

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 8TH FEBRUARY 1932

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

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

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Ml. Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, ~~and~~ Myles Smyth, and J.E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey, were also in attendance.

The Chairman wrote that he could not attend the meeting owing to a prior engagement.

In the temporary absence of Mr. Walsh, Vice Chairman, the chair was taken by Mr. Murphy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Finance Committee minutes in respect of meeting held on 14th January, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th January, 1932.

Present:- Messrs John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1176: 17: 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of: Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	59.
2.	J. Quirke (No.1)	55.7
3.	E.J. Murphy	55.5
4.	T. Bolger (No.14)	55.3
5.	J.J. O'Reilly	55.0
6.	T. Rowe	54.9
7.	A. Dunne	54.8
8.	Wm. Doyle	54.5
9.	J. Deegan	53.4
10.	P. Carty	52.8
11.	J. Cummins	51.3
12.	Sean Gannon (No.10)	51.3
13.	Sean Gannon (No. 6)	49.7
14.	P. O'Byrne	49.7



No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
15.	M. McCarthy	48.8
16.	P. Nolan	48.3
17.	J.J. Sinnott	48.2
18.	P. Doyle	47.8
19.	W. Cummins	47.5
20.	T. Bolger (No. 12)	46.3
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	40.5

Collectors J. Quirke (No.1), E.J. Murphy, J. Deegan, J. Cummins, Sean Gannon (Nos. 6 & 10), Mc Carthy, Nolan, Philip Doyle and W. Cummins were behind in percentage on comparison with the corresponding period last year.

It was decided to notify Collectors that Finance Committee are dissatisfied with the progress of the Collection and Committee expect that by the end of January 1932 the Collection will show an improvement when compared with last year.

It was also decided to notify Collectors that Warrants for 1931-32 must be closed on 31st March, 1932, by Collectors lodging all rates not passed as Irrecoverable or Temporary Uncollectable.

Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable Rates: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Local Government Department be requested to allow County Council to rule on Temporary Uncollectable and Irrecoverable Rates as on 29th February 1932.

"That when considering the closing of warrant Local Government Department be requested to allow the Council to give credit to Collectors for Rates which are passed as Temporary Uncollectable or Irrecoverable."



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RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER 1925  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That refunds be allowed the following ratepayers, owners of new buildings erected or of existing buildings which have been substantially enlarged or improved since 1st April, 1920, and in respect of which Rates are payable on one-third of valuation only or on increase in valuation in the case of enlarged or improved dwellings:-

Patrick Fortune, The Bungalow, Ferns. £15: 5: 7d.

John O'Connor, Rathimney, Gusserane. £ 5: 8: 1d.

R. Rackard, Killanne. £19: 15: 9d.

N. Hayes, Ferns. £15: 5: 7d.

Nicholas Furlong, Iona Hotel, Rosslare £49: 19: 3d.

RAILWAY VALUATIONS  
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The following under date 11th January (3201083) was read from Valuation Department, 6 Ely Place, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state that he has had under consideration the application of the Railway Companies for a Revision of the Valuation of the Companies' property in Saorstát Éireann, and I am to inform you that such revision will be made and will be the first Quinquennial Valuation under the provisions of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931, recently passed by the Oireachtas.

I am to add that a copy of the Act referred to will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available for issue by the Stationery Office."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in future when any measure affecting the Administration of the work of County Councils is under consideration in An Dáil we request the General Council of County Councils to inform



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Councils of the fact in order that copies of measure can be brought before the Councils for their consideration. That a similar request be conveyed to the five T.D.'s of the County."

#### THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Under date 1st January, 1932, (G.99923/1931 Loch Garman Fa.) the Local Government Department wrote enquiring what steps were being taken by the County Council to require Urban District Councils to comply with the requirements of the Public Bodies Order 1925 by transferring sums equivalent to  $\frac{1}{4}$ th part of Co. Councils Demand on the 1st June, 1st September and 1st December.

The following are the amounts due by the Urban Councils:-

Enniscorthy.....£2,073: 16: 6d.

New Ross.....£2,541: 4: 1d.

Wexford.....£3,670: 12: 6d.

£8,285: 13: 1d

It was decided to request the Urban Councils to make ~~x~~ substantial lodgments immediately.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY STAFF

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ usual temporary clerical staff for the writing up of Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books for financial year 1932-33."

#### SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

*Dr.*

Application was received from <sup>Dr.</sup>George P. Sheehan, for £31: 10s. amount due for acting as County Medical Officer of Health during holidays of Dr. Bastible from 22nd December, 1931, to 12th January, 1932 (inclusive). Also Bill for £7: 5: 6d for Locomotion expenses during



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the period.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon: "That the Council be recommended to pay £31: 10s. amount due Dr. George P. Sheehan while acting as locum tenens for County Medical Officer of Health during the absence of the latter on holidays and a sum of £7: 5: 6d to cover locomotion expenses during the same period."

IRISH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR AND  
EXHIBITION - CORK  
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Under date 30th December, 1931, the Town Clerk, Cork Corporation, wrote calling attention to the above which is to be held from May to September (inclusive) 1932. The purpose of the Fair is to provide a medium of displaying the products and industries of Ireland. The Cork Corporation had adopted the following resolution at their last meeting:-

"That the Council make application for space in the Industrial Fair and Exhibition, Cork, 1932 - said space to be utilised for the purpose of making display of the City's resources - Commercial, Industrial and Educational. That financial provision be made for suitable display."

