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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 9th DECEMBER, 1935.

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 9th December 1935.

Present, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also:-
Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins, John Day, Ml. Doyle, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawler, Thos. McCarthy, T. J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the five Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Note for £8207. 7. 5d. was examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

THE LATE JOHN PENDER AND ALBERT F. SMITH, COUNTY COUN-
CILLORS. On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins votes of condolence were adopted to the families of the late John Pender and Albert F. Smith, former County Councillors.

The votes were spoken to by Messrs. Culleton, Doyle and Connors and by the Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor.

THE LATE DR. BASTIBLE. On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided that the following acknowledgment from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health relative to vote of condolence adopted to him in the death of his brother, Dr. George Bastible, County

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Medical Officer for Kerry, be embodied on the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Will you please convey to the Chairman and members of the County Council my grateful thanks for their resolution of sympathy passed at the meeting of the County Council on Monday last on my brother's death. I appreciate their action very much and their sympathy in this hour of trouble. I wish to thank you also personally for your own expression of sympathy. I have conveyed the messages to the other members of the family also."

THE LATE SIR THOMAS H. G. ESMONDE. It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the following acknowledgment of vote of sympathy to Sir Osmond G. Esmonde in the death of his father Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde be embodied in the Minutes of Meeting:-

"Sir Osmond Grattan Esmonde wishes to express his sincere thanks for the kind message of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his father, the late Sir Thomas."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 22nd NOVEMBER, 1935. Minutes of meeting for this date were submitted as follows, and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd November 1935.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Miss O'Ryan was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

After the confirmation of Minutes the Chairman, Mr. Allen attended and presided for the rest of the business.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurers' Advice Note for £3435. 5. 6 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to date:-

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Collected.</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>of Warrant.</u>
E. J. Murphy	£2422. 18. 2	48.22
S. Gannon No. 6	1514. 17. 3	41.8
J. J. O'Reilly	2254. 0. 10	40.7
S. Gannon No. 10	1584. 19. 7	40.6
M. Kehoe	1752. 1. 2	40.6
J. Curtis	2248. 19. 5	40.6
P. Carty	1912. 0. 11	40.6
D. Kenny	1859. 1. 9	39.4
J. Flood	1505. 4. 3	37.9
J. Cummins	2121. 9. 4	36.8
M. McCarthy	2227. 13. 1	36.6
J. Deegan	2623. 15. 9	36.5
P. Nolan	2879. 0. 10	34.8
P. Doyle	2103. 4. 10	33.2
A. Dunne	2989. 8. 1	33.1
W. Cummins	1791. 11. 4	33.1
W. Doyle	1868. 8. 1	31.2
J. Quirke	2836. 18. 7	29.8
J. J. Sinnott	2020. 17. 1	29.3
M. Murphy	1102. 0. 3	27.6
	<u>£41618. 10. 7</u>	<u>36.0</u>

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The Collection was 8 per cent in advance of the corresponding period last year.

In reply to the Chairman the Rate Inspector stated he expected M. Murphy's collection would have shown more improvement but the bad weather had held up the Collector.

The Chairman considered there was no reason why the Collector should not have been able to carry on his work in a normal way even though the weather was not very good. Every one else had to attend to his business in spite of the weather. He (Chairman) believed that over 50 per cent of the collection should have been lodged by now.

Miss O'Ryan held that in the period following Christmas it would be more difficult to secure money than at the present.

The Chairman then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That Rate Collectors who had under 40 per cent of their warrants uncollected be notified that the Finance Committee regard the condition of the collection unsatisfactory and it is expected they will use strenuous efforts to bring their collection up to what it should be at this period of the year."

APPLICATION BY RATEPAYER. John Kavanagh, Horetown, Foulksmills wrote that he had been served with a six day notice by Collector Curtis for payment of £50. 11. 3 rates. As he had no stock he asked the Collector to allow him to set his grass and he would pay the amount of the current year's rate. He could get a man to take seven acres for this amount; otherwise he could not pay anything. He would be glad if the Council would agree to this offer and if the Rate Collector would accept it as he did not wish his arrears of Rates to increase.

It was decided that the communication be forwarded to Rate Collector Curtis.

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APPLICATION GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Under date 20th November 1935, letter was read from Gorey Town Commissioners drawing the attention of the County Council to the great distress prevailing in Gorey owing to unemployment. Upwards of 100 men were without work of any kind and they and their families were in a pitiable plight especially owing to the present severe weather. The various charitable institutions in the town were unable to cope with the situation and owing to the huge number of persons to be dealt with were unable to give adequate relief. The Commissioners felt that the County Council should do something towards the provision of a Grant to enable employment to be given in the weeks preceding Christmas.

The Chairman said it was recognised there was a considerable amount of unemployment in Gorey and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That we request the Government to allocate at once money for the relief of unemployment in Gorey town. We are of opinion that money provided by the State for the repair and reconstruction of the roads at Garden City, Gorey, would be well spent.

That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of Public Works requesting them to take action on it immediately."

BALLYMOTHEY LANE.

Mr. Kelly said that the old County Council had scheduled Ballymothey Lane for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote but owing to an objection by Mr. William Murphy who would not agree to allow a small piece of his land to be taken to ease a corner the Government Grant for the purpose could not be made available. The lane had been inspected about a week ago by an official of the Board of Works who stated that in his opinion it was not necessary to interfere with the corner

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at Mr. Murphy's land.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until report of Inspector of Office of Public Works be available.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Under date 15th November, 1935, letter was read from Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Superintendent, forwarding the following resolution:-

"That, with a view to putting into operation with as little delay as possible the improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals Commission Grant Scheme, the County Council be asked to hold a Special Meeting to consider the Electricity Supply Board's quotation for the lighting and motive power requirements of the Mental Hospital.

That the Consulting Engineer, Mr. Michael Jordan, be asked to attend this special meeting to advise and help the Council, and that Mr. Jordan be also asked to make an analysis showing the comparative merits or otherwise of the E.S.B. prices with the Kilcarberry development scheme as outlined by Consulting Engineer."

Under date 14th November 1935, letter was read from the Secretary County Board of Health forwarding extract from the Minutes of that body of 4th November 1935 in connection with the lighting of the Sanatorium at Brownswood.

The Chairman mentioned that they required further information before dealing with the matter and proposed the following resolution:-

"That we inform the Mental Hospital Committee and Board of Health that when the time is opportune the Finance Committee would be prepared to arrange for a Conference between representatives of Mental Hospital Committee, County Board of Health and, if considered advisable, of County Councillors who are not members of either of these bodies."

Mr. Colfer seconded the resolution which was adopted.

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

SANCTION OF LOAN. Under date 12th November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.184603-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the borrowing by the Wexford County Council of £10,000 for the purposes of the above Acts. He was recommending the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the loan out of Local Loans Fund.

A long discussion took place as to supervision of houses under the Acts while in course of erection, after which the Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor, in conjunction with the Assistant Surveyors prepare a general Scheme covering the erection of houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts under any future loans and that the County Secretary draft regulations as to payments etc.

That all successful applicants for loans be obliged to notify the County Council of the name of Building Contractor in the case of all houses erected by contract under these Acts."

LOANS REDUCED. In the case of house to be erected at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy by Patrick Scully, the value of house and plot according to certificate of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor is £215. The applicant was entitled to a Government Grant of £70 leaving the loan at £145. The Council had provisionally agreed to advance £180.

It was decided to reduce loan to £145.

In the case in which Patrick Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy, proposed to erect house at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, valued house and plot at £215. The applicant was promised a Government Grant of £70, leaving the balance £145. The Council had agreed provisionally to loan of £180.

It was decided to reduce the loan to £145.

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CHANGE OF BORROWER. Mr. Elgee, under date 11th November, 1935, wrote that Philip Kennedy whose application for a loan of £250 was provisionally approved had died since his application was accepted. His widow, Johanna, had taken out Grant of Administration and was now the registered owner of the holding at Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, on which it was proposed to erect the house. She asked that the loan provisionally sanctioned to her husband should be made available for her.

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

"That the Council be recommended to transfer the loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for which Philip Kennedy, Shelbaggin, was accepted, to his widow, Johanna Kennedy, in view of the statement by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor."

SANCTION OF LOANS. Under date 19th November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H186,859-35 Loch Garman) wrote that the Minister consented to the following advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:- John J. Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £180 and Jeremiah Clare, Custodium, Inch, £150.

