

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING HELD ON 8th. AUGUST, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th August, 1932.

Present: 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, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryaa, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed after which Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes:- " That the several proposals for payment amounting to £674.10.2d submitted to this meeting and including payments for Roads and Public Works certified by County Surveyor on Form 22 be and are hereby adopted subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th July, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

RATE COLLECTION:- The Secretary stated that the following showed the percentage of warrants collected by each Rate Collector, since he had received his books up to the 31st July, 1932:-

<u>Percentage to 31st. July, 1932.</u>	
J. Quirke	11.8
P. Nolan	11.3
J. Curtis	10.7
M. Murphy	10.5
S. Gannon	
(Mr. Kelly's District)	10.2
E.J. Murphy	9.7
S. Gannon (No.10)	9.4
A. Dunne	9.14
W. Cummins	9.13
M. McCarthy	8.9
T. Rowe	8.8
J. Cummins	8.1
T. Bolger	7.2
P. O'Byrne	6.89
J.J. O'Reilly	6.86
P. Doyle	6.8
J. Deegan	6.4
W. Doyle	6.3
J.J. Sinnott	4.9
P. Carty	3.5

Continuing the Secretary stated that the amount of Rate lodged to date was £9255, approximately 9% of warrant. For the corresponding period last year the amount collected was £12,463 or 12% of warrant. The Rate Collectors were anxious to obtain from the Council, a direction which they could show ratepayers as to the necessity for rates being paid promptly. They believed this was necessary owing to the present economic upset.

The Chairman and Mr. McCarthy held that it should be unnecessary to furnish Rate Collectors with any instructions. They knew those who were able to pay as they moved amongst the people every day, and if they complied with the terms of their warrant they could not be asked by the Council to do more.

Col. Quin considered that if a letter were furnished to the Collectors pointing out that unless rates were paid County Services could not be maintained, it might help the

Collectors in the discharge of their duty.

Mr. Culleton said that very large numbers of Ratepayers were just living from hand to mouth and as they could not dispose of their stock they were unable to pay their way.

The Chairman corroborated Mr. Culleton's statement.

Col. Gibbon raised the question as to how the Government Grants had been paid and enquired if any were in arrear.

The Chairman mentioned that as regards the payment of the Agricultural Grant the Local Government Department declined to alter the present procedure.

Col. Quin, after further discussion proposed that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Rate Collectors and point out to them that they should impress upon all ratepayers how necessary it was that rates should be paid promptly as otherwise it would be impossible to carry on the County Services and undue hardship would be inflicted upon the poor especially.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out there was a standing order from the Council to the Rate Collectors, to secure prompt payment of rates from all who were in a position to pay.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that if the time of payment could be extended till after the harvest it would help the farmers very considerably. At present no money was coming in, and they found it extremely difficult to pay their labour bill. If they were obliged to pay their rates, it would mean they would be compelled to discharge some of their workmen.

A poll was taken on Col. Quin's resolution with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cummins, Gibbon, Hayes, O'Ryan and Quin. (8)

Against: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smith and the Chairman (7)

Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Shannon, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Mayler and Walsh (8) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

The Chairman stated that since the opening of the meeting he had received a letter from Miss E. Whelan, Ballyorley, Ferns, stating that she wished to come before the Council in regard to seizure of 33 sheep, her property, which had been made at the instance of Mr. Joseph Cummins, Rate Collector, (District No. 8) for rates. These sheep had been put up for sale; there was no bidder and Mr. Cummins then bought them for £10 and had them at present in his possession. She and her people held five farms and paid poor rates of £70 per annum.

After some discussion it was decided to afford Miss Whelan an opportunity of submitting the circumstances of her case to the Council, but she failed to appear and the matter dropped.

Col. Quin considered it was a matter for a Court.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, in reply to Mr. D'Arcy, said it was perfectly legal for the Rate Collector to buy in the sheep when there were no bidders.

PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The Secretary stated that he had received from the Manager of Munster & Leinster Bank, New Ross, intimation that Mr. James Furlong, Scullabogue, could be considered as a suitable security in a bond of £400 for Mr. Doyle (Rate Collector No. 2 District).

A similar communication in respect of Mr. Michael Furlong, Raheenakenedy, Adamstown, had been received from the Manager, National Bank, New Ross.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Brennan, and adopted:- "That in view of communications received from Bank Managers, Messrs. James Furlong, Scullabogue, Newbawn and Michael Furlong, Raheenakenedy, Adamstown, be accepted as personal sureties for William Doyle, Rate Collector (District No. 2).

PROPOSED EXCURSION TO CORK.

Mr. Eamonn Barry, official Excursion Organiser, of the Irish Industrial and Agricultural Fair, Cork, wrote that in connection with the proposal made at the last meeting of the County Council, that the proposed excursion to Cork, should take place on the 11th August, 1932, it had been found necessary to change the date of the excursion to the 14th, as from enquiries made in many representative quarters, it would appear, that with the week~~day~~ excursion the numbers would not reach the requisite figure stipulated as a guarantee by the Railway Company, whereas a train on Sunday would be well patronised.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Barry and point out to him that, the replay of the Leinster Senior Football Tie (G.A.A.) between Dublin & Wexford, which had been fixed for Sunday 14th August, would very seriously interfere with the number of those who would be likely to take part in the Cork excursion. The Council suggested it might be more advisable if the excursion would be postponed to Sunday the 4th September, 1932.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 28th July, 1932 be and are hereby adopted."

BOARD OF HEALTH LOANS.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Councillor Gaul:- "That the Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1,600 for the purpose of acquiring and developing site and erecting a residence for the Medical

"Officer of the Bunclody Dispensary District - County-at-large Charge."

It was circulated to the Members of the Council on the 4th July, 1932.

By permission of the meeting Mr. Armstrong, in the absence of Mr. Gaul, moved the resolution which was seconded by Col. Gibbon and adopted nem. con.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to the County Councillors on the 4th July, 1932, was moved by Col. Quin:-

"That permission be accorded to the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, to borrow ^{the} sum of £306 for the purpose of providing water supply at Clonattin Road, Gorey, area of charge to be Gorey Rural District."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed nem.con.

SLUICE GATES COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 29th July, 1932, the Office of Public Works forwarded (14047/32) report of one of their Assistant Engineers Mr. C.S. McNeill, as to his inspection of Courtown Harbour, on the 27th July, 1932,. The following is copy of the report:-

"Along with Mr. Barry the Co. Surveyor, I inspected the work at the sluice gates yesterday.

The new gates are hung in position and cofferdams have been erected on each side of the gates for the purpose of exposing the cill and runway, the former of which is to be renewed while the latter may require repair.

After some little difficulty the Contractor made the cofferdams staunch but could not succeed in pumping the dam dry on account of leakage through the points of the invert or stone pitching in the bed of the channel. To overcome this difficulty, the Contractor covered with an 8 inch layer of concrete, all that portion of the invert seawards of the gates

"Thus raising it to the level of the cill. He then attempted to pump out the dam, and had it almost dry when two serious "blows" or leaks occurred in the uncovered portion of the invert, which, on account of the runways, he was unable to cover.

He is now engaged in trying to staunch these leaks by pressure grouting and provided this be successful the dam can be pumped dry and the works proceed without interruption.

Other than pressure grouting I know of no other method of staunching the leakages that would likely prove successful.

All I could do, in the circumstances, was to suggest, in case the first grouting did not hold, the use of a 1 to 1 mixture instead of neat cement, and also the application of "Sika" to hasten the setting of the grout under water.

The Contractor has been making every effort to overcome difficulties which could not have been foreseen."

Under date 5th August, 1932, the following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I beg to report, for the information of the County Council, that on Wednesday evening, 3rd instant, the Contractor for this work at last succeeded in pumping dry the gate chamber. I was present at the time, and had an opportunity of examining the existing cill, which is in a thoroughly sound condition. On my leaving the job the Contractor was about putting in new timber piece so as to come flush against the gates, and this should make this portion of the job entirely satisfactory. I left Mr. Treanor in charge of the work."

The Co. Surveyor said there was still a little water coming in but it was kept under control by a small pump. He had notified Mr. McNeill that he had given instructions to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to flood the upper chamber and leave the lower one empty, in order that they could ascertain if the flooding had been completely obviated. He had no doubt,

that unless something unforeseen occurred, the work would be finished this week.

