements will prohibit the County Council from opening the road to public use."

CARNE PIER.

The following report was submitted by the Co. Surveyor under date 23rd July 1927:-

"It appears from records in the Fishery Department that there was expended on this pier in 1884-85 a sum of £2,180. Of this £1634 was State Funds and £546 local. This work was carried out under several Acts of Parliament and was then transferred to the County for maintenance. It is described as 475 feet long, 12 feet wide and having a depth at low water of 3 feet 0. S. T. at outer end. The Spring tide range is nine feet.

From time to time up to about 1914 the County expended money on repairs. About this time the end of the pier became seriously damaged and a Special Committee of the County Council was appointed

to inspect and report. When the matter came up for discussion before the County Council the question of County liability was raised. As the pier was not set out in the Schedule (16 & 17 Vic. cap 136) in "Vanston's Local Government" 1st edition, the County Council at the time being believed they had no responsibility and declined to expend County money on it. Until recently it was not believed to be a scheduled pier and nothing has been done in recent years.

On the 14th inst., accompanied by Mr Hassard, Fishery Department Engineer, I made a thorough inspection of the pier and took measurements.

The inner or shore end of the pier for a length of 343½ feet is in good order and only some small repairs to the concrete are necessary. The next 66 feet of the straight portion is badly damaged and will require extensive repairs and alterations. The outer end which is at an angle to the shore end is 66½ feet long and is in very bad order.

With Mr Hassard I carefully considered the advisability of, in any way dealing with this end now. I believe that for the present it should be left as it stands, and if at a future time the extension of the fishery warrants it, the end can and should be remodelled and rebuilt. The work now recommended will be complete in itself and will not require change or alteration in the event of future extension being necessary.

I recommend that at once the debris accumulated inside the pier at its end be removed so as to provide clear berthage alongside the straight portion. This debris should be deposited in as large blocks as possible to the outside of the "straight". This, I estimate, will cost about £60.

The other work recommended is as follows:-

1. Repairs to face of wharf wall. (2. Recoping of face wall. 3. Repair 27 feet of parapet wall. 4. Rebuild 19 feet of parapet wall.
5. Pave 66 lineal feet of surface. 6. Raise this 66 feet so that it will be level with surface of pier at 343½ feet, that is the end of the present good surface. 7. Repair and rebuild cross end wall where

the present work will end. 8. Provide access between the proposed "repair end" and the old end which will be untouched. 9. Provide steps, moorings, etc.

I estimate that this work under items 1-9 will cost £290 making a total cost of £350. Besides the above I consider that the retaining wall at the approach road to the pier should be repaired and estimate the cost at £50.

I understand that the approach to the pier over Mr Joyce's land will be handed over to the County. This will require to be fenced and some surface repairs will also be necessary. This expenditure will, I believe, be a county charge and will amount to £80."

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

"That the work necessary at Carne Pier be carried out by the Co. Surveyor at a cost not exceeding £460. That the Department of Fisheries be asked to contribute half this amount, and that the balance be provided so far as is possible from Special Proposal for repair of Public Works, viz Piers and Harbours, etc. In the event of a sufficient sum not being available from this proposal, any amount still necessary to make up the £460 to be taken from the Contingencies Fund."

HAULAGE CHARGES.

Col Quin called attention to the statement in the report of the Committee which inspected Wexford-Enniscorthy Road that the contractors had been able to secure mechanical haulage at fivepence per ton mile. The Co. Council were paying double that price.

The County Surveyor said it was not possible for the Co. Council to have the work done at 5d. The contractors of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road had special compartments attached to their stone-breaker from which they were able to load waggons in two minutes. It would not pay the Co. Council to provide for this at their various quarries and the necessary equipment was not portable.

In connection with the proposal of the County Council to acquire additional land for the widening of Station Road at Rosslare, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, submitted the following letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford under date 15th July 1927:-

"As the sums agreed to be paid our clients, Mrs Margaret O'Brien (£20), Patrick Swan (£90) and Capt. James Murphy (£150) in respect of the plots of land required by the Council for the widening of the Rosslare Road are small, they could not be expected to go to the expense of making title to the plots unless the Council agree to indemnify them as regards costs. Pending hearing from you we shall do nothing further in the matter."