REFUND OF LOAN. Under date 19th November, 1935, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that Mrs. Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, had called on him and stated she was ready to repay the £112. 10. 0 advanced her under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He recommended the proposal be accepted.

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

"That provided Mrs. Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour, repays £112. 10. 0, the amount advanced to her by way of loan for house the mortgage in connection with same be reconveyed to Mrs. Donohoe."

APPLICATION FOR LOAN. Michael Brady, Brownswood, Ennis-corthy wrote that he had applied to the County Council for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts but his application was not granted. He had saved a small sum from his wages and this, with the £70 Government Grant, enabled him to go a long way towards building his house which he found it necessary to erect as his present residence was entirely too small for his family. If the Council granted him a loan of £50 it would enable him to complete the new house.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Brady's application for loan be furnished Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for a detailed report as to construction etc. of house.

FAULTY HOUSE. As regards application for loan from Patrick Murphy at Rosetown, Barntown, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor reported that this man had already commenced building. The market value of the house when completed would be £200. The following note appeared on the Certificate of Value:-

"This house is in course of construction. External and partition walls are completed. In my opinion the construction is not good."

It was decided to inform Murphy that, in view of Mr. Birthistle's report, the Finance Committee could not apply to the Local Government Department for sanction of Loan to him under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

LOAN REFUSED. Under date November 14th 1935, Sylvester Murphy, Monksgrange, Killanne wrote stating he wished for a renewal of his loan of £50 for which he had been accepted in 1932. Owing to the building of so many County Council cottages he was unable to secure tradesmen until now when he would be able to proceed with the work.

It was decided to inform Mr. Murphy that all money

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in the Scheme under which he applied had been allocated.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The meeting gave preliminary consideration to the figures for Road Works Scheme for next financial year. The County Surveyor estimated a sum of £108572 as necessary for all road maintenance, improvement etc., which was £8157 more than estimated by him last year.

The following gives the comparison of the amount of next year's estimate compared with actual allocation by County Council for current financial year:-

<u>1936.</u>	<u>Estimate.</u>	<u>Allocation</u> <u>last year.</u>	<u>Increase.</u>
	£.	£.	£.
Repair Main Roads	47216	31889	15327
" Co. Roads.	<u>40785</u>	<u>19016</u>	<u>21769</u>
	<u>88001</u>	<u>50905</u>	<u>37096</u>
Improvement Main Roads.	6117	1341	4776
" Co. Roads	<u>12454</u>	<u>2509</u>	<u>9945</u>
	<u>18571</u>	<u>3850</u>	<u>14721</u>
Contingencies:			
Main Roads.	1000	500	500
County Roads.	<u>1000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>2000</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>
Totals.	<u>108572</u>	<u>55755</u>	<u>52817</u>

The Committee decided to consider the figures in detail at their next meeting.

BALLYHACK HARBOUR.

Under date 12th November 1935, the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) wrote (W.5/4/35) that the letter on behalf of the County Council relative to the improvement of Ballyhack Harbour had been referred to the Office of Public Works for consideration. It was understood that correspondence was proceeding between that Department's Engineer and the County Surveyor regarding the details of the proposed improvements.

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ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 12th November 1935 (E.1272/35) the Department of Agriculture wrote acknowledging further medical certificate respecting the illness of Mr. Malone and stated that the Minister approved of further sick leave up to 31st proximo inclusive. In the Department's letter of the 4th November it was intimated that if Mr. Malone was not able to resume duty after the 31st proximo his resignation must take effect as from 1st January next inclusive.

The Secretary stated that copy of this communication had been forwarded Mr. Malone.

PROPOSED SALE OF OBSOLETE WEIGHTS & MEASURES
STANDARDS.

Under date 14th November 1935 (Div. Ref. 2654/35) the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote that it was proposed to make arrangements with the Barrack Master at the Depot, Dublin, to sell by auction any obsolete weights and measures standards and equipment which may be on hands in the different counties, thus disposing of articles which are causing inconvenience to the Inspectors. The price obtained - less cost involved for auction etc. - would be credited to the County Councils concerned. It was believed that by having a general auction at the Depot a better price would be obtained for the articles than if they were sold locally.

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

"That we agree to the proposal of Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, to have all obsolete weights and measures, the property of Wexford County Council, sold by public Auction in Dublin."

EASEMENT OF DANGEROUS CORNER AT KILTEALY.

In connection with claim of Patrick Breen, Kiltelaly, for £5 compensation for removal of land at dangerous corner

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at Killealy Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded agreement entered into by Mr. Breen on the 3rd May, 1932. Mr. Cullen stated that in company with Road Ganger he had pointed out to Mr. Breen, previous to the ~~signing of the~~ signing of the agreement, what it was proposed to do. Two square perches would be an outside area for the amount of land acquired and this at the ^s5/- per perch set out in the agreement would give 10/- as the amount due. As Mr. Breen was a man of substance he (Mr. Cullen) did not think he would bother about such a small sum.

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

"That as regards claim by Patrick Breen for compensation for removal of land etc. it would appear from the agreement signed by Mr. Breen that a sum of 10/- is due to him. The Finance Committee recommend the County Council to pay this amount."

ROAD AT KILMUCKRIDGE CHURCH.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had inspected roadway 19C-431 at Kilmuckridge Church complained of by Mrs. M. Mangan. He found a small pool of water at the junction of the road in the district of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor and Road 431. He arranged to have a small patch of stones spread and this would remedy the defect.

It was decided that Mrs. Mangan be informed accordingly.

SANCTION MARRIAGE GRATUITY MRS. D.B. MEAGHER.

Under date 18th November 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.173362/35 Loch Garman, conveying sanction to the payment of marriage gratuity of £23. 16. 8 to Mrs. D. B. Meagher (nee Killeen) formerly employed by the Wexford County Council as Short-hand Typist."

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ADVERTISING CONTRACT 1936.

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

"That the three local newspapers be requested to submit quotations for the advertising of County Council and Committees (including County Committee of Agriculture) for year commencing 1st January 1936."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

In connection with Scholarships to Dermot S. Fenelon, Tagcoat, and E. F. Todd, The Bungalow, Rosslare Harbour, it was reported to the County Council they were using the railway to attend Secondary School in Wexford.