TURF V IMPORTED COAL.

Under date 28th July, 1932, the Local Government Department (Circ.S 51/32) wrote that it was desirable for Local Authorities to give early consideration to the possibility of substituting turf of suitable quality for imported coal in the institutions and premises under their charge. In the first instance the Authorities should call for an early report from their officers as to the availability of turf, of the monthly fuel requirements in detail and of the maximum extent to which turf might be substituted and the probable comparative cost. If it was possible in some localities, to more fully avail of coal from Saorstat Collieries than hitherto, this important consideration should receive due attention.

The Co. Surveyor considered, that with anything like the general demand, there would not be sufficient turf in the County.

Mr. McCarthy considered this was a matter more for the Board of Health and the Mental Hospital.

The Co. Surveyor stated that during the coal strike, one Co. Surveyor had utilised turf in his engines fairly successfully.

Mr. O'Byrne thought it would be worth ascertaining whether turf could, or could not, be used effectively in the County Council engines.

Mr. Armstrong said that any amount of turf could be procured on Mount Leinster.

The Chairman said he would like to know what would be the probable cost.

Col. Quin mentioned that he had used turf but had found it very dusty, while the cost of transport was prohibitive. Neither did it give off sufficient heat.

The Co. Surveyor questioned if it would be possible to use turf in their engines. Irish coal would not be suitable, unless the fire bars were altered.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Co. Surveyor submit a report to the Council covering the queries set out in the letter of the Department of Local Government under date 28th July, 1932, (Circ. S. 51/32)."

HOLIDAYS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 6th August, 1932, the Local Government Department wrote (P.H.58569/32 Loch Garman) (Ae) approving of the proposal to appoint Dr. Maguire, D.P.H. as locum tenens during the absence, on annual leave of Dr. Bastible, C.M.O.H., the rate of remuneration to be £10.10s. per week.

SOW DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

In connection with letter from the Office of Public Works under date 16th July, 1932 (2597-32) the following report was presented:-

"A meeting of the Drainage Ratepayers in connection with the offer of the Board of Works to provide £5,000 for the improvement of the Sow Drainage system, was held at Glenbrien School on 1st. August, 1932.

Mr. John Doyle, Ballynamuddagh, presided and a large number of Ratepayers were present, but some of those whose contributions to the administration of the scheme, were heaviest, were absent.

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

"Mr. Corish T.D. M.C.C., was unable to be present owing to another engagement.

The proposed improvements and also the work which had been carried out by the Board of Works under the Drainage Maintenance Act of 1924 were considered in detail.

It was pointed out by the Ratepayers:-

1. That they were already responsible for the repayment of £3,948.5s. to cover the work under the Drainage Maintenance Act of 1924 and which had been a complete failure. From the time this work was completed to the present, the land had been constantly flooded and was useless for agricultural purposes.
2. The Work complained of, was started by the Board of Works without the approval of the Ratepayers.
3. It was considered something should be done to compensate them for the losses caused by the failure of the activities of the Board of Works to obviate the flooding. In this respect some of the Ratepayers regarded the £5,000 now offered as a set off against their losses.
4. Something should be done to repeal the Drainage Maintenance Act of 1924 under which every drainage system in the Country can be placed under the control of the Board of Works. The latter is empowered to appoint an engineer to inspect any drainage system. If he reports that it does not reach the Board's requirements, they can step in, and carry out any work they desire, and no matter how small this may be the Drainage Ratepayers are ousted from control of the system which is handed over to the County Council, who have no desire to be brought into conflict with numbers of disgruntled people. The Ratepayers present pointed out that they were not aware of the contributions for which they were responsible under the Charging Order of the Board of Works. Neither their welfare, wishes nor convenience was

- taken into account when the control of the system was taken from them by the Board of Works.
5. Bearing in mind the present depressed state of agriculture it would not be possible for them to pay the seven instalments in arrear under the Charging Order. Proposals regarding this matter will be submitted to the County Council later.
 6. If it be found feasible to accept the £5,000 from the State, Ratepayers are strongly of opinion they should be consulted as to the details of the work, and their opinions as to what should be done, should receive favourable consideration.
 7. In view of the present Bank Rate, Ratepayers feel that the Interest under the Charging Order viz. $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ is exorbitant and should be reduced. Their total indebtedness under the Charging Order is £3,948.5s. representing Principal £2378.0.3d. and Interest £1570.4.9d, the figure in the latter case being over 50% of the advance made.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to meeting to be held in Glenbrien School on 5th August, 1932, at 5 p.m. official time.

Those in attendance promised to endeavour to secure the attendance of all ratepayers concerned, at this meeting."

"The adjourned meeting on Friday 5th August, 1932, was well attended.

The Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

It was stated that several consultations of the Drainage Ratepayers had taken place in the meantime.

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

"That as the Drainage Ratepayers have derived no benefit from the restoration works carried out in 1925-26 by the Commissioners of Public Works we now offer to be responsible

"for the sum of £1,200, repayment to be spread over a period of 20 years, and payment to run, after the £5000 State Grant has been expended on the drainage system for new restoration work. That the existing loan and arrears be cancelled. The commuted sum now offered represents the full amount of our capacity to pay and will at the moment be a greater burden on us than the original loan was in 1926. It is manifest to all that the capacity of the ratepayers to pay has depreciated by 50 per cent. in recent years.

That we request the Wexford County Council to place our views and the circumstances of our position before the Commissioners of Public Works."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following which was adopted:- "That the report of Sow Drainage Ratepayers, submitted to this meeting be forwarded to the Office of Works for favourable consideration.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

SECONDARY SCHEME:- The following under date 23rd July, 1932 was read from the Office of National Education:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 8th instant relative to the scholarship awarded by your Council in 1928 to James Donnelly, who is now a pupil teacher in Rockwell College, and to your statement that this boy would have received a scholarship for the fourth year value £50 but for the fact that he had secured a pupil teachership, I am directed to refer to the circular letters (copies herewith) issued to Co. Councils by this Department explaining the attitude of this Department in the matter. I am also to refer to this Department's letter to you in connection with the 1930 scheme in which it was stated in connection with the clause excluding pupil teachers and Preparatory College students from the benefits of your Councils Scheme, that should any case arise under this clause it would be open to consideration by the Department.

In the case at issue at the moment there is the further point

"that the scheme submitted by your Council in 1928 and approved by this Department does not provide for the exclusion of a scholarship holder from the benefits of your Council's Scheme because of appointment as pupil teacher or admission to a Preparatory College. In the circumstances it does not appear that your Council is empowered under the provisions of the approved scheme to withdraw the scholarship for the fourth year from this boy, and I am to request that you will be good enough to have the matter further considered by your Council from this point of view.

An early reply will be deemed a favour."

The enclosures referred to in this communication were also read for the meeting.

Col. Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the letter from the Department of Education under date 23rd July, 1932, relative to fourth year's secondary scholarship of James Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitty, with enclosures thereto, be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, for his advice."

UNIVERSITY SCHEME:- Under date 6th July, the following results of the Summer examination of students holding University Scholarships from the Council in Session 1931/32 and furnished from University College, Dublin, were read:-

Michael Tobin	Passed the First University Examination in Arts with Second Class Honours in Irish.
Mary F. Kelly	Passed the First University Examination in Arts with Second Class Honours in Irish and English.
Barbara Lowe	Passed the First University Examination in Commerce with Second Class Honours in Irish.
John Dunphy	Passed the Second Year College Examination in Commerce.
Michael F. O'Keefe	Did not reach the Pass Standard at the Second Year College Examination in Arts.

John J. Hunt

Passed the Subsidiary subject for the B.A. Degree. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn.

Gatherine Kickham

Passed the subsidiary subject for the B.Comm. Degree. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn.

In the case of Arthur J. Nix a report will be forwarded after the Autumn Examinations.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That Michael F. O'Keefe, University Scholar under this County Council be asked for an explanation of his failure to reach the pass standard at second year college examination in Arts, and how he proposes to make good this failure."

