

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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SPECIAL MEETING - 13th FEBRUARY, 1928.  
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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AND AGREE TO RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1928-29, AND ALSO TO TRANSACT ORDINARY BUSINESS, WAS HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, on 13th FEBRUARY, 1928.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

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      APOLOGY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETING.

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Under date 13th February, 1928, Colonel Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) wrote apologising for his absence from the meeting as he had to attend a meeting of the Directors of the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Company in Brussels on 14th.

      RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL  
          YEAR 1928-29.

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In connection with the above, the following Minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on the 4th February, 1928, were submitted:-

A SPECIAL MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 1928, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING ESTIMATE OF RATE FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1928-29.

Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (presided) and there were also present:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, W. Thorpe, P. Hayes, J. E. Walsh and A. Mernagh.

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

Under date 2nd February, 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RGM/32) with reference to the payment of Maintenance Grant in connection with main roads.

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

"That letter from Department of Local Government (Roads) under date 2nd February, 1928 (R/RGM/32) be referred to the Roads Committee meeting of 27th February, 1928, for consideration. That the Department of Local Government be asked to arrange for the attendance of a member of their Road Engineering staff to discuss with the Roads Committee the points dealt with in the Department's communication".

#### PROPOSED TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GOREY.

The following was submitted:-

"A meeting of the local Committee, who have in hands the project of establishing a Technical School in Gorey, was held in Courthouse, Gorey, on 25th January, 1928.

"Very Rev. Canon Rossiter, P.P., Gorey, presided, and there was a full attendance of the Committee.

"Mr. E. P. Barrett, M.A. (Inspector), Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) and N. J. Frizelle, (Secretary to Co; Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction) were also in attendance.

"The insistent demand of the people of Gorey for technical Instruction was discussed at considerable length. It was pointed

out that up to a year ago the classes of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction held in the area had not met with the response which they deserved. This apathy had disappeared and there was now an enthusiastic request for instruction. The Committee believed that the needs of the youth of the district could not be met by itinerant courses and desire to point out to the County Council that successful Technical Schools are working in much smaller places.

"The principal concern of the meeting was that of ways and means - the cost of the establishment of the school and its annual expenditure. The erection of a building was not favoured until sufficient evidence was forthcoming of local support at sufficient strength to keep teachers fully employed.

"The following financial statement was approved:-

Rent of Premises (per annum)	...	...	£50.
Manual Instruction Equipment	...	...	100
Salary and travelling expenses of Domestic Economy Instructress	...	...	130
Equipment of Instructress	...	...	60
Part time Commercial Teacher for Shorthand, Book-keeping and Business Methods	...	...	70
Caretaker	...	...	50
Furniture and fittings	...	...	100
Part Time Teacher for Introductory Course	...	...	25
			<u>£585</u>

"The annual expenditure for Caretaker, Salary and Expenses of D. E. Instructress, Part time Teacher Book-keeping etc., and part time teacher Introductory Course, would £325.

"The nonrecurrent items, viz., cost of Equipment etc., would come to £260. The Committee suggest that the latter sum could be taken from the savings which the Department hold on foot of County Technical Instruction Scheme which now stand about £1200. As regards annual expenditure it is anticipated that £150 should be earned in attendance grants, leaving the net annual outlay £170.

"The Committee recognise that the present Rate of 1d in the £ on the rural portion of the County is not sufficient to finance the Agricultural and Technical activities of the Co. Committee and they suggest that the County Council should agree to raise a rate of 1½d in £ which would be sufficient for present needs and would provide

for the establishment of the school in Gorey.

"They appointed the following as a deputation to lay their views before the Finance Committee of the Council to be held on 4th February, viz., Dr. Dwyer, Messrs James French and J.O'Loughlin

"They especially point out that they have not included in financial statement any grants from Department because all monies in Endowment Grant have been allocated and no change can be made in existing allocation until the recommendations of the Technical Commission have been disposed of.

"They, however, consider that if the Gorey Scheme can be established it would be well entitled to the same treatment as has been afforded to the other Urban areas in the County, the Technical Committees of which are in receipt of grants in the ratio of practically £5 for every £1 of local Rate. They strongly urge the Finance Committee to deal favourably with their application. While recognising that it is an inopportune time to raise local Rates the figure they have asked is a bare minimum, and is so small in comparison with the benefits to be derived by a town of 2000 people that they feel confident the Finance Committee will not hesitate in recommending it to the County Council. Besides they fear that if the project be turned down now the people will lose heart and it will be difficult to revive interest and enthusiasm later.

The following is copy of resolution adopted at the meeting in Gorey on the proposition of Mr. Garret Lombard, seconded by Mr. J. E. Cooke:-

"That the County Council be requested to take steps to establish permanent technical instruction in Gorey, in view of the demand there for it; and raise the rate allocated to technical instruction to  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £; and that the County Council transmit the result of their action on this resolution to the Department of Education with a view to ascertaining the financial assistance which the Department is prepared to grant. That a deputation consisting of Dr. James Dwyer, P.C. James French, John O'Loughlin and the Hon. Secretary of the Committee, be hereby appointed to lay the views

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the views of the Committee before the Special Finance Committee of the County Council".

The following deputation attended:- Dr. Dwyer, Rev. Mr. Nabney, and Mr. W.J. Brennan-Whitmore: Hon. Sec.

The latter explained that Messrs Ffrench and O'Loughlin, who had been appointed by the meeting at Gorey were not able to attend owing to private business.

Dr. Dwyer referred to the absolute necessary for the development of Technical education in Ireland if the country was to hold her own in the commercial world. He had spoken to a number of the largest ratepayers in Gorey town and district and they had no objection to the adoption of a small rate by the County Council to help in establishing a permanent centre of instruction in Gorey. Any money spent on the project would be repaid a hundredfold.

Rev. Mr. Nabney said that he was diffident in suggesting in these hard times the imposition of any further burdens on the ratepayers but a real sense of responsibility urged him to take part in the deputation. If our young people were to be built up to take their proper place in our beloved Country people, in responsible positions should do all in their power to further that aim and object Ireland was indeed very far behind other Countries in technical training. If young people do not get the education and training that those responsible were bound to give them they would exploit their ability in perhaps undesirable directions. Technical work was really Christian work and the small matter of a rate should not weigh very largely considering the issues at stake. He felt very strongly that if they were not prepared to do all in their power for the education and training of our youth they would be greatly to blame. It was a question really of their duty to the country they loved so much. For that reason they should give youth a chance and erect a solid Scheme of Technical Instruction for the people of Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne

seconded by the Chairman:--

"That an addition of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d be made to present rate of 2d in the £ raised under Agriculture & Technical Instruction Acts; the extra amount thus realised to be devoted to technical instruction. That the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) be asked to make (in view of this increased rate) a generous increase in their endowment grant to help the funds set aside by the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for technical instruction. That the question of the further expansion of technical work, including the establishment of Technical School in Gorey be referred to the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction who will take into consideration the grants which the Department of Education may be induced to give before finally agreeing on a scheme of development."

Mr. Thorpe dissented.

#### TOURIST DEVELOPMENT RATE.

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Mr. Barry of the Irish Tourist Development Association appeared before the meeting to advocate the striking of a rate for Tourist Development. The Association last year was greatly hampered in its activities thro' lack of funds. They had received about £10,000 from the Councils. This was only about half what Blackpool and the Isle-of-Man spent in propaganda. Switzerland was spending £30,000; France and Germany £100,000; Italy £40,000 per annum and other smaller Continental Countries in equal proportion on to attract tourists. It would cost the Irish Association £10,000 per annum to advertise effectively in England alone. The Association had arranged a Continental visit for Irish Hotel Keepers with the result that conditions in Hotel management had been improved. The Association were asking £50,000 from the Local Government Department this year for improvement of Tourist routes. The fact that Wexford County Council had struck a rate last year for tourist development had great influence in securing the grant of £1,000 for Rosslare roads and a similar sum for the Gorey-Courtown

Road. Counties which failed to strike a rate did not receive any special grant from the Department. The Association was opening a bureau in America and wanted to establish another in Paris and other centres. Visitors to Hotels last year, in spite of an adverse season, showed an increase of from  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent to 15 per cent over 1926.

A detailed report from the Association as to local propaganda was submitted from the Irish Tourist Association.

The Council struck a rate of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ last year (which covered  $\frac{1}{4}$ d promised in the previous year). This had been allocated as follows by the Association:- Administration ~~£80~~, Bureaux £80 Editorial and Photographic purposes £80; National Publicity £160 and Local Publicity £400..

The meeting decided to recommend the County Council to set aside the equivalent of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £ on the County for the purposes of tourist development.