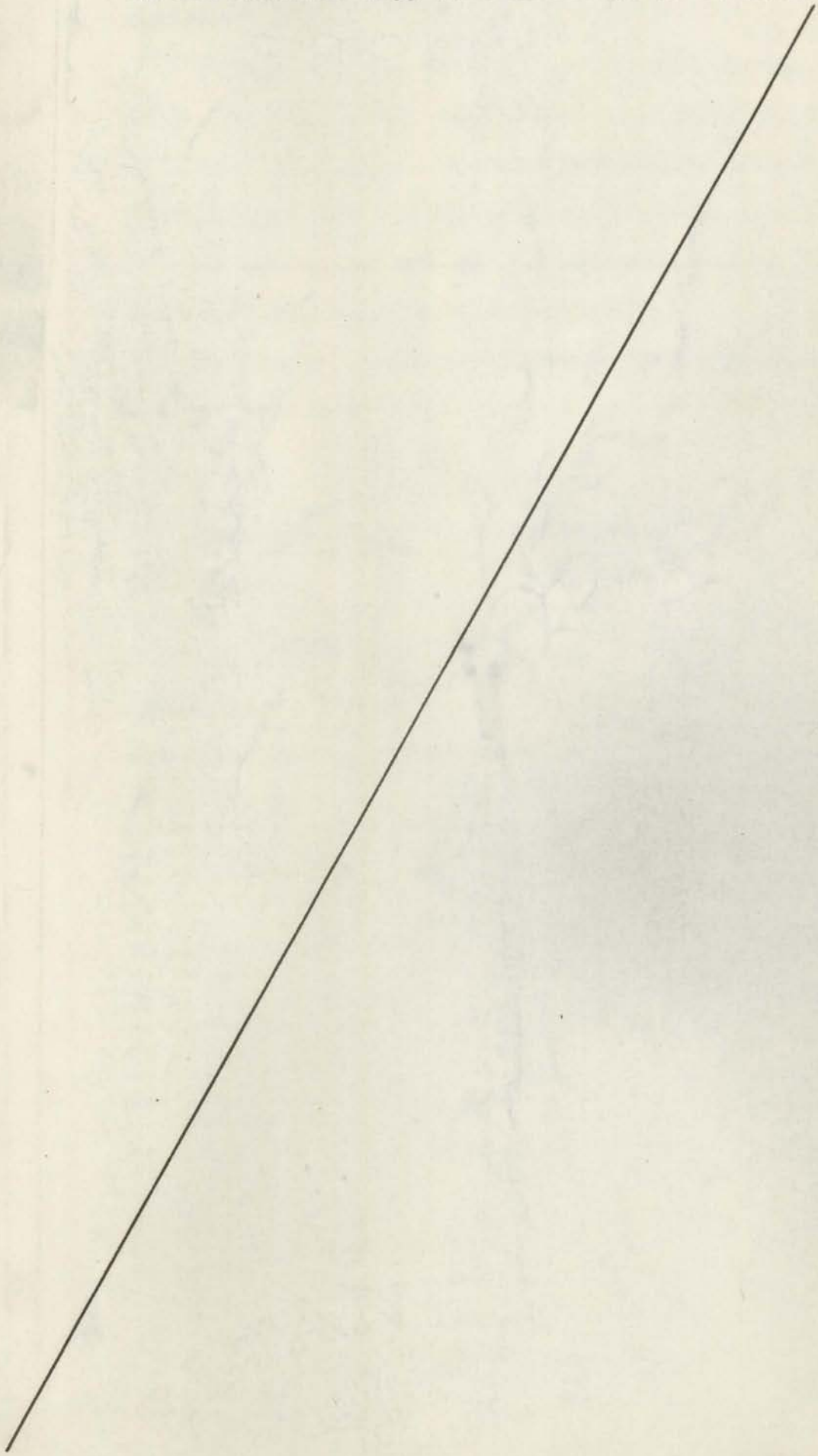
It was decided to inform these two students that if they are not residential and using railway to attend school they will be entitled only to a £30 scholarship.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Notification was received from Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy as to application for committal to Industrial School under Section 17(4) of the School Attendance Act 1926 of Patrick Vardy, Asquinton, Ferns and from the Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children of application under Section 58(1) (B) Childrens Act 1908 for the committal of Mary Kate, Ellen, Margaret, and Catherine Hall of no fixed abode.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6th DECEMBER 1935. The
Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held
on 6th December 1935 were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 6th December, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

Mr. Allen, Chairman, attended after confirmation of Minutes and presided.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers' Advice Note for £3682. 2. 2 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection up to date was submitted as follows:-

E. J. Murphy	48.9
S. Gannon No. 10.	48.0
J. Curtis	46.5
S. Gannon No. 6.	44.7
J. J. O'Reilly	44.4
M. Kehoe	43.8
P. Carty	43.3
P. Nolan	42.2
D. Kenny	42.0
M. McCarthy	39.8
J. Deegan	39.7
J. Cummins	39.7
J. Flood	38.4
A. Dunne	37.7
P. Doyle	37.0
W. Cummins	36.7
W. Doyle	33.5
M. Murphy	31.3
J. J. Sinnott	31.3
J. Quirke	30.3
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The amount collected was £45,516 and outstanding (including arrears) £70,220.

Compared with the same period last year the collection showed an improvement of 6 per cent.

The Rates Inspector said he was concentrating on the districts of the three Collectors lowest on the list. He was taking each in turn and visiting ratepayers who owed the largest amount of rates.

The Chairman said that the Rates Inspector should make a brief report of each district when he finished his examination.

PROPOSED PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE. Under date 5th December, 1935, Mr. Byrne, Hon. Secretary, County Wexford Branch of Local Government Officials Union, wrote he had been directed to request the Finance Committee to seek the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the payment of Poundage to the Rate Collectors before Xmas.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of payment of poundage to Rate Collectors on the basis of their lodgments to the end of November 1935. That we request this matter would receive immediate attention from the Department."

ARREARS OF RATES. Under date 5th December 1935, the Agricultural Credit Corporation Ltd., 2 Merrion Square North, Dublin, forwarded letter addressed to Andrew Molloy, Tombay, Monaseed, Gorey, stating that he owed five years rates and two instalments to the Irish Land Commission and he might be unable to let the place with Decrees outstanding against him. The Corporation suggested that the letting should be placed in the hands of a reliable Auctioneer who would undertake to pay part of the proceeds

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to the County Council, another part to the Land Commission and a further part to the Corporation on condition that these three bodies agree not to seize on foot of their arrears for twelve months. The present position is unsatisfactory to everybody as the arrears were mounting up and the land was useless to Molloy.

Letter under date 5th December 1935 addressed by the Secretary, County Council to the Agricultural Credit Corporation asked if, in the event of the County Council giving the undertaking referred to, what proportion of the proceeds of the letting it was proposed should be furnished the County Council.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until a reply to query raised by the County Secretary had been received.

PUBLICATION OF DISCUSSION RE RATE COLLECTION. Mr. Colfer said that the publication of references at last County Council meeting that people who owed six years' rates were able to carry on in a normal way had injured the collection as numbers of prompt payers said why should they discharge their liabilities promptly when others were escaping scot-free, and why should they be obliged to pay up to the minute. It was not advisable that such matters should be published as they created a wrong impression.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to have all further references to Rate Collection considered in Committee and, if considered necessary, a statement in the matter be supplied by the County Secretary.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

In connection with Provisional Road Works Scheme the following motion which stood in the name of Mr. Connors came up for consideration:-

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"That the footpaths in Ferns be repaired with tar and chippings and that the footpath from Ferns to the Railway Station be completed, That Chapel Lane, Ferns, (No. 290-Section 12) be linked up with street in order that it be steamrolled and tarred."

It was decided that the matter be referred to the meeting of the County Council.

The figures of Road Works estimates for financial year 1935-36 and also the cost per mile for each class of road, and in respect of each Assistant Surveyor's district were closely examined. The Chairman said that excluding the main and link roads, the third and fourth class roads of the County were practically of the same standard and each of the surveyors should be allowed the same amount for these.

The County Surveyor did not agree. Roads maintained by sea gravel along the sea coast did not cost so much as roads maintained by ordinary metalling.

Miss O'Ryan said that the question was bound up with the incidence of traffic, and they could not lay down any hard and fast rule. In some districts the metalling spread last year had not yet been bonded into the surface and the tonnage on these roads should be revised.

The County Surveyor, in reply to a reference by the Chairman as to the amount per mile allowed for Gorey third class roads being lower than for similar roads in the other districts of the County, said that Gorey roads were - taken all round - the best in the County.

Mr. O'Byrne said this was because the Gorey Rural Council in the past had not reduced the County Surveyor's estimate. Gorey should not be penalised because in the past they had kept their roads in good condition.

Mr. Keegan agreed.

The County Surveyor said that the roads in New Ross

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district were the worst in the County and it would be unfair to take money from Ross and apply it to Gorey Roads which were so much better.

The Chairman held that it was only justice to the ratepayers that each area should get the same rate per mile.

Mr. Keegan agreed with the Chairman that the third class roads should for the whole County be maintained for the same amount per mile.

Miss O'Ryan said that if Ross district was to get for third class roads only the same amount as was given Enniscorthy and Gorey some of the Ross roads would become impassable.

Mr. Colfer contended that there were more bad roads in New Ross than in all the rest of the County.

The County Surveyor said that in 1910 the rate for road maintenance was £12 or £13 per mile; now it was about £25.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to allocate the same rate per mile for the five districts of the Assistant Surveyors in respect of maintenance of third class roads."

The Chairman said that in respect of the Subsidiary bodies it was expected the estimate of the Board of Health would show an increase of 2d in the £, that the Mental Hospital estimate would be responsible for an increase of another 2d and the Vocational Education Committee a farthing. This was all in respect of expenditure over which the County Council had no control. Outside of roads the balance of the direct expenditure of the Council was practically fixed and no appreciable reductions in it could be made. He would not wish to ask the ratepayers to agree to the same rate as last year plus an extra 4½d as the

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Council should take gravely into account the taxable capacity of the ratepayers. He suggested that they agree to the same amount for road maintenance as was allocated last year less £4,000, of which £2,000 should be taken from roads and £2,000 from improvement works. This would mean a net figure of £51,755. Allowing £2,000 for improvement works the actual road bill would be £49,755. They might be able to count on a certain amount of free labour next year in connection with the new scheme for employment of men in receipt of State Assistance.

