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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 1931

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M I N U T E S.

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J.FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th August, 1931.

Present - Messrs John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, John Murphy, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

While waiting for the attendance of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Col. Gibbon was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Brennan, and presided while the minutes of last meeting were being confirmed.

The Chairman then attended and presided for the rest of the business.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £1448: 10: 2d was examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

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Finance: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th July, 1931, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th July, 1931.

Present - Messrs T. McCarthy, James Shannon and Sean O'Byrne.

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3049: 13: 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The State of the Rate Collection as follows was submitted:-

	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	P. Nolan	14.9
2.	M. McCarthy	14.5
3.	J. Quirke	14.3
4.	J. Curtis	14.3
5.	Sean Gannon	12.4
6.	T. Rowe	11.4
7.	J. Cummins	11.3
8.	W. Doyle	10.9
9.	P. Carty	10.5
10.	J.J.O'Reilly	10.4
11.	T. Bolger	8.5
12.	P.O'Byrne	8.4
13.	W. Cummins	8.1



Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
14. A. Dunne	8.1
15. J. Quirke No. 2	8.0
16. P. Doyle	7.6
17. J. Deegan	7.3
18. J.S. Sinnott	6.6
19. E.J. Murphy	6.3
20. T. Bolger	5.8
21. Sean Gannon No.6	1.7

The meeting considered that a number of Collectors had not made satisfactory progress.

After discussion it was decided that Collectors be notified that they must have lodged before 31st August a sum equivalent to 25 % of total Warrant and arrears.

Rates on Farms sold by Land Commission: It was pointed out by Rate Inspector that in a number of cases farms were sold by Land Commission at a price sufficient only to meet the arrears of Land Purchase Annuities, and as incoming occupiers were only liable for two years' arrears of rates it was not possible to obtain payment of the old arrears of rates due on these holdings.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon that Land Commission be requested to arrange if possible that purchase price of holdings sold by them be sufficient to meet all arrears of rates and that balance remaining after payment of annuities be applied to meet said arrears.

Application from Collectors: Collectors M. McCarthy, Patrick Carty, Art Dunne, Thady Bolger, and Patrick Nolan applied for increase in poundage rates from 5d to 7d in £.

It was decided that application be referred to County Council.

New Ireland Assurance Co: Letter was read from New Ireland Assurance Co. that they were placing before their legal advis-



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ers the matter of deduction of £90 Debit Interest from Poundage Fees unpaid to P. Furlong and claimed by Insurance Company owing to Furlong's Warrant not having been closed on Statutory date. The Insurance Company stated they were accepting the balance paid amounting to £83: 16: 8d as a payment on account.

It was decided that Local Government Department be notified of the Insurance Company's statement as County Council in deducting the amount acted on Department's instructions.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Letter under date 27th July, 1931, (No. G 58494/1931 Loch Garman Fa.) was read from Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioning extension of Council's overdraft accommodation by £10,000 to 31st August, 1931.

#### SALE OF FORTVIEW

Mr Kehoe, Auctioneer, attended in reference to arrangement for auction of former County Council Office, Fortview.

It was decided to advertise the property in two Dublin and three local papers.

The date of auction was fixed for Wednesday 12th August, 1931.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE FOR WEXFORD

In reference to application from Sergeant Scanlon for Weights and Measures Office at County Hall, the County Surveyor stated he did not consider the office in Town Hall at present being used was suitable. It would cost about £10 to put up and convert apartment in County Hall for office.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to provide an office in County Hall, cost of fitting up and equipping etc not to exceed £10.



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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, ENNISCORTHY.

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Sergeant F.J. Keenan, Weights and Measures Inspector Wexford, applied for various fittings as follows in his office:-

(1) Counter, suitable for light tests of scales and weights etc., fitted at back with shelves and on top with short glass fronting.

(2) Shelves fitted in recess in wall, also doors to form a lock-up press.

(3) Work bench for adjusting purposes.

(4) Office Chair.

(5) Walls painted.

(6) Window casings, which are damaged by damp, repaired.

(7) Water supply fitted into office.

It was decided that in accordance with resolution of County Council bench be provided. The application as regards the remaining heads was not agreed to.

FOOD AND DRUG REQUISITES

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It was decided that 200 Sample Labels , 2 lbs of sealing wax and supply of brown wrapping paper for use of Food and Drugs Inspector, New Ross, be supplied.

ANALYST'S REPORT

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Analyst's Report for Quarter ended 30th June, 1931, was submitted showing that 238 Samples had been dealt with during the quarter viz., Foods, 189; Drugs, 47; Water, 2. Adulterated-New Milks, 7; Butter, 2; Whiskeys, 2; Spirits of Nitre, 1; Water condemned, 1.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

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The County Surveyor submitted Account for travelling Expenses as follows:-



"January 14th, 1931, Attending in Dublin with Co. Council Deputation at Irish Land Commission re Unemployment Grant; also at Local Government Department, £1:10: Od.

"Attending in Dublin with County Solicitor, on Counsel (Messrs Jellett and F.O'Connor) re Ford of Lyng. Drainage proceedings.....£1:10: Od.

It was unanimously decided that amount be paid.

ROAD CHARGE HANDS  
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The County Surveyor reported that from a large number of applicants he had decided to employ the following Road Charge Hands on Road improvement jobs.

Denis Whelan, Deeps, Killurin.

James Daly, Enniscorthy.

Wm. O'Leary, Wexford.

All three had been previously employed by the Council and were found satisfactory.



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Application from Rate Collectors: Mr Culleton said when the position was advertised the applicants were very glad to secure the appointment and in consequence he proposed that no action be taken as regards increasing the poundage of these five Rate Collectors from 5d to 7d in the £.

Mr Smyth seconded.

Mr Hayes said the poundage of these Collectors had been reduced and there was no guarantee that the Minister for Local Government would agree to the proposal of the Council to pay the same poundage as last year. These Collectors had as much trouble in closing their warrant as the Collectors who were receiving 7d in the £.

Colonel Gibbon said that if the position had been advertised at 7d in the £ they might have had a great number of suitable applicants coming forward and who felt themselves debarred from applying for the position when 5d only was offered.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following amendment:- "That the five Rate Collectors who applied to meeting of the Finance Committee on 30th July, 1931, for an increase in their poundage, be paid a poundage rate of 6d this proposal to be submitted to the sanction of the L.G.D."

This amendment was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr Cummins proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That consideration of the application of the five Rate Collectors for an increase of poundage rate from 5d to 7d in the £ be adjourned until the Council have had a reply from the Department of Local Government to the resolution of the Council that all the Rate Collectors in consequence of special reduction through increased agricultural grant receive the same poundage as last year."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment: Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cummins,



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Hall, Hayes and O'Ryan - 6.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Gibbon, Murphy,  
Quin, Smyth and the Chairman - 7.

The following were not present when poll was taken:-  
Messrs Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Keegan, and Walsh (6).

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A poll was then taken on the resolution of Mr Culleton  
that no action be taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Gibbon, Murphy, Quin,  
Smyth and the Chairman, (7).

Against:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cummins, Hall,  
Hayes, and O'Ryan - (6).

The following members were not present when poll was  
taken:- Messrs Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Keegan  
and Walsh (6).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Sale of Fortview: The following resolution was adopted  
on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Brennan:- "That  
reserve price for Fortview property be fixed by Chairman,  
Vice Chairman and Mr John Murphy with the County Surveyor  
and County Solicitor."

Road Charge Hands: Miss O'Ryan proposed the acceptance  
of the County Surveyors recommendations.

Mr Gaul seconded.

