

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER, 1927.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 12th December, 1927.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding;
also:- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE CARDINAL O'DONNELL.

The following resolution proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, was adopted:-

"That letters from Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, Very Rev. Dean Quin P.P., Armagh and Mother M. Benedict, Loreto Abbey, Gorey, in reply to resolution of condolence by the Wexford County Council on the occasion of the death of his ~~late~~ Eminence, the late Cardinal O'Donnell, be inserted on the Minutes of this meeting"

Most Rev. Dr Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns wrote:- "I have to express my gratitude to the Wexford County Council for their sympathetic resolution in connection with death of the late Cardinal Primate.

"He was indeed a very distinguished Churchman and Patriot, and it fell to his lot to take a prominent part in great events during his time".

Very Rev. M. Dean Quinn, P.P., Armagh, wrote:- "On behalf of the Cathedral Chapter and the Clergy of this Archdiocese, I return sincere thanks to the Wexford County Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the occasion of the death of the late Cardinal O'Donnell"

The following was read from Mother M. Benedict,
Loreto Abbey, Gorey:-

"Words fail me to express my deep gratitude for
your very kind words of sympathy in my great great sorrow
on the death of my dear ^{brother} ~~brother~~ - the Cardinal. Please
convey same to your County Council.

"When one's heart is well-nigh breaking with grief,
words are few.

"The irreparable loss and void the Cardinal's death has
made in his family is beyond words and we grieve bitterly,
as he was everything, oh, everything to us. As for Dr. John
who was constantly at his bedside - he is stunned, considering
that the Doctors had the Cardinal over the pleurisy and
pneumonia, and then the horrid clot of blood from the lungs to
kill him. John was about to leave the sick room that morning, to
send wires of good news to us all who were in agony waiting when
the Cardinal said he felt something strange, and the end came in
a few minutes. He had a most happy death thank God.

"God's will be done" He has placed a most awful cross
on us, may He help us to bear it during the lonely days and
hours to come.

"With deepest gratitude to you, dear Mr. Frizelle, and your
Council"

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE
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The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect
of meeting held on 24th November, 1927, were submitted:-

P. Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

The Assistant Secretary was also in attendance.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection showing the following percentages of 1st moiety of 1928 rate lodged to 23rd November, 1927, was submitted:-

J. J. O'Reilly 96.17; E. J. Murphy 96.04; T. Rowe 91.75;
J. Quirke 91.44; J. Curtis 89.07; B. Cleary 86.46; J. J. Sinnott
86.18; J. Cummins 85.97; J. Doyle 85.94; M. Deegan 85.47; P. O'Byrne
84.17; P. Furlong 84.14; W. Cummins 83.89; C. McCarthy 82.32;
P. Fitzpatrick 81.88; T. Sutton 80.80; S. Gannon 80.74; M. M. Kelly 80.21; J. W. Kelly
79.57; P. Walsh 79.54; P. Donohoe 78.55.

The total of first moiety of 1928 rate outstanding amounted to £9861: 17: 5d.

RENEWAL RATE COLLECTORS' BONDS.

Collector P. J. Fitzpatrick was granted permission to renew his Bond with New Ireland Assurance Co., instead of the Irish National, on the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Mernagh.

Correspondence with some of the Rate Collectors regarding failure to renew Bonds, on or before renewal date, was submitted.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by the Chairman it was decided that any Collector who in future fails to have his Bond renewed by the renewal date be immediately suspended and his Books taken up.

It was reported that Collector's Gannon's Bond had been received from the New Ireland Assurance Co.

Department be requested to recognise Library Committee as an authorised Committee under Section 63 of Local Government Act 1925, so that members of Committee may be entitled to payment of travelling allowances authorised by said Act. That Local Government Department be requested to approve of the payment of travelling expenses to members as from the beginning of current financial year.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

The following was read from Mr. John N. Scallan, Registration Officer, under date 22nd November, 1927:-

"I beg to apply for an advance of £500 under the Electoral Act 1923 in connection with the preparation of the sixth Register of Electors for County Wexford"

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Mernagh, it was decided that £500 be advanced to Mr. Scallan, Registration Officer, as requested in his letter of the 22nd November, 1927.

BINDING MINUTE BOOKS.

A quotation from Messrs J. English & Co., Wexford, for the binding of two General Minute Books of County Council for 30/- was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mernagh.

GRANTS IN AID OF LOCAL TAXATION.

The following resolution received from County Council General Council was approved on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the existing provision for Grants in aid of Local Taxation be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Council, and that they be empowered to take such action as may appear to them to ^{be} _{m.}

TOURIST RATE.

The General Council of County Councils forwarded letter received from Irish Tourist Association requesting their support in securing the allocation by the various Counties throughout the Free State of increased rates for tourist advertising for year 1928-29.

The General Council unanimously endorsed the appeal of the Association in view of the great and growing importance of the Tourist Industry to the Country as a whole.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the County Council be recommended to include in Estimate a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ for tourist advertising as already agreed to by the County Council.

AMENDMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1925.

The County Council General Council wrote under date 16th November, 1927, asking for observations and suggestions which would tend to promote greater efficiency and smoother working in Local Administration.

The following recommendations were approved on the motion of the Chairman:-

1. Register of Electors to be prepared only every three years.
2. County Councils' term of office to be extended to five years.
3. Number of meetings to be attended to qualify for payment of travelling expenses to be reduced to two-thirds of total instead of $\frac{3}{4}$ ths.
4. Provision to be made that members of Councils or authorised Committees who are not members for the full half year be paid travelling expenses on the percentage calculated on total meetings held since their appointment as members.

Circular letter from County Councils' General Council enclosing copy of letter received from Local Appointments Commission regarding the Administration of the above Act was read.

The Commissioners pointed out they were desirous that as far as possible Representatives with knowledge and experience of Local Administration should be made available on Selection Boards.

With a view to extending action in this direction they were preparing a panel of names of members of Local Authorities suitable and willing to act on these Boards.

The General Council would be glad if the County Council would suggest names of one or two of its members who would be prepared to act in this capacity if required.

It was decided that the letter from the General Council be referred to next meeting of the County Council.

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

As Thursday 8th December will be a Church holiday it was decided that next meeting of Finance Committee be held on Wednesday 7th December.

resolution
The following/ Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne,
was passed:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of
24th November, 1927, be received and considered".

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AMENDMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1925.

In connection with No.3 of recommendations from Finance Committee Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following:- "That the number of meetings to qualify for payment of travelling expenses be reduced to 50%.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following amendment:- "That we are in favour of the number of meetings to be attended for travelling expenses' contribution remaining at three-fourths as at present."

A Show of hands was taken when four were found in favour of the amendment and five against.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr. Thorpe was then put and passed nem. con.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ACT.

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

"That the names of our Chairman and Vice Chairman be submitted to General Council of County Councils as suitable to act on panel of names of members of local authorities who would be willing to act on Selection Boards in connection with local appointments".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "That Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee for 24th November, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as amendments in recommendations have been made at this meeting of the Council.

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 7th December, 1927, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on Wednesday 7th December, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman, presiding.

Also present:- Messrs P. Hayes, W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, and A. Mernagh.

Messrs W. F. Barry, County Surveyor and T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.
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Treasurer's Advice Note for £6021: 7: 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.
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The state of Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

Lodged 1st moiety 1928 Rate: J. J. O'Reilly 97.79;

E. J. Murphy 96.59; T. Rowe 96.12; J. Curtis 92.82; J. Quirke 92.14; J. J. Sinnott 89.35; J. Doyle 89.24; M. Deegan 88.51; B. Cleary 88.19; P. O'Byrne 87.51; P. Furlong 86.28; W. Cummins 86.26; J. Cummins 85.97; S. Gannon 85.49; P. Walsh 83.51; P. Fitzpatrick 83.42; C. McCarthy 82.32; P. Donohoe 81.71; T. Sutton 81.14; J. J. Kelly 81.06; M. Kelly 80.61.

The amount of first moiety outstanding was £8466: 16: 8d .

Warrant for Second moiety is £67398: 2: 7d of which only £789: 7: 1d has been lodged.

Collector Walsh

The following report under date 6th December, 1927, from T. A. Frizelle, Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts was read:-

"On checking Collector Walsh's Accounts yesterday evening I noticed that receipt No.198 Bannow, amount £11: 13: 5d for 1st moiety 1928 Rate had the Ratepayer's name in the Collector's writing and that the number thereon was a numbered slip gummed in corner of receipt. On close inspection I observed that the receipt had been neatly gummed in from the back and was not the

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original receipt. I discovered that the Collector had substituted receipt No.228 for No.198 the amount of the former being 1/2d and as receipt No.228 was for a vacant building no name would appear on the original receipt.

"I challenged the Collector and he stated that he sent receipt No.198 to ratepayer although the amount had not been paid him and that he altered receipt No.228 to correspond with No.198 in order to keep himself right at checking. On further questioning he stated he was not sure whether or not the amount for No.198 was paid him.

"Collector subsequently admitted having altered receipts No.87 Kilcowan (1/2d) to correspond with 78 Kilcowan £9: 1: 9d and also to altering No.192 Bannow (1/4d) to correspond with No.170 Bannow £30: 12: 4d.

"I questioned him as to whether there were any cases in which he received payment of rates without giving official receipts and he admitted there ~~were~~ were four such cases; in two of which he received only part payment. These amounted in all to £17: 11: 6d".

"The total sum represented by receipts altered by Collector amounted to £51: 7: 6d and the sum which he admits having received, and for which he did not account, retaining official receipts in his Collecting Books is £17: 11: 6d :
Total £68: 19: 0d.

"I notified Collector I was reporting matter to Finance Committee meeting to-morrow, the 7th instant, and I retained his Collecting Books, instructing him to lodge the £68: 19: 0d which he did this morning".

The Secretary had suspended the Collector and notified his Sureties.

The Assistant Secretary reported that after making the foregoing report Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, had notified him that he had paid rates to Mr. Walsh who had not given him official receipts therefor. The Assistant Secretary stated that some of these amounts

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had not been accounted for by Collector who retained official receipts in his Collecting Books.

Collector Walsh on being question about these items admitted amounts up to £36: 12: 4d, stating he had forgotten that these sums were due for lodgment. He lodged £40 in respect of amount due.

In reply to the Chairman the Assistant Secretary stated there were receipts in Collector Walsh's Books making up the amount outstanding on his Warrant.

Walsh appeared before the meeting and admitted having "done wrong". He had now lodged in full amount due to the Council by him.

The Chairman pointed out to Walsh it was a very serious matter for him to have altered the official receipts.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh, that Mr. Walsh's suspension be confirmed.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that advertisements be inserted in local papers requesting any Ratepayer in the County who had paid Poor rates without obtaining official receipts therefor to communicate with County Secretary immediately.

It was also unanimously decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, that Assistant Secretary call on some of the large ratepayers in the County from time to time whose rates were shown by Collectors as outstanding to verify Collectors returns; mileage allowance to be paid at 5d per mile.

Reports of any irregularities discovered to be reported to Finance Committee at first available meeting.

ADVERTISING

The Chairman stated that as decided at a recent meeting he had interviewed Newspaper Management with a view to reverting

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to former arrangement of having An Advertising Contract to cover advertisements of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture. He had offered the Newspaper Management £125 and they stated they could not accept less than £150.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh, that a sum of £135 be offered to Newspaper Management of the three local Newspapers for a year's Advertising of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture as from 1st January next.

RATE BOOKS =====

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman that the Secretary be empowered to employ the temporary staff to write up Rate Books and Collectors Receipt and Demand Note Books.

SALE OF 5% COMPENSATION STOCK. =====

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the Department of Finance to requested to sanction the proposal of the Council to dispose of £250:0:0d 5% Compensation Stock granted to the Council with Malicious Injury Decrees for Enniscorthy and Gorey Courthouses as the amount will be required for the rebuilding and furnishing of the buildings"

LIBRARY COMMITTEE. =====

The Minutes of Library Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd October and 29th October, 1927, were submitted.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 7th December, 1927, be received and considered".

RATE COLLECTOR WALSH

Under date 9th December, 1927, the following was read from this Collector:- "I hereby tender my resignation to the Wexford County Council as Collector of Poor Rate for Collection District No.3 in the County of Wexford. I am prepared to offer any assistance possible to the Rate Collector appointed to the position until the warrant is closed."

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded, the following resolution :- "That Minute of Finance Committee of 7th December, 1927, relative to Collector Walsh's accounts be discussed in Committee."

Colonel Quin objected and urged that any discussion in the matter should take place "in the open".

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in reply to Mr. Thorpe said if they found other monies not accounted for by Collector Walsh, through his failure to issue official receipts, it was possible there would be Court proceedings, and, in view of this, it would be well to have the discussion in the matter in camera.

The resolution of Mr. Thorpe was then put and passed.

In the course of the discussion Mr. Doyle pointed out that Mr. Walsh was appointed at a time when it was very difficult to get a Collector for the district.

Mr. Whyte - When the job got too hot for the man who took it up Mr. Walsh came along and did the work and I don't think we ought to be too hard on him.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That Collector Walsh be dismissed from his office as Rate Collector for No.3 District."

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. Boggan seconded the following:-

"That resignation of Patrick Walsh, Collector for No.3 Collection District be accepted subject to his being responsible for any further monies found due by him and also subject to his warrant

being closed in a satisfactory manner."