#### RATE ESTIMATE.

The following figures for estimate of County Services for financial year 1928-29 were then considered:-

	1928-29	1927-28	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Public Works	5966	3500	2466	
Salaries: Secretary's Office	1902	1894	8	
Salaries other Co. Officers, Analyst, Lamplighters etc.,	326	293	33	
Retiring Allowances & Gratuities	339	504		165
Cost of Rate Collection	4293	4509		216
Refunds of Irrecoverable Rates	3217	1255	1962	
Franchise & Jurors Lists	1693	1975		282
Printing in connection with Registration Act	426	443		17
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	235	270		35
University Scholarships	700	630	70	
Primary Scholarships	755	570	185	
Legal Expenses	306	320		14
Coroners and Inquests	286	255	31	
Postage and Office Requisites	275	275		
Printing and Stationery	170	300		130
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	412	822		410
Other Advertisements	220	212	8	
Contribution Co. Councils:				
General Council	20	20		
Contribution Chair Scientific Agriculture National University		20		20
Conveyance of Prisoners	65	120		55
Weights and Measures	45	50		5
Food and Drugs	110	53	57	
Salaries: Court Officials &c.	97	71	26	
Rent & Expenses of Courthouses	370	494		124
Library Scheme	412	412		
Reformatories & Industrial Schools	4285	4055	230	
Courthouse Harbour £106 } Rent Old Jail £207 }	313	292	21	
Refund to Wexford Urban Adjustment				
Financial Relations	30	24	6	
Diseases of Animals Acts: Salaries Veterinary and Sheep Dipping Inspectors	510	510		
Diseases of Animals Acts: Other Expenses	695	680	15	
Audit fee £85: Debit Interest £1050	1135	1285		150
Criminal Malicious Injuries Amendment Act	-	9882		9882
Superannuation Allowances Ex- Union Officers	1773	1710	63	
Superannuation Allowances Ex- R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
Election Expenses	1160	---	1160	
Contingencies	750	750		
Money Supplied to Mental Hospital	20306	20 306		
Money supplied to Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction	2967	2970		3
Total	£56989	£62156	£6341	£11 508

In regard to items for public works the County Surveyor submitted the following:-

Bridges :-

Wexford mtce	£100	
Wexford repair	£100	
Ferry carrig mtce	£50	
" repair	£450	
Deeps mtce	£30	
Loan	£278	
Edermine mtce	£25	
repair	£50	
New Ross mtce	£40	
repair	£150	
Caretaker	£50	
Mountgarrett Loan	£933	
Revenue a/c	£780	
Wexford loan	<u>£435</u>	£3,471.

Harbours:-

Courtown Repair	£150	
(50%) £2130 Improvement	£1065	
Poulduff repair	20	
Carne repair	350	
Kilmone repair	100	
(50%) £400 dredging	200	
Fethard repair	30	
Slade repair	50	
Duncannon repair	50	
Arthurstown repair	50	
Ballyhack repair	10	
General Diving Suit	<u>150</u>	£2,245
Courthouses		100
County Buildings		<u>150</u>
		<u>£5,966</u>

Of these amounts the Urban Districts contributed to £5816 but were exempt from chargeability on £150 for County Buildings.

The meeting made the following reductions in County Surveyor's

estimate:- Ferrycarrig Bridge	£450	
Courtown Harbour	£750	
Carne Pier	<u>£200</u>	
Total	<u>£1400</u>	leaving the

estimate stand at £4566 or a net increase of £1066 over last year's amount.

The following resolution was then adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to a sum of £4566 for public works for financial year 1928-29.

Increase of £8 in salary of County Officer represented increment of £8 payable to J. J. Fanning according to the terms of his appointment as Clerk of Gorey Board of Guardians.

Increase in salaries of other County Officers arose owing to increased activity in administration of Food & Drugs Acts which necessitated a higher amount in Analyst's fees.

As regards the amount set aside for irrecoverable rates this item had been reduced by £1000 last year. The actual arrears from that year were £981 and this year as per return under this head the amount would be £2236.

The meeting passed this item at £3000.

The increase in University Scholarship Scheme was accounted for by an extension of Scholarship to enable one of the scholars to obtain a degree in Education.

Primary Scholarships' increase was owing to the fact that a larger number of Scholarships were being provided for over last year.

The figure for Coroners' salaries and expenses of inquests was based on actual figures. Fees payable to doctors for giving evidence at Inquests were £2: 2: 0d without post mortem examination and £4: 4: 0d with postmortem. Before last year these amounts were £1: 1: 0d and £2: 2: 0d respectively.

Increase in Food and Drugs was owing to increased administration in purchase of samples for analyses etc.

As regards increase of £230 for Reformatory and Industrial

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Schools owing to increased number of inmates in these institutions a resolution was adopted directing the Secretary of the Council to ask the Managers for report as to the after career of the children.

The increase of £21 for Courtown Harbour was caused by small urgent repairs which had not been provided for in last year's estimate.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That we approve of items totalling £55743 for inclusion in County Services Estimate for 1928-29 : £32099 being for services administered directly by the County Council; £3338 for County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction and £20306 for Mental Hospital Committee".

The following estimate of General Expenditure chargeable to Roads' a/c was submitted:-

	1928-29	1927-28	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Salary County Surveyor	716	716		
Postage do	50	50		
Salaries Assistant Surveyors	1345	1335	10	
Travelling Expenses do	1339	1266	73	
Salaries Clerks in County Surveyor's Office	378	378		
Printing & Stationery	157	350		193
Advertising	150	150		
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	33	33		
Total	£4168	£4278	£83	£193

The Salaries of Assistant Surveyors showed an increase of £10 - increments to Assistant Surveyors.

In regard to travelling expenses of Assistant Surveyors the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Thorpe, and seconded by

Colonel Gibbon:-

"That owing to the stringency of the times and the reduction in cost of petrol etc., the mileage rate for Assistant Surveyors be fixed at 4d per mile provided petrol can be obtained by Surveyors on repayment thro' County Council at a Commercial rate figure; otherwise that amount of mileage rate be fixed at 4½d."

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Mernagh seconded the following:-

"That mileage rate to Assistant Surveyor remain at 5d per mile."

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

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem.con.

The following resolution was then adopted:- "That a sum of £4042 be recommended to the County Council to be raised for General Expenditure chargeable to Roads' Account".

With regard to money to be supplied to public bodies the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £3338 be raised for Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction which includes £1483 for Irish Scheme and £371 additional amount for technical instruction".

The following resolution was adopted:- "That a sum of £20,306 be raised on demand of Mental Hospital."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be raised for County Board of Health:-  
 Poor Relief Charges £50,000: Repayment of Loans £2423 (Poor Relief)  
 Board of Health charges (demand) £1085: Joint district charges  
 viz:- Tuberculosis Act £1192; Treatment of Venereal Disease £38;  
 Blind Persons Act £100 : Gross Total £54838."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as regards the allocation of £53,814 for Road Maintenance for financial year 1928-29 agreed to by the Wexford County Council we hereby approve of the amounts allocated to each

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each proposal for maintenance and new works in accordance with the figures submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor. This provides for the following allocations:-

Main Roads : £19583  
 County Roads : £34231  
£53814

The meeting then decided to recommend a Rate of  $\frac{7}{11}d$  for general charges for financial year 1928-29. The allowance for Agricultural grant in a normal year allows for an abatement of  $\frac{3}{2}d$  in the £ on the above figure in regard to assessment on land. But, as repayment of instalment of loan under Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1925, amounts to 10d in the £ the actual abatement to land is  $\frac{2}{4}d$  in the £.

#### SEPARATE CHARGES.

Form 43 (Estimate of Rate for Separate Charges) was considered.

It was decided, on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman, to recommend the following to the County Council for adoption:-

No.	Name of Charge	Area	Rate in £
4	Repayment Loan Arklow Harbour	Barony of Gorey	1d
18	Compensation Officers E'corthy Rural District School Attendance Committee	Enniscorthy R.D.	$\frac{1}{4}d$
19	Compensation Officers New Ross R.D. School Attendance Committee	New Ross R.D.	$\frac{1}{4}d$
20	Expenses Labourers Acts E'corthy	Enniscorthy R.D.	$7\frac{3}{4}d$
21	" " " Gorey	Gorey R.D.	4
22	" " " New Ross	New Ross R.D.	$9\frac{1}{4}d$
23	" " " Wexford	Wexford R.D.	$7\frac{1}{4}d$
25	Part Balance transferred from Enniscorthy R.D. Account	Enniscorthy R.D.	$3\frac{1}{2}d$

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No.	Name of Charge	Area	Rate in £
28J.	Part Balance Transferred Wexford Rural District Charges Account	Wexford Rural District	3d
1AA	Expenses Public Health Act	Enniscorthy R.D.	1½d
2A2A	Lighting Newtownbarry Town	Townland of Newtownbarry & Ballinapark	5½d
1B1B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Gorey Rural District	2½d
4B4B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Town of Gorey	1½d
5B5B	Coolgreany Sewerage	Coolgreany Dispensary District	¾d
21216	Crim. Injury Decree Ml. H. O'Byrne )	County-at Large }	½d
21218	" " " Lizzie Meyler )		
1544	Crim. Injury Decree John Browne )	Enniscorthy Urban District	Included Urban Demand.
1555	" " " Sarah Duff )		
21219	Crim. Injury Decree Bertold Schelby	Urban District of New Ross	do.
22020	Crim. Injury Decree Bridget Kirwan	Urban District of Wexford.	do.
22121	" " " Stephen Sinnott & ors.		
2155	Crim. Injury Decree John Murphy	County Electoral area of New Ross	1½d
2177	Crim. Injury Decree Ml. Doyle	E.D. of Newtownbarry	3d
2233	" " " Martin Gill	E. D. Kilpatrick	1d
2244	" " " Catherine Sinnott	E.D's of Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Taghmon, Whitechurch	1½d
2255	" " " John Sinnott	E.D's of Forth, Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Taghmon, Whitechurch	1½d
2222	" " " Pat H. McGrath	Rathroe E.D.	5½d.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Special Meeting held on 4th February, 1928, be received and considered."