Mr Murphy proposed the appointment of Patrick Lynch,  
Priory Street, New Ross, vice Wm. O'Leary as Charge hand  
for Wexford-New Ross/<sup>Road</sup>- New Ross section. Lynch had been  
employed as charge hand by Mr Shortall in connection with  
the concreting of New Ross quays.

Mr Colfer seconded.

A poll was taken on this proposal with the following  
result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins,  
Gibbon, Hall, Murphy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman - 10.



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Against:- Messrs Clince, Corish, Gaul and Hayes - 4.

Mr. Keegan and Miss O'Ryan (2) did not vote.

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

The Chairman declared Lynch selected.

Colonel Quin proposed the employment of P.J. Foley, Tombrick, Ballycarney, as charge hand for Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road.

Mr Hall seconded.

The County Surveyor said that he ought to have some "say" in this matter. He knew nothing about Foley but Lynch had been employed in this class of work and for that reason he did not make any objection to his employment. Foley had no experience of concrete roads while James Daly who was a tip-top man had a great deal of experience.

A poll was then taken for the appointment of Foley and which resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Quin and Smyth - 9.

Against:- Messrs Clince, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Murphy and O'Ryan - 6.

The Chairman (1) did not vote.

Messrs Cooney, D'Arcy and Walsh were not present when poll was taken.

Foley was declared appointed.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:- "That Denis Whelan. the Deeps, Killurin, be appointed Charge hand for New Ross - Wexford Road - Wexford Section.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th July, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."



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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING.  
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It was decided that a meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider Secondary and University Scholarship Schemes for year 1932 be held on Saturday, 22nd August, at 10.30 a.m.

AUDITOR'S REPORT  
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The Local Government Department wrote under date 7th August, 1931 (A.58495/31) forwarding ~~the~~ copy of report of their Auditor as follows:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council (inclusive of the Libraries Committee) for the half-years ended 31/3/1930 and 30/9/1930. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1928/29; 1929/30; and 1930/31.

	1928/29	1929/30	1930/31
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
In respect of roads	2. 9	2. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	2. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
" " " County Services	2. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
" " " Poor Relief	2. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	3. 0	3. 0
" " " Health District Charges	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
	<u>7.11</u>	<u>8. 0</u>	<u>8. 1.</u>

"It will be observed that the aggregate rate for each of the three years was very nearly uniform.

The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 31/3/1929; 30/9/1929; 31/3/1930; and 30/9/1930 were respectively £39,457; £37,381; £27,394 and £28,412.

The balances due from the Urban District Councils in respect of County Council Demands at 30th September 1930 were:- Enniscorthy £1,324; New Ross £1,794; and Wexford £4,482.

All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date."

COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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The following under date 6th ~~July~~ August, 1931 (G. 59641-1931 Loch Garman Pg) was read from the Department of Local Government:-



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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received a report from the Department of Justice to the effect that an urgent necessity exists for having the floor of the Wexford Court-house covered with matting or linoleum or other suitable covering which would have the effect of lessening noise created during the holding of Courts on the premises.

"Complaints to the above effect have also been received from Solicitors and Press Representatives. Furthermore it is understood that the Circuit Judge has intimated his unwillingness to hold the Circuit Court for the County on the premises owing to the inconvenience arising from the reasons referred to.

"I am to draw attention in this connection to the Council's responsibilities under the Provision of District Courts Order, 1924, and to request that the matter be given early consideration with a view to the remedying of the position complained of."

The Secretary stated he had submitted copy of this communication to Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, who replied as follows under date 8th August, 1931:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst., with copy of one from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the above, enclosed.

"I have looked into the Provision of District Courts Order to which the letter refers, and I find that it provides as follows:-

"That it is necessary and proper for the due transaction of the business and convenient keeping of records and documents of a District Justice, that the Council shall provide suitable accommodation and rooms and furniture for the transaction of such business.

"This being so, it is clear that the Council are bound



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to provide "suitable accommodation" for the Court and Offices, but it appears to me, that it is a mere matter of opinion as to what "suitable accommodation" means, and accordingly, the County Council have a right to express the opinion that they have provided "suitable accommodation."

Mr Culleton proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following resolution:- "That consideration of letter from L. G. D. as to providing linoleum for County Courthouse be held in committee."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Murphy, O'Ryan, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 9.

Against: - Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, and Quin - 9.

Mr Hall (1) did not vote and the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which he declared carried.

Colonel Quin proposed :- "That the floor of County Courthouse be covered with linoleum or cork lino in accordance with the request of Local Government Department."

Mr Gaul seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that the alterations etc in the County Courthouse were carried out according to the specification approved by the appropriate Government Department and if the latter required anything additional they should pay for it.

The Chairman agreed.

A poll was then taken on the proposal of Colonel Quin with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul and Quin - 5.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, O'Ryan, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

Mr Hayes did not vote.



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The Chairman declared the motion lost.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.  
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The following resolution adopted at the meeting of 4th August, 1931, was read from Kilkenny County Council re above:-

"With reference to your application for consent of the County Council to the borrowing of a sum of £300 to be applied to the cost of painting New Ross Bridge, I am directed by my Council to state they have adopted the following resolution in connection therewith:-

"That this Council considers the cost of re-painting New Ross Bridge should be defrayed out of revenue, and that the Council agrees to discharge one-half expenditure as provided by existing regulations."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Walsh:- "That in view of resolution from Kilkenny County Council the £300 necessary for the painting of portion of New Ross Bridge be not borrowed, but taken from the appropriate Contingency Fund, and that the County Surveyor issue advertisements in connection with the work. That Kilkenny County Council be responsible for half cost of the work."

Mr Cooney referred to what he considered very serious defects in this bridge and suggested appointment of an Inspection Committee.

The County Surveyor declined to accept the statement of Mr Cooney as accurate.

Mr Walsh said that undoubtedly one panel had been knocked out and very badly repaired.

The County Surveyor said the person who had damaged the panel had paid for it and he (County Surveyor) was waiting for a new panel to have it inserted. The present repair was temporary only. He remembered the bridge 35 years ago and the settlement referred to by Mr Cooney was then apparent.



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It had shown no difference in recent years and it was manifest this settlement took place shortly after the bridge was built and had not increased since. Though the thing was very unsightly it was not necessary to deal with <sup>it</sup> now. If however, any structural damage were found it would be repaired as soon as possible. He suggested that a joint report from Mr Bowen, County Surveyor, for Kilkenny and himself should be submitted to the Council before the inspection of any Committee took place.

Mr Culleton proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the following resolution:- "That a Committee be appointed ~~at~~ this meeting to inspect and report on the state of New Ross Bridge."

On a show of hands 15 were found in favour and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following were then appointed on the Committee:-

Messrs Cooney, Walsh, Murphy, Gibbon, and Corish with the County Surveyors for Kilkenny and Wexford.

It was also decided on the motion of Mr D'Arcy seconded by Mr Brennan to request the Kilkenny County Council to appoint representatives to act on the Committee. That on hearing from Kilkenny Co. Council our County Surveyor arrange for date of meeting and summon the Committee.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Col. Quin:- "That as recommended by County Library Committee Messrs G. Hurley B.A. National Teacher, Lady's Island and Ml. Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Poulfur, be appointed members of County Library Committee vice John Murphy and Thomas Meyler resigned.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 8th August, 1931, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.3295/31) that in July 1931 fifteen samples of butter as follows had been taken up by one of their of-



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ficers and on examination by County Analyst were found to be genuine:- Enniscorthy, 4; New Ross, 4; Ferns, 3; Gorey, 4.

LOAN FOR RATHNURE NEW GRAVEYARD

Mr Hall moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the County Wexford Board of Health borrowing the sum of £270 for the purpose of providing and laying out a new Burial Ground at Rathnure."

Mr Gaul seconded.