Mr. Colfer said these men could not be employed in connection with ordinary road maintenance but at drainage and other such work. It had been definitely stated that the employment of these men was not to save expenditure of the usual kind on roads etc.

The County Surveyor said any drainage work done in connection with roads would be most valuable and might be the means of reducing maintenance.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the County Council be recommended to allocate for road maintenance and improvement works the same amount as adopted last year with a reduction of said amount by the equivalent of a rate of 3d in the £. That amount allocated for improvement be divided among the five Assistant Surveyors as per the mileage of their districts and that the improvement works to be carried out be selected by the County Councillors for the areas concerned.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded as an amendment:-

"That the same amount as obtained last year viz:- £55,755 be allocated for road maintenance."

On a show of hands this amendment was defeated by 5 to 2.

The motion of the Chairman was then put and passed.

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PUBLIC WORKS

The County Surveyor presented an estimate of £1,225 for Public Works expenditure for financial year 1936-37.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That a sum of £1000 be allocated for expenditure under Public Works Account for financial year 1936-37."

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The County Surveyor said the widening of the road, constructing footpaths and fencing for above scheme would cost about £1,500 and he suggested the money be provided by loan. Everyone concerned had signed an agreement as to laying pipes on their land etc. except Mrs. O'Brien at the corner of Station road and in that case he felt very strongly as the house was built in the troubled times in contravention to the law that it should be 30 feet from the centre of the road. If agreement was not signed the pipes could be laid underground at the corner. It would be also necessary to provide a side entrance for Mr. Chas. Barry almost opposite Iona Hotel as the present entrance would be interfered with.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to obtain from their Treasurer loan of £1500 to cover cost of widening etc. road at Rosslare strand in connection with sewerage scheme. That period of repayment be fixed at ten years."

"That the suggestion of County Surveyor as to providing side entrance for residence of Mr. Chas. Barry in connection with this scheme be approved."

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ROSSLARE CLIFF ROAD

Under date 29th November 1935, Mr. Elgee wrote forwarding copy letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (28 Nov. RM/32) in which it was pointed out that the power to stop up a road (Section 82(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 was repealed by the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government Act 1925, and so far had not been replaced.

RELIEF GRANT

Under date 28th November 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/32) that a Grant of £200 had been made to the County Wexford under Relief Schmes Vote to be utilised for the relief of unemployment in or in the immediate neighbourhood of Ferns for £50, Gorey for £100 and Bunclody for £50.

In a second letter under date 2nd December 1935, the Department wrote that the grant was subject to the conditions with respect to the recruitment of labour specified in Circular letter of the Department (SGA202 - 22nd November 1935). Work should be started immediately and every effort made to secure at least two payments to the men before Christmas.

The County Surveyor said that the matter was dealt with and the payments as suggested by the Department would be made.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In connection with proposed Improvements at Mental Hospital letter under date 4th December 1935, was read from the County Board of Health that it had been decided to arrange for a Conference of Representatives from the County Council, the Mental Hospital Committee and the Board of Health to be held at Mental Hospital at 2 p.m. on 13th December 1935. The Representatives of the Board of Health

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were the Chairman (Miss O'Ryan), Mr. Thomas McCarthy and the Secretary.

Under date 2nd December 1935, Dr. Lyons, Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, wrote forwarding copy of letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health which was in reply to letter from him requesting sanction to the Committee's proposal to substitute building a nurses' home and chepel by installation of water supply, plant and equipment for production and transmission of electricity from Kilcarberry and, in this connection it could be noted the Department's letter was non-committal. The estimated cost of the works approved for being carried out immediately was £43,450 as follows:-

Refrigerator	£ 600
Heating and Steam Generating	15,000
Bathing accommodation	5,250
Laundry Machinery and Contingencies	3,600
Building Admission Block	<u>19,000</u>
	£43,450

The following is the last paragraph of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"The Minister would consider the question of allowing the remaining necessary works to proceed from time to time in order of urgency as the money is available."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of Conference of representatives of the Council, County Board of Health and Mental Hospital to be held on Friday, 13th December, 1935 at 2 p.m. in Mental Hospital and that the Council appoint three representatives to this Conference."

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SEIZURES FOR LAND PURCHASE ANNUITY ARREARS.

Under date 4th December 1935 the Irish Land Commission wrote (Corr. No. 8119/35 Wexford) that as regards the resolution of the County Council asking that when seizures were made at holdings on which Annuities and Rates were due, the proceeds of the seizure should be divided equally, that when seizures were made on foot of Decrees or Warrants issued for recovery of Land Purchase Annuity, the County Registrar is bound in law to remit the proceeds to the Land Commission after deduction of costs and expenses.

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

"That we request the County Registrar to inform this County Council is it possible for Rate Collectors to ascertain if ratepayers against whom they propose to proceed have been decreed for Land Commission Annuities in order that the Collectors could form some opinion as to whether it would be feasible to recover in a seizure, any money which could be applied to rates."

SALARY OF MR. D. RADFORD.

Under date 25th November 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RS/32) that in deference to the wishes of the County Council the Minister agreed that Mr. Radford, Senior Clerk in the Office of County Surveyor might be placed on the salary scale £200 - £10 - £312 per annum as from 12th August 1935.

MAGAZINE FOR EXPLOSIVES.

The County Surveyor stated that in connection with proposed erection of magazine for explosives he had made a provisional arrangement with the owner of the land, Miss Bishop, for £20 to secure the site in perpetuity with a permanent right of way to and from the quarry at Ballyboggan. He considered the amount fairly reasonable as the erection of the magazine would not improve the value

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of the farm.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay £20 to secure site etc. for Magazine for Explosives at Ballyboggan quarry to Miss Bishop, the owner of the holding."

KILMUCKRIDGE ROADS.

Under date 25th November 1935 Mr. A. Loftus Bryan, Upton, wrote protesting about the condition of the roads in his neighbourhood. The direct road from Upton to Gorey via Killena was absolutely dangerous. He asked the County Council to see the road for themselves and not leave it to the report of the Surveyor. They would find it is quite impossible for two cars to pass without having to pull in on the margin at the sides. To do this was to risk breaking springs if the cars did not slip into the ditch. The grass had been allowed to grow on the road leaving room for only one track. In order to get rid of the water deep cuts had been made in places actually on the original metalled surface. He was advised that the Council would be held responsible for loss or injury in the case of accidents. Since he took up residence several springs of his motor car had been broken. He asked the Council to take this letter as a definite warning. He wrote not only for himself but for all other road users and ratepayers.

It was decided to refer the communication to the County Surveyor for report.

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 23rd November 1935 (No. E.1272/35) letter was read from the Department of Agriculture as follows:-

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"In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, conveying copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 11th idem in favour of granting Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., a further period of three months' sick leave, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to point out that he has already given very exceptional consideration to this case. He has decided, however, in deference to the wishes of the Council, to raise no objection to the proposed extension of Mr. Malone's sick leave beyond the period indicated in this Department's letter of the 4th instant.

I am to add that this concession must be regarded as final, and that Mr. Malone's resignation must take effect as from and including the 2nd February next, if he does not resume duty on that date."

INJURY TO COUNTY COUNCIL CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

Medical Certificate was submitted from Dr. Furlong, Wexford, on behalf of Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, under date 23rd November, 1935, that he was unable to work owing to a contused shoulder and would require at least a week's sick leave.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Hayes had "put out" his shoulder which had since been treated by Mr. O'Neill, a bonesetter and from whom a statement was received under date 1st December 1935 that Mr. Hayes would be unable to work for two weeks from that date,

It was agreed that Mr. Hayes be given the necessary sick leave.

TENDERS FOR ADVERTISING.

Quotations were received from "The People", "The Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers for advertising for County Council etc. for financial year 1936-37 at £110 each and were, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer recommended to the County Council for acceptance.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

"That all loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts

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be reduced to the difference between the value of house and amount of Government Grant in accordance with the requirements of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

It was pointed out that in connection with loan of £145 to Patrick J. Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy, the amount was based on a Government Grant of £70, whereas the grant was only for £45. This would mean that the loan should be increased to £170, 90% of £215 estimated as the value of house and plot.

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

"That amount of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Patrick J. Byrne, 7 Market Square, Enniscorthy be increased from £145 to £170."

Under date 3rd December 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.201740-35 Loch Garman CC) that the resolution of the County Council in regard to the duties of Appointed Officers under the Housing Acts would receive attention.