The meeting then decided to hear representations from Farmers' Associations in connection with proposed Rates.

The following attended as a deputation on behalf of the Farmers' Union of North Wexford:- Messrs Walter Boggan; - Crean e Kilmuckridge; W.E. Poole, William Abraham, Craanford, Laurence Kihselas Denis Lynch, Camolin, James Byrne, Clough, John Jones, Kilanerin, Myles Smith, William Tomkins, Fred Earle, Ballygarrett; William Moore, Knockbawn, Inch, Joseph Kenny, Askamore, Thomas Doyle, Tara Hill with Mr. P. Higgins, Parkbawn, Inch, District Secretary Farmers' Union.

Mr. Patrick Higgins who spoke on behalf of the Deputation said that their object was to try to entreat, induce and persuade the Co. Council to strike as low a rate as possible. They did not come there to intimidate the Council or to say they would not pay their rates. They would pay so far as they were able.

Mr. Higgins then referred to the many cases taken in Court against farmers for non-payment of their Land Commission Annuities and of their Poor Rates and contended that if these men had been able to pay they would not have allowed their names to go before the public for criticism. There never was such depression in Agriculture as at the present moment. The County Council should consult with the heads of their Administrative Departments and ascertain how economies could be effected. The Deputation asked the County Council to try to do what was in their power to agree to a "payable" rate. When taxation was high, labourers suffered as well as farmers, because if the latter were unable to meet their obligations, labour had to be disemployed or to accept a lower wage.

Mr. Wm.E. Poole, a member of the Deputation also spoke.

Mr. John Joyce, Butlerstown Castle, Broadway, with others, attended as a Deputation from South Wexford, Farmers' Union.

Mr. Joyce concurred with the points brought forward by Mr. Higgins and stated that it was impossible to make farming pay while the prospects for improvement were not bright.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That we approve and confirm the figures in regard to rates for financial year 1928-29, as recommended by Special meeting of Finance Committee of this County Council, held on 4th February, 1928. That rate for general charges for financial year 1928-29 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 42), be and is hereby agreed to at  $7\frac{1}{4}d$  in the £. That holders of agricultural land receive a rebate on valuation of said land, representing a poundage rate of 2s :  $4\frac{3}{4}d$  in the £, being the difference between the poundage rate represented by agricultural grant, viz., 3s :  $2\frac{3}{4}d$ , and poundage rate for amount of repayment of instalment of loan under Relief of Rates Agricultural Land, viz., 10d in the £, leaving the net general rate payable on agricultural land at 5s.  $6\frac{1}{4}d$  in the £. That rates for separate charges for financial year 1928-29 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43), as presented to this meeting be also agreed to. That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts of the County:-

Enniscorthy	£2,467 : 19: 10d.
New Ross	£2,301 : 5: 8d
Wexford	£5,661 : 7: 10d.

That drainage rate for Kilmannock drainage district as set out in charging order issued by the Office of Public Works, Dublin, and signed and sealed on behalf of that body by their Secretary on the 19th January, 1927, be agreed to, and that the several amounts be levied on the persons whose names are set out on schedule of said charging order, and ~~we~~ hereby direct that said amounts be collected apart from the poor rate and independently of the same. "

Mr. Clince seconded.

In connection with the reduction in County Surveyor's Estimate

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for repairs to Carne Pier, the County Surveyor, in reply to queries, said that if the Pier was to be restored to its original condition, the cost would be over a couple of thousand pounds. The repairs he proposed would allow of its use by fishing boats.

As regards the proposed cut in the mileage rate for Assistant Surveyors, the following was read from Mr. J.F. Birthistle Secretary of the Local Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"In connection with the proposed reduction of mileage rate to Surveyors we beg to point out that when we procured cars we did so on a definite agreement with the County Council that we were to receive a rate per mile as laid down by Local Government Department, and in proof of this we would refer you to Circular of date 27th April, 1923 (copy herewith). In view of this we desire to point out that the present proposal is ultra vires and definitely a breach of faith "

Messrs Birthistle and Ennis appeared on behalf of the Assistant Surveyors.

The former pointed out that the reduction in mileage would be an unconscious breach of faith on the part of the County Council with the Assistant Surveyors. When the latter purchased their motor cars, it was on <sup>the</sup> definite understanding that they were to receive the Local Government rate of mileage. The Local Government Department was the sole authority to deal with this matter.

Mr. Ennis said that until they had received directions from the Department of Local Government the County Council had no right to reduce the rate of mileage.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Assistant Surveyors of this Council be allowed a mileage rate of 5d per mile for 1928-29. "

After discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Connors, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon .....13.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman ...  
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The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote against the proposal which was declared lost.

The resolution relative to agreement of the rate for the financial year 1928-29 was then put and carried unanimously.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of 4th February, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

LOSS OF RATES AND LAND COMMISSION ANNUITIES ON DERELICT FARMS.  
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As regards item in Estimate for Irrecoverable Rates, Mr. Murphy called attention to the crying grievance which existed among ratepayers who had discharged their liabilities to the State and the Co. Council owing to the number of derelict farms in the County in respect of which neither annuities nor rates were being recovered. There were two such farms in his own parish and two others in an adjoining one. The annuities of these four holdings would certainly be £120 while the rates would run to £60 or £80. Unfortunately there were likely to be more of such cases in the future and they constituted an intolerable burden on the ratepayers who were paying their way

He proposed that the County Council communicate with the Land Commission and point out the necessity for some relief being given to the struggling ratepayers who were burdened with the load of annuities and rates on derelict farms. The list of Irrecoverable

rates in this County has swelled fourfold within recent years and a considerable amount of this increase is accounted for in connection with loss of rates on derelict farms."

Mr. Doyle seconded the resolution which was adopted.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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The following Minutes of Finance Committee in connection with meeting ~~held~~ on the 19th January, 1928, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 19th January, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7193: 15: 5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The following showed the state of rate collection (second moiety) of rate ended 31 March, 1928 up to 18th January, 1928:-

E. J. Murphy 25 per cent; J. Quirke 15; S. Gannon 14; P. J. Furlong 11; M. Deegan 10; J. J. O'Reilly 10; J. Curtis 10; B. Cleary 9; J. Cummins 7; W. Cummins 7; M. M. Kelly 6; P. O'Byrne 6; C. McCarthy 5; P. Donohoe 4; T. Rowe 4; J. J. Sinnott 4; J. Doyle 3; J. J. Kelly 2; T. Sutton 2 and P. Walsh (resigned).

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to have, by 30th January, 1928, 15% of second moiety collected. That any collector who does not comply with this instruction attend at Finance Committee on Thursday 2nd February, 1928. That Collectors be also directed to expedite the closing of first moiety of present year's rate and of which there is to date £6317: 13: 5d outstanding".

That Secretary advertise the fact that second moiety of Rate is payable as from 1st October, 1927 and that Rate Payers who hold up payment until the last days of March run the risk of having proceedings taken against them.

In connection with the closing of Collection No.3 District, letters were read from Messrs Matthew Walsh, Rochestown, Taghmon and James Hillis, Aughermon, Taghmon, Sureties for P. Walsh, Rate Collector (resigned) that they were satisfied that the collection should be closed by Mr. Quirke, Collector for No.1 District.

Under date 18th January, 1928, the Manager, New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., wrote that they had no objection to Mr. Quirke taking over No.3 District for Collection should the Council be satisfied that he is capable of undertaking the additional work.

REPAYMENT LOAN - RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.  
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It was decided to pay the instalment of £6448: 9: 4d due to 20th November, 1927, on foot of above loan.

CHAIR OF SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURE.  
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Under date 18th January, 1927, the Secretary, County Councils General Council, wrote that as the finances of University College had now been placed on a satisfactory basis as regards the Chair of Scientific Agriculture the contributions hitherto paid by County Councils would be no longer required. The Registrar of the College had however pointed out that the arrears of the contributions due by Wexford County Council on foot of their undertaking amount to £40 and it was hoped that paying order for the amount would be forwarded without delay.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay the £40 the amount of arrears due University College, Dublin, in respect of contributions towards the cost of chair of Scientific Agriculture

LECTURERSHIP IRISH MUSIC.  
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Under date 18th January, 1928, the Secretary General County of County Councils wrote reminding the Council of their

undertaking to contribute the sum of £5 towards the expense of maintaining the Lecturership on Irish Music in University College, Dublin, for the year 1925-26. The Registrar of the College had pointed out that this contribution had not been received and it was hoped that a Paying Order for the amount would be forwarded as soon as possible.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay the promised contribution of £5 towards the expense of Lecturership on Irish Music for year 1925-26.