The Chairman said that within the last three or four years four burial grounds had been provided by the people of parishes in the barony of Forth without any contribution from the Rates. When this matter was mentioned at the meeting of the County Board of Health the Chairman said the people of the district of Rathnure were too poor to furnish the funds for the new graveyard.

Mr Hall said it was the business of the County Board of Health to provide burial grounds wherever required. These had been provided in Ferns, Castledockrill and other places at the public expense and at double the amount now asked for and no one raised a question about the expenditure.

Mr Culleton proposed the following amendment:-

"That this County Council refuses its consent to proposed loan of £270 for new burial ground at Rathnure as in our opinion the cost for same should be provided by the people of the district."

This was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr D'Arcy pressed for further particulars and the following statement of proposed expenditure was obtained from the Co. Board Of Health:- Boundary wall, £82; excavation and levelling; making good surface £20; Paling



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and repairs to fence £8; surfacing walks (184 yards) £9; 214 yards concrete edges £5; gate £16; Cross, rockery and erection £5; planting £6; compensation £100; Legal Costs £10 and Contingencies £10: Total £271.

Mr Murphy proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the following amendment:-

"That further consideration of application from Co. Board of Health asking for permission to borrow £270 for new graveyard at Rathnure be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council. That the Co. Board of Health be asked for full details as to particulars of compensation proposed to be paid."

A vote was taken on this proposition with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and Walsh - 9.

Against:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, and the Chairman - 10.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost. The original motion was then put and passed nem con.

ROAD BALLYSALLAGH CROSS TO CAMPILE.  
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The County Surveyor said that this matter had been adjourned from last meeting. A special proposal for £150 for repair of this road had been brought into last Road Works Estimate and also £120 for maintenance. The special proposal went out as the estimate was cut down and the £120 was reduced to £57. This was all that was available for the road for the year. There is no doubt but the road is bad and required further attention but no money was available. It would require another £100 in addition to the amount for maintenance. There was a mile of it very bad.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Cooney seconded by Mr Murphy and adopted, Mr Culleton dissenting:-



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"That £100 be withdrawn from appropriate Contingency Fund for the repair of road from Nallysallagh Cross to Campile."

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor stated there was about £1,000 in Contingency Fund at the moment.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22 be and hereby adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders made thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

PROPOSED ROAD AND WALL AT HOPELAND ROSSLARE  
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The County Surveyor stated that at last meeting of the Council a Committee consisting of the members for Wexford County Electoral Area were appointed to visit and report in connection with a memorial asking for a new road at Hope-land, a place at which previous representations <sup>to</sup> ~~at~~ the Council had suggested the ~~erection~~ <sup>erection</sup> of a wall. The Committee met on 31st July, 1931, Col. Gibbon, the Chairman of the Council, Mr Corish and himself attending.

They inspected the place and met a number of local people who were very keen on having a roadway made there, and with regard <sup>to</sup> banking in behind the wall they said they would do part of that themselves. Two or three points were raised in the matter. One was that the Council would have in the first instance, he believed, to get permission from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, because it was to a certain extent, reclamation, as they were going outside high water mark. In the second place they would probably have to get some authority for using local materials for a local job, as of course, they were prohibited from taking local materials at present. If they built a wall it would be in



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or about half a mile long, and it was going to cost, he maintained, £900 or £1,000, and if they made a roadway behind the wall it would mean about £300 more.

Chairman - And if we had to get material elsewhere than at Rosslare strand it would cost £250 more.

The County Surveyor said that the question of planting rice grass was mentioned, and the people said it would interfere with their fowling, and the fishermen said it would prevent them from getting in or out.

The Chairman said the reason the committee did not put anything in writing with regard to their inspection was that things were not quite as bad as they were stated to be at meetings of the Council. Col. Gibbon knew the place for many years as well as himself, and he was of the opinion that it had not deteriorated very much.

Colonel Gibbon said that most of the talk was about the school children at the place, and certainly at high water the children had to get up right along by the bank. There was a hard strand that was uncovered at any time except at spring tides, and that strand would be all right to walk on if the sea weed were removed from it.

Mr Corish said that the fact that the peninsula had been cut away certainly made for higher water. The principal question was that concerning the children. If there was a high tide at the time children had to go to school it would be very unpleasant for them, and it would not be beneficial to their health to go inland through grass on a wet morning.

Col. Quin - How many children are there ?

Chairman - I am not in a position to tell you that. There are probably about a score.

Col. Quin - How often would the tide affect them ?

The Chairman said he thought that in the winter the tide would affect them very often. He wondered if there would be any possibility of building something like a carway in cem-



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ent. He knew that people were in a bad way at the place, and that they were very much hampered. Of course there was the question of the amount of rate they were taking from the burrow, but still the people were hampered in their undertakings many times during the year. The whole question was whether the cost of the suggested work would be proportionate to the value in rates that the council got from the place. Of course the children had to go to school now; they would be prosecuted if they did not. Mr Elgee (Council's Solicitor) held they could not build the wall unless there was a road at the back of it.

County Surveyor - We can make a new road, but we can't build a protection wall for a place that isn't a road. It is a big sum of money to expend on that place, but, as the Chairman stated, it is a thing that, if possible should be done.

Mr Gaul - It boils down to the question as to whether the Council are prepared to face the financial responsibility or not.

Colonel Gibbon said he agreed there was a demand for something to be done, but on the other hand, as far as he could see, they had no legal authority to do it. The position was due mainly to encroachment of the sea. There was no road there, and never had been a public road. Whenever the Council had given money for a private road they had invariably made a proviso that the people who wanted the road should provide a great deal of material and labour towards making it. In the particular case before them the people concerned stated they were not in a position to provide any of the material and labour required.

Mr Corish said that some of them told him that if the wall was built they would make the road.

Chairman - You should have that in writing.

In reply to Mr Gaul the County Surveyor said that if the Council decided on doing any work there the allocation could



only be brought into next year's Road Work Scheme.

The Chairman suggested that the problem might be solved if they got a grant for the relief of unemployment to be applied to the work. He understood that during the week they would have President Cosgrave in Rosslare, and that he would be there for a month or so. He wondered if there would be any use in approaching the President on the matter.

Col. Gibbon said it should be made clear to the people concerned that there was absolutely no money for the work at present. There seemed to be some doubt as to how far the tides interfered with the people, and if they had to go to the Government later, they would, he thought, have to have very precise information. He thought Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, should be instructed to visit the place on several occasions during spring tides and take measurements of the height of the water.

The Chairman said he thought the Council might assist to some extent if they could get some grant.

Miss O'Ryan said that the question of any relief for unemployment would have to come before the Dail. A short time ago money for relief was voted, and it was contingent on the ratepayers' money being spent to supplement it. The Council had to contribute 2s. for every 1s. given. There was no use in putting up the smoke screen that all in the world was going to be done. It was only a kind of make-believe to suggest that because the President was going to Rosslare they were going to do the world and all. They had the Minister for Fisheries at Rosslare and they brought him to St. Helen's, but they never got anything.

Mr Culleton remarked that the people had to pay in any case. They were not digging the gold up in Merrion Street and sending it down.



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The Chairman said that the question of St. Helen's was still under way.

The County Surveyor said that Mr Batchen, Engineer, of the Board of Works, had been at St. Helen's recently.

Miss O'Ryan said that the people of Rosslare were as much entitled to a road as anyone else, and it was more the duty of the Council to look after them because they were poor people. If the children could not get to school, and if the council had power to give them the road they should give it to them.

Mr Corish said there was a question of a degree of hardship at the place. He certainly went down with a feeling that the place was worse than he found it, but from what he could see he was convinced that it would be very bad in the winter. As Miss O'Ryan pointed out, the children should be looked after. The children required all the education that could be given to them and if they were kept from school because they could not travel he thought the Council would have a certain amount of responsibility. If the President were coming to Rosslare he did not think it would be any harm for a deputation to have an interview with him and see if something could be done.