The Corporation asked that a similar resolution<sup>would</sup> be adopted by Wexford County Council.

A letter from Cooper of Cork under date 9th November, 1931, was referred to and in which it was pointed out that the necessary space for display would cost £20 plus painting.

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

"That communication from Cork Corporation relative to display ~~at~~ by manufacturers and Agriculturalists at Cork Industrial Fair be referred to Wexford Development Association."



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### ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Under date 31st December, 1931, Dr. S.V. O'Connor, of Westgate, Wexford, certified that Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council, Offices, was under his care suffering from Bronchial Catarrh and general Asthenia and would be unable to resume duty for three weeks.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for the proposed committal of children to Industrial Schools were received as follows:-

Martin Caulfield, 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old, Forrestalstown, Clonroche.

Mary Reck, 10 years old, Wethereld's Court, Bride St. Wexford.

Bernard Kelly, 10 years, old, and Margaret Kelly, 8 years old, Corbally Cross, Enniscorthy.

All cases had been referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

### ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

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

"That permission be given Messrs J.A. Sinnott & Co. Solicitors, Enniscorthy, for use of room in Enniscorthy Courthouse for the purpose of holding land sale on 27th January, 1932, at 3 o'clock p.m. under Order of Circuit Court Judge.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th January, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 28th January, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 28th January, 1932.

Present:- Messrs J. Culleton, J. Hall, T. McCarthy, S. O'Byrne and J. Shannon.

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

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

#### PAYMENTS -----

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,791: 0: 1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION -----

State of: Rate Collection as follows up to 27th January, 1932, was laid before the meeting:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	62.1 %
2.	J. Quirke (No.1)	61.0
3.	E.J. Murphy	59.2
4.	J.J. O'Reilly	58.7
5.	T. Bolger (No.14)	57.6
6.	J. Cummins	57.3
7.	A. Dunne	57.2
8.	T. Rowe	57.0
9.	W. Doyle	56.8
10.	J. Deegan	55.2
11.	S. Gannon (No.6)	54.7
12.	S. Gannon (No.10)	53.6
13.	P. Carty	53.0
14.	M. McCarthy	52.3
15.	P. O'Byrne	51.6



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No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected
16.	P. Nolan	51.3 %
17.	W. Cummins	50.9
18.	J.J. Sinnott	50.0
19.	P. Doyle	48.9
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	47.8
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	42.2

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The most notable improvement was in District No. 12 (T. Bolger) which showed an increase of 12.5 % over corresponding amount collected last year.

The following Collectors were behind in their percentages as compared with last year:- M. McCarthy, 11.1 %; P. Nolan, 6.7 %; and P. Doyle, 5.3 %.

In the case of the latter it was stated he was at present ill with influenza.

The Rate Inspector said he was not satisfied with the amount collected. He could not see any reason why Collectors P. Doyle, M. McCarty and P. Nolan should go back from last year's figures.

Closing of Rate Collectors' Warrants: Under date 18th January, 1932, Mr. McCarthy, No. 4 District, wrote that as regards Finance Committee not being satisfied with the progress of the collection, to the present, he had been doing his utmost and could do no more. From this on he expected to do better, but it was not possible to have the amount notified by Rate Inspector collected by 31st January, 1932. With regard to closing of Warrant on 31st March, 1932, he did not consider this feasible because the Banks would not advance the necessary amounts to close without three very solvent sureties. Besides this was one of the worst years in history from a Rate collecting point of view, owing to depression, bad markets, fairs etc. No one would be more anxious to close than he was if it were possible, because it would be to



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his advantage. He suggested that the Finance Committee should put notices in the Local Press that all Rates must be paid without fail, by the 31st March after which the books would be handed over to Solicitor for collection. If this was done and all Collectors gave in their books it would make matters as regards collection much easier next year.

Under date 25th January, 1932, Mr. J. Quirke (No. 1 District) Hon Sec. to the Co. Rate Collectors' Association wrote asking the Finance Committee to receive a deputation as to the closing of 1931/32 rate.

The following Collectors attended:

Enniscorthy District: J. and W. Cummins.

Gorey District: J.J. O'Reilly.

New Ross District: J. Curtis.

Wexford District: J. Quirke and P. Nolan.

Mr. Joseph Cummins acted as spokesman for the deputation. He stated that in connection with the direction of the meeting of the Finance Committee on 14th January, as to the closing of their Warrants at the end of March, the deputation asked the Finance Committee to request the Council to extend the period for closing to the same date as obtained last year, 6th May, 1932. Otherwise the Collectors would be placed in a very bad position. It was generally recognised that the Ratepayers were in straitened circumstances and it would be very difficult to obtain money through seizures or legal proceedings, and which would have to be reverted to if the collection was to be closed inside of financial year. As regards the obtaining of accommodation from the Banks the present was not like old times when it was easy to obtain an advance even up to £800. This was now impossible. The Collectors thought it would be advisable to give Ratepayers a chance as times were so exceptionally bad. Mr. Cummins



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gave instances of ratepayers who owed considerable amounts of rates in his district, and were absolutely unable to pay at the moment. The very biggest ratepayer whose rates amounted annually to about £200 was unable to set a single acre out of the 200 which he had up for auction. It was probable that if they pressed ratepayers and made seizures the collection might show an improvement but this would mean the ruin of the credit of the Ratepayers on whose lands seizures were effected. The Collectors believed that if they could close at the same period as last year they would be doing very well, since conditions this year were much worse in comparison.