#### COURTHOUSE KEEPERS.

Several applications were received from persons in connection with the caretakership of Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The following letter from the Department for Justice under date 7th January, 1928 to Mrs Lacey, former Courthouse Keeper was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of the 6th instant relative to caretakership of Enniscorthy Courthouse and to state that he is advised that the County Registrar has no power to appoint a keeper to take charge of a Courthouse which is used solely for the purposes of the District Court.

"The matter upon which you have written would, therefore, appear to be one for the County Council and not for the department."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to appoint a deputation to wait upon Mr. Fitzgerald d  
Kenny, K.C. Minister for Justice with a view to the revival of Circuit courts for Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross"

"That, in the meantime, the County Surveyor appoint temporarily some person to attend to the ordinary work of cleaning Enniscorthy Courthouse (pending appointment of permanent caretaker) at a cost not to exceed 10/- per week".

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COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.  
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Circular Letter under date 11th January, 1928  
(F.60255-1927 Ilgneitheach (R.S), relative to forthcoming  
County Council Elections was read. Accompanying were copy  
of Local Elections Act 1927 and copy of Rules made by the  
Minister for Local Government under Section 14 of that Act  
in regard to the formation of Polling Districts and the  
appointment of polling places.

The following recommendations were made:- "That County  
Council Elections be held on Tuesday 26th June, 1928 and  
annual meeting of County Council on Tuesday 10th July, 1928.

"We are of opinion that the polling places which obtained at  
the recent Dail Elections are most suitable and should be  
embodied in provisional scheme for submission to the Minister.

"We suggest that the County Council should protest against  
local elections being held at a period of the year which  
deprives old members not re-elected, and also new members of  
the County Council and Committees of their contributions  
towards travelling expenses for half year ended 30th September,  
1928. We consider that the Local Government Department should  
bring about a change in the law to remove this anomaly as  
we feel that it would be only equitable to have members receive  
contribution for each meeting attended.

"A copy of this resolution, if approved by the County  
Council, should be forwarded for consideration to the General  
Council of County Councils..

ROADS INSPECTION COMMITTEE'S EXPENSES.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the  
Chairman seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That all outstanding expenses  
due to members of Roads' Inspection Committee be paid.

SPECIAL MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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It was decided that a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee  
to deal with Rate Estimate be held on Saturday 4th February, 1928  
at 11 o'clock

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th January, 1928, be received and considered."  
Co. Council Elections.

Mr. Doyle suggested that if possible arrangements should be made to obtain the use of the forge at Rathdowney for the polling of Electoral Divisions of Rosslare, seeing that the Rosslare School was at one end of the division. If it was not possible to secure the forge the school would have to be used.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 19th January, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd February, 1928, were submitted:-

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THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding);  
also:- Messrs W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, Patrick Hayes and  
Aidan Mernagh.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Secretary were also  
in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9203: 10: 5d was examined  
and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of Rate  
Collection as follows:-

Collected on second moiety 1928 Rate:- E. J. Murphy 29%  
Q. Quirke 24%; M. Deegan 19%; W. Cummins 17% B. Cleary 17%  
S. Gannon 17% T. Rowe 17%; P. Furlong 17% J. Cummins 16%  
J. J. Kelly 16% J. Curtis 16%; P. Donohoe 16%; J. Doyle 15%  
J. J. Sinnott 15% M. Kelly 15%; J. J. O'Reilly 15%; P. O'Byrne  
15; T. Sutton 13; P. Fitzpatrick 11; C. McCarthy 11;.

The amount of 1st moiety collected was £10874: 16: 11d  
and outstanding £56523: 5 : 8d.

There was a further sum of £5850 : 12: 1d outstanding  
on the first moiety.

Collector Sutton and McCarthy attended before the meeting.  
The former stated he had called on the majority of the Rate -  
payers in his area most of whom promised payment the first  
time they had the money available. A number told him they would  
pay on next fair day. He found it very difficult to secure  
prompt payment.

The Chairman, having examined collecting Books, informed  
Collector Sutton that he did not consider he was pushing forward

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his collection as much as he should. Unless he improved he would eventually lose his position. The County Council were finding it very difficult to finance the Mental Hospital, County Health Board and other essential County Services.

Collector Sutton was instructed to have 25% lodged by next Finance Committee Meeting.

Collector McCarthy stated he found it very difficult to secure payment of second moiety. People who formerly paid him on demand were now asking for time. He had written to the Railway Co., several times for the substantial amount due for Rates in his area but was so far unsuccessful. He expected the cheque from Railway Co., before present meeting and so anticipated he would have had the 15% lodged.

Mr. McCarthy was instructed to have 30% lodged by date of next Finance Committee meeting.

The following was read from Collector P.J. Fitzpatrick:-

"I regret being unable to have collected to date 15% of present moiety rate.

"I have called on most ratepayers in my Collection area whom I believe would be in a position to pay and in nearly all cases they promised to pay me on the fair days which will be held on next Friday and Saturday.

"I expect to have at least 20% by Saturday"

Rate Books for Mr. Fitzpatrick's area having been examined it was decided that Collector be informed that Council are dissatisfied with the progress he has made in his collection and that he be instructed to have 30% of second moiety lodged by next Finance Committee Meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. Patrick Quirke, Ballycross, Bridgetown, that he had no objection to his brother, James Quirke, for whom he was Surety, closing Collection for No.3 District.

#### LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meetings of Library Committee held on 19th Nov., 1927

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7th January, Sub Executive Meeting held on 21st January  
and Stock-taking meetings on the 21st and 27th January with  
copy of Report for year ended 31st December, 1927, were  
submitted.

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The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cline seconded the  
following resolution which passed unanimously:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of  
meeting of the 2nd February, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed".

ROADS COMMITTEE MINUTES.

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Roads Committee Minutes in respect of meeting held  
on 23rd January, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 23rd January, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (presided) also Colonel Gibbon (V.S); Colonel Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, P. Colfer, R. Corish and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On the 5th instant I accompanied the Mayor, Alderman Corish, to Castlebridge, and we inspected the main road there which is liable to flooding on occasions. The combination of the heavy rain fall with Spring Tides nearly always causes water to come up on the road, and on bad occasions it actually crosses the road. There is no remedy for this flooding except the raising of a length of the road, and I shall submit further details at the meeting.

"I have not been able to arrange for the Committee to visit Monglass Lane, but hope to do so next week. There is no immediate hurry for this as no money can be expended until after the 1st April next.

"On the 14th instant the Inspection Committee visited the Enniscorthy-Wexford concrete road accompanied by Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer. You will have the report of the Committee before you. I have already directed the Assistant Surveyor to prepare a complete list of all the pipes, gulleys, etc., on the road with full details. On the 20th instant I made a full inspection of the road having in view the points that were raised at the general inspection by Mr. Quigley or the Committee, and shall deal with these when the Committee's report comes before the meeting. There is a most important point to be dealt with now in regard to the money allocated for this work. The expenditure for Clerks of Works, cement testing

and other incidental expenses have been dealt with out of the main fund up to the present, and for the side filling there has recently been allocated by the Local Government Department a sum of £2,445 from the full grant to the County. This £2,445 was originally set aside for tar macadam work in Enniscorthy Urban, and consequently this work may be left un-done unless a further Grant be made during the coming year. In December last I wrote to Mr. Quigley after I had had an interview with him in Dublin on the matter of financing this side filling work, and pointed out that for the completion of the side filling and to cover incidental expenses there would be required not less than £3,500. There will also be payable to the Contractors some extras for reinforcement and "Ferrocrete" cement work, so that the total amount that will still be required beyond what is already allocated will be not less than £1,300. At present the money set aside for the side filling is completely exhausted, and I ask for the instructions of the Council.

"I am now about re-building the bridge on Road 126W between Ferrycarrig and Ballyboggan Quarry, and it will be necessary to have the road closed. I ask the Council to obtain the authority of the Minister of Local Government to this.

"As directed by the Council I had repairs carried out to the County Council motor-car, costing £15: 19: 10d, which included time taken by the Machinery Overseer, who, himself carried out the repairs. I now have to report that on the 13th instant the car broke down at Camolin and had to be brought into Enniscorthy. I have had the car examined at the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Garage, and have a bad report on it. A patch job to keep it going would cost from £8 to £10, and it would cost up to £60 to make it any way reasonably serviceable. At the present time we have to hire a lorry to bring parts etc., to the various machines in the quarries, and in any case the Machinery Overseer would require transport for his efficient work.

On the 20th instant I inspected the Enniscorthy Courthouse

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which is now complete, and by direction of the Finance Committee I have arranged for a temporary Caretaker and Cleaner. I am also arranging for the supply of furniture and fittings in the District Justice's Room and Offices.