On the proposition of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Culleton it was decided that the representatives of Wexford district on the Council should meet President Cosgrave as a deputation and see what could be done in the matter.

ENNISCORTHY URBAN COUNCIL AND LIBRARIES ACTS.  
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The following resolution adopted at their meeting on 5th August, 1931, was received from Enniscorthy Urban Council:

"That the Enniscorthy Urban Council are prepared to transfer the powers and duties under the Libraries Acts to the Wexford County Council on the Valuation Basis as arranged for the rest of the County ."



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FURLONG'S HOUSE, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD

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The County Surveyor submitted a/c for £4:4:6d from Messrs M. Furlong & Son, tenants of County Council for fitting new cistern and one closet pan etc to lavatory and which he recommended should be paid.

On the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Hayes it was decided that the amount be paid.

MAINTENANCE APPROACH (RAILWAY BRIDGES) ROADS  
WEXFORD AREA.

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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 5th August, 1931, from Mr T.R. Leonard, Great Southern Railways, District Engineer's Office, Waterford:-

"I am instructed by Headquarters to inform you that on reconsideration of this matter the Company does not propose to enter into any new Agreement with regard to the maintenance of approaches to over Bridges in the Wexford Area."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the County Council could not compel the Railway Co. to enter into any agreement for maintenance of these approach roads.

ILLNESS OF MR KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

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The following Certificate of Dr. S.V. O'Connor, under date 6th August, 1931, was submitted:-

"I certify that Mr John Kehoe is under my care suffering from general Asthenia post Operation, and will be unable to resume duty for one month."

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

"That a further month's sick leave be granted Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, from 6th August, 1931, the present arrangement viz that Mr Kehoe be paid half salary and the balance be paid to Messrs Birthistle and O'Neill,



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Assistant Surveyors (who are carrying out the duties of Mr Kehoe) in the proportions fixed by the Co. Surveyor, continue in force."

#### HIRE OF MACHINERY

Mr T.C. Courtney, Co. Surveyor, North Tipperary, wrote under date 3rd August, 1931, that he would be able to continue the hiring of the two crushing and rolling plants for another month or two. With regard to hiring charges he asked, in view of the long period of hiring to consider a reduction of 10/- per day for each plant. He had other rollers hired at 30/- a day the Council supplying coal and he found it difficult to justify payment of £2 for the Wexford plant. He was very well satisfied with the machines and the men in charge since they went to Tipperary.

Mr Murphy moved and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:- "That no reduction of hireage rate be paid for the crushing and rolling plants hired to North Tipperary County Council."

#### LANE OR BY-ROAD IN CAMOLIN

Mr James J. Fowler, Hon Secretary, Camolin Home Development Association, wrote as follows under date 5th August, 1931:-

"I understand during the early portion of next week that a Committee of the County Council will be inspecting some bye-roads in the North of the County.

"I have been instructed by the Home Development Association (including our respected Curate Fr. Wickham) to write and ask if you would be good enough to ask the Committee while on their round of inspection, if they would inspect a Bye-Road, or Lane, situate in Camolin and which needs immediate attention.

On hearing from you, our Association, will be only too



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happy to meet your Committee on whatever day and whatever time they may appoint."

The County Surveyor said it was too late to make any change in the arrangements of the Committee which was to consider the question of employment of men in Gorey District, and to inspect Moteybower Lane on 11th August, 1931.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of letter from Mr Fowler to next meeting of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Murphy:- "That the General Council of County Councils be requested to take action with regard to the improvement of road approaches to Railway Bridges in An Saorstát. They are at present in a disgraceful condition and in many instances a positive source of danger to the travelling public."

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Keegan seconded by Mr Smyth:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Michael Lacey, Merchant, Monamolín, Gorey, and Mrs Mary Hennessey, South Street, New Ross, provided the Garda Síochána are satisfied as to suitability of applicant and of ~~the~~ premises."

#### LAND ANNUITIES

Miss O'Ryan asked what action was taken by the General Council of County Councils on the resolution forwarded to them by the Wexford Council relative to the land annuities.

Chairman - Didn't you see the result published in the Press ?

Miss O'Ryan - I saw something published in the newspapers.

The Secretary stated he did not receive anything official from the General Council of County Councils. He believed they would receive an official communication from the General



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Council of County Councils on the decision as to the resolution.

Chairman - The original resolution was not passed. A resolution of another sort was.

Miss O'Ryan stated that according to the Press the Chairman was reported as saying that there was only a certain political party to blame for not having entered the Dail at the time the financial agreement was passed. That said Miss O'Ryan, was certainly an ignorant remark.

Chairman - I am obliged to you (laughter).

Miss O'Ryan continuing, said that the financial agreement was never put to the Dail.

Chairman - I tell you it was put to the Dail, and I was there at the time.

Miss O'Ryan - It was not.

Chairman - I tell you it was and I was at the division on it. I am not going to be challenged by you. I was there at the time and I voted against the financial agreement.

Miss O'Ryan - The terms of the financial agreement were never put to the Dail.

Col. Quin - Is this not politics. Can't you do without politics ?

Chairman - You can. I am quite anxious the thing would be cleared up.

Col. Quin - I think it is out of order.

Miss O'Ryan - It is not out of order !

Col. Quin - We don't want politics.

Miss O'Ryan reverting to the financial agreement reiterated that it had not been put to the Dail or to the people, and the Chairman, she added, was employed at the time in voting for ~~the~~ Coercion Acts.

The Chairman replied that no one did more for the country or the county than he did at the time to save the necks of young people when they were at stake. If Miss O'Ryan, he continued, only knew what he went through for his fellow-



country men and his own countymen, she would not have made such a remark which was based on ignorance.

Miss O'Ryan - It's not.

Chairman - I'll not have any more from you. The people are well aware of what I did. I did more than some of them who are there now.

Michael Doyle



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING HELD ON 24th AUGUST, 1931.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.



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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th August, 1931.

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

The Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and Messrs Treanor, Ennis, Cullen and Birthistle, Assistant Surveyors, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6604: 13: 4d was examined and signed.

#### REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

The following report was submitted by County Surveyor:-

"Both Contractors for laying concrete roads in the County, under Grant, have now commenced work. The Pioneer Company have already started laying the screeds, and will commence laying concrete shortly. Messrs Lee are preparing material in Cherry-orchard Quarry, and are also making other arrangements.

In connection with concrete roads I beg to point out that final settlement has not been made with Messrs Hull for work on Ferrycarrig-Wexford Road. Also, in regard to Messrs Hull I have a claim for hire of machinery, and for quarry charge in connection with their Contract in Enniscorthy Urban Area. These accounts have been furnished Messrs Hull on several occasions, but they have not yet been dealt with. I consider that the matter should be put in the hands of our Solicitor.

I have a letter from the Pioneer Company asking for final payment on the Gorey-Courtown Road. The period of maintenance is



now more than up, but I have deferred dealing with this on account of defects which I have pointed out to the Company, and which have not been made good. The Company gives an undertaking to make good these defects at a future date, and asks for final certificate which will not relieve them of responsibility.

I have an application from the New Ross Boat Club for permission to break an entrance through road boundary wall to enable them to carry out improvements to Club premises. I take it that the entrance will be only temporary, and, if so, it may be agreed to, provided that the wall is properly restored.

The Postal Authorities have recently opened the Streets in New Ross in a number of places, and I have been in communication with them in regard to their proper restoration. They now ask me to restore the footways, and furnish them with the account, I ask for authority to do this.