Under date 5th December 1935, Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, wrote that their client had built two houses on plot of land which was the subject of Mortgage to the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He lived in one; the other was built at the expense of Mrs. Fitzmartin who was residing in it. Mr. Swords now desired to transfer his interest to Mrs. Fitzmartin so that she would become the owner of the house and of half the portion of the lands free from incumbrances. Mr. Swords was unable to redeem the loan of £180. He lived in a house valued for the County Council at £240 and if the Council agreed to release from their Mortgage the house occupied by Mrs. Fitzmartin and her part of the ground they would have as security the house

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in which Swords resided.

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

"We recommend the County Council to refuse application of James F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour for transfer to Mrs. Fitzmartin of portion of plot of ground the subject of loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Mr. Gannon, Rate Collector, reported that the house in the name of Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was occupied by John Bass.

Under date 2nd December 1935, Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy for Wickham wrote admitting that the house was let to Bass as a weekly tenant. Wickham was not in a position to live immediately in the house, chiefly because his wife was obliged to remain to look after her brothers at her own home in the Moyne where Wickham was residing with her. The tenancy of Bass could be determined on a week's notice and it would be terminated when Mr. Wickham was in a position to take up residence in it.

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

"That Michael Wickham, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy be informed by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that he must, without delay reside in house erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts or refund the amount of the loan received by him from the County Council for its erection."

In connection with house of Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown, the following under date 5th December 1935, was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With further reference to my certificate of value in above case, I wish to state that I have since met the man who is building the house and he satisfied me that portions of the house which I took exception to were quite

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safe as they had been reinforced with steel.

He also stated that any other matters complained of would be put right.

If it is desirable in the opinion of the Council the loan may now be provisionally approved."

It was explained that this man proceeded with the building of the house before he was informed of the action of the County Council in respect of his application for loan, and before he signed the usual mortgage.

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

"That, in view of second certificate of Assistant Surveyor relative to house of Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown, we recommend the County Council to agree to advance of loan of £120 in this case."

CARNE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

Under date 3rd December 1935 Mr. P. J. Devereux, Hon. Secretary, Carne Development Association wrote:-

"The Carne Development Association desire to bring to your notice the dreadful condition of the road from Killinick to Carne Pier, and also the condition of the Pier itself. During the past few years, there has been an increasing number of visitors to this district, during the Summer months, both as residents and daily, and these visitors have greatly benefited the local people, especially the fishermen, from whom they purchase quantities of lobsters and other fish, and also the Bakery and Tea Room and Shop, which was opened this year, and which surely should be encouraged. If there is not something done to improve the road, there is great danger of losing these visitors to this charming resort, and this would be very unfair, while other seaside places, Kilmore, Rosslare, Curracloe, etc. get their roads improved yearly. The road from St. Ivers to Carne Pier is in a dangerous condition for horse

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traffic, and cyclists, not to mention motor cars."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report.

DAMAGE TO TAR CONTAINERS

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, reported damage to tar containers at Coolballow and Latimerstown on 27th and 28th October and 10th November. Other damage to palings and tar casks was reported by James Dooley, Road Ganger, which took place on Saturdays.

The County Surveyor said the Gardai were dealing with the matter.

CUTS IN WAGES

In connection with stoppage of two days' pay from James Keegan, Gorey Hill Quarry Worker, report was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district that he had been informed "all hands" turned up to work in the quarry on 22nd October but owing to very inclement weather they knocked off at 8.40 a.m., no more time for that day being worked. On 23rd October Keegan absented himself and, accordingly lost time for that day and as only 40 minutes were worked the previous day he was not allowed for that either.

The County Surveyor said if there was broken time owing to bad weather or a holyday men got a full week's wages if they worked all the possible time for the week but if a man absented himself for a day on which he could work he was paid only for his actual working time.

Mr. Keegan contended that according to the time sheets kept in the quarry James Keegan worked on this particular day the same amount of time as the other men who were not penalised. He would, however, bring up the matter at the meeting of the County Council.

TAGHMON SEWERAGE

The County Surveyor said that he had been in Taghmon village a couple of days ago and it was very necessary that it should be provided with a proper system of sewerage.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said he would furnish a report in the matter to the County Board of Health.

ROAD WORK IN CASTLEBRIDGE AREA.

Patrick Morris, John Foote, E. Brennan and James Duggan, Castlebridge, wrote complaining that they would not be employed for road work by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

A detailed explanation in the matter from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted and was regarded as satisfactory.

PROPOSED SALE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under date 4th December 1935, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote that an examination of all the Weights and Measures equipment established the fact that there are no obsolete standards in the County Wexford and accordingly it would not be necessary for any sales to take place.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE EMBANKMENT.

Under date 15th November 1935 the Public Trustee wrote that the income to credit of the Embankment fund (J P Cuffe) was £48. 2. 8d and it appeared to him advisable to invest this sum in $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ Third National Loan in order to gain Interest but before doing so he wished to know from the County Council and their co Trustees whether the suggestion was acceptable.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to

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the investment of the income from J. P. Cuffe Estate Embankment fund as suggested by Public Trustee in his letter of 15th November, 1935."

COUNTY LIBRARY.

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

"That the County Library Committee be informed that the County Council have no objection to New Ross centre being established at New Ross Courthouse."

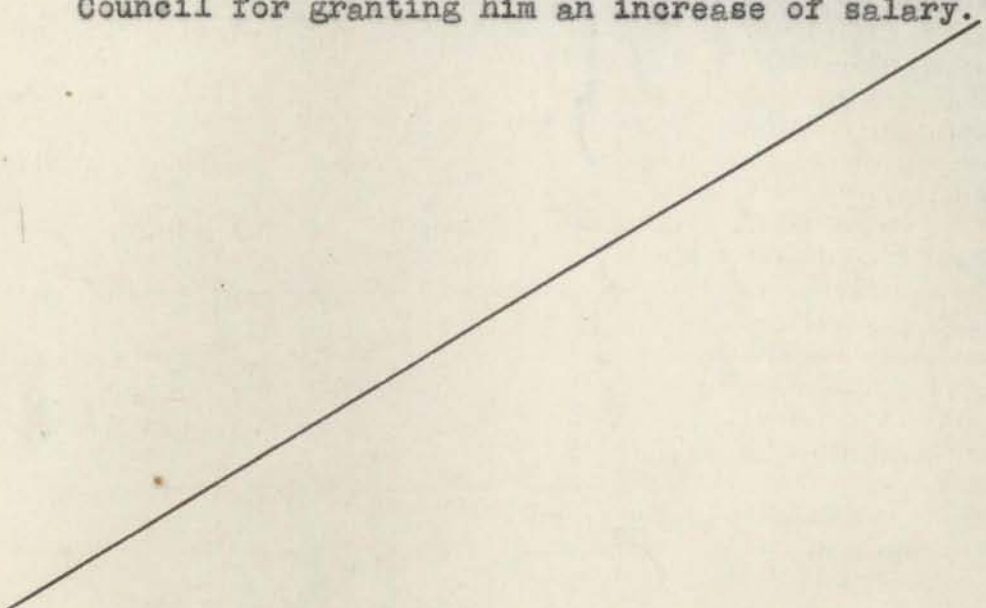
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, reported that application was being made on 5th December by Sergeant Kenny, Bunclody, for the committal of three children Annie Byrne, 13 years, Margaret Teresa Byrne, 10 years, and Sheila Byrne, 8 years, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford. The father died last February and the mother is unable to support them. The application would be made in accordance with the Children's Act 1929.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

SALARY OF MR. LYNCH, V.S.

Under date 25th November, 1935, Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, wrote expressing his thanks to the County Council for granting him an increase of salary.



On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th December 1935, be received and considered."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME. Col. Gibbon proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to reduce the figures of the Road Estimate by an equivalent of 3d in the £ as compared with last year, and the Council should direct the County Surveyor to furnish a revised scheme to the members before next meeting. His reason for proposing this was that if they cut the Estimate too much the threat of the withdrawal of the Road Maintenance Grant by the Government might be put into effect, and might mean that although the Council decided on a reduction to the equivalent of 3d. in the £ rates would be actually increased owing to the withdrawal of the Grant. Probably the amount for Home Assistance might be reduced in the coming year owing to the proposal that the men receiving it be employed at useful work particularly on the roads.

Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

The Chairman was afraid that the new system of employment of men on the "dole" would not help the Council very much as they could not in any way be utilised to reduce expenditure for ordinary road maintenance.