The Chairman pointed out that it was really in the interests of the Collectors themselves to close their warrants by the 31st March next. If they did they could count on the Bonus which the Council had voted. If they did not it was probable bonus would not be available. Collectors even in the very good times had to get an advance from the Bank and the Finance Committee were of opinion when they adopted the resolution as to closing by 31st March, that the present Collectors could do the same. He (Chairman) was greatly afraid that the application for extension of time might jeopardise the bonus.

Mr. J. Cummins said the Collectors would have no hesitation in approaching the Bank for the necessary accommodation if they could obtain sureties. Some of the Collectors might have a sum of £1,000 of recoverable rates outstanding on 31st March, 1932, and they certainly would not be able to get that amount of advance from Bank.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 25th February, 1932.

Rates of John Cooney, Ballinroad, Oulart: Under date 27th January, 1932, Mr. J. Cummins, wrote enclosing Bill of Costs



for £7: 0: 6d from Messrs J.A. Sinnott & Co, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, in connection with Decree against John Cooney. Mr. Cummins pointed out that Cooney's farm was sold by the Irish Land Commission and purchased by the Irish Discount Co. Dublin, on account of money which they had lent to Cooney. The latter was not evicted for two or three years but since the eviction was carried out the place was derelict. He had obtained two Decrees against Cooney but these were returned "No goods". For some years past Messrs Sinnott & Co had been in communication with Irish Discount Co. with the result that the Company paid all rates up to September last amounting to £36: 12: 2d. He (Mr. Cummins) could not recover costs against the Irish Discount Co. because if they had known he held a decree against Cooney they would not have paid any rates. In the circumstances he asked the Finance Committee to agree to the payment of the costs of Messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors.

The Secretary stated that in connection with this case letter under date 10th July, 1931, (G.48992/1931 - Fa.Loch Garman.) had been received from the Department of Local Government. This Department pointed out that the Council should satisfy themselves by consultation with their legal adviser if necessary, that any rates in respect of which it was proposed to institute proceedings were in fact recoverable, due regard being given to Section 19 of the Poor Relief Ireland Act 1849. If the Council's position in this matter was clear the Court would presumably charge costs to the defaulting ratepayer. But in the event of an adverse decision due to causes outside the control of the Collector the question of costs might raise further consideration.

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

"That subject to sanction of L. G. D. we recommend the Council to pay £7: 0: 6d legal costs incurred by Collector J. Cummins in obtaining payment of rates due on holding of John



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Cooney, Ballinroad, Oulart."

#### ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Under date 26th January, 1932, Certificate was received from Dr. S. V. O'Connor, Westgate, Wexford, that Mr. S. Hayes was still under his care, but would be able to resume duty on February 2nd.

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date January, 16th, 1932, J. Whitty, one of the Hon. Secs of Gorey District Ploughing Match Committee applied for the use of ground floor of Gorey Courthouse for the night of February 11th, on which date the Inter County and Championship of Ireland Ploughing contest takes place in Gorey. The Committee proposed to entertain judges and representatives from each competing county and also some of the leading men of Wexford County.

The Committee further requested the use of the Courthouse for meetings.

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

"That Finance Committee have no objection to the use of ground floor of Gorey Courthouse on the 11th February, 1932, by the Gorey District Ploughing Match Committee. As regards meetings the Finance Committee consider the Ploughing Match Committee should be able to arrange for these in some other building."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MEN IN GOREY AREA

In connection with meeting of Councillors of Gorey Electoral Area to consider the employment of road and quarry workers in the District a Bill for 8/- was received from Mr. D. Radford, Clerical Assistant, Co. Surveyor's Office, who attended with records of insurance cards etc.



It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne  
seconded by Mr. Shannon that the amount be paid.



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Rate Collection:      The state of Rate Collection to date  
was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	65.4
2.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	62.6
3.	E.J. Murphy	61.3
4.	T. Rowe	61.1
5.	J.J. O'Reilly	60.0
6.	W. Doyle	60.0
7.	T. Bolger (No.14)	59.8
8.	A. Dunne	59.1
9.	J. Cummins	58.3
10.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	58.0
11.	J. Deegan	57.6
12.	P. Carty	56.6
13.	M. McCarthy	56.6
14.	J.J. Sinnott	55.7
15.	W. Cummins	53.7
16.	S. Gannon (No.16)	53.6
17.	P. Nolan	53.3
18.	P. O'Byrne	53.2
19.	P. Doyle	50.9
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	48.7
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	45.2

The Secretary stated that the Collection was .7 per cent better than last year.

Illness of Clerical Assistant:      The Secretary stated that Mr. Hayes resumed duty on 2nd February, 1932.

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



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COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE - INCREASED SUBSIDY  
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An application was received from the County Library Committee for an increase of £100 in the allocation of the County Council for library purposes. In their application it was pointed out that the Committee were supplying one and a half times the number of centres as in 1928, distributing over double the number of books with double the amount of wear and tear and the amount for purchase of books or for their binding had not been increased. The returns for 1931 did not show the same marked increase as those of the previous year attributable to the fact that the Committee had reached the stage when they could not supply the number or quality of new books to meet the demands of all centres so that they would have to be content with a certain percentage of stale stock.

The following deputation attended from the Library Committee:- Rev. J. Butler C.C., Rev. Bro. Carew and Miss Connolly, Librarian.