After last Council meeting I wrote Mr. Bowen, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, with reference to inspection of New Ross Bridge with the Joint Committee of the two Councils. Mr. Bowen informed me that his Council would not meet for some time, and it would be advisable for us to make a preliminary inspection, so as to have definite information for the Committee. I met Mr. Bowen on the 21st instant, and spent some hours in a thorough examination of the bridge. In the first place, I have to report that the structure is absolutely sound, and there is no immediate necessity for action. We noted that in a number of places the surface water finds its way through road and footway surfaces, and this is causing wasting of the buckled floor plates. The recent spray work on the Bridge has very much reduced this percolation, but we consider that it is essential that a perfectly water-tight surface should be made over the whole bridge. There are three ordinary methods of dealing with this - (1) by laying a heavy coat of tar macadam with constant Bitumen surface dressings: (2) laying a coat of Asphalt over the whole Area,



and (3) laying down a concrete road surface. In considering these methods we believe that the concrete will be the most effective, and the cheapest in the long run, as there will be no maintenance or repair on it for a number of years. In regard to the present painting of the structure, we found that except where the water has percolated through there is little need for painting, and I suggest that I be authorised to <sup>have</sup> these places scraped and touched up with paint, pending the thorough painting, after laying down the water-tight surface on the roadway. There are some temporary measures which may be adopted to further improve the existing surface with bitumen dressing, and with your authority I propose dealing with these out of the ordinary maintenance. I suggest that after the Committee's inspection, Mr. Bowen and myself jointly prepare a detailed report of the condition of the bridge and submit plans and estimates to the November meeting dealing with proposals for next year.

I have already notified the Council that I made an inspection of Ferrycarrig Bridge with an expert in connection with the underpinning of the abutment. I now have a preliminary scheme for this work by insertion of "pressure" piles, and I am satisfied that something of this nature is absolutely essential to prevent further movement, and consequent damage to the bridge. The firm gives me a rough estimate for this work at £1,700.

On the same date I examined the Pier Head at Courtown Harbour with the expert, and have an elaborate scheme for its restoration. In my opinion, this work is much too large an undertaking in view of the requirements of the harbour, and the finances of the Council. The Scheme, no doubt, would make a perfect job, but I consider that a very much less expenditure will serve, and I propose preparing a modified scheme myself to submit to the Council. Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reports to me that there is further movement at the Pier Head, so that work should be



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put in hands without delay.

I have a letter from the Insurance Brokers with reference to the Employers Liability Policy (No.1107531) at present held by the Council. After discussion with them I suggest that the Assistant Surveyors should be protected with respect to Common Law Liability, and the premium to be charged for this will be at the rate of one-sixth per-cent on their total earnings, so that it will not mean a serious item, and I consider cover should be taken."

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

"That the report of County Surveyor presented to this meeting be received and considered."

Pioneer Road Construction Company.

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

"That the County Surveyor make final payment to Pioneer Road Construction Company, East Wall, Dublin, for improvement work on Gorey-Courtown Road, withholding sufficient to make good any necessary repairs."

Barrow Boat Club.

Mr. Thomas Carroll, Hon.Sec., of this Club, wrote County Surveyor, under date 21st August,1931, stating that his Committee requested permission to break an entrance through wall on north side of Clubhouse on New-Ross-Waterford Road to enable them to carry out some improvements to their premises.

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

"That application of Barrow Boat Club, New Ross, to make temporary entrance to their premises through Road wall on New Ross-Waterford Road, be agreed to, provided the work of breaking through wall and its restoration be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Postal Authorities and Repair New Ross Streets

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.



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O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the proposal of County Surveyor to carry out repair of New Ross streets, interfered with by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, be and is hereby approved, County Surveyor to furnish account of cost to the Department."

New Ross Bridge.

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

"That the observations in report of County Surveyor presented to this meeting be referred to the Joint Committee representing Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils appointed to inspect and report on the condition of New Ross Bridge."

Ferryarrig Bridge

The County Surveyor said the concrete was not laid on any real foundation but on the side of the bank mostly shale and mud. The only way to deal with it was to underpin the whole thing or take the whole abutment down and rebuild in a different way. But this work need not interfere with traffic.

Colonel Gibbon proposed, and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we ask the Government to give special consideration in the shape of a grant to repair Ferryarrig Bridge which is on a National road over which there is a very large volume of through traffic. In view of this we are of opinion that the entire cost of repair should be carried out from State funds!"

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

"That the Local Government Department (Roads) be requested to send down an Inspector to consult with the County Surveyor as to the best means of repairing Ferryarrig Bridge."

Courtown Harbour Pier Head

Under date 21st August, 1931, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, reported that he had inspected the North Pier



at Courtown Harbour that day and found it had subsided very much in centre of head. The crack across the Pier had now become a gap about eighteen inches wide.

The County Surveyor said he intended to underpin the pier with concrete bag work. The Scheme of the expert at £2,300 would make a pier commensurate with a place like Plymouth and recommended too big a job. Mr. Lee, Arklow, who had considerable experience of this class of work, was willing to carry out the bag work on a piece work basis, but was not prepared to quote a figure for the whole work. He (County Surveyor) thought the bag work would cost about £1,000. He would write to the Department of Lands and Fisheries for a contribution towards the cost of the work. They had in Public Works' Estimate £250 towards the cost but he was afraid the balance would have to be raised by loan.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. D'Arcy seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be directed - in view of the urgency of the matter - to carry out the necessary repairs at Pier at Courtown Harbour. That a loan of £750 be obtained from our Treasurer to complete this work. That the County Surveyor apply to the Department of Lands and Fisheries for a substantial State Contribution towards the cost!"

#### Assistant Surveyors' Insurances

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

"That the recommendation of County Surveyor as to Insurances of Assistant Surveyors in respect of Common Law Liability be agreed to, the amount for calculation to be only the salaries of these officers."

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

"That the report of County Surveyor as considered at this meeting be and is hereby adopted."



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ASSISTANT SURVEYOR O'NEILL

Under date 20th August, 1931, letter was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, asking permission to be absent from duty for a few days for family reasons. His mother was about to undergo an operation and he would have to accompany her to hospital.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Brennan seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, be granted a week's leave of absence owing to the illness of his mother."

EXTRA TRAFFIC ON ROADS

The following under date 22nd August, 1931, was read from Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"The above roads (625 and 626) are in ~~v~~ery bad order, and are now getting excessive traffic owing to ~~sand~~ haulage etc., to New Ross Road.

The Contractor, John Kiely, Blackhall, Glynn, has done no work and so far as I am aware is not in a position to do the work. He has asked to be relieved of the two roads, and I think it would be very advisable to take them from him as they require immediate attention, and will require constant attention for the next few months."

The County Surveyor considered this was a reasonable request. They were throwing excessive traffic on these back roads in consequence of the improvement in concrete of the Road between Wexford and New Ross. The Contractor said he was not able to keep them for the money and it would not be equitable, in the circumstances to compel him to do so.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Brennan seconded, the following resolution which was adopted :-

"That contracts for Roads 625 and 626 with John Kiely, Blackhall, Glynn, be cancelled and that said roads be placed in charge of County Surveyor."



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ROAD BALLYCARNEY TO CLOHAMON  
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Mr. McCarthy said he had been asked to call the attention of the Council to the condition of the back road between Ballycarney and Clohamon. It was in a very dangerous condition and numerous complaints had been made to him about it. It was very narrow in parts and there were dangerous corners at some places and it was only by a miracle that a very serious accident was averted recently between a bus and a lorry at one of these corners. He thought some warning signs should be erected on the road which was receiving an abnormal amount of traffic since it was adopted as an alternative route to Bunclody on account of the improvement work on main road between Bunclody and Enniscorthy.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that the diversion of the traffic would continue for a few months.