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

"The Roads Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Co. Council to pay the costs which would be incurred in making title to the land required for widening the Station Road at Rosslare."

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the Council would not be able to carry out the work for the money allocated if they were prevented taking sand and shingle from the shore.

DREDGING KILMORE.

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

"That the attention of the Board of Works be called to the necessity of having some dredging done at the entrance to Kilmore Pier. At present fishing boats are greatly hampered in getting in and out of the Harbour owing to the amount of silt. The County Council applied for Board of Works dredger last year for this purpose but their application was not successful. The Roads Committee believe that dredging could be carried out most conveniently during September or October next."

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BALLYVERGIN CROSS.

The following resolution from meeting of Finance Committee on 21st July 1927 was submitted:-

"We consider the Roads Committee should instruct the County Surveyor to proceed with the work of easing corner at Ballyvergin Cross by widening corners at Taghmon side and by having proceedings to compel him to lower his fences instituted against Patrick Kennedy, owner of the land on the Adamstown side."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted: on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to have corners at Taghmon side of Ballyvergin Cross widened since Mr O'Connor, owner of the land has agreed to the necessary work being done.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to proceed against Patrick Kennedy, owner of land at Ballyvergin Cross to enable corners at Adamstown side to be widened."

GUSSEANE LANE.

The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr Patrick O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, under date 21st July 1927 that all persons interested in the repair of this lane except one, were willing to draw and spread the necessary material.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor provide the necessary material for the repair of Gusserane Lane, New Ross District."

COOLGREANY BALL-ALLEY.

The Coolgreany Ball-Alley Committee wrote under date 21st July 1927 asking the Council to have the margin of roadway adjoining the ball-alley cleaned up.

It was decided that application be referred to County Surveyor for report to next Roads Committee meeting.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO MOTOR CAR.

The Co. Surveyor submitted claim from Mr Howard P. Murphy, 2 Idrome Terrace, Blackrock, Co. Dublin for £18-7-0 damage to motor car, £7-7-0 damage to clothing and £1 per day for loss of time while car was not available. The claimant stated that on 28th June last while on the road between Ferns and Enniscorthy, a considerable quantity of fresh, hot tar escaped through a valve on top of the tar-spraying machine and caused the damage for which he was claiming.

The County Surveyor stated that the Insurance Company had settled the claim for £14-10-0. The matter was an accident pure and simple. One of the nuts on top of the pump was loose. A man started to tighten it but he turned it the wrong way and the tar ran over Mr Murphy's car and clothing

CLAIM OF MICHAEL FOLEY FOR HAULAGE

In connection with above claim adjourned from last meeting of Roads Committee, Mr Thomas B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy wrote that his client Michael Foley, Killanne had been engaged by Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor to cart and spread stones on two roads and for which he was to receive £30. There was a balance of £7-10-0 due.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor said that Foley was ~~main~~ contractor for roads 253E and 254E and the money claimed had been struck off for insufficient work and shortage of material. No agreement had been entered into with Foley for haulage.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Boggan:- "That Mr Dunbar, Solicitor, be informed that no haulage agreement was entered into between his client, Michael Foley and Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. The money now claimed was struck off amount on foot of contract roads Nos. 253E and 254E and represented amount of insufficient work and shortage of material."

INSPECTORS CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

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

"That Sergt T.B. Dunleavy(2299)be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Killinick Garda Siothchana Sub-District and Sergt P. McNulty(5752) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Carrig-on-Bannow Garda Siothchana Sub-District."

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE.

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

"That the Special Roads Inspection Committee, Messrs Hall, the Chairman (Vice) Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin, and the Chairman be requested to make their annual Road Inspection as soon as convenient. That the members be allowed their out-of-pocket expenses. That dates for said inspection be arranged by the County Surveyor."

Signed _____

~~PRESIDENT CHAIRMAN.~~

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 25th July, 1927, be received and considered".

REMOVAL OF MATERIALS, ETC., FROM SHORE AT ROSSLARE.

Under date 2nd August, 1927, the following letter, No M.S.1467, was read from the Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo on the subject of the removal of sand and shingle from the shore at Rosslare, I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that the Department does not feel that the necessity for personal discussion in the matter has so far arisen.