Fr. Butler said that the Committee had 84 centres working in the County as against 62 in 1928 when they had the same amount of subsidy. The largest of these centres were supplied with 500 books at a time compared with 200 in 1928. Four centres were awaiting supply of books which could not be given owing to the shortage of stock. One specialised centre was the Vocational School for which a number of books was required. He was sure that the statement made out by the Library Committee made out a fair case for an increase of Rate. They were doing practically double the amount of work and it could not continue unless they had more money. If the County Council gave the £100 asked for it would a little more than cover the cost of books which required rebinding for the coming year. The Library was run on the most economic lines. The people



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were clamouring for more and more books and it would be a great pity to ignore this demand. They in fact - should be proud to have such a demand and he considered it would be a great shame if something was not done to meet it in a reasonable manner.

Rev. Br. Carew said the Library Committee were owing to the bad times asking for a very small amount of increase. Wexford in giving only a half penny rate was amongst the lowest of the counties in their contributions, for library work. Galway which had been giving yearly £1,000 had recently increased this amount and increases had also been given by Carlow and Fermanagh. He was sure (considering the laudable object in view) that Wexford would not be less generous than the counties he had mentioned. He (Bro. Carew) was interested in supplying books to students a side of their activity which was most important but in which they had been able to do very little owing to lack of funds.

Col. Gibbon said that while consistently opposing any increase of rate he would in this case support the application of the Library Committee. A number of young men from the rural districts were attending the technical schools and they should be put in a position to compete with others who had greater facilities to acquire knowledge necessary for after life. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the subsidy of the equivalent of one half-penny in the £ as a County at large charge set aside for Co. Library purposes be increased by £100 in respect of financial year 1932-33."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was supported by Mr. Hall and which on being put, was unanimously adopted.

Fr. Butler thanked the Council on behalf of the Library Committee. It was very good of the Council to have listened



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so patiently to the case put forward by the Library Committee on whose behalf he thanked them for their generosity. Times were hard and the County Council had great responsibilities to the people in endeavouring to keep down the rates even in a small way. But for their action as regards the Library he believed they would not be adversely criticised - in fact the ratepayers would applaud them because of the great benefit which would accrue from it.

#### HOUSING SUBSIDY

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The following notice of motion stood in the name of Councillor Gaul:-

"That the equivalent of one penny rate in the £ as County-at-Large Charge be agreed to, amount to be applied in subsidies for the erection of houses under the Housing Acts."

Under date 8th February, 1932, Mr. Gaul wrote that he was unable to attend the meeting as he was laid up with a cold. He hoped the motion standing in his name would be considered by the Council and that they would see their way to agree to a rate of 1d in the £ for Housing which would enable such people as those he referred to at last meeting to obtain a grant of £40 viz. £20 from the Council and £20 from the Housing Department of Local Government Dept.

Mr. Corish asked the permission of the meeting to move the motion owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Gaul and this was accorded to him on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. ~~and~~ Hall.

Mr. Corish moved the adoption of the motion with the stipulation that the subsidy would be given only to persons who were going to build houses in which they would reside, and not to persons who intended to erect houses as a speculation. Many small farmers and labourers would



build houses if they received any little assistance. In the past a great many people got grants and built houses to let them at a prohibitive rent, and the money of the rate-payers should not be used that way. The Government were prepared to give a grant of £20 provided the Local Authority would give a similar amount. The State Grant would not be available unless the Local Authority were prepared to put up a similar amount. The plans and specifications would have to be approved by the Department but the latter were not drastic in their demands.

Mr. Hayes seconded the motion.

Mr. Hall considered a rate of a halfpenny in the £ would be quite sufficient as he did not anticipate the Council would be in a position to spend more for next year. There was an industrious labourer in his locality who had purchased a piece of land on which he would be prepared to build a house if he could get any assistance. He (Mr. Hall) was satisfied that with a grant of £40 the house would be built.

Col. Quin opposed. The farmers were "down and out" and nothing should be done to increase their liabilities.

Mr. Hayes referred to a case in his district in which a man had been able to put up only the walls of a house for want of ~~the~~ means.

Mr. Keegan said that under the old regime sites had been obtained but never built on. It was a fine thing to furnish some relief to enable houses for the people to be erected.

Col. Gibbon said there was a very large number of farmers in a terrible way. Every week farmers were being turned out of their homes. He would have to vote against the proposal as it meant an increase in the Rates.

Mr. O'Byrne appealed to the Council to approve of the resolution which was more in the interests of the small farmer than any one else. If they did not expend the full amount it would go to the credit of the county and the small sub-



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sidy proposed would provide employment.

Col. Quin said he had pointed out more than once that it was not the business of the Council to provide employment.. Their business was to keep down the rates.

Mr. D'Arcy agreed with the principle of the resolution but held it was a most inopportune time to raise the matter for consideration. Looking at it from a practical point of view he was doubtful if they would be called upon to provide subsidies for 70 houses. He was doubtful if they would have ten. He regretted that nothing in the shape of a grant had been given for improvement of houses. It was not business to add another penny to the rates at this particular time.

Mr. Culleton asked Mr. Corish to amend his proposition so as to cover a halfpenny rate only and Mr. Corish agreed and having withdrawn original motion proposed the following:-

"That the equivalent of a halfpenny rate in the £ as County at large charge be agreed to be applied in subsidies for the erection of houses under the Housing Acts on condition that each such subsidy shall be available only for houses in which applicants intend residing."