The Chairman stated he was over the road about ten days previously, and he did not consider it extraordinarily bad.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated that ~~the~~ the road would be in a frightful condition in two or three weeks. It was getting all the traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that a lorry and a motor would find it hard to pass on it at places.

Mr. Armstrong suggested that portion of the traffic might be diverted with advantage to the Castledockrill road.

Mr. Ennis said he would prefer that one road only would be broken up by the traffic.

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

"That danger signs calling attention to the condition of the road between Ballycarney and Strahart particularly, be displayed until the road has been put into a proper state of repair and improvement work on Enniscorthy-Bunclody main road be completed."

On the proposition of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne,



it was decided to spend £50 from the contingencies fund on repairing the road.

#### WEXFORD-GOREY ROAD

Mr. Hall referred to the condition of the Wexford-Gorey road between Curratubbin and Ballyedmond which, he said, was in very bad way.

Mr. Ennis stated there was about two miles of the road very bad. Very little could be done with it except by steam-rolling. The other portions of the road he was making good. It would be wasting money to do anything with the other two miles unless they got a grant for steam-rolling.

Mr. Hall suggested that material be got for the road from ~~the~~ Carrigeen quarry instead of from Ballyregan.

Mr. Ennis said he was using the material from both quarries.

Mr. Colloton - Is this the only bad section of road in Mr. Ennis's district ?.

Mr. Ennis - Indeed it is not. This is a particular case; it is probably one of the worse main roads I have.

Mr. Hall - It's a road on which there is more local traffic than on any road in the County.

Colonel Quin - There is not very much traffic on it.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided to allocate £30 from the contingencies fund for repairs to the road.

#### DUNCANNON ROAD AND PIER

Mr. Cummins asked that the road from the Doctor's gate to Ramsgrange and Duncannon should be made passable. He had proposed that repair be carried out but his suggestion had been turned down.

It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, had resumed duty.

Mr. Corish mentioned that there were complaints from local fishermen that they could not draw in their nets with safety at



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at Duncannon owing to the rugged condition of the face of the pier. The only work involved would be pointing. Continuing Mr. Corish asked, as the Waterford Harbour Commissioners collected the dues at the pier, would it be possible to get them to effect some necessary repairs there. The Harbour was silting up and dredging was badly needed. The people down there were in consequence suffering. He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That the attention of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners be called to the unsatisfactory condition of Duncannon Harbour at which dredging is urgently required. As the Waterford Harbour Commissioners collect Harbour dues we consider they should be responsible for keeping ~~it~~<sup>it</sup> <sup>in</sup> a condition which would allow of the local fishermen utilising it."

Mr. Colfer, in seconding, said that he had raised the matter on consideration of the Public Works Estimates but nothing had been done.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Corish said he had no objection to that course being taken. An inspector from the Department would be visiting the place this week.

#### LINOLEUM FOR COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Colonel Quin proposed that the floor of the County Council Chamber, owing to the difficulty of hearing anything said at meetings there, be covered with linoleum.

Mr. Corish Seconded.

The Chairman said it would look very peculiar if the Council put linoleum on their own meeting room and would not give it to the Judge.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed, and Mr. Hall seconded, the following amendment:-

"That consideration of the question of providing linoleum for County Council Chamber be adjourned until the Council saw the result of sheeting the ceiling of the chamber with an anti-vibration covering."



After some discussion, the Chairman directed a show of hands on the original resolution when it was found that four voted in favour and 14 against, the others not voting.

The Chairman declared Colonel Quin's motion lost.

FURTHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR. T. MOORE  
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The following from Anchor Hotel, Newcastle, County Wicklow, and under date 8th August, 1931, was read from Mr. Tim Moore of the County Surveyor's Clerical Staff:-

"As my leave of absence from duty expires on the 27th instant I interviewed the doctor here and he has recommended me for a further month's treatment. He stated my progress has been very good. I shall be very glad if you will bring my application for the necessary leave before next meeting of the Finance Committee and oblige."

A certificate, under date 5th August, 1931, was read from Dr. C. F. Cullen, Assistant R.M.O., Newcastle Sanatorium, that Mr. Moore would benefit by at least another month's treatment.

At the meeting of Finance Committee on 13th August, 1931, Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. Shannon seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we recommend the Council to grant Mr. Tim Moore of County Surveyor's Department, a further month's sick leave as from 27th August, 1931."

Mr. Murphy proposed, and Mr. Keegan seconded, the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Passed nem.con.

Under date 21st August, 1931, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32) that it was noted the Council had granted a further month's sick leave to Mr. Moore.

SALE OF COMPENSATION STOCK  
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The following recommendation of the Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 13th August, 1931, was adopted, on



the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That 5% Compensation Stock No.E.28202 and 28636 be redeemed at £100.

That Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to Form of Request to National City Bank Ltd., Dublin, for transmission by post of Warrants for Redemption money."

"That 5% Compensation Stock No.28199/201, 28238, 28637/39, 28652 be sold at par value, viz., £400 plus accrued interest in accordance with Contract arranged by Mr. James J. Keating, Stock-broker, Wexford.

"That Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to letter of Attorney transferring 5% Compensation Stock No.28199/201, 28238, 28637/39, 28652 to Hubert Briscoe, Desmond Butler and Victor Charles Cole, 18 & 19 College Green, Dublin."

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE ACT 1924

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

"That the following statement re working of Drainage Maintenance Act 1924, drawn up by the Finance Committee at meeting of 13th August, 1931, be furnished to General Council of County Councils in reply to a query from that body:-

'The Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, has not worked satisfactorily in this County. The only Scheme taken over is Kilmannock, and the ratepayers concerned have held all along that the work there, while fairly effective, was entirely too costly. Another Scheme, The Sow, was improved by the Commissioners of Public Works, but the Council, over two years ago, declined to take it over since the ratepayers responsible held that the work was carried out at exorbitant cost and had been absolutely ineffective - in fact, they contend that instead of obviating the flooding the new work has had the contrary effect. The amendment which Council suggest is that modification be made in the statutory provisions compelling a Council to take over a Scheme which fails to satisfy the local



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ratepayers and obliging them to be at continual war with disgruntled people. Before carrying out any scheme the nature and description of the work should be submitted to the Council concerned and their approval obtained. At present they have no "say" in this matter. Where even very slight improvements are effected by the Office of Public Works the latter can pass the scheme over to the County Council which has no redress."

#### PROPOSED SALE OF FORTVIEW

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The following extract from the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 13th August, 1931, was submitted:-

"Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported that at the auction of above premises on the 12th instant the reserve of £1000 was not reached, the highest bid having been £870. Since the auction he had received a further bid of £900 from Mr. Andrew Nolan, North Main Street, Wexford.

Mr. Kehoe, Auctioneer, who was in attendance, considered it would be difficult to get any higher offer as the value of house property had depreciated considerably since the property was purchased by the Council. Anyone going into the place would have to spend £200 or £300 on it.

Mr. O'Byrne said the reserve price was reasonably low and he considered they should not recommend the acceptance of anything lower.

The other members concurred in this view and accordingly no action was taken."

Mr. Hall proposed:-

"That in the event of Fortview not being disposed of by Saturday, 29th August, 1931, at 12 NOON for £1,000 the premises be used as County Library. That a Joint Committee of County Council and County Library Committee, with the County Surveyor, be appointed to submit recommendations to the Council as to how the premises can best be utilised for Library purposes".



Mr. Culleton seconded.

A proposal by Mr. D'Arcy to empower the Auctioneers to sell the premises at £900, should he fail to secure a higher figure was withdrawn.

Colonel Quin proposed, and Mr. Corish seconded, the following amendment to Mr. Hall's motion:-

"That as the reserved price for the sale of Fortview was not reached at auction the County Council withdraw the premises from sale and reserve them for Library premises!"