The Department will, however, be glad to consider any representations which the County Surveyor may desire to make and to afford him any information which he may require.

If it should appear thereafter that the matter is one which can best be disposed of by discussion locally the Department will be prepared to consider the question of arranging an interview between one of its officers and the County Surveyor.

ROSSLARE ROAD - TOURIST GRANT.

In connection with the recommendation of the Roads Committee, refusing to pay the costs which would be incurred for making title to the land required for widening Station Road at Rosslare, it was pointed out that failure to pay the amount of the costs would hold up the work.

Mr Elgee stated, in reply to the Chairman, that the total costs would amount to £15.15.0.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Gaul, it was decided to deal with the matter in committee.

After a long discussion, the following resolution

was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be authorised to indemnify the owners of the plots required by the Council as regards costs to a sum not exceeding £15:15:0. That Mr Elgee endeavour to settle claim on behalf of the County Council for the lowest amount possible; payment of costs in these cases not to be taken as a precedent".

BALLYVERGIN CROSS.

The County Surveyor stated that Patrick Kennedy, owner of the land at Ballyvergin Cross, had agreed to accept £2 as compensation for land taken to widen corners at Adamstown side. The work was at present being carried out.

Approved.

CARNE PIER.

Under date 25th July, 1927, the following letter No D/7/11, was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to transmit herewith a copy of a report by the Engineer to this Department relative to repairs to Carne Pier, and to state that, while cognisant of the fact that there is a statutory obligation on the County Council, in whom this pier is vested, to maintain the work, the Minister would be prepared to recommend the grant from State sources of one half the cost of repairs, provided that the Council undertakes the work and will find the other half of the cost. The State grant, if sanctioned, would not in any event exceed £200".

The following is copy of the report:-

"Inspected on 14th July, 1927 at Low Water of a Spring Tide, accompanied by W F Barry, A M I C E, the County Surveyor, and meeting on the ground Messrs Weldon, Langrishe and Irvine. The inner part of the pier for a length of 343½ feet is in good order, only some small patching to the concrete here and there being required.

1. Repairs to face or wharf wall.
2. Re-cope face wall.
3. Repair 27 feet of parapet wall.
4. Rebuild 19 feet of parapet wall.
5. Pave surface 66 lin. feet.
6. Raise this length of 66 feet so that it is level with surface of pier at $343\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
7. Repair and rebuild end wall.
8. Provide steps and moorings.

The outer portion of the pier, $62\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, is at a 'cant' to the inner portion. This length is in very bad order and I suggest it be left alone. It can be used at low water in calm weather.

9. Provide access between portion of pier repaired and outer cant.

The debris from the damaged work is in the berthage and should all be removed so as to allow boats to come alongside the pier.

10. Remove all debris from berthage, both alongside the straight portion of the pier, and from alongside the 'cant', and pack same behind the parapet wall.

I estimate the cost of the work involved in above 10 items at £350, and that for this expenditure the pier will provide very fair facilities for the class of boats (small motor boats 27 ft x 7 ft : 12/14 Kelvin engine) likely to use the place.

The retaining wall to the approach road to the pier will require repairs which may cost about £50."

On the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £350 be allocated for the repair of Carne Pier, and £50 for the repair of the retaining wall at the approach road to the pier, total £400; £200 of this amount to be recouped by State grant. That the allocation of £50 for the repair of the retaining wall at the approach road be subject to the approval of an Inspection Committee of the County Council. That a Committee, consisting of Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Doyle and Gaul, with Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and Mr Barry, County Surveyor, together with local residents interested in the project, inspect the pier on Saturday, 13th August, 1927, at 5 o'clock, p.m."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that the allocation of £60, recommended by the Roads Committee, for the fencing and repair of the approach to the pier over Mr Joyce's land, be not approved.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the foregoing minutes of Roads Committee were confirmed, with the exception of the allocation of £60 for the fencing and repair of the approach to Carne Pier over Mr Joyce's land, and the question of costs for making title to plots of land being acquired by the County Council for the purpose of widening Station Road at Rosslare.

ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD, SECOND INSPECTION.