Mr. O'Byrne having seconded the amended motion/<sup>a poll</sup> was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Murphy and the Chairman(Mr. Walsh)  
- 17.

Against: Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Meyler, Quin and Smyth - 6.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### RELIEF GRANT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 29th January, 1932, (S. Loch Garman) from the Department



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of Local Government (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant submitting a list of road works proposed to be undertaken in County Wexford, towards which a Grant from Relief Funds is desired, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is gathered from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 11th instant that the Council do not desire to make any contribution to the cost of such works which is estimated at £8,070.

It appears from the recent Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Health that they do not desire to undertake any works which would involve any local contribution except in the case of a proposed extension of the Rosslare water supply to Hopelands. The funds at the disposal of the Department would not permit of any allocation to the Council to cover the cost of the proposed works. The Minister has allocated a sum of £1,000 towards the carrying out of works in the County, of which a sum of £100 will be made available to the Hopelands scheme, if the plans on submission are found to be in order. It is requested that you will submit works covering a grant of £900.

As regards a deputation of certain members of the Council and the deputies for the County, I am to state that the Minister does not deem it necessary to put the deputation to the trouble and expense of coming to Dublin."

The County Surveyor said that since the receipt of that letter he had had an opportunity of discussing the matter with Mr. N. O'Dwyer, Chief Engineering Inspector of the Local Government Department to whom he had submitted the following suggested works:-

1. Widen and reshape <sup>and</sup> trunk Bridge at Gorey on road from Dublin to Courtown - £350.

2. Strengthen sides and re-shape road Wexford to



Ballycanew preparatory to final surfacing £1,000.

3. Do for road between Ferns and Clohamon £1,325.
4. Diversion of dangerous corner at Strahart, Ferns, Clohamon road £1,095.
5. Raising Castlebridge road at flooded hollow £1,000.
6. Road diversion at very dangerous corner on Main road adjoining Ferrycarrig Bridge £1,200.
7. Raise flooded hollow on road between Taghmon and Ballyvergin £200.
8. Do road near Duncannon - £300.
9. Do road between Blackwater and Castlebridge - £100.
10. Clean river at Scar to prevent flooding of main road £50.
11. Strengthen and re-shape streets of Taghmon - £650.
12. Build wall and make road along foreshore at Burrow Rosslare £800.

Mr. O'Dwyer approved of No. 1 while he regarded Nos. 2 and 3 as ordinary road jobs. The road diversion (No. 4) would have to be done some time but it was too big a job at the moment: they would have to go back behind the existing house. No. 5 Castlebridge Road ~~which~~ would absorb the whole money. No. 6 would be approved and would make the road at Ferrycarrig run straight on to the bridge. The cost would be £1,200 but if Relief Vote bore £500 the balance £700 could be taken from the Road Improvement Grant. It was absolutely necessary something should be done as this was the most dangerous corner in the whole County. Some fine day they would have a bus load of people going into the river there.

Col. Gibbon apprehended this would be only the beginning of the work of taking away Ferrycarrig Castle and destroying one of the most beautiful views they had. He considered it would be vandalism to interfere with it. If the Road was banked and a white line put there, there would not be the



slightest fear of an accident. No engineering skill would prevent a stiff gradient unless at prohibitive expense. All traffic had to slow down as it was , and drivers of motor vehicles had to be extra careful.

The County Surveyor disagreed with Col. Gibbon as to the corner not being dangerous. He was nearly run down at the place himself.

Mr. McCarthy said he travelled the road probably oftener than any other Councillor and he considered this particular corner very dangerous.

Mr. Shannon agreed.

Col. Quin said the little piece of road between the concrete at each side of the bridge was in a disgusting and loathsome condition. This was the greatest safeguard they had as no one could drive even moderately fast over it.

The County Surveyor said it was in view of the diversion he recommended being carried out that the Engineers suggested the small piece of road referred to by Col. Quin should not be concreted. Another thing they should remember was that the river retaining wall was in bad condition and if heavy traffic was brought against it, it would come down.

Mr. Shannon predicted that sooner or later a very bad accident would occur there.

Miss O'Ryan considered if they agreed with the proposal they would take away from the beauty of the spot.

The County Surveyor said he was the very last man to propose anything to interfere with the scenic beauty or historic association of any spot in the County but the present diversion would not, in any way, interfere with the Castle.

Miss O'Ryan held that by changing the road they would interfere with the scenic beauty of the place. The public should be invited to offer their opinions on the matter.

Mr. McCarthy said it would not be possible to obtain the opinion of the general public.



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Mr. D'Arcy suggested a tunnel at the place but the County Surveyor said it was not feasible on account of the cost.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following:- "That we approve of the allocation of £500 from Relief Fund to carry out the road diversion at Ferrycarrig as recommended by the County Surveyor"

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed as an amendment that further consideration of the matter be deferred to next meeting and in the meantime that the Secretary communicate with the Historical and Archeological Societies and ascertain their views as to whether the proposed change would interfere with the scenic beauty or historical associations of the place.

The County Surveyor said he was afraid that this proposal would put the work out for the year.

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

For: Messrs Brennan, Clince, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Jordan, Maylor, Mc Carthy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman (Mr. Murphy) - 15.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Corish, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon - 6.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted nem con.

Miss O'Ryan suggested and it was approved that the Co. Surveyor should inform Mr. O'Dwyer that the matter would be considered in a fortnight's time.