After some further discussion this resolution was put and passed.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to make arrangements with a Rate Collector for an adjoining District to close the outstanding amount in Collector Walsh's district and, if this is not possible, to appoint a temporary Collector - remuneration to be at the rate of 7d in the £ on amounts collected"

As regards the new appointment Colonel Quin moved, Mr. Thorpe seconded the following:- "That remuneration to be paid new Collector for No.3 Collection District be at the rate of 6d in the £ without pension rights".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following:- "That new collector for No.3 Collection District, vice P. Walsh, resigned, be paid at the rate of 6d in the £ with pension rights".

Mr. Corish held that it was necessary to have notice of motion to discuss the question of remuneration.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, however, held that the motion was in order.

A poll was then taken on the amendment - 6d in £ with pension ~~rights~~ and which resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender, Sean O'Byrne, Shannon and The Chairman - 12.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe and Whyte - 11.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh were not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and on being put as the substantive resolution it passed. nem. con.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes

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of Finance Committee Meeting for 7th December, 1927, be
and are hereby confirmed except regarding matters in which
recommendations may have been varied by this meeting"

ROADS COMMITTEE.
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The following Minutes of Roads' Committee Meeting of
28th November, 1927, were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 28th November 1927.

Present:- Col Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presiding, also Messrs W. Boggan, P. Colfer, R. Corish, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr McCarthy (Chairman) wrote that it was not possible for him to be present at meeting as he had to meet Dr Maguire Insurance Commissioner in New Ross.

REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following monthly report was read from County Surveyor:-

"On the 19th inst, the Special Committee inspected the concrete road, and made recommendations to use "Ferrocete" cement on short section at Edermine, so that the opening of the road would not be unduly delayed. Specification provides for this and I have consulted Mr Quigley on the matter and he is satisfied. Three sections have been strengthened ^{with} ~~reinforcement~~ reinforcement which is also provided for in Specification. When the section at Edermine is completed there will be a continuous length of concrete from Ferrycarrig to Brownscastle, and the contractors are carrying on the job to Enniscorthy.

I have complaint of injury to wall and buildings at Edermine owing to contractor's lorry traffic being diverted on to the footpath adjoining concrete. I have notified the contractor's representative and the Assistant Surveyor to attend to this matter.

The concrete work in Wexford Urban which I am carrying out under direct labour is proceeding satisfactorily. Half width of concrete along quays has been carried out from Railway Company's Goods Yard to the entrance to the National Bank.

A section also of the Urban Main Road to the passenger station has been laid. In connection with the work on the quays, I have complaint from the Harbour Board and from Mr Scallan, County Registrar, with reference to the obstruction caused by the hoarding at the Courthouse and asking for its removal. I am quite satisfied to do this, but as erection was made by order of the Town Surveyor who has control, I have not done so. I have written to the Acting Town Surveyor on the matter.

On the 18th inst, the Co. Council Committee visited Sow Drainage District and made inspection in company with local people. On the 24th inst. a deputation met Mr Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Works, and discussed this and other drainage systems.

I have been in communication with the Railway Company with reference to the bridge at the railway crossing on the Slob Road, and submit letter from the Railway Company's Engineer. When I was in Dublin on the 24th inst, I interviewed Mr Quigley on this matter, and he suggested that the Co. Council ask the Railway Company to submit approximate estimate of the cost of doing work which he agrees should be done by the Railway Company though the Co. Council would be liable for the cost. Of course, if the work is to proceed there will be a Grant to cover the cost of the bridge and the completion of the roadway, but the Roads Department must have some more or less definite figure from the Railway Company before they could sanction the work.

I visited Courtown Harbour on the 23rd inst. and saw a large motor boat putting out to sea at very nearly low water. This boat had difficulty in getting out of the channel owing to the shoal but eventually succeeded. Other boats had no difficulty whatever in getting out. I understand that generally there is no difficulty in the boats putting out, and the sluicing work is as satisfactory as could be expected. I await visit of the Department's Engineer, Mr Hassard before going into the matter in more detail. Some time ago the Council had under consideration the purchase of diving outfit, but no decision was come to. I ask now

that this be purchased as it will be most useful at Courtown and
 and other Harbour works, and we have a ~~qualified~~ qualified
 man capable of using the apparatus. The cost will be about £150.
 I have prepared list of the duties of the Harbour Master for
 Courtown Harbour to be appointed at the next meeting of the Council
 and submit~~ed~~ same for your approval.

As directed by the Council, I wrote to the owners of heavy
 lorries asking them to vary the line of their traffic so as to
 cause as little injury to the roads as possible, and I submit reply
 from Messrs J.J. Stafford & Sons, Wexford.

I have placed with the Trade Department, order for a
 number of warning signs, including a number to be erected in the
 neighbourhood of schools, and shall have these erected as soon as
 they come to hand. I have not yet received from the manufacturers
 the signs to be erected controlling the speed limit, which were
 ordered some months ago and have been delayed pending Local Govern-
 ment's decision regarding lenses. I have now most of the direction
 signs erected, but in a number of cases the Automobile Association
 has not forwarded signs as ~~agreed~~ agreed upon and I have written
 them on the matter.

The Boiler^{Inspector} has recently examined all our roller and $\frac{1}{2}$
 traction engine boilers, and I submit his reports. All the reports
 are first class, and the Inspector states that the machinery is
 in receipt of careful attention.

At last meeting of the County Council the purchase of a
 ton truck or van to replace "Chevrolet" car was deputed to the
 Roads Committee and I shall submit particulars. I find that it
 will be practically impossible to obtain a "Ford" truck as the firm
 is now making a complete change of their models, and I recommend
 that a light "Morris" ton truck be purchased.

At a recent Finance meeting payment for "demurrage" charge
 on tar held up at Palace was authorised but Paying Order was held
 up pending further inquiries. I have now explanation from Mr T.
 Cullen, Assistant Surveyor which I consider satisfactory, and I
 recommend the issue of the Paying Order.

"The Roads Inspection Committee have recommended the removal of corner at the approach to Mountgarrett Bridge, and I brought the matter up before the Bridge Committee at their last meeting. I have arranged with the contractor for the building of the bridge to cut away the corner free of charge, but the Council will be responsible for making good the protection wall at the place. Of course work cannot be proceeded with until I have the permission of Major Place, to whom I have written asking for authority.

I have now dealt with payment to contractor for Gorey Courthouse with the exception of small hold back against minor defects which have to be made good. The contractor has handed me Fire Insurance Policy which covers the building until the 28th of May next, and it is made out in the joint names of the contractor and the County Council. The Roads Committee recommend the addition of box for the Press to be put into the Court, and also that the large room upstairs should be fitted with some plain furniture. The cost of these could be met out of 10% addition of the decree, and I ask for authority to do this.

I have had the repairs carried out at Gorey Union, and the repairs to the caretaker's premises at New Ross Courthouse are now proceeding. I have arranged for stove for New Ross Courthouse and am preparing particulars of the further repairs that will be necessary including lighting to completely fit building. There will be furniture necessary in the Office and Justice's room. To provide against this expenditure I ask to have transferred from the Public Works Fund a sum of £150.

I have received from the Wicklow County Surveyor letter with reference to erection of gullet at the County bounds at Donshill and have report from Mr Treanor on the matter. The work will cost about £20, and of course half the expense will be defrayed by each County. I ask for authority to have the work carried out.

I submit list of transfers between existing accounts or from Contingencies Fund which I consider necessary.

I have a list from each Assistant Surveyor of the men engaged at tar work and whose clothes were injured and shall submit particulars at meeting.

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WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY CONCRETE ROAD.

In connection with this matter the following report of Committee was submitted:-

"A meeting of the Committee appointed to inspect the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road was held on Saturday 19th November 1927.

The following were in attendance:-The Chairman(Mr T. Mc. Carthy), Col Gibson and James Gaul, Co. Councillors, also the County Surveyor and the County Secretary.

The Committee inspected the road from Ferrycarrig to the Ballinaslaney turn near Oylegate, also between Oylegate and Coolnaboy, thence by the back road to Edermine where they inspected the work at the turn to Edermine Bridge.

There are thirteen cracks in all across the slab and which run from side to side. These are all in the long bays which would seem to indicate that it is a more advisable procedure to have shorter joints, which has now been arranged.

The cracks cannot be regarded as serious. They are commonly found in even the best laid concrete sections of important roads. When cleaned out and filled with pure bitumen, they take the place of a "made" joint.

There were three uncompleted gaps at the time of our visit, viz., -One at Coolnaboy, the second at Scurlocksbush and the third at Edermine.

The latter is about 200 yards long and if dealt with by a Portland cement mix would cause what the Committee considered rather too long a delay in opening the full section.

The Committee decided that this gap should be done with Ferrocrete instead of ordinary Portland cement to ensure that the full length from Ferrycarrig to Brownescastle at Edermine should be opened by Christmas.

The normal period of delay before opening to traffic under the specification is four weeks. Owing to weather conditions and slowness in maturing, the County Surveyor believes it necessary to extend the delay to a six weeks' period for Portland cement.

By utilising Ferrocrete for the long gap at Edermine, this sub-section will be completed and reopened at the same time as

the other two small gaps referred to. It is expected that all the surfacing will have been finished by the date of Roads Committee meeting on the 28th inst.

The work is proceeding satisfactorily and has received great care and attention generally."

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

"That report of Inspection Committee, Wexford-Ennisworthy Road in respect of inspection of 19th November 1927 and as submitted to this meeting be received and approved."
Hoarding at Wexford Old Courthouse.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor consult with Mr Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor, Wexford as to removal of hoarding at Wexford Old Courthouse and take such action in the matter as he may consider necessary."
Drainage Schemes.

The following report of Deputation to Mr Seumas Burke, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of Public Works, Dublin was submitted:-

"The Deputation appointed by County Council to wait on Mr Seumas Burke, Parliamentary Secretary in charge of the Office of Public Works, were received by him at 51 Stephen's Green, Dublin on 24th November 1927.

The following representatives of the Co. Council were in attendance:-The Chairman(Mr Thos McCarthy), Vice-Chairman(Col Gibbon), Mr M. Doyle, the Co Surveyor and the Co. Secretary.

Representatives of the following Drainage Schemes were in attendance:-Cahore - River Sow - Ballyteigue - Kilmore and Ford o' Lyng.

The Deputation was introduced by the five T.D's for the County Wexford.

The proceedings which lasted nearly two hours were private but the following case was presented by the Co. Council:-

"The Arterial Drainage Act 1925 and the Drainage ~~Act~~ Maintenance Act 1924 are the two principal statutes dealing with

Drainage Schemes. The latter Act is, for the moment, of most interest to the Wexford County Council as under Section 3(1) of that Act, the Office of Public Works have already made a Charging Order transferring the Kilmannock Scheme to the Council and have in contemplation the immediate issue of Charging Order for the River Sow system.

The people of Kilmannock are not satisfied with the reconstruction carried out by the Office of Works and have voiced their disapproval of the amount spent on restoring the Scheme through their representative on the County Council, Mr N.J. Murphy, who complained that no attempt was made to consult the local people and that the work was too expensive.

The Co. Council are experiencing the greatest difficulty in collecting the Drainage Rate in this instance.

As regards the Sow System, a Committee of the Co. Council met the Trustees and others on 18th November 1927 and carried out as much inspection as they could fit into one day.

It appears that the drainage of the main river at the upper end has not been properly carried out. Clumps of old rushes showing that the roots were not removed, are apparent. These could not have been growths since the work of last year. The water is practically stagnant at some places.

Near the junction of the Ballina River, ^{the rate of flow} is about half a mile per hour which ^{seems} ~~is~~ reasonable. The side drains do not appear to have had proper attention. Where private drains have been effectively dealt with, the water from them is not able to get away owing to the obstruction in the side drains.

The Trustees contend that with the exception of the ~~upper portion~~ lower portion of the main river, an incomplete job has been done; that they understood the system when completed would effect an actual replacement as existing when first constructed. They also claim that the expense was out of all proportion for the amount of work carried out.

They are here to make their case.

Mr Cullen, Killisk, and others interested in the south side of the system (to the northward of Ballina river), hold that

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although the drains on their lands were constructed by the Board of Works they do not figure on the tracing supplied by the Office of Public Works to the County Council or on the original Award. None of the drains on this portion were cleaned and they are now in an extremely bad condition. They undoubtedly appear to have been part of the original Scheme and must certainly have been constructed since 1841. Mr Cullen is present and can explain his grievance.

As regards the Cahore Drainage Scheme, owing to a dispute between the Trustees and the occupiers of land as to the cleaning up of the parallel side drains no real attempt has been made to put this Scheme into even a passable state. The whole system is in a deplorable condition and the Council feel that the money necessary to make it reasonably effective would place on the local people a burden which it is impossible for them to carry.

Representatives concerned with the system are here.

The Co. Council contend that it is unjust and inequitable to hand over schemes in the condition quoted. They protest against Charging Orders being made for Schemes regarding which grave dissatisfaction exists locally and fail to see why they should be expected to take on the responsibility of trying to collect Drainage Rates from a number of disgruntled people.

They also believe that it will be necessary to appoint a Drainage Inspector whose remuneration should come out of drainage rates as the Co. Surveyor and his staff are unable to reach on the work. The Co. Council recognise that the Office of Works have power to make Charging Orders over their heads but say, that in respect of the Schemes now referred to, it is most unreasonable to make orders ensuring continual friction with local ratepayers and that it never was the intention of An Dail to place them in what seems an impossible position.