The following report of Sub-Committee was submitted:-

"The following members of the Sub-Committee appointed for the inspection of the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road were present on 6th August, 1927:- Colonel C M Gibbon, C.M.G., Mr J Gaul, Mr A Mernagh, and Mr Barry, County Surveyor. Also present:- Mr McNally, Director of the Contracting Company.

SECTION, KYLE-FERRYCARRIG.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to inspect the work being

carried out between Kyle and Ferrycarrig. On this Section the work is proceeding very satisfactorily and at an average rate of about 240 linear yards per week. One mile exactly was completed at the time of inspection. Mr McNally stated that he expected to have this section completed by 1st October.

Expansion Joints.

It was noted that the distance between expansion joints has been considerably reduced since the last inspection took place.

Water Tables.

The Contractors have now ceased taking the clay required for the covering of the concrete from the bottoms of the water-tables in such a way as to injure them. The County Council have now four men employed on the water-tables. The work is quite satisfactory, but is progressing very slowly. The Sub-Committee recommend that this work should be pushed on more rapidly on all sections to keep pace with the concrete work, so that there may be no low points at which water may lie to soak into the road foundations should wet weather be experienced in the late Autumn or early Winter.

Thickness of Concrete.

It was found on trial that portions of the road still allow of a thickness of concrete below the 6 ins. mentioned in the contract. Thicknesses of anything from 5 to 6 ins. are common. The thickness above one stone left in the old road was found to allow of only $4\frac{5}{8}$ ins. Mr Barry considers that this is quite in order and that to tear up the old foundation to allow of the full 6 ins. of concrete would not be productive of good results. The Contractor has already to allow of a depth considerably in excess of 6 ins. at the sides of the road to give the present thickness in the centre. Mr Barry does not think it would be reasonable to ask for

more than is already being done. The Sub-Committee recommend that Mr Quigley be asked for a definite ruling.

Curing of Concrete.

It is understood that, according to the terms of the contract, the concrete must be kept wet for a minimum period of 14 days after having been laid. From the morning of Monday, 25th July, to the evening of Friday, 5th August, it was ascertained that 487 linear yards had been laid. Of this total, however, less than 300 yards showed evidence of having been watered during the previous few days. This failure to keep the concrete thoroughly damp according to the terms of the contract was reported on the occasion of the last inspection also.

Wetting of Road Foundation.

A hose pipe was found to be employed for thoroughly wetting the old roadway preparatory to laying the concrete. This rectifies the deficiency reported on the occasion of the previous inspection.

Tamping of Concrete.

On the occasion of the previous inspection it was reported that the first 3 ins. or 4 ins. of concrete laid on the surface of the old roadway were subject to ramming with iron mammers. The surface was then put on and tamped with a grader. On the present inspection it was noted that ramming is now limited to a strip of about 6 ins. on either side of the roadway, and that no ramming is carried out in the centre. All consolidation is limited to the jumping up and down of the grader for very brief periods. Mr McNally said that he was not required by the terms of his contract to ram the concrete, nor did he think it conducive to good results. Mr Barry holds an opposite opinion. This is a point on which a ruling should be obtained from Mr Quigley.

Quality of Concrete.

A section of about one yard square was cut out of one side of the concrete roadway for inspection. This piece of concrete showed some cavities, even though it was cut from the edge which had been rammed. Mr Barry, however, is of opinion that the cavities are not abnormal. The Sub-Committee are of opinion that it might be wise to have a similar section cut further from the edge in the roadway, provided such cutting would not leave a permanently weak point.

Reinforcement.

It is understood that no provision for reinforcement is being made in this section.

SECTION KYLE-BALLINASLANEY.

The Sub-Committee then proceeded to inspect the section from Kyle Cross to Ballinaslaney Cross. On this Section about 200 linear yards have been completed northwards from Kyle Cross. Progress has been very slow, as the mixer employed is very small, and its engine has given a great deal of trouble. It is understood from Mr McNally that a new mixer, similar to that employed on the Kyle-Ferrycarrig section, is to be provided at an early date.

Water Supply for Mixer.

The water supply for this mixer has, up to the time of the present inspection, been provided from barrels filled by hand with buckets from ditches. This method is very inefficient. Mr McNally stated that a pump and pipe-line would be installed next week.

Curing of Concrete.