Under date 3rd August, 1932, Miss Elizabeth Hogan, 69 South Street, New Ross, wrote, that as she had now completed her training for teachership, she intended to avail of County Council University Scholarship which had been held over for her since 1930. She had decided to attend the Galway University.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we approve of Miss Elizabeth Hogan, 69 South Street, New Ross, taking up her University Scholarship at Galway University."

MEETING OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:- It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Scholarship Committee ^{meeting} to consider syllabuses of Scholarship Schemes (Secondary and University) be held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Saturday, 27th August, 1932 at 10.30 a.m."

HOUSES WITHIN 30 ft. OF CENTRE OF ROAD.

In connection with the erection of house at Tomduff, Enniscorthy, and which had been referred to the County Board of Health, copy of Minutes of meeting of that Body was submitted. They had referred the matter back to the County Council.

After discussion it was decided that the matter be further adjourned until the Council have obtained the advice of the Legal Advisor to the Local Government Department, as to the powers, duties and responsibilities of County Councils in regard to buildings which have been erected without their permission within 30 feet of the centre of a road or within 30 yards of same.

Under date 11th July, 1932 the County Surveyor submitted letter from Sylvester O'Neill, Ballingale Mills, Ballycarney, stating it was his intention to build a house beside the Ferns - Bunclody road between Tombrack and Strahart. He wished to know if he could build same on old foundations and where there was a house years ago.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan it was decided that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District be requested to furnish a detailed report relative to application of Mr. O'Neill.

St. Helen's Quarry.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Michael McCarthy, St. Helen's, Kilrane, under date 17th July, 1932, claiming £5 loss caused to him since lorries started drawing material from St. Helen's quarry.

Mr. McCarthy stated in his letter he had land rented on the 11 months' system at Ballywittich. He was driving his three cows and one other head of cattle from St. Helen's to this land, until the lorries started drawing stones from the quarry and since then he was unable to put his cattle upon it. The land was idle as a result of having to confine the animals to the small piece of land available at St. Helen's. They were in very poor condition and he asked the Council to give this matter their kind consideration.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that Mr. McCarthy could not sustain any claim against the Council carrying out their ordinary work in using the road and they should disclaim liability.

The Chairman complained of the recklessness with which the lorries drawing stones from this quarry were being driven.

The Co. Surveyor said he had cautioned these drivers several times, but would again communicate with the Assistant Surveyor for the district in the matter.

COMPLAINT BY ROAD WORKER.

Under date 5th August 1932, Myles Noctor, of Barmoney, Bree, who stated he was a labouring man with a wife and family living in a labourer's cottage, wrote that he had only secured a few odd day's road work, amounting in all to about three weeks, during the past nine months. When work was resumed in Barmoney Quarry, a few months ago he had made repeated applications to the foreman, without success, although the foreman knew he was badly in need of work. If there was anything against him, he was not aware of it. There never had been any complaint by previous Surveyors of the manner in which he had discharged his duties. A few weeks ago he approached Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for work but he was informed that sufficient men had been engaged. He (Noctor) then asked for the drawing of the water but was informed, a man had been already engaged. Noctor pointed out to Mr. Birthistle that the man employed was drawing a weekly pension. Mr. Birthistle mentioned, he knew nothing about that. The man, for reasons other than the pension was not employed for water drawing, but his son aged about 19 years, who left his employment with a nearby farmer took up the job.

Out of about eight men working on the quarry, three were unmarried and only one local. Apart from it being the rule to give preference to married men, it was a wretched state of affairs to give jobs to young unmarried men, whilst a man with a wife and family was allowed to go hungry.

After discussion it was decided to request a detailed report in the matter from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district.

IMPROVEMENT OF CURRACLOE ROAD.

Mr. Corish stated, he had been informed that the men who were hand-breaking stones on the Curracloe road were only able to earn £1 per week at 3/6 per cubic yard.

The Co. Surveyor held that they should break $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards a day easily.

Mr. Colleton mentioned that some of these men had never broken road material previously, and it was probable they would improve with practice.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that the men were being paid at the same rate as breaking by machinery would cost, in accordance with the resolution of the Council.

CONDITION OF ROAD - CAIM AND KILLANNE.

A memorial signed by twelve large Ratepayers in the district calling attention to the bad state of the road between Caim and Killanne was read. A good deal of lorry and ordinary motor-car traffic passed over this road and if not put in proper repair before the commencement of the Winter it would be impassable.

The Co. Surveyor stated that this was one of the roads which he intended to bring forward when grants were available. In this particular instance the Memorialists had forwarded copy of that supplied to the County Council, to the Local Government Department, whose Chief Road Engineer, Mr. Quigley, had asked him (Co. Surveyor) for a detailed report in the matter. The road was very badly pot-holed and as soon as grants were available he would endeavour to have it put in good condition.

ROAD - NOLAN'S KILN TO DUNMAIN CROSS ROADS.

Robert Conway, Dunmain, New Ross, wrote under date 18th July, 1932, again calling attention to the awful condition of the roads

in his locality, particularly that from Nolan's Kiln to Dunmain Cross Roads. No class of traffic could pass over it after a very short time. There were pot holes on it from 4" to 6" deep and 3ft. square, and as thick as they could be.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had scheduled this road for repair under State Grant and he would carry out the necessary repairs as soon as funds came to hand.

CHAPEL LANE BUNCLODY.

The seventeen residents of Chapel Lane, Buncloody, wrote under date 26th July, endorsing the application made on their behalf by Mr. Armstrong, County Councillor to have Chapel Lane, closed to all "through" traffic, which was very dangerous to pedestrians, especially young children and was also very injurious to their houses. The closing of this lane could in no way inconvenience any section of the public.

Mr. Armstrong, moved a resolution that the wishes of the inhabitants in this matter should be complied with. It was not by any means an important thoroughfare, most of it in fact was only 10 feet wide. It was maintained by the County but he never saw any work being carried out. Recently it was being used by lorry drivers as it saved them about 20 yards in contrast with another route.

Mr. Corish pointed out in order to comply with the wishes of the residents of Chapel Lane, it would be necessary to have a Local Government Inquiry.

Mr. Armstrong said in that case he would withdraw his resolution and the matter dropped.

BLACKWATER DISPENSARY.

Under date 20th July, 1932, the following was read from Catherine Dunne:-

"I beg to inform you that I am directed by the members of the Co. Board of Health to have the Dispensary (at present on my premises) enlarged and as the extension would be close to

"the main road Mr. Cullen (Surveyor) who has been to see the place directed me to write and inform you so that you may possibly bring the matter before the members of the County Council at the next meeting on the 25th inst. "

The Co. Surveyor stated that he would arrange with Mr. Flood, Engineer to the Health Board, to meet him at the Dispensary, and see how best the matter could be dealt with.

The meeting approved of the Co. Surveyor's suggestion.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, be granted to Mr. F. Daly, General Manager, Enniscorthy, Co-operative Society, and Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

PROPOSED PENSIONS FOR ALL COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.

The following resolution was submitted from Tralee Urban Council, under date 12th July, 1932:-

" RESOLVED: That the Government be asked to approve of granting pensions to employees of County and Urban District Councils, in whatever capacity employed, when they attain an age which renders them incapable of further employment and that their amount of service be taken into consideration in assessing such pensions. That these pensions be made a Government charge. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all County and Urban District Councils in the Irish Free State and to the seven Kerry representatives in Dail Eireann."

Col. Quin suggested that the resolution should be marked read, but Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded its adoption.

Mr. McCarthy considered the resolution was too indefinite.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Cooney's

proposal, with the following result.

For: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon. (9)

Against: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Quin, Smith, Walsh and the Chairman. (14)

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Cummins said he wished to propose a resolution and judging by the feeling of kindness and harmony which had prevailed that day, he anticipated it would be carried unanimously. The resolution which was very simple was as follows:- "That we express our fullest confidence in the Government and its leader, Eamon De Valera, in the fight that is being made against England."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution.

Col. Quin said this was politics and should be ruled out.

The Chairman said that at the second last meeting of the Council a resolution of this kind had been brought up and Miss O'Ryan then stated these resolutions did more harm than good and should be ruled out of order. He (Chairman) had ruled the resolution of that time out of order, and following that precedent, he also ruled the present one out of order.