There are other Schemes existing in the south of the County with which up to the present the County Council have not been brought into touch."

The representatives of the various drainage districts present put before Mr Burke their views on the manner in which the work at the River Sow had been carried out and the position of the various districts at present.

It was agreed that further inspections would be made the Office of Works Engineers.

Votes of thanks to Mr Burke and the five T.D's of the County were passed on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Col. Gibbon.

The Chairman mentioned that he had put the following points before Mr Burke:-

1. When improvements are to be made to any drainage district plans, specification and cost to be formally approved and signed at an advertised meeting of the Drainage Scheme concerned.
2. The Co. Council to refuse to take over any district until all channels, drains and sluices of the original and subsequent Schemes have been put in proper repair and in a state of thorough efficiency.
3. Those responsible for drainage areas which cause public damage through flooding caused by non-maintenance to be compelled to abate that flooding.
4. Technical advice on drainage districts to be made available for Trustees from the Office of Public Works.
5. Where land situated in approved drainage districts and which is subject to drainage rate is split up under Land Acts, maps showing the re-allotment of drainage rates to be provided free to the Trustees by the Office of Public Works.

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

"That the report of deputation from Co. Council re Drainage Schemes be received and adopted."

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

"This Committee regrets that some of the members of the Co. Council appointed on the deputation to the Office of Public Works regarding Drainage Schemes, and who undertook to attend were

not present with the deputation. As a result of their non-attendance, we fear the case of Kilmannock District is closed to further discussion."

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

"That we express our thanks to Mr Burke, ~~for~~ Parliamentary Secretary and to the Office of Public Works for their kindness in receiving our deputation relative to drainage schemes and for the extended hearing given to the views of the members of the deputation and others concerned in the various schemes. We would ~~remind~~ remind the Office of Public Works of the promise made to the deputation to send one of their engineers to inspect the various schemes of the County and would request that as long notice as possible be given to County Council to enable arrangements to be made ensuring attendance at inspection of the special Drainage Committee of the Council, the Trustees of the Schemes and others interested therein.

Regarding Cahore district, we desire to point out that our County Surveyor and others are of opinion that there is a possibility of considerably improving the drainage there by having an outlet at about half way up the main channel, through a subsidiary channel, and we commend this suggestion to the particular attention of the Office of Public Works. The Special Drainage Committee of the County Council desire to discuss with the Engineer the flooding caused at the Ford o' Lyng."

WEXFORD-ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD

The following letter under date 21st November 1927 was read from Mr John F. Sides, Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways addressed to the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to yours of 17th inst, I am prepared to recommend the Company to agree to the proposal of the County Council on the following terms (which I may say are on the lines of the usual arrangements made by Railway Companies with Public Road Authorities wishing to construct new underbridges):-

(1) The plans can either be prepared by you subject to the Company's approval, or by the Company subject to your approval as to heights and widths.

In England it is usually found more convenient to have the plans and specifications prepared by the Railway Company.

(2) When the plans and specifications have been agreed upon, your Council can obtain tenders for the work and let it to any contractor, who in the opinion of the Railway Company has had sufficient experience of similar work to ensure it being carried out satisfactorily.

(3) The work would be carried out under the supervision of the Company's Engineer and your Council would make payments direct to the Contractor on my certificate.

(4) Your Council would have to undertake to bear the whole cost of upkeep of the bridge in perpetuity, or in the alternative, agree to pay the Company either a fixed sum annually, or a lump sum to commute this liability. At the present stage it does not seem to be necessary to go into the terms as regards commutation.

I do not think there would be any difficulty about the land for the diversion, and if Messrs Meldon or the South Slob Commissioners or both, would agree to abandoning the level crossing the Company would probably consider the release from the liability for maintaining the level crossing, sufficient compensation for the land to be conveyed to the Council.

As regards the dimensions, I had the Bridge (No. 235) over the drainage Canal measured up a few years ago, and I found that the water level in the drainage canal on 17th January, 1924 was within 8' 1½" of the underside of the main girder of the bridge.

It is not possible to construct a bridge to carry modern loads over a twelve foot clear span with a less depth between rail and underside of girder than 2 feet. This dimension in the case of the existing bridge is about 2' 0½". It would appear therefore that it will not be possible to get more than 7' 6" headroom if you keep your level of road 6" above the observed water level of 17th January 1924. Whether that was a maximum water level or not I have no means of knowing. .

From these particulars it would appear that the Scheme is scarcely practicable.

I may say that my letter is written subject to the approval of my Directors and I cannot undertake to say that they would agree to the terms I have suggested, but I will get a definite ruling on hearing further from you."

The Co. Surveyor stated that since receipt of this letter he had made check measurements with regard to water-levels. That morning he had received from the men in charge particulars of measurements from which he (County Surveyor) ascertained his previous measurements were correct. He found they would be able to get 9 feet of headroom which he regarded as ample for the class of traffic to be taken by that road. As regards abandoning the level crossing he believed this to be out of the question.

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

That the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Great Southern Railway Company and explain that the County Council would not object to the roadway which will be of concrete being subject to flooding in exceptional times. We regard the head room available as suitable for the traffic. As the level crossing will be required to take the traction engines and threshing machines of the Slob Company the Council could not agree that the crossing should be abandoned. If agreement can be arrived at with the Railway Company, we are satisfied that the plans, etc of the bridge should be prepared by the Company and that they should carry out the work on the understanding that plans and specification of the contract should receive the previous approval of the Council."

Heavy Lorry Traffic.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from Messrs J.J. Stafford & Sons, Stonebridge, Wexford dated 21st Nov. 1927:-

"We have your letter of the 18th inst. regarding the condition of the roads and shall be only too pleased to co-operate in the way you suggest.

We are sending copy of your letter to each of our

lorry drivers giving them instructions at the same time to fall in with your suggestions."

Boiler Reports.

The following is copy of letter from Mr C. O'Neill, Chief Engineer, New Ireland Assurance Company under date 8th November 1927:-

"Policy No.E/60193. I beg to advise that I examined all the boilers insured under the above policy on yesterday, November 7th 1927 under working conditions and found them in good order and in receipt of careful attention."

Diving Suit.

It was decided that the County Surveyor include in next year's Estimate the cost of diving suit and also cost of some system of grab dredging which would be suitable for Courtown Harbour.

Chevrolet Motor Car.

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

"That the minimum amount of repairs be carried out on County Council "Chevrolet" motor car in order to keep car in running order until particulars of new Ford van be available and in order to enable the County Council to decide if new Ford van would be most suitable to purchase."

Demurrage Charges.

"Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that 23 tons of tar arrived at Palace East Railway Station on 9th June, 40 tons on 10th June, 61 tons on 13th June and 64 tons on 14th June, a total of 186 tons. It was all removed by the 21st June. From the number of engines and the condition of the roads it was impossible to have the haulage dealt with more expeditiously than had been done. There was a Holyday claimed for in the Demurrage a/c and on which no work was carried out. The Railway Company would not allow the Council to unload the tar or leave it on their premises.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor point out to the Railway Compy that all possible steps were taken to unload the tar and that if Co. Council had been allowed to put the stuff on the Company's premises pending removal, no demurrage charge would have been incurred. In the c rcumstances, the Co. Surveyor^{is} to request the Railway Company not to persist in claiming damages for demurrage.
Dangerous Corner Mountgarrett Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had received a letter from Major Place agreeing to allow the County Council to carry out the necessary work to have an easement at corner.
Gorey Courthouse.

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

"That the recommendation of the Co. Surveyor as to placing Press Box in Gorey Courthouse and procuring furniture for large room therein be approved."

As regards penal clause n contract for erection of this Courthouse the County Surveyor pointed out that contractor had lbst no time in commencing work and push ng it forward afterwards. The t me allowed, ow ng to weather conditions and unforeseen c rcumstances was a bit tight. There was no doubt but the work had been very well carried out.

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

"That in view of the expression of opinion from the Co. Surveyor we agree that the penal clause in contract for erection of Gorey Courthouse be not enforced against the contractor, Mr John Brown^Co."
New Ross Courthouse.

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

"That we agree to allocate £150 from amount raised for Public Works to provide for lighting and furniture for New Ross Courthouse."

In connection w th above Courthouse, letter was read from Town Clerk, New Ross under date 23rd November 1927, stating that

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they would supply water for domestic purposes to the Courthouse at an annual rent of 10/-.

This was considered satisfactory.

DUNISHAL GULLET.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of erection of gullet at Dunishal cost £20 of which half is to be contributed by Wexford Co. Council and the second half by Wicklow Co. Council."

TRANSFERS.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would submit the list to next meeting of Roads Committee.

Workmen's Clothing and Boots Injured by Tar.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a list of men recommended to receive compensation in each Assistant Surveyor's district. The total was £46 and 36 men were ~~concerned~~ concerned.

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

"That we approve of payment of compensation to workmen for clothes, etc. destroyed at tar-spraying work as per list submitted by County Surveyor, amount to be paid out of Grant work and to be approved by Department of Local Government."

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE.

The Report of Roads Inspection Committee was submitted as follows:-

Wexford County Council.

Roads Inspection Committee's Report.

Met in Enniscorthy, 17/8/27.

Present—Col. Quin, Messrs. J. O'Byrne and J. Hall; also Co. Surveyor (Col. Quin's motor).

New Ross Road (19, 20, 21E) Ballymackessy Bridge. Preparations for Grant work at intervals.

Ballybrennan Quarry (46E)—Met Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. Examined site for loading bank, and interviewed occupier.

Clonroche, Etc. (22, 23, 24E)—Grant work (Bitumen grouting in progress near Palace turn); good work.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the injury to workmen's clothes from tar while at this class of work. It is recommended that overalls and boots be obtained for such workers.

Ballyanne (9 and 8R)—Inspected bad corner at Scark (Junction of 8 and 91R). Ballyanne—drainage from adjoining premises coming out on road—nuisance. Sprayer at work.

Poulmounty and Ballywilliam (4, 83, 81 and 5R)—Inspected repair work on road to Poulmounty Bridge and thence to Ballywilliam; the road is much improved, but will require more expenditure.

New Ross (3, 2, 1R), Camblin Road (23R)—Inspected recent tar repair work. Road improved and this method of repair should be continued.

Wexford Road (12, 13, 14, 15R)—Recent tar repair work; the work as far as it goes is satisfactory and should be continued.

(16, 17 and 18R)—Tar spraying work; good. Inspected work at Ballyvergin Cross. When completed will be most satisfactory.

(13 and 12W)—Recent grant work, Knockeen to Ardcaurisk. This is good work and the road is now in first rate order.

Enniscorthy via Macmine (9, 10, 58W and 330, 329, 317 and 303E)—This road now takes most thro' traffic between Wexford and Enniscorthy owing to closing of direct road for concrete laying. Pot holes tar treated, but some recent work without tarring owing to delay in obtaining tar.

Met in Wexford, 30th Sept.

Present—Mr. J. O'Byrne. Mr. Thorpe met Committee near New Ross. County Surveyor also present.

Ferrycarrig Bridge (5W)—Inspected concrete work near Bridge—this section approaching completion.

Taghmon (8, 11, 14, 15W)—Committee was to have met Mr. Colfer in Taghmon, but he did not turn up.

Inspected tarred footpath at lower end of town and recommended that French drain (25 yards) and pipe across road be put in to take soakage from field, which causes a nuisance on road. Opposite National Bank premises and elsewhere in the same street there are rocks projecting above the road surface and these should be removed.

Foulksmills (16W and 22R). Tinna-carriek (new Quarry) (21, 20, 19 and 166R)—Met Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and inspected quarry-work in progress and quarry is now well opened. Adjoining house is most useful for lorge, store and shelter.

Ballinaboola—New Ross (15, 14, 13 and 12R)—Met Mr. Thorpe by appointment at junction of 12R and 99R where fence had been cut without permission of owner.

Committee met Mr. Gleeson (Roseville, New Ross), the owner, and settled with him as to further work to be done, which includes cutting back corner and erecting concrete post and wire fence.

Camblin Road (23R)—Recent filling of potholes with tar and screenings is improving this road, and Committee recommend the continuance of this work as much as possible and as funds permit. Cope of parapet walls should be repaired.

Arthurstown (24, 32, 33, 34R)—Several corners have been improved on this section, but there remains much more to be done. Some of the fences are hardly low enough, and hedges require cutting. At Dunbrody Bridge the parapet should be lowered where it obstructs the view. Arthurstown Corner, at Dispensary—The projecting enclosure should be removed or at least rounded off. The Committee considers that the Health Board should purchase the building if possible, and provided reasonable terms can be obtained.

Duncannon (35 and 36R)—Corner at Riverview should be rounded off. Duncannon Harbour in good condition; the new railing should be scraped and coated with mastic paint. Steps should be cleaned.

The Hook (37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43R)—Inspected new wall where road carried away by sea. Concrete appears weak.

Slade Harbour—Examined into complaint by local people. Road at end of slip liable to flooding should be raised, pipe holes through wall lowered and ope made into gullet. Three new mooring rings and one new bollard required, and roadway on wharf levelled up. The new concrete at approach to sewer adjoining harbour has been partly carried away and must be restored; gap in parapet of road to be built up and recess undermined by sea made good with concrete.