The surface of the road has up to the present been watered from a steel concrete barrow which has been filled by buckets from a neighbouring ditch. It is obvious that such a method of keeping the concrete thoroughly damp, as required by the

Contract, must be absolutely inefficient. This condition will, of course, be changed by the installation of the pump and pipe-line.

SECTION, BALLINASLANEY-TOYLGATE

The Sub-Committee then proceeded to inspect the section running from Ballinaslaney Cross Roads northwards. On this section only 5 linear yards of concrete have been completed. There is on the spot a very modern and extremely efficient concrete mixer of a large type, which moves under its own power. With it very rapid progress should be possible. At the time of inspection Mr McNally explained that a pump and pipe-line were being installed and would be ready for work on the following Monday. The start that had been made utilised a ditch water supply, which became fouled by cattle during the very hot days which were experienced lately, and work had to be temporarily suspended, pending the provision of a more suitable supply.

GENERAL.

Provision of Material.

The Sub-Committee did not ~~expect~~ inspect the different quarries, but Mr Barry reports that the provision of material on all Sections is well in advance of all possible progress which can be made in laying the concrete.

White Centre Lines.

The Sub-Committee recommend that, on the three bad corners which exist on the Sections at present under construction, a White Line should be made down the centre of the roadway in the concrete. The corners in question are those at Ferrycarrig, Fox & Goose and Whitefort Bridge. It is suggested that, if this White Line were put in with white sand from Rosslare Strand and white rock from the Forth Mountain, the line would remain permanent. If it is possible to carry out this work now, whilst the road is under construction, it would be

infinitely preferable than to tear it up in future years in order to make the necessary provision. It may be noted that, in England, the Local Authorities are being compelled to provide white lines at all corners on main roads. In Ireland, already such lines are being provided at dangerous corners throughout the country. Their use is inevitable in the near future, and the Wexford County Council should look ahead.

Banking of Road at Whitefort Bridge.

It is suggested that the outer edge of the road at Whitefort Bridge should be slightly banked in order to reduce the danger of motors skidding. It is understood that there are no technical difficulties, and that there would be no appreciable added cost.

Progress Generally.

Mr McNally stated that, if the coming winter is open, the whole road should be complete by January, 1928. The Subcommittee is satisfied that good progress is being made on the Kyle-Ferrycarrig section. The plant on the Ballinaslaney-Oylgate section, which has now been provided on the spot, is even more efficient than that provided on the first-named section. The plant on the Kyle-Ballinaslaney section cannot however be regarded as other than inefficient. It is hoped that every effort will be made to expedite the arrival of the new mixer for this section. Whilst undoubtedly delay in the provision of mixers may not altogether have been the fault of the Contractors, yet there can be no justification for the pumps and pipe-lines required for each section not having been ready installed to work the mixers immediately on arrival. With three mixers working there should undoubtedly be a reserve mix pumping plant. This would not throw great expense on the Contractors. Where the pipe-line has not been provided ready for the commencement of the work on any particular section it must be expected that both the mixing and the curing of the

concrete will be inefficient, and that the best results cannot ensue. Moreover, the waste of time involved during the favourable summer months is eminently undesirable.

Next Inspection.

It is suggested that another inspection should take place in the near future to ascertain whether progress is satisfactory as the result of the provision of adequate plant. It is suggested that, if possible, Mr Quigley should accompany the sub-committee on the occasion of the next inspection".

In reply to a query, the County Surveyor stated he was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the work was being carried out and with the recommendations contained in the report of the Sub-Committee. On the day previous to the visit of the Committee, he had given instructions regarding the concrete being kept thoroughly damp. If he were carrying out the work by Direct Labour, he would carry it out in the same manner as the Contractors, and this was the best testimonial he could give as to the manner in which the work was being carried out.

On the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the recommendations in the report ~~xxx~~ were agreed to, with the exception of the proposal to cut section from edge of roadway for the purpose of examining same to ascertain if there were any cavities, as the meeting was of opinion that this could not be done without causing injury to the road.

STRAHART CORNER.

Mr Patrick Byrne referred to the necessity for easing dangerous corner at Strahart.

On the motion of the Chairman, the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

ROAD AT CAMOLIN.