As regards work No. 1 (trunking of Gorey Bridge) the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £350 be allocated



from Relief Grant to cover cost of trunking bridge at Gorey on Dublin - Courtown Road."

The County Surveyor said that works Nos. 7, 8 and 9 had been turned down by Mr. O'Dwyer, but No. 10 - cleaning the river at Scar to prevent the flooding of road would be accepted.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That £50 be allocated from the Relief Grant for cleaning river at Scar, the Co. Surveyor to procure in writing from land owners concerned their consent to the work being carried out by the County Council."

The County Surveyor said that works Nos. 11 and 12 had been turned down by Mr. O'Dwyer as they were ordinary road works.

#### ROAD GANGERS AS CARETAKERS OF SEWERAGE SYSTEMS.

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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Secretary, County Wexford Board of Health, under date 26th January, 1932:-

"At the meeting of my Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 18th instant a suggestion was made by Mr. Flood that it might be possible to arrange with you that the Gangers in the Clonroche, Bunclody and Ferns areas might be detailed to act as Caretakers of the Sewerage Systems in operation in each of these villages. It is understood that the Board would make a reasonable contribution in respect of services rendered by them.

I would be glad to know from you if you consider such an arrangement possible and workable. I could see you in the matter if necessary. "

The County Surveyor said he considered that a small committee should be appointed to go into this matter. He thought it a good proposition but some members had already



referred to the difficulty about arranging what the terms would be.

Col. Quin - We always hear a tremendous lot about two jobs for the one man.

Mr. Cooney thought that the gangers had enough. Some one else should be employed for this work.

Miss O'Ryan said it was only in a supervisory way the Ganger was to be employed.

The County Surveyor said there were very few of the gangers employed for the full 52 weeks of the year. The majority of them were not full time. Of course if the proposal was agreed to the work would be carried out in each case by the Ganger for the time being.

Miss O'Ryan said that work in connection with the gratings in Taghmon streets should be included in the proposal.

The Chairman suggested that the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That the proposal to employ Road Gangers to supervise the work of various sewerage systems including Taghmon and Duncannon be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation."

#### ROAD CONTRACTS 168, 170 and 173

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The County Surveyor presented report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for Gorey District, under date 30th January, 1932, that James Fleming, Kiltillahane, Carnew, Contractor for maintenance of above roads and one of his sureties Frank Fleming, Kiltillahane, Carnew, had died and the remaining surety Felix Kinsella, Ballyellis, Carnew, was not in a position to carry out the contract.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That contracts for Roads Nos. 168, 170 and 173 be determined and that the main-



tenance of said roads be placed in the charge of Co. Surveyor."

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

Under date 2nd February, 1932, Mr. D. Lennon, Bunclody, wrote that the Committee of Town Hall were precluded under the lease from letting the place as a Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the County Council accept the offer of the <sup>Reps of the</sup> late Dr. Dormer, landlord of Bunclody Courthouse to carry out the repairs to the building specified by the County Surveyor, the County Council to pay half - £4: 9s. Work to be carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor."

ROAD NO. 451 MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE)

The following report was submitted:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council met on this road on 2nd instant. There were present:- Messrs Brennan and Cline M.C.C.'s, Assistant Surveyor O'Neill and the County Surveyor. Messrs Shannon and Cooney were unable to attend.

The Committee walked over the whole road in company of a number of local residents and ratepayers, and report as follows:-

"The lower end of the road has already been fenced with concrete posts and wire, this work was done some eighteen years ago. Several of the posts are now damaged, and others are falling away, owing to the undercutting by the stream. The greater part of the wire is broken and hanging loose: it is rather a danger than otherwise. The Committee recommended that this fence should be at once put in proper repair with better quality wire than formerly, and the sides of the road made up where cut away.

At the upper side of the road the stream is, in places, cutting into the edge of the roadway, and there is no fencing whatever at such places. Moreover, on the upper section the



stream is very much below road level, and is dangerous as the road is narrow. Three methods of dealing with this section were discussed:-

1. To fence road as the lower section
2. To put in concrete retaining wall and parapet and
3. To widen the road.

Undoubtedly No. 2 would probably be the most satisfactory method, but the County Surveyor stated that the cost would be very high, and therefore, prohibitive. The County Surveyor recommended No. 3, and the Committee discussed with the owner of the land the matter of his consent. At the time he appeared to be opposed to this, but he was to give it further consideration. No. 1 would no doubt be a temporary improvement, but would, probably, from time to time entail expense in up-keep as the side of the road is bound to be undercut by the stream.

It was directed that the County Surveyor should submit Estimate of these works to the County Council meeting on 8th instant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That report of Committee in reference to Monamolin (Rathmure) road be received and considered ."

The County Surveyor said that putting the present fence into proper repair would cost £22 and this was absolutely necessary. The money could be taken out of Co. Contingencies after 31st of March next. To fence the road as the lower section would cost £86: 10s; the concrete retaining wall would run to £450 and the widening of the road to £210. The road was subject to a good deal of lorry traffic; it was only from 4 to 8 feet wide and two vehicles could not pass each other at the same time.

Mr. Shannon proposed that the County Surveyor carry



out his recommendations as far as possible.

Mr. Brennan said that one of the men, portion of whose land would be required in order to widen the road, refused to give it.