Fethard (45, 284, 283, 31R)—Side slip near Carnivan head much as formerly and side of road is fenced. Nothing can be done here at present; later if further slip takes place either a concrete retaining wall must be built or the road diverted inland.

New Ross (via Baliniry and Dunmain) (30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 54, 25R)—North of Fethard at junction of 30, 31 and 39R the road should be widened on the E. side as far as telegraph post. The corner at signpost should be eased off and fence lowered.

Mountgarrett Bridge (1 and 2R)—Committee questioned the width of opening span on temporary bridge and interviewed Mr. Roche, Ballyanne, regarding same. The span will be 28 feet, and sufficient. The logs, etc., deposited on side of road opposite temp. br. should be removed.

Ballyanne Bridge (3R)—Insanitary state of drains again noted. The trees on both sides of Pill above bridge should be cut down so as to give clear view on corner.

Poulmounty-Ballywilliam (4, 83, 81R)—Noted improvement due to recent work on these roads; further expenditure necessary if funds permit. Signpost in Ballywilliam should be removed to opposite corner.

New Ross (85, 9, 91, 90, 53R)—Gobinstown corner on 85R should be eased off on first available opportunity. Corner at junction of 9 and 91R (Scark) should be cut away, gullet extended and road widened, the owner to give pipes. In the Maudlins, New Ross, the stone depots extend on to roadway in a dangerous manner and should be removed.

Committee met in Enniscorthy, 4th October.

Present—Messrs. J. O'Byrne, J. Hall, the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, were also present. Mr. Gaul met the Committee in Wexford and accompanied them for the remainder of the inspection.

Castle Ellis Cross (27, 28, 31 and 32E)—Near Cooladine Cross there is an objectionable pond of water protruding on the road margin; this should be filled up in whole or in part and the Assistant Surveyor should see the owner of adjoining premises about it. The fences, etc., in Ballymurray Quarry are now in satisfactory condition and the quarry face well opened. The Assistant Surveyor was directed to arrange with the owner of field in regard to drainage coming down lane.

Near Ballaghkeen (Junction of 32 and 171E) there is a dangerous turn, and details of improvement were arranged with the County and Assistant Surveyors. The side drains adjoining should be cleaned out immediately. Castle Ellis Cross—Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, met the Committee here and details of improvement were arranged with the Co. Surveyor. The adjoining land owner was present.

Blackwater and Ballyconnigar, etc. (33, 193, 194E)—Near the town on 33E there is a dangerous S. turn which can be greatly improved by widening out the travelling surface and trimming hedges, even without altering the fences which at one corner are a protection to yard and house. Instructions were given to the Assistant Surveyor.

Cush Gap—Inspection made of improvement works and local people interviewed. These doubt that the concrete blocks will protect the banks, but County Surveyor is of opinion that the foreshore will be built up as at Courtown, and it was decided to await the effect of the Winter's storms before taking any further action. A couple of the blocks are broken, but still serviceable. At Ballyconnigar the protection wall has been extended; possibly it may require to be raised later. Some of the timbers in footbridge require repairs, which the Assistant Surveyor is already arranging for.

Wexford (55, 56E, 4, 3, and 1W)—The flooded hollow in Curracloe was inspected, and it was decided that the road should be raised. The timber flooring on bascule of New Bridge should be tar sprayed and sanded.

Kerlogue Quarry (23W)—Extensive work in progress. A large quantity of fine sand, due to screening out the chips for spraying work, is available in this and other quarries. It is recommended that this be disposed of at a reduced rate (unless required for road work).

Kilmore Harbour (27, 28, 29, 30, 31W)—With exception of gaps in breakwater the harbour is in good condition. At junction of 295 and 14E there is a large heap of road scrapings and manure, which should be removed, and in future no dump should be allowed here. The end of breakwater at harbour mouth has been made good. The drainage at end of pier has been made good and the damaged quays repaired. The cost of repairs should be at once got from the ship-owners causing damage.

Carne Pier (219, 218, 223, 226, 251, 256, 254, 37, 38W)—The grass plot at junction of 246W with 38W should be removed. At the Pier the Co. Surveyor explained the proposed repair works.

Wexford via Cross of Lough and Tagoat (247, 37, 36, 32W).

Committee met in Enniscorthy. 5th October.

Present—Messrs. J. O'Byrne, J. Hall and J. Gaul; the Co. Surveyor was also present. Brownwood Quarry was inspected and the Pioneer Company's work at plant examined.

Cherryorchard Quarry (295E)—Work in progress, but ganger not present. Charge hand stated he had gone to a rock cutting on road.

At junction of 295 and 14E there is a large heap of road scrapings which should be removed, and in future no dump should be allowed here.

The Committee made detour from Ballyhouse by Hollyfort. (288, 289, 290 and 31E), but did not find the ganger.

Kiltealy (14, 15, 16, 17E)—Side channel being cut in road on hill at Monart. The whole of road to Kiltealy much improved by work in recent years. Hedges in places require cutting.

Bunclody (39, 30, 37, 57E)—From Doonan's Cross Roads to Butler's Cross the road has been water torn and there are loose stones; otherwise the road is good. Tyland Quarry was inspected, but no work is now proceeding; there is a large quantity of b. s. available.

Enniscorthy (10, 9, 8, 7, 6, and 1E)—The dangerous blind corner near the National Bank (10E) was examined and the Committee approves of the Co. Surveyor's suggestion to have the wall lowered and a railing placed on top. The landlord is satisfied to have the work done, but the occupier has not yet given permission. The matter is in the hands of the Assistant Surveyor. A section of the road between Bunclody and Clohamon which has been treated with "cold bitumen" macadam was examined and approved. The entire length of road to Scarawalsh has been much improved, and the finished sections are in first rate order. At Scarawalsh Cross the bitumen grouting work was in progress, and is a good job. The corners will require to be eased off and fences lowered to give a clear view.

Ferns Road (2, 3 and 4aE)—On the Ferns side of Scarawalsh Bridge the two blind corners have been removed and concrete post and wire fences erected; it is an extremely good improvement work, and when the slopes over the bridge have been regraded as intended the whole will be entirely satisfactory. The road to Ferns is completed in first-class manner.

The recently tarred footpath in Ferns was inspected, and is a good job.

Enniscorthy (130, 154, 153 and 155E)—The corner at Solsborough (153E) was inspected and the proposed alteration approved of.

The Committee met in Ferns, 14th October.

Present—Messrs. J. O'Byrne, J. Hall and J. Gaul; Co. Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, also present.

Bunclody Road (34 and 35E)—An inspection was made of the dangerous corner in Strahart. Mr. Ennis explained the proposed alterations, and informed the Committee that the owner of the premises was willing to sign an agreement if paid compensation. The Committee discussed the price, and authorised Mr. Ennis to have agreement made out, and fixed a limit for the compensation. The work is most necessary.

Ferns-Gorey Road (5E, 15, 14 and 13G)—Bitumen grouting work was proceeding near the Rectory turn at Ferns. The work is satisfactory, but there is great difficulty in carrying out this class of work owing to constant traffic of lorries and motors. If possible the road should be closed when grouting work is being carried out.

Broadford Bridge is now completed and well trunked over, and is a good job. The section to Bay Bridge is in first-class order, and the improvement work at the corner near the bridge is entirely satisfactory.

From Bay Bridge to Camolin (15G) is in very poor condition; material is being got out for improvement work under Grant, but cannot be completed this year. In the meanwhile the large potholes should be filled and the road levelled up.

The gulley traps in Camolin should be frequently cleaned out.

Ballydaniel Bridge—This bridge has been widened and the bad bends on it and adjoining parapet walls have been eased off. As good a job as possible has been done short of entire rebuilding. Mr. P. Byrne accompanied the Committee to inspect the fallen retaining wall at Ballinclare Bridge. This is a serious case and the wall must be rebuilt at once. The old mortared masonry was of little strength, and adjoining portions must come down. The corner at junction of 137G and the sharp bends on the old line should be eased off when rebuilding. The Assistant Surveyor is obtaining estimates for the work.

About one and half miles of bitumen grouted work has been done under Grant on this road, and the old work from a mile south of Clough into Gorey has been resprayed. When the sections through Camolin to Bay Bridge and from Scarawalsh to Enniscorthy are done there will be an excellent road from Gorey to Enniscorthy.

The Committee inspected Gorey Court-house and are quite satisfied with the work. The County Surveyor was directed to arrange about fuel and temporary lighting pending taking in the electric light. Furniture will be required in the Jury Room.

Gorey-Arklow Road (2, 3, 4G)—This road is generally in good condition; sections remain to be bitumen grouted and material is being prepared for this.

The corners at junction of Coolgreany road have been well rounded off and post and wire fence erected. It is a good job.

The Committee inspected site of proposed store at Inch Creamery and does not consider it will be any obstruction to road or view.

Coolgreany (61G and 27G)—The placing of a stone depot at a bad bend on the "Long Lane," which a former Committee objected to, is again noted; this must be stopped.

The new footpath at the "Ball Alley" in Coolgreany is finished, and is a good job.

Tara Hill Quarry (62, 74, 83 and 81G)—Work was in progress at Tara Hill Quarry and a large quantity of material is now prepared for Grant work.

Courtown Harbour (105, 106 and 22G)—The Committee interviewed Mrs. Stapleton (widow of the late Harbour Master) with reference to her giving up possession of the house and store. She intends to leave shortly and there will be no difficulty in having the house available for the new Harbour Master when appointed.

The foreshore and protection walls are now in good condition; all the blocks, except those in the angle near the slip, are well covered. One of the sluices in the gate is now damaged, and consequently no sluicing can take place. We directed the temporary sheeting of the opening and working the scour with the three remaining sluices. The Committee recommends that another lifebuoy be got for use on the shore and that it be housed on the harbour side of the new concrete parapet wall. The old boats should be broken up for distribution as firewood.

The Gorey-Courtown Road is now much improved, but until remade will not stand the Summer traffic. The work under "Tourist" Grant at the Gorey end is a good job. Very good work has been done in rounding off corners at junction of 21 and 167G and the adjoining bend. Post and wire fences have been erected.

Craanford (9 and 10G)—The improvement work at Craanford is an excellent job; the protection wall on 119G should be extended about 2ft. high and 6in. thick, and the thorn bush in the adjoining

premises cut down to improve the view.

General—As it would be impossible to make an exhaustive inspection of the county, the Committee selected representative routes, covering important works and places that had been referred to at County Council meetings. The following points require special mention:

(1) Delay in putting in hands side cleaning and drainage work; this matter refers to areas in the south part of the county.

(2) Damaged walls and parapets should be repaired as soon as possible after injury, and old standing damages should be made good at once if funds permit. In some cases special proposals may be necessary, and the Assistant Surveyors should be required to prepare a list of these so that the Council may deal with them in rotation.

(3) Dangerous corners and bends should get special attention. In many cases good work has been done, but pending larger expenditure the Committee considers that projecting briars and branches should be cut and hedges lowered, and there should be no difficulty in obtaining permission of the owners. During the Winter all owners of hedges should be noticed and required to cut them.

(4) In some places stone depots project on the travelling surface of the road; this should not be allowed.

(5) On a number of occasions the Committee noted gates opening out on to the road and causing a dangerous obstruction. This should not be allowed, and if the existing laws do not cover the point the Local Government Department should be requested to have the law amended.

Generally over the county the condition of the roads has much improved. When the work under existing Grants is completed the whole "National Routes" through the county will be in first-class order. Of the remaining trunk, Enniscorthy-Bunclody and Wexford-New Ross, are being brought up to a high standard.

The Wexford-Rosslare Harbour Road will require very extensive work, and a special Grant should be sought for this. Extensive tar patch work has been done out of "maintenance," and the road is as well maintained as possible with the funds available.

Of the first-class Main Roads, that from Wexford to Gorey is the most important and will require a large expenditure to put it in good order. The "maintenance" proposals are insufficient to deal with it, particularly the Wexford end, but as on the Rosslare road good work has been done with tar patch work.

The Committee noted throughout the County the great improvement due to the use of tar in patch work and filling potholes, and recommend that this system of repair be extended in the future.

There is a marked improvement in practically all the roads of the County. The Committee noted that the road staff and workers generally are attentive and interested in their work. Minor defects are noticeable here and there; but this is in great part due to the very great amount of work that had to be done and to the lack of funds to meet special improvements. The County Machinery has been maintained in the best condition, and has been worked to its full capacity.

(Signed),

JAMES GAUL,

WILLIAM THORPE,

JAMES HALL,

SEAN O'BYRNE,

R. P. WEMYSS-QUIN, Col.

"The People," Wexford.

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

"That the Report of Roads Inspection Committee submitted to this meeting be received and recommended to the County Council for adoption.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had this Scheme for 1928 in course of preparation and would complete it as soon as possible.

DONANORE QUARRY.

The question of responsibility of repair of wall of road adjoining Donanore Quarry which was damaged by a falling tree was referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting.

STEAM ROLLER PLANT AT NIGHT.

Arising out of a discussion initiated by the Chairman as regards unrolled material allowed to remain overnight and the position of steam-rolling plant during the night, the Co. Surveyor stated he had directed that a light should be placed at the warning notices which were used during the day directing attention to the fact that roads were being steam-rolled.