After further discussion, a poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon and the Chairman.....11

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Myler, McCarthy, Murphy, Smyth, and Walsh.....13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Hall's motion was then put and adopted nem.con.

#### PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF DICTOGRAPH

The following extract from the meeting of Finance Committee held on 13th August, 1931, was submitted:-

"The following quotation was read from Dictograph Telephones Ltd., 57, Dame Street, Dublin:-

THIS ESTIMATE provides for the complete installation of a DICTOGRAPH EXECUTIVE CONTROL AND INTER-CONVERSING SYSTEM consisting of:-

- One. 5 key Dictograph Master Station
- Five. L.4-1 lamp Dictograph sub-stations.
- Two. K.4 Dictograph sub-stations.
- One. Type "T" Dictograph sub-station.

Together with one Plug and two Jacks for use with Master Station, also cable, Junction Boxes and all other necessary material.

The whole to be installed in an efficient manner, upon payment of the sum of £15: 0: 0 (FIFTEEN POUNDS) towards the cost of



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installation, thereafter quarterly payments, in advance, of  
£4: 14: 6d (FOUR POUNDS, FOURTEEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE),  
for a period of ten years, after which time the installation  
shall become your own property.

During the period of the Contract, the installation shall  
be maintained by our own Engineers, who will inspect same at  
least three times each year. Should any faults occur, they are  
attended to at your calling without charge.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's Hire  
Purchase Agreement.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to instal Dictograph  
Executive Control and Inter-Conversing System in County Council  
Offices as per quotation from Dictograph Telephones Ltd., submitted  
to this meeting."

Mr. Hall proposed, and Mr. O'Byrne seconded, the confirmation  
of the recommendation of Finance Committee.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed, and Mr. Culleton seconded, the following  
amendment:-

"That the proposal to procure Dictograph installation for  
County Council offices be adjourned till November when all  
financial estimates will be considered."

The Chairman said he would take a vote for or against the  
installation of the apparatus. This resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins,  
Hall, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon.....12

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Jordan,  
Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman..12

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the installation  
so that the recommendation of the Finance Committee was defeated.

MOTEYBOWER LANE

Report of Sub-Committee in this matter was adjourned owing



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to the absence of the County Surveyor because of the dangerous illness of a relative.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MEN IN GOREY AREA

Report of Sub-Committee in this matter was adjourned to next meeting owing to the unavoidable absence of the County Surveyor.

#### CAMOLIN STREETS AND ROADS

Messrs Charles Roark and John Roche, Camolin, wrote directing attention to the deplorably neglected condition of the main road through the village. The pathway from the railway corner to the Civic Guard barracks was one mess of grass, the water table for one-third of the length was choked with docks and thistles. The other side of the street was just as bad. The wall between Gahan's field and the street adjoining the Protestant Church was a disgrace to the village and the County Council. They asked that early attention be given to the matter.

Letter from James J. Fowler, Camolin, Hon. Sec., to Camolin Development Association, under date 5th August, 1931, relative to roadway through Camolin Park, the property of the Department of Agriculture, and which appears on Minutes of County Council Meeting of 10th August, 1931, was also read.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported that instructions had been given for the cleaning of the path and the pulling of briars and weeds. The wall, in his opinion, was private property and the Council could not be expected to make any repairs.

The Secretary stated the road through Camolin Park was a purely private one and belonged to the Forestry Department.

Mr. O'Byrne stated they had been trying for some time to get improvements done to the road and the local people had done a certain amount of work themselves and only wanted the loan of one of the Council's rollers for a short time.

Secretary - You will have to charge some nominal figure for the use of the roller.



Mr. Keegan - It would come under the heading of a private road. It serves a lot of people including several large farmers.

Colonel Quin considered that the usual hireage charge for roller should be made.

Mr. Corish - Who is going to pay it ?.

Mr. O'Byrne - There is a lot of poor people there who cannot pay.

Secretary - This should be looked on as an exceptional case. There is no doubt the road is of enormous advantage to a large number of the ratepayers.

Mr. Murphy - Make a business arrangement with them.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was agreed to grant the use of the roller at the charge of 5/- a day.

Col. Quin stated he drove through Camolin that morning and did not see anything bad with the street.

#### COMPLAINT OF OBJECTIONABLE MAN BEING EMPLOYED

Mr. Cummins referred to a North Wexford land dispute and suggested that a man who had purchased a certain farm from the Land Commission and who was employed on lorry haulage work for the County Council should be discharged as he was objectionable to the people of the district.

Mr. Hall considered it was not the business of the County Council to interfere in the matter.

Mr. Cummins - You don't think it is the business of the Council to employ an objectionable man.

Colonel Quin said the man now objected to had acted according to law and if a certain person did not agree with the law why should another be vilified.

The Chairman said he did not think the Council should discuss the matter. As the work of haulage in this district was finished there was no use in carrying the discussion further.

Mr. Keegan considered that men who were able to purchase



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farms should not be employed as hauliers. He did not see why carters should not be employed.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that lorry haulage up to 8 miles was obtainable at 6½d per ton mile while horse haulage cost 10d and would not be able to carry out the work in proper time.

Mr. Culleton proposed that the discussion be ruled out of order.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the man in question be no longer employed by the Council.

Mr. Cooney seconded.

Several members asked the Chairman to rule the matter out of order and the Chairman replied that he was taking it on Mr. Cummins' responsibility. It was proposed and seconded and it was no affair of his (Chairman's).

Mr. Colloton - I propose that the matter be adjourned for the facts.

Mr. Jordan - The facts are simple. A man owed annuities to the Land Commission and the Land Commission, in the usual way, put up the place for sale by public auction. This other man, now employed by the Council, bought it and the same thing has happened in several cases and nobody took any exception to it. The National Bank, The Treasurer of the Council, had done exactly the same but no proposal had ever been made that the County Council account should be taken from them because of their action.

Mr. O'Byrne - I think, as a Council, we should not interfere for every other day we are calling on the Land Commission to have the annuities paid and save the money that should come to the Council in relief of the rates.

Mr. Cummins said he would be satisfied if a resolution to obtain the facts of the case was put to the meeting.



Mr. Corish said this was an important matter and a vote one way or the other might put people in an awkward position. We, he said, hold that a better settlement could be made with the English as far as the annuities are concerned, but as the present position stands, if a man doesn't pay debts and another man buys his farm, I submit that is not land-grabbing in the sense we were told it was in the olden days.

The Land Commission had met the difficulties of a good many people who made a bonafide effort to pay the annuities.

Miss O'Ryan said she would certainly be on the side of man who suffered any hardship, but she, for one, did not know the facts. If Mr. Cummins' proposition was put to the meeting they might, without knowing the facts, be put in an awkward position. She would ask Mr. Cummins to leave it over until the next meeting.

Chairman - It is a political question no matter what why you look at it. I don't know the facts.

Mr. Colloton - I ask you to rule it out altogether.

Both propositions were withdrawn and the matter ended.

#### ROADS OVER RAILWAY BRIDGES

The following, under date 12th August, 1931, from Mr. T. R. Leonard, District Engineer's Office, Great Southern Railways, Waterford, to the County Surveyor was read:-

"It was proposed shortly to renew overbridge No. 373 New Ross Branch, in reinforced concrete. This bridge is situated about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  mls. to the Wexford side of **Palace** East Station. It will be necessary <sup>to</sup> regrade the approaches to the bridge and I send you herewith Plan No. 767/82 showing our proposals.

'I shall be glad to know whether they meet with your approval'"

It was decided to adjourn the matter for the attendance of the County Surveyor.