Miss O'Ryan sought to speak further, but the Chairman left the chair and said if they were not satisfied with his ruling they could appoint somebody else to preside.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman said that a number of people were in the habit of forwarding correspondence on County Council and other official business to him at his own residence. He wished the Press would publish a note, that for the future all correspondence of this kind should be addressed to the Co. Secretary and unless this were done he would refuse to countenance it at all.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING, 29th AUGUST, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th August, 1932.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £389 was examined and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that before proceeding to the election of Chairman for the year, he wished to say that having held the chair for four successive years, he did not wish to hold a monopoly of the position and would be very glad to support any other member for the position. He would be only too happy to support any one who had any anxiety or ambition for the chair. He was very much obliged to the members for having so often elected him and was also very thankful for the support he had as their Chairman received, but really he did not consider it right to have a monopoly of the chair and he would be glad to support any other member who desired to go forward.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. M. Doyle be re-elected Chairman of this County Council for year 1932-33 to hold the position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office." Mr. Doyle, he said, was their oldest member and had the most experience of the work.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution, which was adopted nem. con.

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The Chairman said he was very much obliged to the members for their unanimous election and appreciated very heartily the compliment they had paid him. He had done his best in the past and would continue doing his best in the future. He could not promise wonders. He feared they would have a very strenuous year and one which it would not be easy to get through. It would be difficult to keep their Institutions financed, while the Country was taxed to the utmost capacity. He wished it had been otherwise as he would be glad to see the Country in a more prosperous condition. He hoped before the year terminated to see some signs for the better and a very considerable improvement on the present position.

The Chairman then subscribed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution, which was adopted without dissent:-

"That Mr. James E. Walsh be re-elected Vice Chairman of this County Council for year 1932-33 to hold the position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

Mr. Walsh in returning thanks, said, that the Chairman had given such a good attendance during the past year, that his (Mr. Walsh's) duties were light. In Mr. Doyle they had one of the best Chairman of any County Council in Ireland, one who carried on the business without fear, favour or affection. If it fell to his (Mr. Walsh's) lot to preside, he would do his best to maintain the high traditions of the Chairmanship of Wexford County Council. He endorsed the remarks of the Chairman as to the future. They were passing through very troublous times and he did not see where the Country would land, if something was not done to relieve the agricultural community of their present oppressive burdens.

Mr. Walsh then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by County Surveyor:-

"The work under improvement grants is proceeding satisfactorily. The two jobs for laying of concrete slabs are working out well as regards cost, and as already approved of by the Council, I am transferring part of estimated saving to the tarring work on the Rosslare Harbour Road. In connection with Grant K.852 - Enniscorthy - Bunclody Road - I wish to ask for extension of time for keeping the road closed. It was impossible to commence the work on the original date fixed, as there was difficulty in getting sand, the greater part of which had to come from the north, and, consequently, the slab work could not proceed until we had sufficient sand on the ground. I suggest that the Local Government Department be asked to extend the time for a further period of three weeks.

"The work on the four Relief Grants on the first allocation of £3,000 is in progress. The original work laid out in Gorey Town has been completed, leaving a saving of about £150, and, with the sanction of the Local Government Department, I am expending this on the improvement of the surface of the bad hill near Tara Hill. This was a work which was before the Council on several occasions, but was held up for want of funds. There is now a further allocation of £3,000, and I suggest that the Killanne - Enniscorthy Road and New Ross - Dunmain Road be improved under this - allocating £1400 to the Killanne Road, and £1600 to the Dunmain Road. Both of these jobs were approved of by the Council, and the subject of memorials.

At a former meeting of the Council the suggestion of making a new road through Camolin Park was under consideration, and the Land Commission asked to be furnished with an estimate of the probable cost. The proposed road is

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"in or about 900 perches in length, and will cost £200.

"On the 12th instant I wrote to Mr. Patrick Rellis, Tombrack, Ballycarney, requiring him to remove a tree which was dangerous to the road. It is particularly necessary that this tree should be now removed as the roots extend under the roadway which is about being concreted, and will certainly injure the slab, besides being a danger to the public. I ask for authority to be given to the County Solicitor to take proceedings, in the event of the owner not removing the tree.

"I submit report in connection with the complaint of Myles Noctor regarding Barmoney Quarry.

"At a former meeting of the Council reference was made to a gullet at Newtown in connection with the Cahore Drainage Scheme. I have inspected the place, and am satisfied that the work is entirely in connection with the drainage, and should not be undertaken as a County Road job. The putting in of a new and sufficient gullet would, I estimate, cost at least £60 and I consider that the Board of Works should be asked to carry out the work.

"The painting of New Ross Bridge is now practically completed, the only work to be done being the tarring of the dolphins, which has been delayed owing to the extensive repairs having to be done to the timber work. I consider the work has been well carried out by the Contractor up to the present time.

"On the 11th instant I met Mr. Doyle, Engineer, representing Board of Works, at Courtown Harbour. On that date Messrs. Lee had the gate chamber pumped dry, and we were able to make a final inspection. I consider that the Contractors have done good work, taking into account the very great difficulty they had in running dry the dam. The restoration of the spillway which had been ~~open~~ opened to relieve the pressure is now in progress, and the Contractors have a diver at work clearing away the under-water parts of the dam which could not be removed otherwise. The job as a whole I consider

"good. On the 24th instant Mr. Waller, representing Messrs Delap and Waller, Engineers, was with me at Ferrycarraig Bridge. On morning and evening tide he carried out diving work making a full under-water inspection of the bascule opening piles. The lower parts of these piles are thoroughly sound, but on the north side of the bascule at low water level piles have suffered injury from the thrust of the slipping abutment. The repair of these and also of any overhead damage could easily be carried out when the reconstruction of the end is in progress. On the 25th instant the Committee appointed by the Council met at the bridge, and Mr. Waller and myself were in attendance. There will be before you the Committee's detailed report."

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

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

ENNISCORTHY - BUNCLODY ROAD:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That application be made to the Local Government Department for a further extension of one month for the closing of the Enniscorthy - Bunclody Road (Grant K.852) alternative route to be as at present."

Col. Quin said the work appeared to be very well carried out.

ALLOCATION OF GRANT £3000 - County Roads:- In connection with Grants for County Roads, the following under date 11th August, (R.F.U.32) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to his letter of 8th June, last, and to state that he has received the approval of the Minister for Finance to the making of a further grant of £3000 to the Wexford County Council for the improvement of County roads, making a total grant of £6,000 to date. Suitable schemes for the

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"expenditure of the amount should be submitted without delay. The needs of the Enniscorthy - Killanne road about which representations have been made to this Department should be borne in mind.

"All labour required for the schemes must be recruited through the Employment Exchange in accordance with the terms of this Department's Circular Letter of 22nd ultimo."

Mr. O'Byrne disagreed with the County Surveyor's suggestion . The grant was made, not on the basis of improving the roads but to relieve unemployment. For that reason he was of opinion that it should be distributed equally over the four County Electoral Areas.

Mr. Cooney called attention to the fact that there was a tremendous lot of unemployment in the districts south of New Ross Area as they obtained less ordinary grants than other district in the County.

The Chairman pointed out that New Ross got an equal share of the first £3,000 Grant for County roads with the other three districts and it was wrong for Mr. Cooney to deny this.

Mr. Keegan said the people in Tara Hill, Gorey, were very badly hit through unemployment and were in a very bad way. The whole countryside was barren with the result that agricultural labour was not required whereas in the other districts there was a possibility of the unemployed obtaining a few days' casual work with farmers.

Mr. Cooney held that New Ross was entitled to preferential treatment with regard to this grant owing to the fact that their ratio for ordinary grants, compared with the other districts, was as 1 to 5.

Mr. Murphy held that the Council should recognise as a general principle that the districts should have equal shares in these grants, £750 would not put the Dunmain Road into good condition but when the next instalment of this grant reached the Council another section of this thoroughfare could be dealt with.

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Mr. O'Byrne then proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That the £3,000 grant from Local Government Department for improvement of County roads be apportioned in equal shares to the four County Electoral Areas."

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That the £3,000 grant for the improvement of County Roads be allocated in accordance with the recommendations of the Co. Surveyor's report."

Mr. Roche argued as the roads in North Wexford were so much superior to those in the South, more of the grants should be spent in the latter area.