On the motion of Mr Patrick Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Lands and Agriculture (Forestry Section) be requested to re-consider their previous decision re repair of surface of passage through the Department's forest property at Camolin Park, used by local residents as a roadway, as its present impassable condition means considerable hardship on the families living adjacent".

CUSTODY OF EXPLOSIVES.

Mr Corish raised the point that two of the gangers had not been given custody of the small amount of explosives given to the other gangers in the County for small blasts. He wanted information as why exceptions were made in these two cases, as the withholding of the explosives meant delay in carrying out some of the work in these gangers' districts.

The County Surveyor stated that the County Council did not make any discrimination; the matter was dealt with by the Civic Guard. He promised to make inquiries.

ROAD NO. 220E.

Mr Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, Contractor for Road No. 220E, came before the meeting and complained that a sum of £2:10:0, which had been deferred off his contract in respect of the quarter ended 31st March, 1927, for shortage of material, had again been deferred, although he had the material on the road ready for measurement.

The County Surveyor stated that, as Cullen had not spread the material, he could not certify for the full amount.

The explanation of the County Surveyor was accepted on the motion of the Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Under date 11th July, 1927, the following letter was read from Miss Kathleen A Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown:-

"Kindly convey my sincere thanks to the Co. Council for having appointed me a member of the Library Committee. I much regret I cannot consent to do this work, which to me would be most congenial. On looking over the published list of the members of this Committee, I find the names of a few persons with whom I could not - honourably - have any association in any capacity whatever".

Under date 12th July, 1927, a letter was read from Mrs Dowse, 14 Lower George Street, Wexford, declining to act on the Library Committee, as her sight was imperfect.

Mr Hall stated he would be in favour of appointing two members of the County Council instead of the two ladies.

The Acting Secretary stated that the ladies, who refused to accept membership of the Library Committee, were two of the three outsiders which it was agreed the Council should appoint to membership of the Committee.

The Chairman and Colonel Quin were in favour of asking Miss Browne to reconsider her decision not to act on the Committee.

The names of Mrs Kelly, Wexford, and Mrs M O'Connor, Wexford, were suggested, as it was considered they would make suitable members.

Several members stated that they knew that Mrs O'Connor would not act.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr O'Donoghue seconded:-

"That two County Councillors be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Library Committee".

Passed on a show of hands by 16 to 5.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, Messrs James ^{Hall} ~~and~~ and T Rossiter were then appointed as members of the Library Committee.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Under date 19th July, 1927, a letter was read from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., Dublin, stating that every Local Authority, which was a member, was entitled to appoint one of its members or officers or any other person, authorised in that behalf, to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company and exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Donoghue seconded:-

"We, the County Council of Wexford, in the County of Wexford, being a member of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited, hereby appoint as our nominee Mr Michael Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat, in our name and on our behalf to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership".

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the appointment of Mr Sean O'Byrne.

After discussion, Mr Colfer withdrew his motion, and Colonel Gibbon's resolution was then put and carried.

WATERFORD & NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Under date 29th July, 1927, the Acting Secretary, County Board of Health, Wexford, forwarded letter from the Clerk of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority, asking for the names of the representatives of the County on his Board for the current year.

On the motion of Mr Boggan, seconded by Mr Whyte, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs M Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Duncannon, and W Thorpe, Knockroe House, New Ross, be appointed representatives of Wexford County Council on Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority."

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Under 14th July, 1927, (No 32890/27), the Department of Local Government & Public Health forwarded the following copy of their Auditor's report:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council for the two half-years, ended 30th September, 1926, and 31st March, 1927. Certified copies of Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

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

REGULATIONS, TREATMENT, VENEREAL DISEASE.

Under date 7th July, 1927, (P.H. 28670/27, Wexford B.H. & P.A.), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of Order made by the Minister for Local Government, prescribing regulations in regard to arrangements for the prevention and treatment of Venereal Disease in Wexford County.

COMPENSATION - MR J J FANNING.

Under date 25th July, 1927, (P. 31928/1927, Wexford County), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of order made by the Minister for Local Government, fixing £21:7:4 as gratuity to Mr J J Fanning, late Clerk, Gorey Union, for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Gorey Area.

PENSION - MR B J O'FLAHERTY.