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FORD OF LYNG

In reply to Col. Gibbon, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that the legal proceedings in connection with the flooding of the Ford of Lyng were being held up as the writ had not yet been served owing to one of the Slob Commissioners being out of jurisdiction. The Courts were not sitting yet and nothing could be done until they re-opened. In his opinion the proceedings would not be heard until the Spring.

Col. Gibbon - Can anything more than we are doing be done ?.

Mr. Elgee - No, sir; I cannot do any more.

Chairman - It will not be done this year then.

WATER PIPE UNDER ROAD COOLGREANEY

In connection with application of Mr. Christopher Kelly to run water pipe under Road No.78 at Coolgreaney, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he had examined the place and interviewed Mr. Kelly on the 5th instant. He recommended that permission be given Mr. Kelly to open road. Mr. Kelly undertook to restore surface to the satisfaction of the County Council.

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

"That permission be given Mr. Christopher Kelly to run water pipe under Road No.78 at Coolgreaney on condition that the surface be restored to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

USE OF WEXFORD TAR

The following, under date 11th August, 1931, (R/JR/20A) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the use of Wexford tar, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that no objection will be raised to the use of local tar for the special purposes mentioned



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in the County Surveyor's letter of the 25th June last.

'The Surveyor should furnish (a) particulars of the quantity he would normally use in the financial year for the special purpose mentioned and (b) an outline of the Specification under the headings shown in Trade List.'

The County Surveyor submitted certificate of Analysis with the following report from the State Laboratory, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, as to sample of tar from Wexford Gas Works which had been submitted to the State Chemist:- "This sample does not

conform to the specification. It contains too high a percentage of distillate below 200°C and of phenols or crude taracids. Its viscosity is much below the limit allowed, i.e., 20 secs."

Colonel Quin - I thought we did not use actual tar ?. It is very dangerous to fish life; it kills all the young fish. I thought we used bitumen.

Mr. D'Arcy - We are not interested in fish. I beg to make application to your Council for permission to purchase what presently appears to be a waste piece of ground situated immediately at the rear of your Council's Weigh Office at Courtown Harbour. I require same as a site for building a dwelling house. Should this application have the kind consideration of your Council I am prepared to pay any reasonable price either for the letting or complete purchase of site referred to."

Colonel Quin - There are other people who are.

Mr. Corish - The bottom of every ship is tarred periodically and they are in the water constantly.

The Secretary stated that no complaint had been received by the Council as to injury to fish life caused by the use of tar on their roads.

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

"That the Manager of Wexford Gas Works be asked to supply the Wexford County Council with particulars of any analyses he may have in connection with the tar produced at his works."

Mr. Keegan referred to structures that were erected on the burrow at Courtown Harbour in connection with which action

Under date 10th August, 1931, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (RG/79) forwarding £649 (s.866) contribution towards the cost of concreting the streets in Enniscorthy Urban District.

application of Mr. Lyons was refused.



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The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 19th August, 1931, from New Ireland Assurance Company, Dawson Street, Dublin, as to inspection of Engineering Plant of the Council.

The following is an extract from letter :- "Our Chief Engineer reports that all the plant examined was found in excellent condition and maintained at the usual high standard in which he has always found it kept."

### PIECE OF WASTE GROUND AT COURTOWN HARBOUR

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The following letter from John Lyons, Courtown Harbour, under date 11th August, 1931, was before the meeting of Finance Committee on 13th August and referred by Committee to the County Surveyor for report:-

"I beg to make application to your Council for permission to purchase what presently appears to be a waste piece of ground situated immediately at the rear of your Council's Weigh Office at Courtown Harbour. I require same as a site for building a dwelling house. Should this application have the kind consideration of your Council I am prepared to pay any reasonable price either for the letting or complete purchase of site referred to."

Mr. Treanor (Assistant Surveyor) stated the applicant was a showman who was connected with the district by marriage. There was a pathway through the ground and a claim might be set up to it by the users as against the disposal of the ground if it belonged to the Council. He could not say who were the owners of the property. The Council's weighbridge was erected on it.

Mr. Keegan referred to structures that were erected on the burrow at Courtown Harbour and in connection with which action with a view to their removal was taken. Vehicles, he also stated, were being conveyed over the footbridge there which should not be permitted.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Col. Quin, the application of Mr. Lyons was refused.



It was decided to refer the matters complained of by Mr. Keegan to the Harbour Master at Courtown for report.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The following report of the Committee was submitted:-

"A meeting of Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd August, 1931. Very Rev W. F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College, presided, and Messrs J. J. Kelly, N.T., and E. P. Foley were also present.

'The Secretary to the County Council was in attendance.

'Apologies for non-attendance (owing to other engagements) were received from Rev. T. Talbot and Col. Gibbon. .

Primary Scholarship Scheme

'The Committee, after discussion, recommended that the Office of National Education should be requested to hold the examination on the results of the following four compulsory subjects, viz., Irish, English, Arithmetic, History and Geography.

'From the point of view of the secondary school it is far more advisable that pupils should have a fair knowledge of these subjects than a rather indifferent knowledge coupled with a smattering of the optional subjects. Besides the ordinary school work covers the teaching of these four subjects.

'The adoption of this change would certainly be the means of increasing the number of applications for award of Scholarships.

'As regards the limits of valuation the Committee felt it would be in the interests of the Scheme to have a valuation limit of £75 maximum for all applicants. The valuation basis furnishes a very poor criterion of the means of the parents or guardians of candidates and was found so unsatisfactory in practice by the County Council as regards University Scholarships that it was deleted from that Scheme a number of years ago.

'The Committee believe that the present procedure by the County Council of considering each application on its merits is



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far more equitable than including or excluding pupils on a valuation figure.

'This practice of the Council is the recommendation which commends itself most to the Committee for the Primary Scheme, but, as it may not be possible to induce the Office of National Education to agree with this proposal for this year, the Committee, as the next best step, suggest one figure of valuation for all applicants.

'University Scheme

'The Committee recommend the following change:- "That as regards sixth last paragraph the first sentence therein, viz., "Scholarships will be confined to students whose ages shall not exceed 20 years on 1st August, 1931." be deleted, and the following substituted:- "Scholarships will be confined to students whose ages shall not exceed that fixed by the Department of Education for obtaining Leaving Certificate!"

The following resolution was moved by Mr. O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Walsh:-

"That we approve of recommendations submitted from meeting of Scholarship Committee of 22nd August, 1931, and that Office of National Education and University Authorities be requested to sanction the inclusion of said recommendations in their Scholarship Schemes"

Mr. Corish proposed, and Mr. Shannon seconded, the following amendment:-

"That consideration of recommendations of Scholarship Committee be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council; in the meantime that these recommendations be furnished each member of the Council."

On a show of hands 10 voted for the amendment and 10 against.

The Chairman voted against the amendment which was declared lost.

The motion of Miss O'Ryan approving of the recommendations was then put and passed.



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Under date 22nd August, 1931, the Office of National Education wrote (F.26726) approving of the schools selected by new Scholarship holders under Primary Scholarship Scheme.

ENNISCORTHY URBAN COUNCIL AND POWERS UNDER  
LIBRARY ACTS  
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Under date 20th August, 1931 (G.63916/31/C.Enniscorthy U.D.) /  
the following was read from Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to the resolution of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 23rd June last, and to state that the Enniscorthy Urban District Council have by resolution of the 5th instant agreed to the transfer of their powers and duties under the Libraries Acts to the County Council on the conditions stipulated.

"I am to state that the Minister approves pursuant to Section 65(6) of the Local Government Act, 1925, of the terms of the transfer of the Urban District Council's powers and duties under the Libraries Acts to the County Council."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to John Mythen, Blackwater, no objection to same being offered by Garda Siochana."

*Michael Doyle*