"I have a bill for the repairs carried out at Gorey Workhouse, and there are also items in connection with the other County Buildings. I require also allocation out of the Public Works Fund for New Ross Bridge and County Courthouses, which last really means New Ross. I submit list of these.

"The re-building work at Mountgarrett Bridge has been progressing slowly. There is now at the Bridge a number of concrete piles and 3 of these have been set up in the pile frame ready for driving as soon as the Contractor obtains the necessary pump which is expected next week.

"Mr. Michael O'Hanlon who had been engaged as Clerk of Works on the Enniscorthy-Wexford Concrete road has asked me for a reference. I consulted Mr. Elgee in regard to this, and he is of opinion that it is a matter that should be dealt with by the Council.

"Subsequent to the last Council meeting I directed the Assistant Surveyors to make inspection of the Drainage Areas in the County with reference to the sufficiency of the main channels and out falls, particulars with reference to County Roads, but up to the present I have not the particulars to hand.

"I am arranging for the erection of elevator at Ballybrennan Quarry. The timber will be oak obtained from Castleboro Saw Mills and the major portion of the iron work will be obtained from Mr. Jessop Davis, Enniscorthy, who has agreed to carry out the work to my satisfaction at a cost not exceeding quotations received from English Firms. The ordinary cement work and the smith and carpenters' work will be carried out by our own men who are entirely satisfactory.

"The work of widening Rosslare Road under Tourist Grant is

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progressing well, and I am now arranging with the adjoining land owners for the widening of the road on the other side of the Railway Bridge.

#### Castlebridge Roads

The County Surveyor stated there were 64 perches of the leading road from Wexford to Gorey affected by flooding. To obviate this road should be raised 18 inches or 2 feet. This would cost about £6 per perch: £384 in all. The place was only flooded when there was heavy rain and spring tides in conjunction.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that there was a question by the Department of Local Government as to whether they would (on account of the condition of this road) pay the maintenance grant for Main roads for the present year.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the Council were spending £105 per mile on this road, a figure which compared favourably with what they were spending on their other main roads.

It was decided that no action be taken in this matter as the funds of the County Council did not allow of any special expenditure on roads at present.

#### Wexford-Enniscorthy Road

The following report of Inspection Sub Committee was submitted:-

"The Sub Committee of Inspection for above road visited the work on the 14th January, 1928.

There were in attendance Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman of the Council; Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman); Sean O'Byrne, with the County Surveyor, County Secretary, Messrs T. Cullen and J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyors.

"Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government, Mr. O'Brien, member of the Pioneer Co., (Contractors) and Mr. Martin, Resident Engineer, accompanied the Sub Committee.

"Generally the work has been well carried out and the Contractors appear to have given reasonable care and attention to following out the specification in a proper manner.

"The Sub Committee are, however, very much concerned with the provision which has been made for drainage by the County Surveyor. They regret to be obliged to report that in some places this phase of the work is very defective, six inch pipes having been used where nine inch pipes (at least) are essential. In some cases pipes have been laid under the roadway without proper outlets being provided below the roadway. This, in one instance, has resulted in water bursting through the foundation of the road at a point which has not yet been treated with concrete.

"In another instance a nine inch pipe has been laid from the centre of a side road. If any stoppage occurs in this pipe (and which appears extremely likely to happen from the "lay" of the thoroughfare) considerable expense must be incurred in tearing up the side road in order to deal with the drain.

"At the junction of Blackcastle the Sub Committee found that immediate action was necessary to have 9" pipe put in owing to the fact that concrete is being laid at this particular place and they directed the County Surveyor to have the necessary work put in hands by the 16th instant.

"In view of the fact that the County Council, prior to the work of concreting, gave definite instructions to the County Surveyor to have efficient drainage laid down, the Sub Committee are of opinion that Mr. Barry should at once prepare a report for next Roads' Committee Meeting giving actual details of all drainage provided, setting out size of pipes etc., and detailing which drains are in proper order and which are not, at all points, and such other information as may be essential to enable the Council to have exact and definite details of this very important matter.

"The failure of any drain will involve the breaking up of the roadway and the relaying of concrete on the damaged portion with consequent unnecessary outlay and inconvenience. It will also cause

the road to be closed to traffic for a period of at least one week.

"The cleaning up of the sides and the side filling has been completed as far as Coolnaboy. The remainder of this work should be pushed on as rapidly as possible to prevent water remaining on the road.

"The Sub Committee noted a couple of instances in which the contractor has curved the banking in too abrupt a manner. In consequence there is a lack of surface uniformity which will made for unpleasantness with fast traffic, but, beyond this, the Sub Committee believe no serious consequence need be apprehended.

"Mr. Quigley was questioned as to laying concrete on a water logged road but he considered this was not a matter of serious ~~importance~~ importance provided all surface water and mud were properly cleared off before concrete was laid. Water lying on the road after heavy rain should be let off as soon as possible.

"As regards cracks, these are, for the greater part, of the "hair" variety and are mainly single, but, should they show any "branching" they may become serious.

"At present there is practically no sign of "pitting".

"At the moment it is not possible to express any definite opinion on the point as to how the surface of the road will hold under heavy traffic.

"The concreting of the road should be completed, if weather conditions permit, within about two weeks from the date of inspection. This would allow of the through road from Ferrycarrig to Enniscorthy being open for traffic on the commencement of the month of March".

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

"That the report of Inspection Sub Committee Wexford-Enniscorthy Road be received and considered".

Colonel Gibbon having dealt in detail with the condition of the four gullets inspected by the Sub Committee, said that it looked as if the specific directions of the County Council as to drainage had not been carried out and that a very good explanation was required. It looked as if proper supervision had not been exercised by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor.

In reply to Colonel Quin the County Surveyor said he gave instructions to have 9" pipes inserted generally but that there might be a few places at which 6" pipes would be sufficient. The County Surveyor then produced plan showing the entire drainage system and explained what kind of gullets and bridges had been provided at particular points. As regards the pipe at Blackcastle Mr. Cullen mentioned that it was nine inches. This was a mistake on his part. This gullet had been put in some years previously by Rural District Council. At one of the places complained of the Contractor had scarified the road and then put a lorry on it which was the cause of the flooded condition in which it had been found by the Sub Committee. Generally speaking he (County Surveyor) contended there was very little wrong with the drainage. One of the gullets near Enniscorthy had been deliberately stopped by the land owner..

Mr. Cullen said that as regards the complaint which was made regarding the position in which pipe gullet had been laid at passway near Motabeg Hill, this pipe replaces an old flag gullet which was useless. He had this opened up, and found that for more than half way across road a cutting thro' rock had to be made for this old gullet. In order to save labour of making new cutting he had new pipe laid on same site.

"Regarding 9" pipe across road near Black Castle, with 6" outlet. He had a 9" pipe laid whole way across road and under fence. It was then necessary to make a cutting from 9" outlet in Mr. Harris's field. This being a tillage field Mr. Harris complained of this channel and asked to have pipes laid thro' cutting. A deep channel had also to be made from outlet of 9" inside fence at Farrell's lane,

and Mrs Ryan the owner made similar complaint to landowner referred to. The ganger had a supply of 6" pipes on hands, and laid these in position before ~~he~~ saw him as land owners were threatening proceedings and pressing to have the work done.

When he (Mr. Cullen) saw how this had been done, he discussed the matter with the Ganger, and decided that he would allow it to stand, as it would be easy to open out and clean pipes if they became choked at any time.

The six inch pipe at Black Castle was laid some years ago before he took over charge, and there never was any flooding at this point prior to present alterations of roadway. There are fifty-one gulleets, bridges and drains on his section of this road, and as it is almost a year since he dealt with this work it was an easy matter to get confused regarding size of pipe.

When Drainage work was in progress last Spring he made a thorough inspection of all gulleets etc., on the road, and put in new pipes where old gulleets were not in order, and where it was necessary to prevent water lodging on road. He made frequent inspections when work was being done, as can be seen from his Form R.1.

The outlets of a few of the pipes had been choked maliciously with stones and sods, but there was no flooding of the road at these points and consequently obstructions were not noticed.

Complaint was made regarding water ~~laying~~ on road near Motabeg Mill. There is a proper outlet here under footpath, but this became choked by road being churned up by Pioneer Company's Lorries.

The incline from Motabeg Mill was always one of the soundest sections of this road and held up under heavy lorry traffic. Side drains were always attended to and maintained in good order up to the taking over of road by Contractors. This section has been scarified and the heavy traffic bringing materials to concrete work was responsible for its condition when inspected by the County Council Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the County Surveyor submit a certificate to County Council meeting as to the drainage of concrete road between Edermine and Enniscorthy. That to assist in the compilation of this certificate the County Surveyor, Mr. Cullen and the ganger, should walk this portion of the road after heavy rain, and while rain is still falling, and, cover the whole of this section in their inspection, particularly where the high ground comes down to the road. In the certificate to be furnished by County Surveyor the number of each drain on plan produced by the County Surveyor to this meeting is to be set out, and certificate is to state the condition of each drain and gullet in detail."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we point out to the Local Government Department (Roads) that a definite undertaking was given that the full amount of money necessary for the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road would be provided by Government Grant. We are of opinion that the balance necessary to cover cost of sidefilling which, (in the opinion of the County Surveyor) would be approximately £3500, should be allocated to our Council; We hold that the diversion of the £2445 from Enniscorthy Urban Grants taken to meet part cost of the side filling of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road should be cancelled and amount restored to the credit of Enniscorthy District".