The Co. Surveyor stated he looked upon this grant as an instalment and that the Council would obtain £20,000. The recommendation of the two works set out in his report, was caused by the fact that they had been discussed at great length by the Council, and a decision arrived at that as soon as money was available it should be spent on their improvement. He did not object to the division of the £3000 in equal shares over the County provided that the balance of the work on ^{the} two jobs which he recommended would not be cut out and the Council would be prepared when money was available to finish the full sections as recommended.

A poll was taken on Mr. Cooney's amendment with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Doran, Meyler and Walsh. 8.

AGAINST: Messrs. Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. 13.

Messrs. Gaul, Jordan and Shannon (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

After discussion a vote was taken on the motion of Mr. O

O'Byrne to distribute the grant in equal shares among the four

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County Electoral Areas with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, and the Chairman. 15.

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Doran and Walsh. 5.

Mr. Clince (1) did not vote, and Messrs. Gaul, Jordan and Shannon (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that the £750 for each district should be spent on the following works:-

Enniscorthy : Killanne - Caim Road.

Gorey: Tara Hill Road on road Killenagh to Ballycanew.

New Ross: Dunmain Road.

Wexford: Kerlogue and Murrintown Road.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that 45 people were unemployed in the Monamolin District. Sometime ago the Council had agreed to the erection of a bridge there but the work had been held up, owing to want of funds. He considered that in view of the large incidence of unemployment in the district this bridge should now be erected.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that the road from Gorey to Tara Hill, was in a very bad condition and there was also a large number of people unemployed in the district.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Monamolin Bridge would not cover all the portion of the grant for Gorey Area.

Col. Quin pointed out that the Gorey - Tara Hill road was not much used by the public.

Mr. Hall was of opinion that unemployment was more rife in Ballycanew district than in any other portion of the County and for that reason Killenagh - Ballycanew road should, if possible, be included under the grant.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that he was not certain if the Local Government Department would agree to the erection of the bridge out of the grant but of course he would put the query to them.

Mr. Gaul was of opinion that something should be done for the streets of the Village of Taghmon as they were in a very bad way.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out as they were on a link road they would have to wait for a grant covering their class.

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

"That from the grant of £3000 received from Local Government Department for County roads, the following expenditure be agreed to; Killanne - Caim road - £750; Gorey - Monamolin Bridge; Tara Hill - Gorey Road; Killenagh - Ballycanew Road £750, amount in each of these cases to be apportioned by the Co. Surveyor. Dunmain - New Ross road £750 and Kerlogue Murrintown Road £750."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD:- On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted;- "That the Co. Surveyor furnish to the Land Commission, full details as to the cost of proposed road through Camolin Park and which the Council are prepared to maintain, should the construction be carried out by the Land Commission."

REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREE:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Solicitor be directed to take proceedings against Patrick Rellies, Tombrack, Ballycarney, to have dangerous tree on Enniscorthy - Bunclody road removed."

Col. Quin said that if this tree was on his land he would allow it to be removed without law proceedings.

EMPLOYMENT AT BARMONEY QUARRY:- In connection with the complaint of Myles Noctor as to his inability to obtain employment at Barmoney Quarry, the following report under date 27th August, 1932, was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district:-

"With reference to complaint made by Myles Noctor the following are the facts, so far as I can gather.

"He has a large family, but practically all members are out

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"at work. He never made application for a job in the quarry except on the one occasion to me. This was just prior to arrival of the stonebreaker.

"I was aware that man drawing water to engine had a small pension. When originally selected this man was in dire distress. He only has the pension for a comparatively short time. He has a wife and two boys to support. The boys get occasional work with the farmers.

"Out of seven men in quarry two are unmarried. One is a regular hand as he has many dependants. The other has been taken on each year, and usually only when the breaker is there.

"In conclusion Noctor has not worked in this quarry since August '22. He lives in a Council cottage, and I am informed is also whole or part owner, with his wife of a house and about six acres of land adjoining the quarry."

Miss O'Ryan said there were two members of the one family employed at Barmoney and this started jealousy. This was the district she represented and she felt sure that the Council would be quite safe in allowing this matter to remain in the hands of Mr. Birthistle. She then proposed a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

Mr. Cooney, as an amendment proposed the following:-

"That Myles Noctor be employed at Barmoney Quarry whenever work is available for him.

There was no seconder for this proposal and Miss O'Ryan's resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

CAHORE DRAINAGE AREA.

The Co. Surveyor said he was satisfied that the drain in question had nothing to do with the road.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the Board of Works Official in charge of the improvement of the drainage held, he had no authority to interfere with the road, and gave that as a reason why, they would not carry out the work at the bridge.

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The County Surveyor said he had discussed the matter with the Board of Works Engineer who was to submit plans to him. The Board of Works knew they had nothing to do but ask for permission to open the road in order to obtain it. This was an artificial drainage cut, for the maintenance of which the Council would not be liable.

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

"That the County Surveyor submit report relative to maintenance of Newtown bridge, Cahore Drainage Area, to the Board of Works."

DAMAGE TO NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

In connection with the paragraph in the Co. Surveyor's report, the following was read from Thomas Lee, Caretaker of New Ross Bridge:- "In putting down Shannon Cable, the Electricity Supply Board damaged a lot of the painting - top rail and base. It would want to be seen to and given another coat of paint."

Under date 20th August, 1932, letter was read from the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, (A.220/1/1 (a) S1/HJS) referring to his letter of the 20th January 1931 regarding the Board's intention to lay cable in the river bed at the opening span of the Barrow Bridge, New Ross, and which work was not proceeded with, at the time owing to unfavourable weather conditions. The Board now desired to proceed with the laying of this cable and enclosed plans etc.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Electricity Supply Board, that this letter would be submitted to the meeting of County Council on 29th August, 1932, but the work had been carried out in the meantime.

The Co. Surveyor said that the employees of the Electricity Supply Board did not take particular care in laying the cable with the result that the painting had been considerably damaged.

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Mr. Cooney said that one side of the swivel bridge would have to be repainted.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That the County Surveyor furnish Electricity Supply Board with estimate of the cost of repainting the portion of New Ross Bridge damaged by the employees of this Board when laying electric cable and point out to the Board they should authorise the Co. Surveyor to carry out the work in accordance with his estimate, or be prepared to do the work themselves to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

Mr. Walsh, who seconded the resolution, said the damage to bridge arose from gross neglect. It would have been quite easy with a little care to have laid the cable and done no injury to the painting.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- Col. Quin asked if it was a fact that the sluice gates would not open and shut, as they would not go fully back.

The Co. Surveyor said that attention was drawn to this matter in his report. The Contractor was engaged at this work at the moment.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, mentioned that the work at Courtown was not quite finished but the gates closed easily on the night of the 27th August.

Col. Quin said that owing to the great delay in the construction of the gates he had been informed that the entrance channel at Courtown Harbour would have to be dredged.

The Co. Surveyor disputed this and considered that the amount of water ponded behind the sluice gates would be sufficient to clear the harbour quite easily.

Col. Quin also asked if the end of the South Pier was not being undercut.

The County Surveyor replied that he had no information in regard to this matter, but would have the pier examined.

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Mr. Keegan said the Contractor for the erection of the gates was the worst sufferer and in spite of great difficulties had made a very good job of the work. A whole season's fishing would be lost unless the channel was cleared out and there was no guarantee that this would be done by the ponded water.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would have the place sluiced out on the 31st August, and believed with the freshet in the river after that day's rain that the place could be cleared.

It was decided to await the result of the flushing referred to, by the Co. Surveyor before dealing further with the matter.

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

"That the Report of Co. Surveyor to this meeting be adopted except in so far as same had been altered or amended by resolution."

BUILDING ADJOINING ROAD 349.

Mr. James Middleton, Ballymure, Kilmuckridge, wrote that he wished to build a new concrete shed on an old foundation on a straight line - three feet inside of old hedge.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that he inspected the place on 24th August. The building was inside the hedge and did not cause an obstruction. It was on a line with existing buildings though it was not 30 feet from the centre of the road.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That the County Council take no action in respect of new shed at the premises of Mr. James Middleton, Ballymure, Kilmuckridge."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

TAIL RACE OF MILL AT MEELGARROW.