Col. Gibbon contended that as the ratepayers were in a very bad way they should certainly get some reduction.

Mr. Ml. Redmond protested against any reduction in last year's figures. Good roads were the only amenities that small farmers had and it was unjust and inequitable to economise at their expense. If economy was to be exercised it should not be all taken from the roads.

He looked upon it as outrageous to cut the Road Estimate to a figure below that agreed to last year.

Mr. T. Redmond pointed out that he was receiving complaints practically daily as to the condition of the roads four or five miles outside the Urban Boundary of New Ross and which were regarded by many as impassable. In view of this he certainly would not approve of any reduction.

Mr. Culleton endorsed the view of the Messrs. Redmond, protesting against any reduction in the figures for the allocations for roads. He considered that one of the functions of the County Council was to relieve unemployment but a reduction of the expenditure on roads would intensify unemployment.

Col. Quin pointed out that if the Government refused to furnish the Grant for Maintenance of Main Roads owing to the proposed reduction, instead of having the rate reduced by 3d in the £ there would be an increase of 6d or 8d.

The Chairman said it would be worth a trial to ask the Government in view of the present circumstances to allow the Council to have a reduced expenditure on Main Roads, as so many of them had been put into an excellent condition and would not require the same amount of money or attention as when the Grant stood at its present percentage of 40. If they found it impossible to convince the Government they would have to take the amount off the County Roads.

The County Surveyor said many of the third class roads were in a very bad condition but unfortunately the Government Grant was not applicable to their improvement. He would much prefer if a substantial portion of the Grant went to these third class roads more particularly as

numbers of them had become more important and had to bear heavier traffic than some of the Main Roads. It was owing to this that the Finance Committee so strongly pressed the Council to apply for a revision of the Main Roads Scheme which was adopted very many years ago. He was strongly of opinion it would be much better to expend less money on the Main Roads and apply the saving, made in this way, to the third class roads.

At the present moment if they took £2000 off the Main Roads they would lose £800 of the Grant, which he considered would be a mistake because they were bringing up what were called link roads by degrees. That morning there was a complaint about the road near Fethard and although it was much worse than the Main Road into Fethard, they had no State Grant applicable for it. As the Council proposed a reduced estimate on the County Roads this particular road would be worse in the future than it now was. He denied that the roads in New Ross area were impassable. Many were badly pot-holed as they were subject to very heavy motor traffic.

Mr. Keegan said it was the general impression that the Main Roads could do with a lot less money for the moment and it would be in favour of the public and to their convenience if this money could be put on the County Roads.

The County Surveyor agreed and pointed out that there was no serious complaints about the Main Roads except of their being slippery but there were very serious complaints about a large number of the Third Class Roads, all of which arose out of the fact that there was not sufficient money for their repair and maintenance.

Miss O'Ryan said the Council had put up a very strong case for revision of the Main Roads Scheme and would put it up again and again if necessary. The Subsidiary bodies

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were carrying out an unprecedented amount for public works and for housing and other social services so that if they were cutting down employment by reducing the road estimate by between £4000 and £5000 the fall in employment would be made up by other public works.

Mr. Culleton contended that the reduction of the estimate would mean a number of people depending upon road employment would not be in as good a position to pay their rates and the Council would be badly hit from that point of view.

As an amendment to Col. Gibbon's motion Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following:-

"That a similar amount as allocated for financial year 1935/36 be agreed to for road repair and maintenance for financial year 1936-37."

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

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Kelly, Lawlor, Ml. and Thomas Redmond and Ronan. - 9.

AGAINST: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Sweetman and Chairman. - 16.

Mr. Walsh (1) was not present when poll was taken. The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The original resolution for the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and adopted nem. con.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME. The County Surveyor stated the sewerage scheme entailed the acquisition of way leave to carry the pipes under certain premises, and it was considered that if they purchased the small space and widened the road it would result in a saving of two payments at the same time. All the people except one had agreed to that course.

Replying to a further query of Mr. Doyle, Mr. Bir-thistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated there would be sufficient space for a footpath at the Golf Hotel.

The County Surveyor stated that if necessary the Council could compel the new addition to the Golf Hotel to be removed for the purpose of the sewerage scheme.

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

"That the County Solicitor and County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Finance Committee report as to removal of extension of premises of Golf Hotel, Rosslare."

Mr. Doyle referring to the area of charge for the sewerage scheme said it was not the area that was mentioned when the consent of the Council as to borrowing was under consideration.

Mr. Corish said that the Minister for Local Government disagreed with the recommendation of the Board of Health.

Mr. Doyle said he had not seen any report of a protest by the Board of Health against the Minister's decision.

Mr. Corish said that he and Mr. Allen by request of the Board of Health had attended at the Offices of the Local Government Department to support the area of charge as fixed by the Board but they were unable to have their views accepted, the principal reason being that a rate of 6d. in the £ would lessen the borrowing powers of the district.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. The following were appointed on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer to represent the County Council at the Conference in connection with Mental Hospital improvements to be held on 13th December

1935, at Mental Hospital:- The Chairman of the Council (Mr. Allen), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish) and Mr. O'Byrne.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th December 1935 be and are hereby confirmed.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE

The following Minutes of Meeting of above Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th November 1935 were submitted:-

A meeting of County Wexford Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 12th November, 1935.

Present: Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P. (Presiding), Messrs. E. R. Richards Orpen and Seamus Doyle, Senator Kathleen Browne.

The Secretary to County Council was in attendance.

Very Rev. Canon Cloney wrote apologising for his absence as he had been detained on business.

It was decided to call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the following ancient monuments and which in the opinion of the Committee should be scheduled as National Monuments and preserved by the State:-

Clonmines Abbeys
Vinegar Hill Tower
Coolhull Castle
Mountgarrett Castle
Ferryarrig Castle
Rathmacknee Castle and
Church at Clone, Ferns.

The Committee adopted a further resolution asking the County Council to take over and maintain the following:-

Clough East
St. Vaux
Brideswell (Askamore) Clachans - Beehives
Crosses at Adamstown
Bannow Old Church
Crosses at Ballinatray (Monaseed)
Ballymagyr.

As regards the last mentioned place it was decided to communicate with the Land Commission and request them to make provision in any sale of the holding, to have the old house - one of the most historic in the County -

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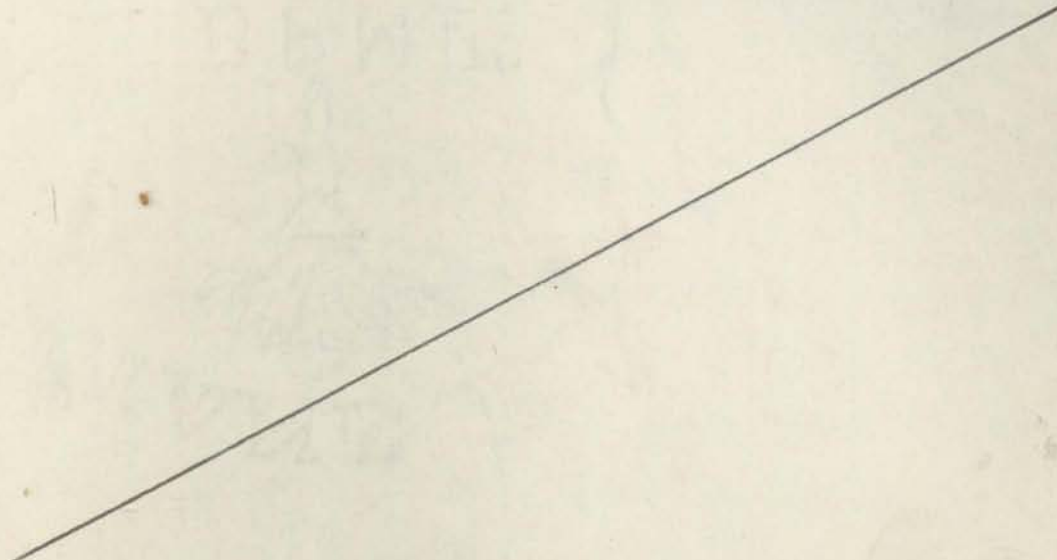
preserved.

As regards the clearance of Old Military Barracks in Michael Street, New Ross, it was decided to ask New Ross Urban Council to preserve anything of any historic value that might be found.