In connection with the question of obtaining material for sidefilling the County Surveyor stated the quotation he had received from the Pioneer Co., for this was 6/- per yard. The County Council were obtaining their own material for 2/- per yard from three of the quarries utilised and at 2/9d from Ballyrannell. The haulage with carts was 1/- per yard mile so that they were able to do the work cheaper than the quotation given by Pioneer Co.

It was decided that the County Surveyor again communicate with the Pioneer Co., with a view to securing a lower quotation for material for side filling.

Closing Road 126W.

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

"That the necessary steps be taken to temporarily close Road 126W in order to allow of rebuilding of road bridge thereon and to obtain consent of the Minister for Local Government to closing of said road."

Proposed Purchase of Motor Lorry - Mr. Shannon proposed:-

"That, pending purchase of motor lorry, Machinery Overseer be allowed to use his own motor car at same rate as ~~is~~ allowed Assistant Surveyors".

This proposal was not seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall, seconded the following:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a light ton truck and use his discretion as to the type of vehicle to be procured".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and the Chairman seconded, the following:-

"That this matter be referred to County Council meeting. In the meantime that the County Surveyor communicate with the Manager of the Ford Motor Co., Cork and ascertain when the Company will be in a position to supply Ford ton truck - Irish or other manufacture".

This proposition was adopted other proposals having been withdrawn.

Allocation out of Public Works' Fund.

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

"That, as recommended by the County Surveyor, the following amounts be allocated out of Public Works' Fund:-

To New Ross Bridge £70;

To Courthouses £60 and

To Co. Buildings £90.

Reference for Mr. Michael O'Hanlon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne :- "That the matter of supplying reference to Mr. Michael O'Hanlon, late Clerk of Works, Wexford Enniscorthy road, be referred to the County Surveyor and that he consult Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, relative to the terms of said reference".

Approval County Surveyor's Report

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of County Surveyor's report to this meeting subject to any amendments which have been made by this Committee".

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that £4000 had been received for road grants from the Department of Local Government since last meeting of the County Council.

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, presented the following report under date 21st January, 1928:-

"I inspected above road on three occasions since the Sub Committee met there last. There is very little work done there since and the road looked in a poor state to-day. In order to make this part of the road passable it would still take 120 cubic yards of broken material and this quantity spread upon the road would cost about £60. With regard to drainage we have made two new gullets and taken up and repaired a third on Road No.260W. This work has completely prevented any further flooding of the new road".

MANURE HEAPS ON ROADS.

Colonel Quin mentioned that about 100 yards outside of Riverchapel village between the latter and Courtown there was a large manure heap. It had been there for some time and he wished to know why this had been allowed in view of the order of the Council.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said he had served notice for removal of this manure on the owner. The latter had no place to

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store it but would remove it on to his land as soon as possible. It would inflict a great hardship<sup>d</sup> on the owner if he had not been allowed to keep the manure at the place for a limited time and it was no obstruction.

Mr. Hall considered that in a case of this description the order of the County Council should be relaxed. Farmers were sufficiently hampered already without having to suffer further loss by action which was causing no harm to anyone.

m Colonel Quin said the acid from Manure would do considerable harm to the road.

No Order.

#### COURTOWN - GOREY ROAD.

The following attended as a deputation from Courtown Harbour Development Committee relative to the steam rolling of Gorey-Courtown Road:- Messrs Dudley Butler, J. Heeney and David Bolger.

The Chairman explained to the deputation that the County Council had applied to the Department of Local Government (Roads) for £6500 to complete the steamrolling of the road in question. If they were successful in securing the grant the work would be carried out previous to the first of June so as not to interfere with the Summer season at Courtown.

#### SHELBAGGIN LANE.

A memorial was read from four ratepayers in Shelbaggin, Ramsgrange, stating that the lane leading to their houses was in a very bad state of repair. If the Council gave them some material from Haggard or Burkestown quarry they would cart and spread it themselves.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he would visit the place and report if directed by the Roads' Committee.

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That this Committee do not entertain the application for road material from the four ratepayers living on

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Shelbaggin Lane.

Colonel Quin seconded.

Mr. Colfer, as an amendment proposed:- "That the amount of material necessary to repair lane at Shelbaggin as decided upon by County Surveyor be supplied to the rate payers concerned".

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 6 to 2 and the original resolution was then adopted nem.con.

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.  
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Mrs Susan Deacon, Ballybrennan, Bree, wrote under date 16th January, 1928, that she was satisfied to accept as offered by County Council £3 per annum rent for piece of land at Ballybrennan quarry required by the County Council.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, with the County Surveyor, draw up agreement with Mrs Deacon and that the agreement contain a clause as to the willingness of Mrs Deacon to sell the fee-simple of the plot to the Council when she has been declared owner of her holding by the Land Commission, viz., £35.

GOREY OLD WORKHOUSE.  
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The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In the kitchen at above there is a large range in good condition, also copper cylinder and pipes, besides a bit of lead piping all of which may be ruined as the whole of roof was destroyed by big storm before Christmas and above fittings are now exposed to elements. I would strongly recommend that an order be made to dismantle range and take down fittings and have same securely packed and stored.

"There are six drying horses and fittings in good order in drying house. Perhaps Health Board would find some use for these. There is also an old boiler which is deteriorating owing to exposure. I believe this could be sold locally and if so instructed I will try and have done. It is of little value - but anything is better than have it become useless".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of the suggestions in the letter of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 10th January, 1928, relative to kitchen range, drying horses and fittings etc., at Gorey Old Workhouse".

CARNE PIER.

Under date 7th January, 1928, the following was read from Mr. W. Cullen, Lady's Island, Hon., Sec., Carne Pier Committee:-

"A letter (5/1/28) from the County Council to a member of the Carne Pier Committee has been handed me for official attention. The Pier Committee, as the outcome of initiative and investigation, not without expense, have learned that Carne Pier must be repaired. The question of ways and means is one for the County Council.

"We have not yet heard of any specification being issued or tenders invited for the work. Meanwhile those waiting to make money from the sea or from Cross Channel traffic are getting anxious and pressing my Committee to take action.

"We shall be glad to learn when the Council are going to begin the work. Suitable days for doing this work will be with us soon and the Pier Committee and all locally interested are anxious to see preparations being made."

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

"That copy of letter from Mr. W. Cullen, Hon., Secretary, Carne Pier Committee, be furnished to the Fisheries Department and that the latter be informed the condition of the finances of the Council do not allow of their undertaking the full cost of the necessary repairs at Carne Pier. This Committee desires to point out that when the deputation from Carne Pier Committee waited on the Council their spokesmen stated they were promised by the Fisheries Department if the County Council undertook the work - the Fisheries Department would provide half the cost and it was on that promise the County Council consented to deal with the subject. In the circumstances the Committee request the Fisheries Department to make further

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representations to the Department of Finance with a view to securing the grant towards repairs which was promised to the deputation from Carne Pier Committee.

#### APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote under date 10th January, 1928, applying on behalf of ratepayers concerned for a grant of £50 for the purpose of draining certain lands at Ardavan, Wexford.

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

"That Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, be informed that the state of the finances of the County Council do not allow of any free grants for drainage purposes. "

#### PETROL PUMP LICENCES.

Under date 11th January, 1928, the Town Clerk, New Ross, Urban District, wrote forwarding the following resolution which had been adopted by his Urban District:- "That the County Council be informed this Council has no objection to the petrol pumps of Mr. John Murphy in their present position.

Mr. M. Hart, Merchant, Campile, wrote under date 18th January, 1928, forwarding large scale map showing the exact location of the petrol pump and tank outside his premises at Campile, from which he said it would be seen that the entire outfit was on his own grounds and did not encroach on any part of the public roadway. Consequently he had been advised that he was not liable for the assessment of any special tax in respect of pump.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to make a personal inspection of petrol pump of Mr. Matthew Hart, Campile, and, in the event of the pump being found on the public road that Mr. Elgee

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Solicitor to the Council, proceed to compel Mr. Harte to take out licence and to recover any arrears of licence duty which may be due by Mr. Harte since pump was erected".

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 19th January, 1928, letter was read from the Secretary, Gorey Branch of Gaelic League asking for use of Gorey Courthouse for a lecture by Lord Ashbourne on 24th January, 1928.

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

"That the use of Gorey Courthouse be granted to Gorey Branch of Gaelic League on the occasion of lecture by Lord Ashbourne on 24th January, 1928, and on the understanding that the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League will be responsible for the building and the furniture, fittings, etc., while in their custody".

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The Chairman proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee for meeting held on 23rd January, 1928, be received and considered".

Castlebridge Road.