Mr. Shannon raised the question of the repair of tail race of mill at Meelgarrow, Clonroche, at Mr. Patrick Oandon's, over-flow from which was injuring the road. If the County Council was responsible for repair, no time should be lost in carrying out the necessary work.

The County Surveyor said it was difficult to fix liability for private gullets. If built under permissive presentment the Co. Council would be responsible.

It was decided that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, should visit and report to next meeting of the Council.

BUILDING NEAR INCH RECTORY.

Col. Quin called attention to the erection of a building adjacent to the Rectory at Inch, which was being built inside a hedge and was not 30 feet from the centre of the road.

It was decided that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, should inspect and report.

ERECTION OF SHED.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from John Kavanagh, Old Pound House, Wexford, applying for permission to erect a cow shed at Clonard. This would come against the road wall but on an old foundation and there were sheds there already.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district said he had inspected the place. The proposed building was a lean-to shed on a wall 6ft. 8inches to 8ft. high, and was a continuation of Mr. Kavanagh's dwelling house. It was no more an obstruction than the dwelling house. He (Mr. Birthistle) had no objection to the work proceeding.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Gaul it was decided to take no action in this matter.

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GROUND RENT - WEXFORD OLD COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he had been served with a Civil Bill by Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, for the recovery of a half year's ground rent (Sandwith Estate) for old courthouse and he felt sure, as the Grand Jury and the County Council had been paying this rent without objection for a long number of years past, a decree for the amount would be given against the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne was of opinion the Council should fight out this matter in the Court. The position of the County Council was that, they had purchased this ground rent for a sum of about £1400 but the Sandwith people appeared not to be able to make title. If they were unable to produce title for a sale he did not see how they had title to collect the rent.

Mr. Elgee said he was afraid they could offer no defence to the Civil Bill.

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

"That Civil Bill against County Council for recovery of ground rent (Sandwith Estate) Wexford Old Courthouse, be defended. That Mr. Elgee explain the circumstances to the Circuit Court Judge and ask him to put a stay upon the decree, until title is produced, and the owners are in a position to accept purchase money from the Council."

BLACKWATER DISPENSARY.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that at the last meeting of the Council application had been received from Mrs. Catherine Dunne, Blackwater, owner of the Dispensary, stating that she wished to extend her premises as the Health Board wanted more accommodation for the dispensary than was afforded at present. He met Mr. Flood, Health Board Engineer, on the ground. The

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building was within 30ft. of the road centre. It was proposed to put a lean-to against the existing building and extend in a straight line. The site was above the level of the road and was bounded by a retaining wall. It was in a line with the existing buildings and he had absolutely no objection to the work being carried out.

Proposed by Mr. D'Arcy and seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:

"That the County Council take no action in connection with the extension of Blackwater Dispensary premises."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The following report of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was submitted:-

"A meeting of Ferrycarrig Bridge Inspection Committee was held at the Bridge on 25th August, 1932, the following being present:-

Representing Wexford County Council.

Messrs. J.E. Walsh, Vice-Chairman, County Council, who presided.
Col. Gibbon, Messrs. J. Colleton, T.F. D'Arcy, Sean O'Byrne, County Secretary and County Surveyor.

Representing Wexford Corporation.

Mr. Thomas Walsh.

Representing Enniscorthy Urban Council.

Mr. Kenneth Browne.

Representing Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. R. Houston, Chairman.

Mr. Waller (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, Dublin) pointed out that the trouble was caused owing to the fact that the wall, the bridge originally ended in, was slipping and the heavy traffic was shaking down a heavy weight of earth. It was perfectly manifest that this was pushing forward the structure and that the bridge was under tremendous compression. It was absolutely jammed tight and to stop the thrust going any further

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the only thing was to get right back and tie the abutment to the solid rock, putting in extra piles to carry the beams back to the rock. The work would take about six months. They considered a temporary bridge which they estimated would cost £1000 would be necessary.

Col. Gibbon considered they should put the £1000 into Wexford Bridge and strengthen it, instead of putting up a temporary bridge at Ferrycarrig.

The Co. Surveyor said that Wexford Bridge would not be made capable of dealing with heavy traffic by the expenditure of £1000.

Col. Gibbon said it was not fair to put such a huge sum on the shoulders of the Ratepayers. The very heavy traffic should be turned on to the railway or be made take an alternate route.

The Co. Surveyor said when they had to use an alternate route previously a road bridge broke down and the repair cost was £350. Besides they would, if they utilised Wexford Bridge, have to keep a permanent watchman on it.

Mr. Waller thought that the temporary bridge might cost a lot less than £1000 when tenders were received. When they were estimated for this bridge prices were rising.

There had been a forward thrust of $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches within five years and the tops of the piles had been knocked off.

After inspection some of the Members of the Committee said they did not realise until then how serious was the position and admitted it was really necessary that the work at the abutment should be carried out.

In reply to query Mr. Waller stated that when the proposed works had been carried out there could be no further thrust as the abutment would be disconnected from the main structure.

Col. Gibbon believed that the Council would not be satisfied to provide a temporary bridge as practically all the heavy traffic could go around by Ballymackessy and Killurin.

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The actual increased mileage would not be more than seven miles by this route which was by a main road. He considered that if a temporary bridge was not provided the actual time for the closing of the bridge could be considerably lessened.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that in a work of this description it was difficult to be tied down for its completion to a really definite date, and for that reason they had specified six months. It might be done in four, but no one could say with actual certainty. Mr. Waller suggested that probably if the Committee would ask the Council to keep an open mind as regards the erection of a temporary bridge they could decide definitely upon this point when tenders were received. They might get a satisfactory tender for a temporary bridge at £500.

The members of the Committee stated that even this reduction in cost would not influence them in having a temporary structure.

Mr. Browne said that as one of the principal users of the bridge his firm would not make any objection to using the alternative route in the circumstances.

Col. Gibbon said as regards the opening span if it was found an opening up the structure that very extensive damage was apparent it would be better to put the beams right across. If on the other hand the damage was only as estimated at present it would be better to retain the opening span.

The Committee then decided to report to the Council.

- (1) That the work proposed by the County Surveyor for reconstruction of the abutment was absolutely necessary., and should be carried out with as little delay as possible.
- (2) So far as could be ascertained at present it will be possible to retain the present opening span of the bridge. Should it be found at a later date, more economical to have the present span fixed the Committee recommended that steps should be taken to obtain powers towards that end.

Mr. T. Walsh, on behalf of the Wexford Corporation, said his body objected very strongly to any proposal to interfere with the opening span. It might be possible with future developments that this span would be necessary for navigation and the Corporation had no intention of surrendering any rights which they held in this matter, at the present time.

The County Surveyor mentioned that large vessels would not be able to use the river up to Enniscorthy unless a channel costing half a million could be dredged. It would be very unlikely that this development would be adopted.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, said that so far as his Commissioners were concerned they did not see any possibility of the bridge being used for navigation purposes beyond those at present. He did not think the County Council need expect any opposition from the Commissioners, should they decide upon having a fixed, instead of, an opening span. The Harbour Board would, however, like a proviso put in, that if at any future time it was necessary for the trade of the river, an opening span would be provided. This was a small safeguard as he looked upon the provision of an opening span, to his mind, as a very remote possibility.

Mr. O'Byrne said that all the work possible should be done before the bridge was closed.

Mr. Waller mentioned that in view of the fact that the idea of providing a temporary bridge was now abandoned, the plans and specifications would have to be altered. This would be done certainly by the 3rd September, when everything would be ready for advertising. Intending Contractors should be given up to the 30th September, to lodge their tenders and the latter could be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 10th October. The bridge might be closed by the middle of November but accommodation would be afforded for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Committee agreed to the above dates."

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

"That the report of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee be received and considered."

Col. Gibbon in moving the adoption of the report, said that in view of the fact that alternative routes were quite suitable for heavy traffic and that the bridge would be closed for probably only three or four months the Council would not be warranted in spending £1,000 on the erection of a temporary bridge, that would be of no value when the work was completed.

Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

Col. Gibbon moved the following which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:-

"That in addition to obtaining the consent of the Minister for Local Government to close Ferrycarrig Bridge for essential repairs the Minister be requested to invest the Council with powers prohibiting the passage of heavy traffic - viz. lorries of over 4 tons all in - over the road from Enniscorthy via Ballyhogue to Killurin. Unless this was done the cost of repairing the damage to the Ballyhogue road would be nearly as much as would be spent in the erection of a temporary bridge."

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

Col. Gibbon called attention to the necessity of further banking of the dangerous corner at Ferrycarrig Castle. He considered this was absolutely necessary for the safety of the public. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That a sum of £20 be withdrawn from appropriate Contingency Fund for the purpose of providing increased banking at the dangerous corner at Ferrycarrig Bridge, Wexford District."

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DANGEROUS BATHING PLACES.

Mr. Murphy referring to a recent drowning accident at Duncannon said there were dangerous spots all along the Wexford coast about which bathers were unaware, and he wished to know who was responsible for providing notices calling attention to the public in this matter.

Mr. Cooney said the inhabitants of the locality should be able to put up notices for a couple of shillings.

The Chairman said the County Council had no responsibility in the matter.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that all along the shores of small bays there were no inhabitants and it would be very difficult to collect local subscriptions to purchase notices in these cases.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the attention of the Irish Tourist Association be called to the necessity of having notices exhibited in places dangerous to bathers along the Wexford coast. That County Councillors be requested to supply the necessary particulars for such list, each in respect of his own immediate district."

BURROW ROSSLARE.

On the 7th July last, the following letter was written by the County Surveyor to Local Government Department and the Land Commission, but beyond an acknowledgment no reply had been received:-

"At meeting of the Wexford County Council held on 30th June last, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made to Local Government Department and Land Commission with a view to securing a grant in order to provide a wall and road for the people of the Burrow, Rosslare"

"I have been directed to bring this matter before your Board and to ask for consideration in the matter. The Wexford County Council considers that as the work is outside of the ordinary

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"routine of road maintenance, and that it is mainly also a benefit to local land owners on the Burrow it is proper that it should be dealt with under a Relief Grant. It is estimated that the cost of the work would be in or about £1,000."

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government (Roads) and the Land Commission be requested to furnish a definite reply as to the application of this Council for a Relief Grant to provide a wall and road for the people of the Burrow Rosslare."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 26th August, 1932, letter was read (B.31061/32 Ilgh (S) from Department of Local Government requesting payment of the sum assessed on Wexford County Council under the above Act.

The Chairman stated that application for payment in this matter was before the County Council at a recent meeting when it was decided to hold up payment until the finances of the Council would improve. He proposed that the question of payment be further adjourned.

This was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 25th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (B.34465/32 Ilgh (Trachtala) asking for payment of the amount assessed on Wexford County Council under the above Act.

The Chairman proposed that the payment be deferred until the Council's finances improve. He pointed out that this was a confirmation of a resolution already adopted by a recent meeting.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was adopted.

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following amounts of Road Grants had been received from the

Department of Local Government:-

£1,750, £2,998, £1,920, and £3,077.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

Under date 16th August, 1932, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under further consideration the procedure to be followed by local bodies under Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, where they desire to appoint to offices or employments within their control and to which the Act applies, subject to the sanction of the appropriate Minister, certain pensionable or pensioned officers of local bodies, without requesting or obtaining a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commissioners.

"Where this method of appointment is proposed the Minister desires that the local authority should issue advertisements inviting applications from persons who are legally qualified to be appointed to such offices or employments under Section 5 (1) of the Act, being pensionable or pensioned officers of the local authority or any other local authority or any two or more local authorities the duties of whose office relate or have related to matters the same as or similar to the matters to which the duties of the office which the local authority propose to fill relate.

"It will be necessary before inviting applications to obtain the approval of the Minister to the salary for the position.

"Each applicant applying for the position should be required to state ~~the~~ clearly the nature of the duties of his present office, or if a pensioned officer the nature of the duties of the office in respect of which he is in receipt of an annual allowance specifying the local authority or local authorities from whom the allowance is received and the amount thereof. Particulars should also be obtained from each applicant of his length of service in present office, or in case of an applicant who is in receipt of an allowance, in his former office; and his date of birth.

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"When the period for receipt of applications has expired and before making any appointment to the position the local authority should submit the applications to this Department together with a summarised statement of the position at present held or that have been occupied by the several applicants, and of their period of service etc.

"Upon consideration of the applications received, the Minister will decide whether he will give his sanction to the Local Authority proceeding under Section 5 (1) of the Act.

"Appointments by local authorities in pursuance of the provisions of section 5 (1) of the Act must be made within three months after the occurrence of the vacancy. It will be necessary therefore in any case where a local authority desires to proceed under that Section that the advertisement inviting applications for the position to be filled should be issued as soon as possible after the occurrence of the vacancy. Not more than two weeks should be given for the receipt of applications."

BUILDINGS WITHIN 30 FEET OF ROAD CENTRE.

LEGAL POSITION OF COUNCIL.

Under date 15th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RM/32) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 2nd instant embodying a resolution on the question of the powers of the County Council under section 9 (2) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851, and section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925; and to state that the matter should be dealt with by the Council through their own legal advisers, obtaining the advice of Counsel if necessary."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee instructing Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to obtain Counsel's opinion

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"as to the powers and responsibilities of the Council under the Summary Jurisdiction Act and Local Government Act 1925 in respect of buildings erected or to be erected within 30 ft. of the centre of the road be confirmed."

As an amendment Mr. Murphy proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded:-

"That the Council take no action relative to certain provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction Act and Local Government Act, 1925, dealing with the erection of buildings and their proximity to the road."

A vote was taken on the amendment as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy and the Chairman.

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AGAINST: Messrs. Cooney, Gaul, Gibbon, O'Ryan, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon and Walsh. 8

Messrs. Hall, Smyth and Col. Quin (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

CASTLETOWN PUMP.

Under date 20th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.58568/1932) fixing Coolgreany Dispensary District as the area of Charge for the purpose of maintaining pump at Castletown.

Under date 8th August, 1932, the Local Government Department forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.42580/1932) fixing Killanne Dispensary District as the Area of Charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Rathduff.

Under date 8th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.42578/1932) fixing Killenagh & Wells Dispensary District as the Area of Charge for maintaining water supply at Ballygarrett.

SOW DRAINAGE.

Under date 19th August, 1932, the following (15770/32) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We have given careful consideration to your letter of the 13th instant embodying a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council recommending for favourable consideration a proposal made at a meeting of the Drainage Ratepayers in the above named district. The proposal in effect is that the Charging Order made under the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924, and all payments due under its terms should be cancelled and that the loan of £2,378.0.3d which together with interest of £285.4.1d makes a total of £2,663.4.4d should be reduced to a sum of £1,200 repayable over a period of twenty years commencing from the completion of the works now projected.

It will be clear from Section 4 and subsequent sections of the 1924 Act that there is no power in the Commissioners of Public Works to accede to this proposal, as to do so would involve a free grant from State funds far in excess of the limit specified under the Act. Apart however from legal considerations we could not justify it to the Minister for Finance.

The offer we submitted to the Council on his behalf to expend the sum of £5,000 in improving the district represents an extremely generous offer to meet the situation. It is unnecessary to point out that legally the Council are bound to maintain the district as it was handed over to them and that the instalments payable under the Charging Order must be duly met. The present offer of a grant out of the Relief Vote, if accepted, will mean that a scheme much superior to the original works will be carried out, and that, out of a total cost of over £8,000 spent on the district, the Government contribution will amount to almost £6,000.

Bearing in mind that the improvement value in the original

"scheme was assessed at 6s.2d. per acre on the average, and that the charge now to be made upon the occupiers for a better scheme will work out at 2s.8d. per acre on the average, it is obvious that the proposal contained in our letter of the 16th ultimo confers a real benefit upon the occupiers and we shall be glad to learn whether the Co. Council are prepared to accept it."

The Secretary stated that on the 20th August, 1932, copy of this letter was sent to Mr. John Mernagh, Oulartleigh, Kilcotty, with the suggestion that he should call a meeting of the drainage ratepayers for its consideration, and inform the Co. Council as to their decision. He had not heard from Mr. Mernagh in the meantime.