CLERK OF WORKS WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

The Co. Surveyor stated that at a previous meeting mention was made that Mr Michael O'Hanlon, one of the Superintendents on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road, had engaged in private work by having a contract for haulage to this road with the sub-contractors who were supplying cement. He (Co. Surveyor) approached Mr O'Hanlon who denied that he had anything whatever to do with the matter. He said it was his sons who were absolutely in charge of this work. He (Co. Surveyor) made an appointment with Mr O'Hanlon and discussed the matter with him. At that time, the Co. Surveyor was in doubt as to whether he would suspend Mr O'Hanlon pending the Roads Committee meeting. In view of the explanation he was satisfied not to put the suspension in force and had decided to let the matter come before the Roads Committee in the usual way. Mr O'Hanlon was directed to put his case in writing which he did. In his letter of 10th of November 1927, Mr O'Hanlon pointed out that the haulage contract

was being carried out by his sons, Thomas and Vincent.

The lorry which was used was their property.

The following is an extract from the letter:-

" I have absolutely nothing to do with my sons and their lorry."

In reply to this the Co. Surveyor wrote as follows to Mr O'Hanlon under date 16th November 1927:-

"In reply to your letter of the 10th inst, and further in regard to my conversation with you to-day, I have made inquiries and am satisfied that you have not given me a fair statement of the case in your letter nor in your conversation with me. I have been informed that you have yourself directly paid men engaged with the cement haulage and I do not consider this proper. Accordingly I have no option but to suspend you from duty as Clerk of Works on this job pending decision of the Roads Committee on the 28th. inst. If you have any case to make you should attend the Roads Committee on above date and I am sure the Committee will consider your case."

Continuing the Co. Surveyor stated that he had never heard of Mr O'Hanlon actually paying any of the men concerned in the haulage to the road, but one man named George Browne (who was working at the concreting of Wexford Quay) stated he was paid personally by Mr O'Hanlon. In view of that statement he (Co. Surveyor) considered he had no option but to suspend Mr O'Hanlon because in his opinion, Mr O'Hanlon deliberately intended to deceive. He suspended him and told him that any further explanation he had to make should be made to the Roads Committee. He (Co. Surveyor) was informed that O'Hanlon had ^{paid} several men but he had a clear statement in the one case.

Mr O'Hanlon came before the meeting and stated that the contract for haulage was taken from Messrs Glorney, Dublin by his sons. They were asked to quote a price in competition with others. He (Mr O'Hanlon) knew nothing about the contract and had no interest in it whatever. He had been accused of paying men on the road but he had never done so. He admitted having paid the man named George Browne one Saturday afternoon in his own house when his ^{own} work was

finished for the day. He paid this man on behalf of his son as the man wanted the money and his son was not then in the house as he was looking after lorries. He had never received any cheques for this contract in his own name: these cheques were made out by Mr John Browne, who was Glorney's agent in Wexford, in the name of O'Hanlon Brothers.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr O'Hanlon's work on the road had been satisfactory.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he was informed by Mr John Browne, agent for Glorney that Mr O'Hanlon took this contract although Mr Browne told him not to.

Mr O'Hanlon in reply to Mr Birthistle denied that he had anything to do with the contract and said he never got a cheque from Mr John Browne in respect of it. He never made any agreement with men named Sutton and Kehoe for haulage.

After further discussion, the Chairman said he would take a show of hands on the following (1) Was Mr O'Hanlon's action undesirable? (2) Was the Co. Surveyor justified in suspending him? (3) Shall Mr O'Hanlon's appointment be determined and if so, shall he be paid a fortnight's wages in lieu of notice?

On No 1 seven voted in favour. Mr Hall did not vote.

On No. 2 all members present voted in favour and on No 3 five voted in favour, others who did not vote stating they were in favour of dismissal without notice.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, said he had not heard further from Messrs McMahon & Tweedy, Solicitors for Mrs Waller. He understood that the place would be inspected by the Board of Works Engineer and it would be better defer further consideration until his report had been received. Messrs Meldon had asked for particulars of levels from the public road down to the drainage canal.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor supply the necessary information as to levels.

CAMBLIN EMBANKMENT - PROPOSED DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 26th November 1927, the following (17912/26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we have had the above-named District inspected by an Engineer and his report ~~B~~ shows that no appreciable improvement in the drainage conditions could be effected for an expenditure less than £1502 and that even this sum would only suffice for the improvement of about 90 acres. This is equivalent to an expenditure of £16-13-9 per acre which is a totally uneconomic proposal.

In the circumstances, the scheme, in our opinion, is not a feasible one, but if the Co. Council desire us to proceed further in the matter we will have a valuation of the district made with a view to ascertaining the extent of the benefit from the proposed works.

We shall be glad to know the Council's views in due course. We may add that should the scheme be proceeded with on the present estimates, it is probable that a substantial contribution from the Council would be required to make the scheme economic to the occupiers of affected lands."

It was decided that communication from Office of Public Works should be referred to next meeting of County Council.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT BALLYGALVERT.

It was decided that Messrs Shannon and Thorpe should act as a Committee in connection with above and after consultation with Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor that they should report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

In connection with the action of Mr John Murphy in changing site of petrol pump in John Street, New Ross from the original position agreed to by the Council without obtaining the consent, and which had been referred to New Ross Urban Council, the following resolution adopted by the Urban Council at their meeting of 22nd November 1927 was read:-

"That the County Council have sole control of the road

on which the pumps are erected and as they and not the Urban Council gave permission for the erection of them this Council considers it the duty of the County Council to decide whether the position of the pumps is in order, and we accordingly refer the matter back to that body.."

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

"That the question of change of site of petrol pump at John Street, New Ross, the property of Mr John Murphy be adjourned until the Roads Committee have before them the plan of the site showing original and altered positions of the pumps in conformity with regulations adopted by them on 14th November 1927."

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

"That licence for petrol pump be issued to Mr Harry Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross."

In connection with application of Mr M. Harte, Campile for licence for petrol pump, Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that there was a clear width of 21 feet of road at the pump and it could not cause an obstruction. The tank projected about one foot under the road.

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

"That Mr Harte, Campile be informed that unless he supplies at once to the Co. Council the plan which he was requested to furnish in connection with his application, the Roads Committee will refuse to accede to his application for licence for petrol pump."

COURTOWN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

Under date 8th November 1927, the following was read from Mr David Bolger, Courtown Harbour:-

"Will you please bring the following facts before your County Council re the conditions of Courtown Harbour. We have reason to believe that if the ~~Government~~ County Council make a move in the matter that the Government will do something to alleviate the conditions prevailing at Courtown Harbour for some years past.

"We hold that if the sluice-gates were put in proper order and that if the river bed or basin were cleaned up that we would be able to get to sea at most times.

Nowadays it is only ~~at~~ very occasionally we can put out and it is rather hard on us to see boats from other quarters fishing at practically Courtown Pier Head while we have to remain ashore. The sluice gates are at present of no use whatever and there is an island formed of mud, stones, etc. in the middle of the basin.

As stated before if the Co. Council makes a move we have reason to believe the Government will finance the work."

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

"That Mr Bolger be informed the Council have arranged for the County Surveyor to meet an Engineer from the Ministry of Fisheries at Courtown Harbour and report as to what improvements can be made to help the fishing industry there."

GOREY-COURTOWN ROAD.

Mr Denis Allen T.D. forwarded for the consideration of the Committee the following letter (RG/32) under date 22nd November 1927 from the Roads Section of the Local Government Department:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 16th inst relative to a Grant towards the improvement of the Gorey-Courtown Road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he would be glad to have the views of the Wexford County Council on the proposal to expend a sum of £6500 on the road in question."

The Co. Surveyor stated that if the Government would provide the £6,500 Grant, work on the road could begin at once.

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

That the Co. Council at their next meeting consider in conjunction with Co. Surveyor proposal for expenditure of proposed Grant of £6500 on Gorey-Courtown Road."

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF BUILDING.

The application of Michael Horan, 16 Boyce Terrace, Arklow for permission to erect a building at Inch, Gorey was further considered.

The County Surveyor submitted further plan of the structure and mentioned that the Roads Inspection Committee were of opinion there would be no obstruction to the view caused by its erection. This was also his own opinion. The house would be more than thirty feet from the centre of the road.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin recommending the Co. Council not to offer objection to the erection of the building.

STRAND ROAD AT ROSSLARE

Under date 24th November 1927, the following was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council:-

"I am glad to say that everything is now in order as to this road and all parties have signed the Transfers of their respective plots to the Council, and I will be glad therefore if you would procure Paying Order at the next meeting for the various sums for the purchase money as under, viz:-

Patrick Swan £90: Margaret O'Brien £20: Jas Murphy £250:
M.J. O'Connor & Co, Costs as agreed upon £15-15-0: Total £375-15-0.

I am not quite clear whether the expenses in connection with the stamping and transfer fees of these Transfers are to be paid out of the Grant for the Road or out of the ordinary Council funds. If they are to be paid out of the Grant, I will afterwards require payment by Paying Order for the amount of stamps and transfer fees on the different conveyances. I cannot tell this until I have the Deeds stamped and the transfer fees paid."

The Secretary stated he had informed Mr Elgee that the expenses in connection with the stamping of Deeds and transfer fees were to be paid out of the Grant.

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

"That improvement work at Strand Road, Rosslare be commenced as soon as possible."

ROSSLARE ROADS.

Under date 14th November 1927, the following was read from Mr N. J. Kelly, Strand Hotel, Rosslare:-

"As a fairly big ratepayer in this district, I beg to ask you can anything be done to improve our roads between Wexford and Rosslare and especially our Village Road here.

I have had hundreds of complaints from visitors (who motored from all parts of Ireland) stating that our local roads are a disgrace to the County Wexford.

Surely our roads in the South are as important as those in the north of the County where they are always kept in perfect order. I shall be grateful if you will give this matter your early kind attention, as the roads in question are really ruining the motor tourist traffic to Rosslare."

It was decided to inform Mr Kelly that the County Council were proceeding with the work at Strand Road immediately and that the other roads of the district would be attended to as soon as possible.

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor mentioned that he had received copy of Court Order relative to new road at Gorey Hill Quarry. This provided for a road width of 14 feet in ^{the} clear and it did not include the fence. The note in the Judge's book corroborated this.

The following recommendation was agreed to.:-

"That Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Miss Palmer, owner of Gorey Hill Quarry be informed that the County Council are prepared to erect a mound fence at Quarry at Gorey Hill provided they can secure a fourteen feet roadway in the clear as provided by Court Order."

DRAINAGE BILL.

The following resolution from Roscommon County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That this Council notices that a Drainage Bill has been presented to Dail Eireann under which some expenses in relation to Drainage Districts are proposed to be charged against all the ratepayers in the county. As it propose^s also to levy and collect the special drainage rates on the drainage districts with the poor Rate, they must be lodged to the Bank A/c receiving the

ordinary Poor Rate, so that if the special rates on drainage districts are in arrear from any cause the drainage expenses would automatically be paid by the Treasurer out of the Poor Rate of the County-at-large.

The Council are strongly opposed to any contribution from the County-at-large Fund being made imperative and also to the payment of drainage expenses being made out of any but drainage monies kept in a separate Account.

These views are to be expressed to all this County's representatives in Dail Eireann with a ~~request~~ request that they may endeavour to amend the Bill in accordance therewith."

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.

In connection with the proposal to purchase from Mrs Susan Deacon, a small plot of land adjoining Ballybrennan Quarry Mrs Deacon wrote that William Freeman had no claim to the plot.

Mr Elgee advised the meeting not to take further action in the matter until they had an opportunity of considering the claim which he understood Mr Freeman was about to make and the meeting adopted the suggestion.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th November, 1927, be received and considered".

WEXFORD ENNISCORTHY ROAD.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, the County Surveyor stated that no further cracks had appeared in the road since the inspection of the Committee. Of course before taking over the completed work they would have to walk the entire length of the road and **Chain it**. In that way they would come across all cracks in the road. The road from Wexford to Edermine would be opened before Christmas.

Hoarding Old Wexford Courthouse

The County Surveyor said he had communicated with Mr. Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor, regarding this matter but had received no reply.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Hanrahan had that morning engaged a mason to examine the walls etc., of the old Courthouse.

WEXFORD ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

The County Surveyor said he had received an estimate for £900 from the Railway Co., for construction of Under Bridge. This money would come out of the grant and he (County Surveyor) considered he should be authorised to make application to the Local Government Department for a grant for the cost of bridge and also for the completion of the lower portion of the road. Unless this was done the money expended to the present would be waste^{ed}

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the County Surveyor be authorised to apply to the Local Government Department (Roads' Section) for the necessary amount to build under bridge on Wexford-Rosslare Slob Road and to complete the bottoming and surfacing of the lower portion of this road!"

Colonel Gibbon said that when the road was complete the Council would undoubtedly have power to prohibit heavy traffic belonging to the public, but on the other hand, if there was heavy

farm traffic from North Slob people, particularly, in connection with beet growing on the slob, the County Council would not be able to prevent it, and the maintenance charges for this road would be very expensive having regard to the present foundation.

The County Surveyor said the road was constructed for light traffic only. If it ~~would~~ was to be subject to heavy lorry traffic continuously it would require a concrete surface. He did not think that the far end of the road near Rosslare would have beet traffic over it. The heavy traffic on the road would be limited to about a mile of its total length.