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

"That an instruction be given to the County Surveyor to prepare a Scheme to put before the Local Government Department (Roads) for the purpose of obtaining a grant to be applied to the raising of the road at Castlebridge in order to obviate flooding."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

With regard to side-filling on this road, the following letter, under date 27th January, 1928, was read from Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer, Local Government Department:-

"In reply to yours of the 23rd instant containing a resolution of your Council objecting to any diversion of the grant to Enniscorthy Urban District, it will be possible to get the sidefilling carried out without interfering with this Grant to Enniscorthy. At any rate there will be further distribution to your County very soon and there is no question of abandoning the road within the Urban area".

The following quotation under date 31st January, 1928, was received by the County Surveyor from the Pioneer Road Construction Company:-

"In reply to your letter of 25th instant the price for rubble from 3" to 7" or 8" in size. Our price for this material delivered on side of road between Edermine and Enniscorthy would be 6/10 per cubic yard.

"Our price for the material in the Quarry would be 6/- per cubic yard, and our rate per yard mile for delivery would be 10d.

"You will of course understand that we could not make deliveries from the Quarry until the new road is fit for such traffic,

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a matter of probably six to seven weeks from this date."

The meeting considered the figure quoted too high and accordingly the matter dropped.

It was decided that further consideration as to the condition of this road be referred to the Roads' Committee which is to consider certificate as to drainage to be prepared by the County Surveyor.

Ford Ton Truck.

The following letter to the County Surveyor under date 31st January, 1928, was read from the Ford Motor Company, Cork:-

"Many thanks for your letter of the 1st instant, re new model Ford 30 cwt truck.

"We regret being unable to give you any definite delivery date for this model, but are at the present time exerting every effort in order to obtain a supply of the trucks direct from America so as to meet the wishes of numerous clients who desire early delivery. Immediately any information in reference to this matter is obtained notification will be sent to each of the Dealers throughout the Country, in order that they can again communicate with purchasers.

"The Ford Motor Company (England) Limited, Manchester, are in exactly the same position as ourselves, and could not give you any further information or any earlier delivery than would obtain by your purchasing from this Branch.

"The old ton truck model is obsolete and we are unaware of any Dealer in this country at the present time holding one of these models in stock.

"In the circumstances, we would ask your kind forbearance for a short period, with our assurance that everything humanly possible will be done to obtain early delivery of the New Truck in the Irish Free State"

The County Surveyor stated that he had hired a small car from the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society pending the question of obtaining Truck being decided by the Council.

Mr. Hall proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor carry on the present arrangements for transport of machinery parts for a further month from this date".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That the County Surveyor use his own discretion as to purchasing motor truck in order to avoid further delay in road work".

Mr. Jordan seconded.

After consideration, this proposal was withdrawn and the resolution of Mr. Hall to allow the matter to remain over for a month was put and carried.

#### Manure Heaps on Roads.

Mr. Corish proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That the resolution of the County Council relative to the prevention of manure heaps remaining on roads be put into effect. That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the matter.".

It was proposed by Mr. Connors, seconded by Colonel Quin, and adopted:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to refuse and manure deposited at the recess near the Cathedral at Ferns. In our opinion, steps should be taken to have same removed".

#### Petrol Pump Licences.

The County Surveyor stated he had inspected Matthew Harte's petrol pump in Campile and in his opinion it is situated on a public road.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, communicate with Mr. Harte and recover amount of licence duty due by him in respect of this petrol pump.

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

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"That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd January, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions at this meeting".

SALE OF MATERIAL.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to inform the Council if they can legally dispose of quarry material, viz., (a) waste material; (b) surplus material; (c) suitable material for roads but which the Council does not require".

CORRAMACORRA ROAD.  
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The following motion and of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Colonel Gibbon:-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a Public Road 215 perches (approximately) of the road known as Corramacorra road between the cross roads at Staplestown House and the County road at Gainstown Bridge"

In the absence of Colonel Gibbon, Mr. Hayes was allowed to move this motion which was seconded by Mr. Gaul.

The County Surveyor said that all the work promised by the local people as regards this road had not been carried out.

The Chairman proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following:-

"That resolution relative to taking over Corramacorra Road as a public road be adjourned until the local people have carried out their portion of the work as pointed out by the County Surveyor."

This resolution was adopted and the proposal to take over the road as a public road was in consequence adjourned.

MONASOOTH A LANE.  
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Mr. Sean O'Byrne moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the Wexford County Council take over as a Public Road

485 perches (approximately) of the lane known as Monasootha Lane, between the county road over Slieveboy and the turn near Raheen through Monasootha".

Mr. Patrick Byrne seconded.

After considerable discussion the motion was altered and passed in the following terms:-

"That the Wexford County Council are prepared to take over as a public road 485 perches (approximately) of the lane known as Monasootha Lane between the county road over Slieveboy and the turn near Raheen through Monasootha on the understanding that this resolution will not be put into effect until the people concerned have carried out their undertaking to the County Surveyor and the Sub Committee who visited the lane as to the portion of the work which the local people promised to carry out".

In reply to Colonel Quin, the County Surveyor stated, that it would cost the Council £70 to put the lane into order and the maintenance amount per annum would be £12.

#### ROAD TENDERS COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the following were appointed as Road Tenders Committees for their respective districts, each County Councillor acting in his own County Electoral area:-

##### Wexford District:-

W. Boggan.  
R. Corish  
M. Doyle  
James Gaul  
Colonel Gibbon  
P. Hayes  
T. Rossiter.

##### Enniscorthy District:-

J. Clince  
M. Jordan  
D. Kavanagh.  
T. McCarthy  
A. Mernagh  
James Shannon.

##### Corey District:-

P. Byrne  
J. Connors  
James Hall  
Sean O'Byrne  
M.M.O'Donoghue  
John Pender  
Colonel R.P. Wemyss Quin.

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New Ross District:-

M. Cloney  
P. Colfer  
T. Cooney  
N. J. Murphy  
J.E. Walsh  
Wm. Thorpe  
John Whyte.

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

"That the Minister of Local Government be asked to recognise the Tenders Committees as "authorised" Committees for the purpose of allowing members to obtain a contribution towards travelling expenses.".

It was decided that the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the County Surveyor, fix date of meetings of Tenders Committee.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT 1928-29.  
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Under date 27th January, 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (RCM/201) stating that from the records supplied the Grant calculated towards the upkeep of main roads taking the trunk roads on a 50 per cent basis for the forthcoming financial year would be £2905 and for other main roads calculated on a basis of 30 per cent would be £3426.

In considering the question of continuing grant for main roads, the Minister for Local Government would have regard to what County Councils are themselves expending on all roads, and, in future, grant towards the cost of upkeep, may be calculated not on the sums allowed by the County Council but on the actual annual expenditure.

Councils should impress on their Survey Staff that payment might be withheld in whole or in part if the work of maintaining the roads, the work itself or the supervision by Surveyors was not in the opinion of the Minister reasonably efficient.

ROAD GRANTS.  
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The Secretary stated that the following Road Grants had been received since last meeting of the Roads' Committee:-  
Road T.8 £3943 and £1805 for maintenance grant for main roads to September 30th, 1927.

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PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.  
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On the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors for quarter ended 31st December, 1927, as appearing on Forms 22, be and are hereby confirmed subject to the modifications and orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman of this meeting".

ROAD CORRAGH TO JOHNSTOWN - MOYACOMB ELECTORAL DIVISION.  
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Messrs Martin Kehoe, John Murphy and Patrick Redmond came before the Council as a deputation asking to have the road from the Forge at Corragh to Johnstown put under contract. Letter was received in favour of this proposal from Rev. J. Mooney, P.P., Clonagall and a Memorial from a very large number of ratepayers in the locality in favour was also submitted.

Mr. Kehoe stated that the road was under contract 70 years ago but was allowed to lapse by the Grand Jury. There were 20 families living on it and 50 other users concerned. A considerable time ago the Enniscorthy Rural District Council decided to place this road under contract and he himself actually submitted a tender for £50 to put it in repair. The then County Surveyor, Mr. Stafford Gaffney, opposed it and it was thrown out by the County Council. What they wanted the County Council to do in the first instance was to appoint a Committee consisting of two or three of the Councillors who were most opposed to raising rates in order to see the place, and in his opinion they could only form one conclusion:- that the people there had been very badly treated. The road which was one mile five furlongs in length connected two through routes.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed that the following Sub-Committee visit the place as to the proposal to have the road from Corragh to Johnstown Cross placed under contract, viz.,:- Messrs Hall, Jordan, Shannon and Pender with the County Surveyor and Assistant

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Surveyor and report to the Roads Committee in the first instance. That the County Surveyor notify Mr. Martin Kehoe of the date of the Committee's visit.

Mr. P. Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

BARRAGLAN LANE, MONAMOLIN.  
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A deputation also attended in connection with application to have Barraglan Lane made a public road.

Mr. J. Bolger, Mounthoward, who acted as spokesman, said that the lane was about one mile in length. About 45 perches of land would have to be acquired in order to be able to connect two through routes. Thirty families were affected by the lane and 110 people were using it though there were only three families living on it. He thought that the necessary land could be acquired free.