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

"That consideration of letter of 19th August, 1932 (15770/32) from Office of Public Works as to expenditure of £5,000 in carrying out improvements at Sow Drainage area be deferred to meeting of the Council to be held on 12th September, 1932, and that in the meantime our Secretary communicate with Mr. Mernagh, and point out to him how necessary it is that the views of the drainage ratepayers as to the communication from the Board of Works, should be presented to this meeting."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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

"That as recommended by the Academic Council, of University College, Dublin, four University Scholarships provided by the Scheme of the County Council be awarded the following:-

John J. Murphy, 4, Main St., Enniscorthy.	<u>1183</u> marks.
Ellen J. Cadogan, Newbawn.	<u>1147</u> marks.
Patrick Doyle, Quay Road, Duneannon.	1121 $\frac{2}{3}$ marks.
James Kenny, 14, Georges Street, Gorey.	<u>1110</u> marks.

Should any of these pupils not avail of Scholarship the ²⁸ Council will allocate said Scholarship to the next candidate in strict order of merit."

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the Department of Education four scholarships under Primary Scholarship Scheme of the County Council be awarded the following:-

Bridget T. O'Donnell, Fort, Duncannon.	<u>610 marks.</u>
Dermot J. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Taguat.	<u>581 marks.</u>
Kathleen Ennis, Dringgh, Broadway.	<u>548 marks.</u>
Margaret D. O'Leary, Castleboro, Clonroche.	<u>537 marks.</u>

"That we approve of the selection by the pupils of the following schools at which their scholarships will be tenable:-

Bridget T. O'Donnell.	- Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Dermot J. Fenelon.	- St. Peter's College, Wexford.
Kathleen Ennis	- Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Margaret D. O'Leary.	- Loreto Convent, Wexford.

RENEWALS OF PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following letter under date 17th August, 1932, was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th June last I have to inform you that the Department is prepared to sanction the renewal, for the school year 1932/33, of the Primary to Secondary School Scholarships awarded by the Wexford County Council to the under-mentioned pupils:-

James Meyler	St. Peter's College, Wexford.
Edward P. Rossiter	" " "
Daniel F. Butler	" " "
James M. Druhan	" " "
Richard R. O'Donnell	" " "
Ellen Sinnott	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Margaret M. O'Neill	" " "
James A. Forde	Christian Schools, Gorey.
Kathleen F. Donnelly	Loreto Convent, Gorey.
Mary C. Daly	" " "

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"The Department's decision in the case of the undermentioned pupils will be sent to you when the results of the Intermediate Certificate Examinations, 1932, are available:-"

Mary A. Ronan
Mary E. Doyle

Loreto Convent, Wexford.
" " "

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

"That renewal of Scholarships under Primary Scholarship Scheme be allocated to the several pupils whose names are set out in letter from Department of Education (S.E.B.) under date 17th August, 1932."

SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The following report of Scholarships Committee was submitted:

"A meeting of Scholarships Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th August, 1932, for the purpose of considering the details of syllabuses of University and Secondary Scholarship Schemes for 1933.

Present:- Very Rev. W.F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College; Rev. Brother Foran, Superior, Christian Schools, Wexford; Messrs. John J. Kelly, N.T., and Hugh O'Byrne.

The County Secretary was also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Brother Foran, the chair was taken by Father Murphy.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Committee recommend the adoption with necessary changes as to dates - of the provisions of University Scholarship Scheme which obtained in 1932.

The Results Sheet with awards of Scholarships as decided by the Academic Council of the National University was considered.

PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Committee regret that only 14 candidates were presented for examination. They recognise that this to a certain extent, can be accounted for by the fact that the teachers have such an

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"overloaded programme to deal with they cannot find the extra time necessary, to prepare pupils for this exam. If steps could be taken to utilise the results of preliminary leaving certificate in order to provide a roll of pupils for County Council Scholarship Examinations, substantial competition could be secured.

It would be advisable that the General Council of County Councils should be requested to invite the County Councils in An Saorstát to furnish their considered views as to the provisions of the existing scheme and to offer suggestions as to how it can be improved.

The Committee are of opinion that in the near future Rural Science should be a compulsory subject and History and Geography be regarded as an optional one. In view of the very large percentage of failures in the last named subject they consider the examination in History and Geography should be dealt with orally only, and no written paper be required.

For the information of the Council and of this Committee one full set of examination papers should be supplied by the Education Department to the Council without charge."

Mr. O'Byrne contended that a change should be made in the Valuation of parents or Guardians presenting children for award of Scholarships and proposed the following:-

"Competition for Primary Scholarships to be limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the rural districts of the County and who are rated on a valuation not exceeding £90 in the case of families with eight children or more; £80 for families with six or seven children; £75 four or five children; £70 three children; £60 one or two children. Children in all cases must be under 18 years."

Mr. Hall seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Gaul proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following:- "That no change be made as regards age in Primary Scholarship Scheme of this County Council."

A poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Meyler, Quin, Roche and Shannon. - 9.

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ruan, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. 15.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:-

"That Minutes of Scholarship Committee submitted to this meeting be approved."

Passed.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP - JAMES DONNELLY.

Under date 17th August, 1932, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted the following letter:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., with the Copy Letters which have been received from the Department of Education relative to the above James Donnelly, who is now a Pupil Teacher at Rockwell College.

This boy was awarded a Scholarship in the year 1928.

It appears that in the Scholarship Scheme for the year 1928 there is no Provision made limiting the courses which the Scholar should take, and this being so, in my opinion it is not now possible for the County Council to debar a Boy who has decided to take up teaching as a Profession from the benefits of his Scholarship for the fourth year of his course, and accordingly I am of opinion that James Donnelly is entitled to retain his Scholarship for the fourth year notwithstanding the fact that he is now a Pupil Teacher."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That in view of the fact that James Donnelly,

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"Primary Scholarship Holder of this Council is preparing for the teaching profession, and that cost of said training should in our opinion be provided from Government funds, we hereby refuse to pay over the amount of County Scholarship in this case."

A poll was taken on this resolution with the following result:-
FOR: Messrs Gibbon, Hall, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Roche. 5.
AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. 17.

Messrs. Clince and Gaul (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the proposal lost.

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

"That in accordance with advice of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, the amount of Primary Scholarship for current year be paid James Donnelly."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr. ~~W~~ Leacy, Merchant, Monamolin."

THE LAND ANNUITIES.

The following resolution from Mayo Co. Council was submitted:-

"That in view of the extraordinary situation created in this country altogether due to the failure of the British Prime Minister to agree to an impartial and independent tribunal to settle the question of the payment of the Land Annuities and other monies claimed by England, we the Mayo Co. Council, hereby pledge our fullest support to our Government in this struggle and we call upon the people to stand solidly behind them."

Col. Quin - Isn't this politics?

Miss O'Ryan formally moved the adoption of the resolution.

Chairman - You will allow me to speak first. I say as I did at the previous meeting when a similar one was read that this in

My opinion, is a political resolution and as the Co. Council is composed of different sections in politics such a resolution is going to create disorder and discontent in the County Council. I rule it out of order.

Miss O'Ryan said the resolution was not a political one. She wondered why the Chairman would not be more logical in his attitude seeing that he and Mr. O'Byrne attended a meeting of the General Council of Co. Councils and voted on a similar resolution. It got out that the Chairman of the Council went to that meeting with a mandate pledging the Council. He had no such mandate and when he took part in a vote on that resolution he should allow the Council to vote on the one which she proposed.

Chairman - Didn't the Chairman of the General Council of County Councils rule that the resolution was non-political? I appeal to Mr. O'Byrne on that point.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne - Yes.

Miss O'Ryan - I ask how you say this resolution is political; its exactly the same resolution.

Chairman - I hold it is political and has a political tendency.

Miss O'Ryan - You and Mr. O'Byrne voted on a similar resolution at the meeting of the General Council of Co. Councils.

Chairman - I went on the ruling of the Chairman.

Miss O'Ryan - You should have allowed your own mind to guide you and not have voted on it. You accepted it as non-political. The same resolution is up here to-day and you say it is political. You should, at least be logical. You had no mandate from the people to vote on the resolution.

Chairman - I had the mandate and I had to abide by the ruling of the chairman.

The Chairman then left the chair and meeting concluded.

Michael Doyle