CLERK OF WORKS - ENNISCORTHY WEXFORD ROAD.

The Secretary read correspondence from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Mr. O'Hanlon. Messrs O'Connor and Co., denied that O'Hanlon had any connection with the Cement haulage contract; they requested permission to attend the County Council meeting so that Mr. O'Hanlon's position could be fully explained.

Mr. Elgee said that the determination of Mr. O'Hanlon's services was a matter for the County Surveyor as it was the latter who employed him and fixed his wages. There was no resolution on the books of the Council appointing Mr. O'Hanlon whose wages were paid out of Government Grant.

Colonel Gibbon having explained the facts of the case as put before the Roads' Committee, Mr. Corish mentioned that what enabled him to arrive at a decision was the statement that Mr. O'Hanlon had made a contract for haulage of cement to the road with Mr. Browne who was Messrs Glorney's agent in Wexford.

Mr. Birthistle said he could produce the evidence of a man named Meyler that he had been "taken on" by Mr. O'Hanlon for haulage work and had been paid in his (Meyler's) own house by Mr. O'Hanlon on three occasions.

Colonel Gibbon contended that from a legal point of view and, assuming that O'Hanlon was the servant of the Council, they were entitled to dispense with his services by the payment of

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a fortnight's wages in lieu of notice.

He then moved the following:-

"That the correspondence from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Michael O'Hanlon be referred to our legal adviser to look after the interests of the County Council in any legal action that may be taken. That the dismissal of Mr. O'Hanlon with a fortnight's wages in lieu of notice (which is in our power as an ordinary employer) be approved".

Colonel Quin seconded.

Colonel Gibbon said he was opposed to Mr. O'Hanlon or his legal adviser being heard by the Council.

Mr. Jordan asked if O'Hanlon brought legal action and succeeded would it be the County Council or the County Surveyor who would be liable?

Mr. Doyle - We decided when the matter was first brought forward that the appointment be made by the County Surveyor. It would have been quite all right for the County Surveyor to have taken action himself. But the County Surveyor having brought the question before the Roads' Committee threw the matter to a certain extent on the County Council. If the man has a grievance, and can prove that he was not connected with the haulage contract, the action of the County Surveyor and that of the Roads' Committee has brought the County Council into it and the responsibility rests on their shoulders.

It was then decided to hear Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Solicitor for Mr. O'Hanlon, who pointed out that there was no foundation for the serious allegation that Mr. O'Hanlon was interested in any way in the cement haulage contract. On one or two occasions (Mr. O'Hanlon) had paid the men who were employed by his sons, the holders of the contract, but the amounts to be paid had been provided and made up by his sons and were only handed to the workmen to oblige his sons who at the time were engaged in other work. They were never paid out of O'Hanlon's pocket but only in the way that a man would oblige another. But even if Mr. O'Hanlon had been contractor there

was nothing in it which could interfere with his duties as Clerk of Works on the road. The haulage contract ran from 4th June to 16th November, the last named date being the one on which ~~Mr~~^{Mr} O'Hanlon was dismissed. Mr. O'Hanlon had given satisfaction in his position as Clerk of Works and no complaint as to his work had been made. As for the lorry which had been employed in the haulage this was owned by O'Hanlon Bros., and had been purchased out of a legacy left their mother.

Mr. O'Hanlon admitted having handed money on three occasions to George Browne but this had been done for his sons who had made up the amounts and had them ready so that all he (Mr. O'Hanlon) had to do was to hand over the amounts.

Messrs O'Connor and Hanlon then withdrew.

Colonel Gibbon said it was very undesirable that a man portion of ~~his~~^{whose} work for the County Council was to take samples of cement for the Council should be concerned even indirectly with a haulage contract for this cement.

The County Surveyor said he had lost confidence in O'Hanlon and that was the reason why he did not wish his services retained not of his concern with the haulage contract. When he discussed the matter on the first occasion with Mr. O'Hanlon the latter should have told him that he had paid George Browne.

Mr. Birthistle - Mr. John Browne told me that Mr. O'Hanlon took this haulage contract from Glorney and that he (Mr. Browne) mentioned to O'Hanlon that he was on dangerous ground when he was taking it.

Daniel Meyler was called before the meeting and said he was employed on this haulage contract by Mr. Michael O'Hanlon and paid him in his (Meyler's) house on three occasions.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded

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the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee meeting of 28th November, 1927, relative to the determination of the employment of Mr. Michael O'Hanlon be, and is, hereby approved.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Clince, Shammon, P. Byrne, Colfer, Mernagh, Connors, Corish, Gaul, Cooney, Hayes, Hall, Quin, Gibbon, Jordan, Boggan, Cloney and the Chairman - 18.

Against:- Messrs Pender, Whyte and Murphy - 3.

Did not vote:- Messrs Doyle, Thorpe, O'Donoghue and Walsh - 4.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

PETROL PUMPS NEW ROSS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That as the New Ross Urban Council were consulted when Mr. John Murphy, John Street, New Ross, applied for licences for petrol pumps they should now state^{if} they have any objection to the pumps remaining in their present position.

GOREY-COURTOWN ROAD.

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

"That the County Surveyor call the attention of the Department of Local Government (Roads' Section) to letter of 22nd November, 1927 (RG/32) to Mr. Denis Allen T.D. and inform them that he is prepared to commence work on this road immediately notification be made to the County Council that the grant of £6500 is forthcoming"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of 28th November, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed"

SPECIAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCIL. =====

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That a special meeting of the County Council be held on 2nd January, 1928, for the purpose of

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considering County Surveyor's estimate for roads and public works and to agree to Road Estimate for next financial year. That the Roads' Committee meet on the afternoon of 2nd January, 1928, for the purpose of considering their ordinary Road business"

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.
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Mr. Hayes moved and Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the following Committee be appointed to inspect Corramacorra road with the County Surveyor and Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor for the district, and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee in respect of proposed reconstruction and repair of this road:- Messrs Corish, Hayes, Gaul, Boggan, Rossiter and Colonel Gibbon.

It was decided that the County Surveyor arrange date of inspection.

MONASOOTH LANE.
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Messrs Denis Flusk and Patrick Foley came before the meeting in connection with the above lane which was situate between Camolin and Carnew and was about a mile in length. There were ten farmers and their families on this land and three or four other farmers were also constantly using it. Then there was the traffic of the general public as it was a link between two roads. The persons concerned were anxious that the lane should be put in contract.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the following Committee be appointed to inspect Monasootha Lane with the County Surveyor and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee:- Messrs Jordan, P. Byrne, Pender, Sean O'Byrne and Hall.

It was decided that date of inspection be fixed by County Surveyor and that the Assistant Surveyor for the district should be in attendance.

COURTOWN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.
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Under date 28th November the following (D/5/20) was read from the Department of Fisheries. :-

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"With reference to your communication dated 22nd instant, relative to the need for certain improvement work at Courtown Harbour; I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that Mr. A. Hassard, the Department's Engineer, whose time has been hypothecated for other duties for some time to come, will, as soon as business permits, arrange a conference and inspection with the County Surveyor"

DREDGING AT KILMORE HARBOUR.
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Under date 9th December the following (D/73/1) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the request for dredging at Kilmore Harbour, I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that as the Wexford County Council is willing to pay a moiety (say £200) of the cost, he is prepared to contribute a sum not exceeding £200 from this Department's funds towards the work.

"The Commissioners of Public Works have been requested to make a dredger available at as early a date as may be practicable; and they will no doubt apply for the Council's contribution when operations are about to be started".

PETROL PUMP LICENCES.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Roads' Committee be fully empowered to deal with all applications for erection of petrol pumps"

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.
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The following Minutes of meeting of Scholarship Committee of 10th December, 1927, were submitted:-

A meeting of Co. Wexford Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10th December, 1927.

Present:- Very Rev. W. F. Murphy (President, St. Peter's College, Wexford) presiding; also present:- Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown, Colonel Gibbon and Mr. J. Kelly M.T.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

A letter was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, M.C.C., stating that he did not intend to take any further action as regards the proposal to ask the County Council to award University Scholarships to Ecclesiastical students in residence in Constituent Colleges.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Under date 28th November, 1927 letter (F.16734) was read from the office of National Education suggesting amendments in the Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools for 1928.

The Committee having considered the various suggestions in this communication and regarding these as reasonable, made the necessary alterations in Scheme so as to comply with the requirements of the Office of National Education.

The Scheme for 1928 will, therefore, be as follows:-

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS, 1928

The above Council will, for year 1928, offer Three Scholarships for Boys and Three for Girls, of the value of £40 for first year and of £50 for second, third and fourth years. Three Bursaries of the value of £15 each for four years are also offered.

In the event of lack of competition for Scholarships or Bursaries by boys or girls, the Council shall have power, should they so desire, to award their Scholarships and Bursaries to the best candidates, irrespective of sex.

Competition for above is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the rural districts of the county, and who are rated on a valuation not exceeding £50.

Scholarships and Bursaries are tenable only by pupils who

reside in the Rural Districts of the County. Scholarships can be obtained by all pupils of Elementary Schools residing beyond a radius of two miles from an approved or recognised Secondary School. Students who reside within the two miles limit of an approved or recognised Secondary School can be awarded Bursaries only.

Student to whom a Secondary School is accessible from his or her ordinary residence, owing to convenient railway or other means of communication, shall not be eligible for the award of a Scholarship of greater value than £30 per annum.

Children whose parents or guardians are, in the opinion of the Council, able to provide for Secondary Education shall not be eligible for the award of Scholarships or Bursaries.

The question of a candidate's eligibility under this clause shall be determined before the date fixed for the examination.

Candidates admitted to the examination shall not afterwards be rejected on the ground of their parents "means", save in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Minister.

Renewals of Scholarships and Bursaries will be made each year by the Council, but such renewals are to be subject to the receipt of reports as to the conduct and progress of the holders which are accepted as satisfactory by the Council and by the Minister of Education.

Scholarships and Bursaries shall be awarded in order of merit on the results of an Examination conducted by the Ministry of Education. This examination shall be partly oral and partly written, and shall be held not earlier than 1st June nor later than 1st July.

The Examination shall be confined to candidates whose age on 1st August in 1928 is not more than 14 years.

Candidates who attend the Examination and secure not less than 40 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they were examined will be refunded the necessary expenses incurred in attending the Examination.

Every candidate for award of Scholarship or Bursary must

fill up a Special Entry Form to be obtained from the Secretary, County Council, Fortview, Wexford, and which must be accompanied by

- (1) Certificate of Birth
- (2) Certificate of Poor Law Valuation
- (3) Testimonial of character from Teacher or School Manager
- (4) Medical Certificate of Health
- (5) Recommendation as to character signed by applicant's clergyman.

No Entry Form will be received after Saturday 14th April, 1928.

In the event of any dispute or difference arising in connection with the Scholarships or Bursaries, or with the holders thereof, or candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council shall be final and binding, subject to the approval of the Minister of Education.

Subjects of Examination.

The following shall be the subjects of examination:-

(a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography; (e) Algebra; (f) Geometry; (g) Drawing; (h) Nature Study; (k) Needlework.

To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship a candidate must secure not less than 30% in each of the essential subjects, (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography and not less than 50% of the aggregate marks assigned to these subjects and not less than 40% of the aggregate marks assigned to Irish and English.

A candidate must also obtain 40% of the aggregate of the maxima in two of the subjects; Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study and Needlework and not less than 20% in each of the two subjects selected.

Candidates at the Scholarship Examination may answer in either Irish or English in Arithmetic, History and Geography, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study and Needlework. Excess marks not exceeding 10% of the marks scored may be awarded to a candidate who answers a paper in these subjects wholly in Irish except in the case of Mathematics when such excess

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The Programme in each of the above subjects will be the sixth Standard Primary School Programme, with such modifications as may be found in the Appendix herewith

Appendix

Programme

In all subjects the programme of the Primary Scholarship Examination is the programme prescribed for Standard VI pupils in the official Programme of the National Schools with such modifications as are mentioned below:-

(a) IRISH (200 marks).

Oral
(100 marks)

- (1) General conversation.
- (2) Reading as prescribed for Standard VI.
Conversation on passage read.
- (3) Recitation - 80 lines of poetry.

Written
(100 marks).

- (1) Composition as prescribed for Standard VI
- (2) Exercises in the more important portions of etymology and syntax.

(b) ENGLISH (200 marks)

Oral
(100 Marks).

- (1) To read and explain passage from suitable Reader(etc., as prescribed for Standard VI.
- (2) Recitation - 80 lines of poetry.

Written
(100 marks).

- (1) Composition as prescribed for Standard VI
- (2) Exercises in more important portions of etymology and syntax including analysis and parsing.

(c) ARITHMETIC (200 marks).

As prescribed for Standard VI

(d) HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY (200 marks)

History
(100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard VI

Geography
(100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard VI

- (e) ALGEBRA (100 Marks)
As prescribed for Standards V and VI
- (f) GEOMETRY (100 marks)
As prescribed for Standards V and VI.
- (g) DRAWING (100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard VI.
- (h) RURAL SCIENCE OR NATURE STUDY (100 marks)

Primary Schools' Programme. Boys - Syllabus A and B
Rural Science or Syllabus A and B Nature Study.
Girls - Syllabus C and D Nature Study.

NOTE Girls who have studied Syllabuses A and B of
either Rural Science or Nature Study may take
the examination papers for boys on these
syllabuses.