A communication signed by a number of large ratepayers in favour of the proposal pointed out that the road would furnish accommodation to a great number of people and the general public. Its reconstruction would also do much to relieve the unemployment at present prevailing in the district.

A memorial was read from forty unemployed men in the district stating that as they believed some crumbs were falling from the governing tables of the State, they earnestly requested of those who could, to help them to grasp same. As sons of the soil, neither the dole nor out-door relief appealed to them. All they asked was work at a living wage and they believed they were at least worthy of that.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed And Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution: which was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed as a sub Committee to visit Barraglan Lane, Monamolin, and report to next meeting of the Roads Committee as to the proposal to have this lane placed under contract

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Messrs O'Donoghue, Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and P. Byrne with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor of the district. That the County Surveyor notify Mr. J. Bolger of the date of the inspection by the Committee.

HANDBREAKING MATERIAL CHERRYORCHARD QUARRY.  
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Mr. Jordan proposed that the County Surveyor be directed to employ men in handbreaking material in Cherryorchard quarry where possible.

Mr. Shannon seconded the resolution which was passed.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said the men were prepared to work for 3/- per yard and at this rate their wages should average 30/- per week.

NEXT MEETING OF ROADS' COMMITTEE.  
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In consequence of the Bull Sale and Show in Dublin being held on 28th and 29th February, 1928, and in which several members of the Committee were interested it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Roads' Committee on Saturday 25th February, 1928.

COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.  
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Under date 2nd February, 1928, a long letter was received from Mr. John N. Scallan, County Registrar, calling attention to the condition of his offices which, he said, had been described by some County Councillors as disgraceful. He wished to know what steps were being taken to put them in a condition to enable him to carry on his duties.

The Chairman mentioned that of course one of the reasons why nothing had been done in respect of this matter was owing to the uncertainty of the position of the Courthouse and the offices concerned. They had been for a considerable time awaiting the decision of the Minister for Finance as to whether the Courthouse was to be on the old site or at the Old Jail.

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It was decided that Messrs Corish and Jordan, T.D's should arrange to see the Minister for Finance as soon as possible in order to obtain his decision relative to site of Courthouse.

GALBALLY WATER SUPPLY.  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act 1927) to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £250; said advance to be repayable in 20 years with interest at the rate of 5½ per cent per annum, the method of repayment to be by equal instalments of Principal with Interest on the balance outstanding, for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for the village of Galbally, the area of charge of annual repayments to be the Dispensary District of Clonroche".

Colonel Quin seconded the motion which was adopted.

CASTLEDOCKRILL BURIAL GROUND.  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of Local Government Act, 1927) to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance of £310 for the purpose of establishing a new burial ground at Castledockrill, Ferns".

Mr. Clince seconded, and the motion was adopted.

In connection with this matter the Secretary to the Wexford County Board of Health wrote under date 27th January, 1928, that the expense of this Burial Ground would be chargeable to the County Health District of Wexford in accordance with Section 14(3) of the Local Government Act 1925.

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

"That the Wexford County Council consents to the borrowing of the following amounts by Co. Wexford Board of Health for the purpose of Sanitary Works, viz., :- Rosslare District £11,000; Taghmon District £1400; Clonroche District £326"

In connection with this matter correspondence was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, who in a letter of 27th January, 1928, forwarded a resolution asking for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of £285 to provide a sewerage system for the village of Clonroche, to be chargeable to the area of the former Rural District of Enniscorthy, and a further resolution asking for the consent of the County Council to borrow £8000 to provide a water supply and sewerage Scheme for Rosslare to be chargeable on the former Wexford Rural District.

By permission of the meeting, Mr. Corish altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the borrowing of the following amounts by the Wexford Board of Health for the provision of sanitary works in accordance with the terms of letters from said Board submitted to this meeting:- Rosslare District £8,000; Clonroche £285".

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne and adopted.

Mr. Corish mentioned that he was sorry to see that the proposal for improving the Sanitary accommodation at Taghmon had been turned down by the Board of Health and stated he would raise the matter at a future meeting of the Council. Proper sanitation was even more necessary in Taghmon than in the other two districts dealt with.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT, COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.  
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Under date 1st February, 1928 (A.S. 5692/28) the Department of Local Government & Public Health forwarded copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the above Board for the two half years ended March 31st, 1927.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COMPENSATION ACT, 1923.  
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Under date 3rd February, 1928, the Secretary to the Minister of Finance wrote (746/16) calling attention to the non-payment ~~xxx~~ by the Wexford County Council of £19758: 17: 0d under above Act and asking that the sum should be paid without further delay.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as regards amount due under Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923, to Department of Finance, the latter be informed that owing to the backward state of the Rate Collection the Council have not been in a position to discharge said amount. However, as soon as their financial position will allow they will pay off the amount due by them".

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.  
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The County Surveyor submitted the following communication under date 21st January, 1928, which he had forwarded to the Secretary, Local Government Department:-

"I am informed by the Superintendent, Civic Guards, that owing to the Regulations governing the use of explosives that we cannot carry out blasts using more than 100 lbs of gelignite. This is owing to the withdrawal of the Military Forces from Wexford, and as the transference of a larger quantity than 100 lbs is prohibited we are now barred from carrying out large blasts.. Our quarry work in this County necessitated the

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use of quantities up to 400 lbs at one time, and if we are limited to the small quantity of 100 lbs our work will be very much hampered. I shall be glad if you will let me know what arrangements it is proposed to make in regard to large blasts which are essential in this County".

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

"That the question of providing storage for explosives to be used in County Council quarries be referred to the Roads' Committee. In the meantime that our Secretary communicate with the Department of Local Government and ask for their views on the communication which they have received from the County Surveyor under date 31st January, 1928. "

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
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The following resolution was received from Courtown Harbour Branch of the Irish Fishermen's Association:-

"That we, the Courtown Harbour Branch of the Irish Fishermen's Association, are keenly disappointed that we have not heard from Mr. Hassard on his recent inspection of Courtown Harbour. That we request the Ministry of Fisheries and the Wexford County Council to forward us a copy of his report on the condition of Courtown Harbour and that his recommendations be carried out as soon as possible so that we may be able to avail ourselves of the forthcoming trawling season which opens on March 1st".

The Chairman moved:- "That the Department of Fisheries be asked to supply Wexford County Council with copy of Mr. Hassard's report on his recent inspection of Courtown Harbour for consideration at next meeting of Roads' Committee".

Colonel Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, it was decided that the following be procured for Courtown

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Harbour:- Two double burner hurricane lamps for quay,; protection chain on South quay from Slip to join existing chain as a fatal accident has occurred at this place recently".

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

"That Messrs Robert Doyle, Marine Hotel, Courtown and Thomas McGarry, Courtown Hotel, be appointed on Courtown Harbour Commissioners, vice Messrs John Dunne and Denis Murphy, resigned"

#### ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of the County Analyst for quarter ended December 31st, 1927, showed that the following analyses had been carried out during the quarter:- Foods 96; Drugs 50;; Water 3; Total 149.

#### DUNCORMACK TELEPHONE OFFICE.

Mr. Jordan submitted letter which he had received from the Parliamentary Secretary to Ministry for Posts and Telegraphs under date 23rd January, 1928, stating that the provision of telephone call office at Duncormack would not be warranted unless under guarantee of £31 per annum for a period of 7 years.

It was decided to take no further action in the matter.

#### TAXATION OF BEER AND SPIRITS.

Resolution was received from Waterford County Council calling attention to the desperate plight of the Licensed Trade due to excessive taxation placed on licensed traders and calling on the Government to provide for substantial relief in the Beer and Spirit duties in the Budget of 1928.

Memo was received from the Beer and Spirit Dealers Relief Organisation Dubbin to the same effect, while a memo was read from the Catholic Total Abstinence <sup>Federation</sup> ~~Association~~ of Ireland protesting against any lowering of this tax.

On the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, the meeting decided to mark all these communications "read".

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The following resolution from Roscommon County Council was submitted and adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne:-

"That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council ask the Government per our esteemed Chairman- Mr. Brennan- when Parliament assembles to reduce the minimum age of Old Age Pensioners from 70 to 65 years, <sup>and</sup> that Dr. O'Dowd, Messrs Conlon and Boland give him their entire support. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretaries of each County Council in the Irish Free State".

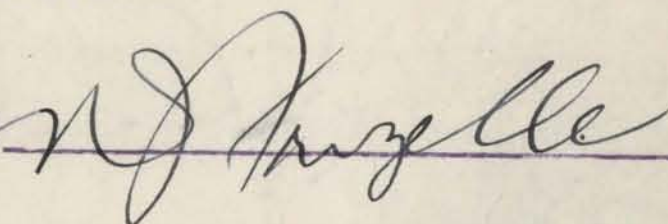
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*Wm J. Barry*  
*March 12<sup>th</sup> 1928*

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a  
correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings of  
Wexford County Council in respect of meeting held  
on 13th February, 1928.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Fortview,  
WEXFORD.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1928.

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