The County Surveyor said that the compulsory acquirement of the land would be a costly matter. The erection of retaining wall and parapet was barred on account of the cost. The whole thing boiled down to a question of finance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Messrs Brennan and Shannon be appointed a Committee to endeavour to procure the land necessary for the widening of the road at Monamolin (Rathmure) which is essentially necessary for the safety of the public."

#### TAKING OVER ROADS -----

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That this Council having complied with the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1925 and having received no representation from ratepayers hereby take over the following roads:

1. 293 perches of the road from Gorey to Shillelagh between the Main road (L.31. No.4) at Motabower, and the County Bounds in Motabower (known as Moteybower Lane). Cost £80, and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £10.

2. 220 perches of the road from Clonroche to Rathmure, between County Road No. 476 at Forrestalstown and County Road No. 455 at Rathphaudin (known as Rathphaudin Lane). Cost £40 and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £8.

3. 200 perches of the road from Wexford to Adamstown between County Road No. 622 at Lambstown, and County Road No. 610 at Mountainmuck (known as Mountainmuck Lane). Cost £45 and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £8.



4. 385 perches of the road from Ballinaboola to Ballycullane between County Road No. 659 at Cushinstown and County Road No. 707 at Timnecarrig (known as Kilscanlon Lane) Cost £30, and estimated annual Maintenance Charge of £12.

5. 280 perches of the road from Wexford to Adamstown between County Road No. 597 at Rathkyle and Co. Road No. 607 at Coolnagree (known as Coolnagree Lane). Cost £45, and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £10.

Mr. Culleton said he had heard that as regards No. 3 one of the men concerned was not satisfied to give the necessary land.

The Chairman said it would be well if in the future the Co. Surveyor obtained the written consent of the persons concerned, prior to consideration of each application.

The County Surveyor said it was only when the Assistant Surveyors were satisfied that the preliminary work promised by the promoters of the application had been properly carried out that the money put up by the Council was expended.

#### CANDIDATES SECONDARY ETC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we approve of the eligibility of the following candidates for award of Secondary and Vocational Co. Council Scholarships provided that in cases in which relevant documents have not been received these be lodged with the County Secretary within ten days from the date of this meeting:-

1. John K. Aylward, Arnestown, New Ross.
2. Dermot S. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Tagoat.
3. Laurence M. Fitzpatrick, Coolnahorna, Marshallstown.
4. Kathleen Ita Lyndon, Glenbough, Screen.
5. Patrick McGill, <sup>Ballingowan</sup> ~~Ballygervan~~, Blackwater.
6. Mary Catherine Moore, Kilmore Quay.
7. Theophile Naessens, Railway Station, Palace East, New Ross.



8. Bridget O'Donnell, The Fort, Duncannon.
9. Wm. Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon.
10. Kathleen Ennis, Drinagh, Broadway.
11. Elizabeth Gough, Allenstown, Broadway.
12. Margaret O'Flaherty, Coolroe, Duncannon.
13. Margaret D. O'Leary, Castleboro, Clonroche.
14. Peter Roche, Rathgarogue, New Ross.
15. Thomas Butler, Ballinclay, Glynn.

"That as the valuation of the holding of the father of Michael Morris, Tomadilly, Marshallstown, is above the limit of valuation in Scholarship Scheme we hereby declare the said Michael Morris ineligible to compete for scholarship."

The Secretary stated that the number of eligible candidates was exactly similar to last year.

Under date 3rd February, 1932, the Department of Education (Secondary Branch), Hume Street, Dublin, wrote sanctioning the transfer of Kathleen Frances Donnelly from Loreto Convent, Wexford, to Loreto Abbey, Gorey.

#### FLOODING OF PREMISES AT KILLAGOLEY ENNISCORTHY

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In forwarding the following letter from Messrs P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Miss Forrestal, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote asking for the instructions of the County Council in the matter:-

"Referring to previous correspondence . Nothing whatever has been done by the County Council and the constant flooding of our client's premises has rendered same altogether uninhabitable, so much so, that she has made arrangements to leave, and has instructed us to bring proceedings for damages against the County Council. Please say will you accept service. It is almost a year and a half now since our client first complained and although the County Council undertook to carry out certain works so as to prevent flooding, nothing



whatever has been done. It is useless going on with any works now for the reason above, viz: that our client is vacating the premises and she intends relying on her legal claim for damages.

It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

Mr. Elgee said a Committee had inspected the place and found that the stream which caused the flooding came down through the land of Miss Forrestal. The premises were now the property of the Mental Hospital Committee. Undoubtedly the water went across the road into Miss Forrestal's premises.

Mr. McCarthy said the flooding was caused by water from the land of Miss Forrestal. The Mental Hospital Committee had given the latter a larger and better house than the one she had. This new house could not be flooded and afforded her more accommodation than the old one so that she was far better off than before. She had vacated the premises because she had obtained a better house.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to defend any proceedings instituted by Miss Forrestal regarding the flooding of her old premises. That Mr. Elgee inform Messrs O'Flaherty & Son that the Mental Hospital Committee had acquired the land and house of Miss Forrestal and had provided the latter with a new and better house in which she is now residing."