- (i) NEEDLEWORK (100 marks)
As prescribed for Standard Vi

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Obligatory Subjects:- (a); (b); (c) and (d).

Optional Subjects:- any two of the remainder.

An approved School shall be such school, either extern
or residential, for the giving of secondary education or the
giving of instruction or training in agriculture, forestry,
trade, commerce, domestic economy, teaching or any other
subject of a vocational character as may be approved of by
order of the Minister for Education.

CASE OF JOHN KENNY, BUNCLODY.
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Under date 8th December, 1927, the following was read
from Patrick Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody:-

"In further reference to the above which my boy won
last September, 1926, I now wish to make a formal and definite
claim on his behalf.

"I have had legal opinion on the matter and I have been
informed that under the circumstances as existing at the time
of the award of the Scholarship - the benefit of the Scholarship
(which I now claim) cannot be lawfully or honestly withheld.

"As of course you are already aware my son was in the
College, Drumcondra, when you notified him of the award - and
it was impossible for him to avail of the University.

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"He had, very naturally, ~~accepted~~ offer which opened to him and to which his exam entitled him.

"It has been a source of the greatest difficulty for me to keep my boy in College and with a view to securing some at least of the money which is his due, I beg that you will give this claim your earliest and earnest consideration.

"I will agree to accept the benefits of two years of the Scholarship if paid at an early date.

"Unless you are prepared to arrive at an early and honest settlement of this very serious matter I will be compelled to seek redress in another way.

"The aim of these Scholarships is to help the poor man's son - well, in my case help was never so badly needed as now, to pay his way in College.

"Trusting you will give the matter your early attention"

The correspondence dealing with Mr. Kenny's case having been considered by the Committee the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"We recommend the County Council to obtain the advice of their Solicitor as to whether the University Scholarship Scheme under which Scholarship was awarded John Kenny would allow the County Council to make any contribution towards the cost of Mr. Kenny's training at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin, from University Scholarship Scheme fund. In the event of a favourable opinion we recommend a payment of £30 in all under this head. Should the opinion of the Solicitor be to the effect that such payment cannot be made legally we consider the County Council might allow of one year's post-graduate course in University to enable Mr. Kenny to obtain a Degree in Education, or, that he should be allowed to take up his University Scholarship at the conclusion of his course at the Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin".

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

"That Minutes of Scholarship Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th December, 1927, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed".

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

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The following Minutes of Meeting of above Committee held on 17th November, 1927, were submitted:-

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ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.
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A meeting of above Committee was held on 29th November, 1927 in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, to consider the following letter from Secretary of the General Council of County Councils under date 17th November, 1927:-

"I am directed to inform you that the County Councils' General Council have appointed the Chairman (Senator Kenny), the Vice Chairman (Count O'Byrne), The Mac Gillycuddy of the Reeks, Mr. M. Doyle, Mr. Sean O'Byrne and Mr. C. M. Byrne to co-operate with representatives of the Historical and Antiquarian Societies in urging upon the Commissioners of Public Works the necessity for securing legislation to preserve the ancient and historic monuments of the Country.

"Kindly let me know at your convenience whether you desire me to make arrangements for the reception of the deputation. If so, it would be desirable to suggest a choice of approximate dates which would be suitable to the convenience of the other members of the deputation".

Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P., presided at the meeting and there were also present:-

Rev. W. Hanton C.C., M. Cloney, M.C.C., and Miss K. A. Browne.

The Secretary to the County Council and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

It was decided to communicate with the various County Councils in An Saorstát and request them to adopt a resolution in favour of legislation by which outstanding National Monuments would be brought under the Control of the Office of Public Works on behalf of the State and that local monuments would be preserved by the County Council. In this connection the Ancient Monuments Committee would desire to point out that their intention is that in regard to the local monuments it would be only necessary to keep them intact in their present condition. The Committee are not in favour of any considerable outlay but certainly suggest that steps should be taken to arrest acts of Vandalism so common all over the Country. By vesting outstanding National Monuments

in the State and the local monuments in the County Councils which they regard as essential there would be some guarantee for preservation. The present statutes dealing with Ancient Monuments are practically on a voluntary basis and ensure preservation only in very isolated instances.

It was decided to approach the Royal Society of Antiquarians with a view to the preparation of a Schedule of Monuments which might be taken over by the State and it was further decided to ask this Society if they would be good enough to enlist the services of their members in various Counties to compile a list of Monuments of local interest.

The Committee are of opinion that when approaching the Office of Public Works with a view to urging them to secure the requisite legislation it is absolutely necessary to be able to put up a Scheme which would give in detail a list of Ancient Monuments to be looked after by the State and also by County Councils.

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The Chairman proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution:- "That Minutes of Ancient Monuments Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th November, 1927 be and are hereby confirmed. That copy of letter from Capt Fitzpatrick., Hon., Secretary Royal Society of Antiquaries to Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P., Lady's Island, under date 5th December, 1927, be furnished the Secretary General Council of County Councils for his information!"

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ROAD GRANTS.
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Mr. Corish said that as regards the Government allocation of £150,000 for the relief of Unemployment most of this would be spent in industrial areas and was earmarked for housing sites and sewerage and water works. He asked that in connection with the **proposal** recently made by the Council that certain grants which had been made for roads, and which could not be utilised at the moment, would be utilised for the improvement of other roads which were requiring attention at once and which would be the subject of grants later on. When these latter grants had been received the amounts now utilised would be replaced. For instance the road between Wexford and Castlebridge was in a deplorable condition and something should be done with regard to it. There were at present 39 men in Castlebridge unemployed.

The County Surveyor said there were four or five roads which could be improved at once. Castlebridge-Wexford road would take £3500 to improve. Wexford-Rosslare Road on which he could give immediate employment to a large number of men around Drinagh Cement Works and from the neighbourhood of the town £6,000; Camblin road near New Ross £1800. Poulmonty Road - a leading line from New Ross through Co. Carlow - £2500. These grants would deal with large centres of population where unemployment existed and would provide work which would not be relief for the sake of relief.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That Messrs Corish, Jordan, Cooney, Walsh, S. O'Byrne, the Chairman and Vice Chairman be appointed a deputation from this Council to wait on Mr. R. Mulcahy, Minister for Local Government, with a view to obtaining his consent to transfer of Government Grants from Road a/cs on which expenditure cannot arise for several months to other Road a/cs on which expenditure can with advantage be immediately undertaken. This action to cover a guarantee that Road a/cs from which transfers are now made will be recouped when further grants in respect of roads which it is now proposed to immediately improve are available. That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction the payment of the out-of-pocket expenses of the members of the deputation. "

It was decided that Mr Corish arrange for the reception of the deputation by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

ROAD GRANTS.

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Under date 6th December, 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (RGM/201) that the Minister for Local Government was in communication with the Minister for Finance with a view to making available for financial year 1928-29 a grant towards the upkeep of main roads. It could be assumed that the grant would be calculated on the amount allowed by the County Council for the upkeep of main roads for 1927-28.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council a sum of £8190: 19: 11d had been received from the Department of Local Government for road grants.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION TO MR. T. MOORE, COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

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Under date 28th November, 1927, the following letter (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letter of 23rd instant, with enclosure, relative to a proposal of Wexford County Council to charge to grants an allowance of 7/6d per week to Mr. Moore, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, while grants from the Road Fund are being received, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he cannot see his way to sanction the proposal. Apart from the objection to creating a standing charge on the Fund in respect of the allowance there would be difficulty in apportioning the amount to the various Works Numbers.

"In view of the considerable grants which have been made available for road improvement in County Wexford - and which improvement redounds to the advantage of the ratepayers - the Minister considers that the small sum involved might reasonably be borne by the rates."

The Chairman said he considered that notice of motion should be given in this matter.

Mr. Gaul gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next ordinary meeting of the County Council:-

"That Mr. T. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department be paid by County Council additional remuneration of 7/6d per week for extra work while road grants are being received by the Council.

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

Circular letter under date 29th November, 1927 (H.215/21501/1927) Miscellaneous) as to representations made by the General Council of County Councils in connection with proposed general sale of Labourers' cottages to occupiers was read. Also Draft Sale Scheme for County Kildare referred to therein.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That communication from Local Government Department relative to proposed sale of labourers' cottages be adjourned to next meeting. In the meantime that our Secretary have printed and circulated to members of the Council for their information copy of Co. Kildare Draft Scheme".

REVOCATION SEALED ORDER GOREY WATER WORKS.

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Revocation of Sealed Order of the Minister for Local Government under date 7th December, 1927 (57462-1927) fixing on 18th August, 1920, area of charge for expenses for the purpose of providing a water supply and maintaining same at Gorey Garden City, on Gorey Urban District Electoral Division, was read.

DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

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Sow District

Under date 29th November, 1927 the following copy of a note of the proceedings (22986-27) when the deputation from Wexford County Council was received by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance on the 24th November, 1927, was furnished by the Office of Public Works:-

"The Deputation was introduced by Mr. Corish, T.D., Mr. Esmonde, T.D., Mr. Doyle, T.D., and other members of the Dail, and included the Chairman and Secretary of the County Council and representatives of the different Drainage Boards in the County. The representations made were not confined to the case of the Sow Drainage District, but dealt also with the Kilmannock District, the Cahore District, the Ballyteigue District, and the proposed Ford of Lyng District.

"The Parliamentary Secretary pointed out that no information has been given to him that the question of any district other than the Sow was to be raised, and therefore he was not prepared to give any definite replies on the other districts, but that he was willing to listen to any representations about them and to consider the matters raised and see whether any action could be taken.

1. The Sow District

It was stated that the work on the Sow District had been badly carried out and that certain drains which should have been restored in the townland of Killisk had not been restored although they were part of the Drainage District. It was pointed

out in reply on behalf of the Board that the drains in question were not marked in the Award Map as part of the Drainage District and were not mentioned in the Schedule, and that therefore the evidence was that they were not part of the Drainage District and the Board had no power to restore them.

"On the point of the method of carrying out the work certain definite allegations were made in a written report of which a copy was left with the Parliamentary Secretary, and he promised that an Engineer from the Board should make an inspection when an opportunity occurred and inquire into the facts.

"It was emphasised on behalf of the ratepayers that they did not wish to pay any more than was already assessed on them but that they wished to have value for their money, which they thought they had not got, and it was stated on behalf of the County Council that they were unwilling to take over the district and collect rates from ratepayers who were unwilling to pay for the reasons given.

II. Kilmannock Drainage District

Some dissatisfaction was expressed with the way in which the works had been carried out in the Kilmannock District, but no definite points were raised, and it did not appear that any definite action was asked for.

III. Cahore Drainage District

Mr. Corish, T.D., stated that he had interviewed the Land Commission on the question of the payments to be made by landlords and tenants respectively in respect of this district, and ~~xx~~ that an Inspector from the Land Commission was about to go on the lands.

Major Pounden, one of the members of the Drainage Board, stated that he had a suggestion to make for a partial restoration of the District, and two of the ratepayers in the District had also suggestions to make. It was settled that these Gentlemen should discuss the details of their suggestions with the Chairman and Mr. Olley later on in the day.

IV Ballyteigue Drainage District

"Colonel Gibbon, one of the Trustees, complained that he had not received the information which he had been promised from the Board of Works and that Mr. Olley had not consulted him or the other members of the Board, as had been requested, when inspections were made. After some discussion it appeared that the immediate point which Colonel Gibbon wished to make was that the Board of Works should give the Trustees an estimate of the cost of re-opening the sluice on the old dam at the southern end of the Ballyteigue District; and it was agreed that such an estimate should be given.

V Ford of Lyng District

"The point made by the Deputation here was that the works carried out by the Company for reclaiming the Wexford sloblands had constituted an injury to the drainage of the district and that injury was greatly increased by the Company's neglect to maintain the drains. They asked that the Government should initiate action and force the Company to fulfil its engagement.

The Parliamentary Secretary pointed out that the Government had no function in the matter, but after further discussion agreed to inquire into the facts and ascertain if any information was available to the Government which would conduce to clearing up the situation.

"It was pointed out by Sir P. Hanson that the proposed new Arterial Drainage District was intended to overcome the difficulties of the situation by voluntary arrangement and contribution from all parties concerned but that that scheme had been delayed by the action of the County Council. Further inquiry into this scheme also was promised."

The Secretary stated that as regards delay in ~~giving~~ the Ford of Lyng Scheme the Council had not been able to clear up the question of the ownership of the channel marked B and D on the map. In their letter of 26th August, 1926, the Office of Works pointed out that this point should be cleared up before

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up before a drainage Scheme for the district is further considered.

Mr. Peter Cullen, Killisk, and another Ratepayer interested in the Sow Drainage system, attended, and produced for the Council an award of 21st December, 1853 which Mr. Cullen held covered the drainage of his lands and those of others in the town land of Killisk.

Under date 8th December, 1927, the following signed by all the Trustees of the Sow Drainage Scheme was read:-

"We wish to place before you, as briefly as possible, all the necessary information re the restoration work carried out in the River Sow Drainage Area.

"The Trustees of the above Drainage area, early in 1925, sent a request to the Commissioners, Board of Works, for grant etc., and as a result, an inspection was made by Mr. Olley in May of said year.