A resolution was adopted suggesting to Enniscorthy and New Ross Urban Councils the advisability of establishing local advisory committees under section 22(2) of National Monuments Act 1930. The attention of New Ross Urban District was called to the very beautiful ruins in St. Mary's Churchyard.

It was decided to request the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, to circularise the various Garda Barracks in the County asking the Gardai to pay close attention to any ancient monuments in their district and to call the attention of the County Council to any interference or any acts of vandalism in connection with same.

The meeting considered at some length the question of ancient monuments in cemeteries under the Control of the Board of Health and decided to ask the Board to issue special instructions to caretakers to exercise all possible care to prevent these monument being damaged or interfered with.



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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to inspect the monuments which the Local Ancient Monuments Committee have asked the County Council to take over and furnish report as to the cost of keeping them in reasonable repair."

TACUMSHANE LAKE

The County Surveyor reported there was a letter from the Office of Public Works stating there would be a grant of £300 for work at Tacumshane Lake and that formal notification would be sent later. He had been down there and made preliminary arrangements for the work. He intended to go there again on the following day, so that when they received notification of the grant they could proceed with the work.

Col. Gibbon said the work should be started at the first available opportunity.

CLOTHES STORE FOR COUNTY HOME

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to County Councillors on 5th November 1935 was moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance of £374. 2. 0 for the purpose of erecting a Clothes store at the County Home."

In moving his motion Mr. Colfer said that it was generally admitted that such a store was very badly needed.

Mr. Lawler seconded.

Mr. Doyle opposed and considered ample accommodation for clothes could be found now as in the past. During his twelve years' experience as a member of the County Health Board there had been no complaints as to the lack of accommodation for clothes. Though the County Council

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had no control over the expenditure of the County Board of Health, the members of that Board were also County Councillors who should be well acquainted with the state of the country. This was not a time when rates should be increased or to incur expenditure which could in any way be avoided. They should not agree to this expenditure at present even though this might cause some inconvenience.

Col. Quin said a great deal of work was needed at the County Home and he would be glad if the money spent on other projects could be diverted to necessary improvements there. He would be glad to propose that they spend £50,000 to rebuild it if they had the money. It was the most important place in the county. He believed the store was a necessity.

Mr. McCarthy said that the question of providing this store was considered several times by the County Board of Health and everyone familiar with the circumstances believed it to be absolutely essential.

On a show of hands Mr. Colfer's motion was carried by 17 votes to 6.

TRANSFER NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS.

Under date, 22nd November, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RD/32) enclosing sealed order under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925 directing that Wexford County Council shall, as from 1st April 1936, and until the Minister shall otherwise direct, construct and maintain all the Urban Roads in the Urban District of New Ross.

A copy of the Urban Districts (Transferred Road Duties) Regulations 1926 was also enclosed.

RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR FOR ROAD WORKS

Circular S.G.A(202 under date 22nd November 1935,

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from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to recruitment of labour for Road Works financed wholly or partly from Central funds was read and referred to the County Surveyor.

INCREASE OF SALARY - MR. J. LYNCH, V.S.

Under date 22nd November 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (EC972/35) that the Minister for Agriculture would offer no objection to the proposed increase of £20 (from £60 to £80 per annum) in respect of the duties of Mr. J. Lynch, V.S., New Ross, under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

Mr. Lynch wrote thanking the Council for having granted him the increase.

SALE OF COMPENSATION STOCK

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

"That the Wexford County Council sell the sum of £50 5% Compensation Stock standing in their name and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to letter of Attorney authorising Mr. Frederick West Gamble, Stockbroker, Dublin, to sell the said stock."

RATES INSPECTORS SUPERVISION OF RENT COLLECTORS.

Under date 15th November 1935, the Board of Health wrote that subject to the sanction of the County Council the Board had appointed the Rates Inspector to supervise the work of the Rent Collectors and sought approval to the appointment which was to carry a remuneration of £20 per annum.

Mr. Doyle commented on the fact that they had an application from the Rates Inspector for clerical assistance to carry out his own duties and they now found him taking up for the County Board of Health additional work.

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Mr. O'Byrne considered that if the duties were covered by the Public Bodies Order the Rates Inspector should be required to discharge these duties without remuneration outside his salary as Rates Inspector.

The Chairman and Miss O'Ryan pointed out that as the Rates Inspector had to visit the towns of the County to check Rate Collectors Books the Health Board were anxious to take advantage of his attendance to examine the Cottage Rent Collection in the four districts. If a special appointment had to be made it would cost the Board £150 or £200 per annum. The work should not in any way interfere with this Officer's duties as Rates Inspector.

After considerable discussion the following motion was moved by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Bowe and adopted:-

"That we agree to the proposal of the County Board of Health appointing the Rates Inspector to check the books of Cottage Rent Collectors - remuneration £20 per annum. If it be found later that the Rates Inspector is unable to carry out his work without further assistance the Health Board be informed that it will be necessary for them to employ some one else to carry out the checking of books of Cottage Rent Collectors."

The motion was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

APPOINTMENT EX-OFFICIO INSPECTOR, FOOD AND
DRUGS ACTS.

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

"That Garda Bernard Forde (7969) Duncormick Garda Station be appointed Ex-officio, Inspector to this County Council under Food and Drugs Acts for Administrative County of Wexford."

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CLAIM BALLYBOGGAN QUARRY

Under date 14th November 1935, Messrs. M.J.O'Connor & Co. wrote on behalf of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Ballyboggan, Castlebridge, that by an agreement with the County Council made 8th February 1935 their client was to be paid 5/- per perch for surface damage, but he had not received any payment to the present, also that he never received any compensation for the site at quarry used by County Council as a dumping ground.

He made a further claim for compensation for removal of 47 trees at £1 per tree.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor said that Murphy made a claim about six years ago for removal of brushwood and a swamp. The trees were of no value and he (Birthistle) always believed he had convinced Mr. Murphy there was nothing in his claim.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the Council should repudiate the claim and that the County Surveyor should report to next meeting as to the amount to which he considered Mr. Murphy was actually entitled.

CARNE PIER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The following under date 3rd December 1935, was read from Mr. P. J. Devereux, Hon. Sec. to above Association.

"The Carne Development Association, desire to bring to your notice the dreadful condition of the road from Killinick to Carne Pier, and also the condition of the Pier itself. During the past few years, there has been an increasing number of visitors to this district, during the Summer months, both as residents and daily, and these visitors have greatly benefited the local people, especially the fishermen, from whom they purchase quantities of Lobsters and other fish, and also the Bakery and Tea Room and Shop, which was opened this year, and which

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surely should be encouraged. If there is not something done to improve the road, there is great danger of losing these visitors to this charming resort, and this would be very unfair, while other seaside places, Kilmore, Rosslare, Curracloe, etc. get their roads improved yearly.

The road from St. Ivers to Carne Pier, is in a dangerous condition for horse traffic and cyclists, not to mention motor cars."

Mr. Doyle said the road referred to had been before the County Council on several occasions and in view of the number of people concerned and of the great many visitors who patronised Carne something should be done with it, and it should be put into passable condition.

The County Surveyor said that he had included £200 for this road and with the "cut" that day he would not get half that.

Mr. Corish said that ~~to make~~ a really decent job according to the County Surveyor's estimate could be done for £4000 and in view of the importance of Carne as a seaside resort he believed the County Council should not hesitate in taking the necessary steps to raise this loan. The amount of £200 was not enough to do anything of advantage.

The County Surveyor said this would only level the potholes.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated it was proposed to put out three hundred cubic yards of material which would only do a small portion of the road, the entire length being eight miles. There was a huge population and huge farming traffic, and the road was as important as that from Killinick to the town. To do a good job on the road would cost £500 per mile. At the present time they had no chance of "holding" the road.

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Mr. Doyle attributed the bad condition of the road to a great extent to the fact that it was repaired with sea gravel. He did not object to the use of sea gravel if it were mixed with tar, but this road was never treated with tar. From time immemorial it was done with sea gravel.

County Surveyor - The sea gravel we have been using down there is very much finer now than formerly.

Mr. Culleton gave notice to move at next meeting that a loan of £4,000 be raised for the purpose of repairing the road.

LANES IN BROADWAY

Mr. Culleton called attention to the condition of two lanes in Broadway. There was a blacksmith's forge on one of the lanes which was flooded and the blacksmith contended the flooding was caused by water from the road.