Under date 30th July, 1927, (P. 32756/1927, Wexford County), the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of order made by the Minister for Local Government, fixing £9:2:6 as annual allowance to Mr B J O'Flaherty for loss of employment as Solicitor to the late Board of Guardians of Gorey Union.

WATER SUPPLY, CLONEVAN.

Sealed Order, dated 1st July, 1927, and No 28136/27, was read from the Minister for Local Government, fixing Killenagh and Wells Dispensary District as the area of charge in connection with the provision and maintenance of water supply at Clonevan.

BOOKS ON AGRICULTURAL SUBJECTS.

Under date 27th July, 1927, (G.1187-27), the Department of Lands and Agriculture forwarded list of books on Agricultural and allied subjects, suitable for inclusion in a rural library.

Referred to the Chairman of the Library Committee.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE, DUNCORMICK.

Under date 2nd August, 1927, (No T 5632/27), a letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, stating that the necessary enquiries in the matter of opening a Telegraph Office or Telephone Call Office at Duncormick, were not yet completed. They were, however, being expedited, and a further communication would be sent as early as practicable.

COURTHOUSE KEEPERS.

Under date 30th July, 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote that, as instructed, he had looked into the question as to who was to appoint the various Courthouse Keepers in the County. He was of opinion, in view of Section 54 of the Court Officers Act, 1926, that the appointment of Courthouse Keepers was now vested in the County Registrar, and the County Council had no voice in the making of such appointments.

Mr Cooney proposed and Mr Hall seconded:-

"That the County Registrar, when filling vacancy for Courtkeeper in any County Courthouse, be requested to advertise the position, and appoint the most deserving applicant, who is found suitable for the post".

Passed, Colonel Quin dissenting.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.

On the motion of Mr Cooney, seconded by Mr Thorpe, it was decided that a Committee, consisting of Messrs Thorpe, Cooney, Colfer and Walsh, with the County Surveyor, inspect New Ross Courthouse, on Friday, 12th August, 1927, at 3 p.m., and make recommendations to the County Council as to portion of the premises available for letting, and suggestions as to repairs and alterations required to the premises.

FAIR GREEN AT WHEELINGTONBRIDGE.

Under date 23rd July, 1927, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

I have now looked into the matter of the Fairgreen as instructed by the Council, and have gone carefully into all the Acts I can find dealing with the matter, and, as far as I can see at present, there is no liability on the Council to provide such Fairgreen. The only reference in the Local Government Act

which I can find on the matter is, under Section 31 of the Local Government Act, 1898, which gives an Urban Authority power to provide such Market place or Fairgreen. This being so, I cannot advise that the Council are under any liability to provide a Fairgreen as asked for at Wellingtonbridge."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that no ~~for~~ further action be taken in the matter

SECTION OF WATERFORD ROAD.

A resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council, calling attention to the bad condition of the surface of the section of the Waterford Road between the Barrow Boat Club and the entrance gate of Mr J B Hearne's avenue.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL, ANNUAL MEETING

Under date 18th July, 1927, the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, wrote that a meeting of that body would be held during the last week of August or first week in September, and asked to be notified of any matters which the Council wished to bring forward at that meeting.

No Order.

GRANTS IN AID OF LOCAL TAXATION.

Under date 18th July, 1927, the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, forwarded copy of letter and query form, relative to grants in aid of Local Taxation, which had been addressed to each candidate at the recent General Election.

Approved.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, renewals of licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to

W H McGuire, Quay, Wexford.

Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

Edward Brennan, Taghmon.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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

"That payments to Road Contractors, as appearing on Form 22, and as certified by the County Surveyor, be and are hereby agreed to".

REPORT OF ANALYST.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst, for quarter ended 30th June, 1927, was submitted, showing that 142 samples were analysed, of which 8 samples were found to be adulterated.

AGREEMENT WITH ENNISCORTHY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

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

"That the seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement with Enniscorthy Co-Operative Agricultural Society, Limited, as to additional piece of land adjoining Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy".

M. J. O'Connell
Sent. 12th 1927

I certify the foregoing to be a correct record of
the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County Council in
respect of Meeting held on 8th August, 1927.

(Signed) Thos a Fuzelle
Acty Secretary.