"He was accompanied in that inspection by several of the Trustees. He stated distinctly to these Trustees, on that occasion, that in his opinion, the amount yearly expended by the Trustees was almost useless and that any further outlay would be practically waste, unless the whole drainage system was restored to its original state - that is when the work was completed under the Award 1853.

"The Commissioners, Board of Works, were evidently satisfied the expenditure was necessary and reproductive, as they estimated that they were prepared to sanction a loan of £2400 with a grant of £800 - Total £3200.

"The Trustees, after due consideration and from Mr. Olley's statements - on the understanding that the whole drainage area was to be restored to its original state, forwarded their acceptance to the Office, Board of Works.

"In view of the powers reserved to The Commissioners, Board of Public Works, in several Drainage Acts, the Trustees considered that they were debarred from insisting on a formal agreement and that their position and authority had ceased.

"The work was commenced in August 1925 and continued, with some interruption - owing to labour disputes - to December 1925, when the work was closed down, during the progress of a "strike".

"About March 1926, the work was re-opened.

"During the progress of the work the Trustees made representations to those in charge that, in their opinion, the work was defective.

"Failing to get any satisfaction, they forwarded a formal complaint in July, 1926, to the Office, Board of Works - copy of which is enclosed.

"To this letter, they only received a formal acknowledgment. But as the letter was taken as a censure upon Mr. Davis, who was in charge, the Trustees sent a statement exonerating Mr. Davis - copy enclosed.

"Early in October, 1926, the Trustees sent another letter to the Commissioners Board of Public Works - copy enclosed and to this also only a formal acknowledgment was received.

"The Trustees still claim that the Sow Drainage area has not been restored to its original state.

"The reasons are set forth in the letters of the Trustees to the Commissioners, Board of Public Works, supplemented by their statement to the County Council and which the Deputation from the County Council, who inspected a portion of the Sow drainage area, will be in a position to verify.

"The Trustees beg respectfully to suggest that the only means of disproving the statements made or that the complaints are not well founded, is that the County Council procure from the Office, Board of Public Works, a copy of the original plan, levels, depths etc., as set forth in the original Award 1853 "

The following is copy of letter forwarded by Trustees to Office of Public Works in July, 1926:-

"As the work on the river Sow is drawing to a close

we, on behalf of the Trustees of the Sow Drainage area, beg to call your attention to the fact that the work contemplated and agreed upon has not been completed.

"It was understood by us that the river Sow was to be restored to its original state - as when the work under the Award 1853 was completed - and it was under that condition, that we accepted the loan and undertook to repay same.

Further we claim that for the money expended an adequate return has not been secured.

This fact is well known to you re the money spent last year.

Though the work has been better carried out this year we claim that for the class of men employed it was impossible almost to secure a full return for the amount spent. We can give further proof of this statement if necessary.

In view, therefore, that the river Sow has not been restored to its original state, that an adequate return has not been secured for the amount of money spent, and that we had no control over the spending of same, we claim that it is not just to saddle us with the rate necessary to repay Loan as well as a future maintenance rate.

Therefore, we beg that you would have a further inspection made and that the matter be re-considered before the work be closed down".

Copy letter from Trustees to Office of Public Works exonerating Mr. Davis in charge of restoration work (July 15th, 1926):-

"We have been informed that our letter to the Commissioners, Board of Works, has been taken as a censure upon Mr. Davis who is in charge of improvements on the River Sow.

"We beg to state that nothing of the kind was intended.

"The majority of the men employed were taken from the Labour Exchange and as these were town-workers, it is our opinion

that they were not suited for what was agricultural work.

"As regards Mr. Davis no better results could have been obtained considering the class of workers employed".

The following is copy of letter furnished Office of Public Works by Trustees in October, 1926:-

"We beg to state that we are surprised at not receiving a reply to our letter of July 6th, 1926.

"In that letter we asked for an inspection of the restoration work then in progress.

"This has not been done.

The visit made by Mr. Olley could not be said to be an inspection, as he only saw the river at three or four points and did not inspect the Drains.

We also claimed in our previous letter that the river was not restored to its original state. As proof of this in our estimation if there were any depth removed from the bed of the river it seem impossible that the weeds, in such a short time, could grow to such a height.

"We are certain that the drains were not restored to their original state, as in two instances the work was so defective that the ratepayers concerned had to spend a considerable amount of labour to make these drains fairly serviceable " " .

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That further consideration of Sow Drainage System be adjourned until next meeting. That our Secretary be instructed to apply to the Office of Public Works for copy of Original Award in connection with this Scheme under date 26th April, 1853. That we request the Office of Public Works to furnish as long notice as possible of the visit of their Engineer to inspect the drainage Schemes of the County in order that arrangements may be made by which he can be accompanied by the members of the Drainage Committee and the County Surveyor.

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Cahore District

Under date 1st December, 1927, Mr. J. J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, wrote:-

"It is possible for the Tenants to put up a Scheme which would be reasonable in cost, and would considerably relieve the flooding.

"This could be done by opening a cutting at the old "Sluice" mid-way on the drains on the bounds of Ballinoulart and Bog-a-Warren, the distance from the sea to Embankments is 560 yards. If necessary for Sluice gates to be erected the gravel and sand for building is on the Strand right by. It is the opinion of every old man in the district that the lan can never be drained by the present out-let at Cahore even with the drains cleaned but the out-let at the sluice working with Cahore would relieve all flooding.

"Mr. Olley, Board of Works Engineer, admitted at the discussion which we had after General meeting on 24th that the opening of this Sluice would be a success.

"A mile further up Timmacree Bogs are drained by a cutting in the sea-banks with no Sluice gates or any protection and it is very successful.

"If this grant was provided the work of opening this cutting could be carried on any time in the Winter months and dragging operations could be proceeded with then when all the top water would be running out at the Sluice.

"Thanking you for your interest in the matter. .

It was decided that copy of this letter should be furnished the Office of Public Works.

Under date 8th December, 1927 (5642) the Department of Local Government wrote in regard to application for Government grant for Cahore that it seemed that a fresh proposition which included a scheme for making a fresh opening to the sea was introduced by the County Council deputation to the Office of Public Works and this was being considered. But in any event no works could be undertaken until next Spring.

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CAMELIN EMBANKMENT PROPOSED DRAINAGE SCHEME.
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In connection with letter from Office of Public Works (26th November, 17912-27) stating that as the improvement in the drainage conditions could not be effected without an expenditure of less than £1502 and which would be equivalent to an expenditure of £16: 13: 9d per acre which was a totally uneconomic proposal.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that he would call a meeting of those concerned and put before them the views of the Office of Public Works.

COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTERSHIP.
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The following applications were received from the Office of Harbour Master Courtown:- Messrs Denis Murphy, Seamount, Courtown Harbour; Richard Garland, Courtown Harbour and Charles Grannell, Bay View, Courtown Harbour. The three candidates submitted references.

The Chairman decided that it would be as well to take a vote without having any candidate proposed or seconded.

This course was agreed to and the poll resulted as follows:-

For Murphy:- Messrs S. O'Byrne, Clince, P. O'Byrne, Corish, Pender, Colfer, Mernagh, Hayes, Shannon, Cooney, Connors, Whyte, Boggan, Gaul, Walsh, Jordan, Murphy and the Chairman - 18.
For Garland :- Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon and Thorpe - 3
For Grannell - Messrs Doyle, Hall, Cloney and O'Donoghue - 4.

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

"That Denis Murphy, Seamount, Courtown Harbour, be elected Harbour Master of Courtown - remuneration 15/- per week with free house on which County Council will pay poor rates and on condition that Mr. Murphy enters into personal bond of £50 with two solvent sureties for the due and faithful performance of his duties. That appointment be determinable

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by a fortnight's notice in writing at either side."

DUNCORMACK TELEPHONE CALL OFFICE.
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Under date 26th November, 1927, the following was read from Department of Posts and Telegraphs:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 18th instant, I beg to inform you that the matter has been fully considered, but it is regretted that the Department is not in a position to open a Call Office at Duncormack Sub Post Office at a lower guarantee than that quoted in my letter of the 11th ultimo".

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

"That Messrs Jordan and Corish, T.D's be requested to wait on the Parliamentary Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs and insist on the re-opening of Duncormack Telephone Call Office as soon as possible."

COMMISSION ON POOR RELIEF.
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In connection with the report of the Commission on the relief of the Sick and Destitute Poor including the Insane poor the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Pender, seconded by the Chairman:-

"On behalf of this County Council we consider the present a most inopportune time to suggest the abolition of County Boards of Health".

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON HEALTH INSURANCE
& MEDICAL SERVICES.
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It was decided, owing to the lateness of the hour that recommendations made by the above Committee should be considered at next meeting of the Council.

PROPOSED RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS.
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In connection with Scheme submitted by Wexford County Council to General Council of County Councils relative to above the following under date 17th November, 1927, was read from

Secretary, General Council of County Councils:-

"I am directed to inform you that the resolution of Wexford County Council relative to the reorganization of County Council Schemes for University Scholarships so as to secure the greatest possible advantages from these Scholarships from a National standpoint, was referred to the Executive Committee for the purpose of formulating a Scheme.

"The Council considers that this matter is one of great national importance. It is probable that the Executive Committee will appoint a Special Committee including Educational experts to advise on the best methods of attaining the desired result"

RE-SURFACING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That as Free Government Grants are still available for the improvement of main roads, we respectfully suggest to the Wexford County Council the advisability of re-surfacing the New Ross Bridge (which is part of Main Road T.7) and its approaches in concrete and that the opening span be re-surfaced in creosoted wood blocks jointed in bitumen to replace the present deal planking. If those suggestions are adopted we consider that the corrosion of the metal fabric of the bridge caused by surface water will be arrested and that the present maintenance and repair charges will then be reduced to a minimum."

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, it was decided that the resolution be referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of Roads' Committee.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he had decided upon avoiding the laying of loose grit on the bridge up to the opening span because this was carried by the traffic and helped to grind away the timber on opening span.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on 10th Nov 1920

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Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 be granted to Mr. William B. Jackson, Main Street, Gorey.

PROSPECTUS NATIONAL LOAN.
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The attention of the meeting was called to the prospectus of National Loan and to letter from the Secretary to the Department of Finance in connection with the matter.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That we hereby authorise payment of the balance of poundage due Rate Collectors in respect of collection to the 30th September, 1927."

TAKING DOWN SLATES NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE.
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Mr. James Connolly, Priory Street, New Ross, wrote offering for the old slating and timber on the roof of old bridewell New Ross £12: 10: Cd. He would take these down and remove to his yard leaving Courthouse premises in a clean and orderly state.

Mr. John Furlong, Plaster, Bewley Street, New Ross, offered for the same work at £10.

The tender of Mr. Connolly being the more advantageous to the Council was accepted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

WATER WORKS AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.
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Mr. Doyle said he was not aware that any application had been made from the county for a portion of the grant of £150,000 voted by the Dail for the relief of unemployment. In his opinion Wexford was as deserving of a portion of the grant as any other county. Unemployment was as prevalent in it as in any other part of the Saorstát. For that reason he strongly urged the Council to adopt a resolution asking for a sum of money to be allocated for the County from the grant. As a

specific instance of the necessity for an allocation, he suggested that the money be sought for a sewerage scheme for Rosslare. Such a grant would afford great relief to unemployment in the district, the extent of which was well known to the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor from the number of applications received for employment in connection with the work being carried out in Rosslare at the moment by the Council. He did not suppose that they would get the full amount of money necessary for such a scheme, but he understood that for works of such a nature the grant would be made applicable. If the Council passed a resolution on the lines he suggested it would help their deputies in seeking portion of the grant. Such a sewerage Scheme if its cost had to be entirely borne by the rural district would be a heavy burden on the rates and a considerable increase in them, and if a grant in aid were obtained the burden would not be so great. He also understood that applications for allocations would have to be made early, otherwise the amount would be exhausted.

The County Surveyor suggested that in the application for a grant they should seek a sum for a water supply and ~~for Taghmon~~ sewerage system for Taghmon.

Mr. Doyle - I am not adverse to the spending of the money in any part of the County.

Mr. Cooney stated that New Ross Urban Council made an application to which they did not get a favourable reply. They were told that the money required should come out of public funds.

Mr. Doyle stated that any details required, such as the number of unemployed in Rosslare district, for the purpose of strengthening the application, would be obtained by him.

Mr. J. Gaul, seconding Mr. Doyle's proposition, said the work was absolutely necessary.

Mr. W. Boggan, supporting the proposition said that if an adverse report were made by the sanitary authorities the

Local Government Department would take action to compel the Council or authority responsible to take action.

County Surveyor - They have a habit of doing that.

The Chairman also supported the proposition and said that before a grant would be given a scheme with plans and specifications should be formulated and everything in readiness before the application was made.

Mr. Doyle - I believe they are ready already. The Engineer of the Board of Health has prepared them.

Chairman - The amount of the grant will depend on the amount which the local authority will put up.

Secretary - The local authority here will be the Board of Health.

Mr. P. Hayes supported the County Surveyor's suggestion for the inclusion of a sewerage Scheme for Taghmon.

Mr. J. Shamon - I don't think there is any town or village as badly served as Taghmon.

The proposition was unanimously adopted, with the inclusion of the suggestion in regard to Taghmon.

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford
County Council in respect of Meeting held on
12th December, 1927.

(Signed) W J Kuzelle

Secretary County Council.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1927.

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