The County Surveyor said if that was the case he would have the flooding abated.

Mr. Doyle said the flooding of the lane was a terrible inconvenience to the people who had to go and come from the forge. He understood the people only wanted that water carried by the channels, which would not cost very much.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, suggested that the lanes be listed for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. They were in bad condition and subject to a good deal of flooding, a little of which might be caused by water from the road. In so far as this was the case it would be remedied.

It was decided that County Surveyor submit a report in the matter to the Finance Committee.

MARSHALSTOWN LANE

Very Rev. A. O'Brien, P.P., Marshalstown, wrote in reference to the necessity of erecting a bridge at the end of Marshalstown Lane adjacent to the Ballydaw road. In winter the lane is flooded at the point specified, which considerably interfered with users of the lane. It was a pity the matter was not attended to when the repairs to the lane were being carried out.

County Surveyor - That was done under a minor relief scheme grant, and we had not enough money to erect a bridge.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bowe, it was decided to make application for a further minor relief scheme grant in connection with the bridge.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR - ROAD 144.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district reported that James Dunne, Ballydean, Courtown had failed to carry out his contract in as much as he had not put out material for measurement. He and his Sureties should be served with a "Ten Day" Notice.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sweetman seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to take over Road No. 144 in view of the default of James Dunne, Contractor, or to take any other steps in the matter which he considers more desirable in the interests of the Road.

WEXFORD - CURRACLOE ROAD

Mr. Corish submitted the following letter from Irish Tourist Association under date 6th December 1935 relative to that portion of above road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe Strand:-

"In view of your Council's special interest in the above, and further to representations addressed to this Association, I have been in touch with the Local Government Roads Department regarding the possibility of some special

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action being taken, and I give hereunder copy of an extract from a letter received from the Roads Department on the subject:-

"The County Surveyor when submitting his proposals for the expenditure of the current Improvement Grant presented the Wexford - Curracloe (County Road No.640) Road as an alternative to the improvement of portion L.29 about four miles north of Wexford beyond Castle-bridge. The proposals as submitted by the County Surveyor were accepted. This work might be noted for consideration under the SGP grant."

I shall be glad to take any further action you consider advisable in the matter.

LAND PURCHASE GUARANTEE FUND

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Kinsella:-

"That we protest against the introduction in An Dail of the New Land Purchase (Guarantee Fund) Bill, and call upon the Deputies for the County to oppose it in all its stages as the placing of the burden of unpaid Land Annuities on the local rates is unjust and unfair especially as the ratepayers at present find it difficult to pay the ordinary Rate and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Deputies for County Wexford."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was read from Cork County Council:-

"That we, the Cork County Council, hereby protest against the terms of the Guarantee Fund Bill introduced into An Dail by the Minister for Finance, under which it is proposed to make the ratepayers of the entire Free State liable for unpaid land taxation up to a sum of approximately two million pounds per annum; that we therefore call on the Minister to withdraw the Bill so that the solvency of local authorities in the matter of the collection of local rates may not be imperilled; that the Minister be further requested to make available forthwith for distribution to the several County Councils their ascertained proportion of the Agricultural Grants, including

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all amounts withheld since the 1st April, 1933; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the Minister for Finance, to all T.D.'s in the County, and to all County Councils in An Saorstát".

In moving his motion Mr. Kinsella contended it was unfair to make the County Councils collect Land Annuities and more particularly when ratepayers and farmers were so badly hit. He also understood that £100,000 was being stopped from the Agricultural Grant this year, which, of course, would fall on the agricultural community. The Council should call on their T.D.'s to oppose the Bill.

Col. Quin in seconding, said the Council on more than one occasion had protested against the injustice of making them assume responsibility for the collection of these annuities.

Mr. McCarthy supported the motion and also the Cork resolution. £41,000 had been withheld from the Agricultural Grant for the County Wexford and this had never been made good by a rate levy. If the proposed Bill was adopted there was the possibility of another £41,000 shortage, and a reduction of a similar amount, if not more, might be notified to the Council in February. It would appear that to discharge their liabilities under this head alone the Council would have to raise an additional sum of £80,000 in the next estimate of rate, representing 4/- in the £. This was most unfair, and of course, it was recognised that unless sufficient rates were raised the Board of Health services and Road Work would be adversely affected. Notwithstanding all the machinery the Government had at their control they appeared to be unable to collect annuities. It would appear as if people were unable to pay, otherwise, bailiffs, flying squads etc., seen so

constantly recently should be able to get the annuities. He believed the measure should be withdrawn. Up to 1932 the withheld amount was so small it never affected the finances of the County Council. As the purpose for which the Guarantee Fund was established had now disappeared the Government was not justified in proceeding with the Bill. The Guarantee Fund was established to protect the British Government but as annuities were not now paid directly to them its purpose had ceased to exist.

Col. Gibbon contended that the representatives of the two political parties in the County Council would agree that the whole cost of the economic war should not fall upon the farmers. The effect of the proposed legislation would intensify the existing position.

Mr. O'Byrne held that the economic war did not come into the consideration of the question in any way. While the last Government was in office the Council and General Council of County Councils adopted resolutions asking that a particular clause in the appropriate Act of Parliament affecting County Councils regarding collection of annuities be removed. If there was a shortage in the amount of the Agricultural Grant, it would be met, not by the farmers, but by the ratepayers as a whole, and people who could gain no benefit from the grant would have to pay. They should not agree that men who had paid should be responsible for the debts of men who would not pay.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that most of the Agricultural Grant was paid as a voluntary contribution and had been voluntarily increased very considerably by the present and late governments. It appeared that as long as the annuities went to Great Britain there was no objection to paying but when they were to be paid into the Irish Exchequer to be redistributed in Grants, strong objection was made to pay. In regard to the Cork resolution, they

knew that all the difficulty at present was coming from the vicinity of Cork. These people thought they had not to pay anything, so long as the people of Wexford and other places stepped into the breach. She then moved the following amendment:-

"That we consider it unjust and inequitable to levy on the Agricultural Grant the uncollected portion of the Land Annuities as the ratepayers who discharge their liability in respect of Land Annuities are in no way responsible for those in default."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Col. Quin said that all the members would agree to this proposal.

Mr. Kinsella pointed out there was nothing in the amendment asking the T.D.'s to oppose the present Bill.

Mr. Bowe asked Miss O'Ryan if she would accept that portion of Mr. Kinsella's resolution.

The Chairman pointed out that the question had arisen recently that the law making the Guarantee Fund responsible for unpaid annuities was not very clear - that there was a flaw - and the Bill introduced was simply to clear the air, and to establish the fact that the Guarantee Fund could beyond doubt be called upon to make good any annuities in default. That and that alone was the purpose for which the Bill had been submitted. He held the ratepayers should not be liable for anybody's annuities. Last year the Council passed a resolution on the same lines as the amendment now proposed by Miss O'Ryan. If they were to get clear of liability they would have to do far more than prevent the passage of the Bill. It was quite possible the Courts would decide, that even without the Bill the Guarantee Fund was liable. Mr. Kinsella's resolution meant nothing except a certain amount of political propaganda which was the whole gist of it. It

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simply meant that a big row was being raised over what was really only a storm in a tea-cup, and it would not serve anyone or get the farmers what they wanted - namely not to have the rates liable for deficiencies in the annuities. Suppose an Act was passed relieving the Guarantee Fund of liability the Government had a way out. They had increased the Government Grant by something like £750,000 but there was nothing to prevent them reducing that Grant to the actual amount fixed in the Standard Year viz. £400,000. Whether the Bill was passed or otherwise the Council would not be in any better position as regards their liability for annuities.

Col. Quin considered that the Government should have waited for the decision of the Courts, before introducing any measure. He agreed with Miss O'Ryan that it was simply damnable injustice to make the County Council responsible for the payment of Land Annuities.

Mr. Doyle contended that if the Bill was once passed it would give full powers to the Government to make the Council collect, even retrospectively, and was going to add another £80,000 to the rates.

Mr. Cummins appealed to Mr. Kinsella to withdraw his resolution if Miss O'Ryan was satisfied that the amendment should be forwarded to the five T.D.'s of the County.

Miss O'Ryan agreed but Mr. Kinsella declined to withdraw.

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

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. - 12.

AGAINST: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. - 13.

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Mr. Corish (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Kinsella's resolution with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Cummins, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. - 14.

AGAINST: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and Chairman. - 12.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Ed Healy