#### GREAT ISLAND DRAINAGE

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The following under date 27th January, 1932, was read from Mr. N.J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile:

"Re-embankments and sluices on the Gallwey (Great Island) Estate. Following the representations made to the Land Commission by your Council, Inspector Bowles called on me some days ago. He visited the Northern embankment and sluice, and said it was possible our request would be complied with - to have some money invested and earmarked out



of the purchase price, if it is not too late. He made no definite promise. With regard to the sluice on the Southern end of the estate adjoining Kilmannock, Mr. Bowles suggested that I write you again and point out that if the Co. Council are now Co-Trustees with the Kilmannock officers some of the Interest accruing on the money invested for the Kilmannock Estate could be used for the upkeep of the afore-said Southern sluice, as the portion of embankment on that end of the Gallwey estate was very short.

I presume this will rest with your Co. Surveyor, and if Mr. Barry thinks the capital sum in question (£400) insufficient to maintain ample protection on both estates, your Council should insist on sufficient money being ear-marked to maintain both the North and South sluices and embankments.

I shall probably see your Chairman and Mr. John Murphy M.C.C. tomorrow and explain.

I wish also on behalf of the tenants concerned to publicly thank our T.D.'s Mr. Jordan and Ald. Corish for their efforts in this matter, also each and every member of your Council, not forgetting your good self and staff."

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

"That we request the Land Commission to set aside a sufficient sum of money for the upkeep of the sluices and embankment on the Gallwey Power Estate under the Land Act of 1923."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the necessary permission for use of Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of land sale be granted Mr. Edwin Hammond, Auctioneer, Carnew, for any day that the building is not required for Court or Co. Council purposes."



POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shamon seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to John Whelan, Merchant, Bunclody."

MONEY DISBURSED BY LABOUR EXCHANGES  
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Consideration of resolution from Kilkenny Co. Council asking the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to formulate a scheme which would have the effect of giving the ratepayers a return for the money paid out in Unemployment benefit and which, at the present, the ratepayers at large had to pay without any productive return, was, on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Murphy, further adjourned for a month.

LEAGUE OF THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST  
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The following resolutions from the Ard Fheis of the League of the Kingship of Christ were adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"Since it is clear that the circulation of foreign literature of a degrading character is a danger to our Christian standards and Irish culture, and since the existing laws are inadequate in face of the magnitude of the evil, the Ard Fheis is of opinion that a fundamental change in the laws is urgently needed so that the evil may be effectively counteracted. Hence it demands that no foreign publication shall be allowed into this country for circulation unless under licence and that the necessary legislation be immediately introduced."

"Since it is clear that Irish culture is in peril from the influence of the cinema, which under the prevailing system of production and distribution of films is largely degrading in tendency, the Ard Fheis is of opinion that further measures are required to cope with the evil and that a new and far more exacting system of censorship is required to deal with the situation. It requests, therefore, that in



the future no film shall be released for display , nor any film advertisement be exhibited which is out of harmony with the moral sense and Christian standards of the people, and that newspapers, magazines, or publicity matter issued by film distributors containing pictures of scenes from films be not allowed to circulate until the scenes illustrated have been passed by the censor."

"That the Ard Fheis is of opinion that trade organisations controlled by a foreign Government aggressively anti-Christian and anti-God are a manifest source of danger to the peace and morals of the Nation, especially as these trade organisations may easily become centres of anti-Christian propaganda and activities. The Ard Fheis, therefore, demands that these organisations be no longer permitted to function in this Catholic country under the protection of the laws."

#### ROAD WORKERS AND ELECTION DAY

Mr. Shannon moved:- "That the Road Workers of the Co. Council be allowed to remain idle on the 16th February, 1932, in order to take part in Dail Elections."

After discussion the Co. Surveyor explained that if a man works six days in the week and there is a wet day, that man gets paid for the full week if he works five days. If he absents himself another day and works only four days he is not paid for the wet day. Mr. Shannon's proposition was to the effect that if the man absents himself on the fifth day he won't be penalised for any possible wet day or holiday.

Mr. Shannon then altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Road Workers of the County Council be allowed to absent themselves on 16th February, 1932, without pay and without penalty."

Mr. Clince seconded the resolution which was adopted

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PEOPLES' RIGHTS ASSOCIATION  
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The Chairman (Mr. Walsh) said a communication had been received from the Peoples' Rights Association . He had read it and thought it would not be in order for the Council to discuss it.

Mr. Keegan - We are entitled to have it read before you rule it out of order. Do you refuse to read it for the meeting ?

Mr. Cummins - It should be read for the meeting.

~~Chairman~~ - I refuse to read it.

Mr. Keegan - Do you refuse to allow the Secretary to read it for the meeting.

Miss O'Ryan - It is the most autocratic ruling I have ever heard of.

The Chairman refused to discuss the matter further and the incident terminated the members leaving the Chamber.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 22ND FEBRUARY 1932

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M I N U T E S

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd February, 1932.

Present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C. M. Gibbon, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Ennis, O'Neill and Birthistle, and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Smyth the chair was taken by Mr. Murphy,

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS -----

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That quarterly payments be made Contractors for roads and public works in accordance with the recommendations of County Surveyor as appearing on Form 22 submitted to this meeting. Treasurer's Advice Note for £6,654: 6: 11d was examined and signed."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT -----

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:

"The Tendering Committees have been holding their meetings and before your meeting on the 22nd instant three of the Districts will be dealt with. I have to note that though offers were invited for haulage of material from Council Quarries at a flat rate of 10d per cubic yard mile numbers of Contractors put in offers at a lower figure.



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The Tendering Committees in dealing with these considered only the selection of the haulier, and disregarded the price provided it was not in excess of the flat rate. Consequently it works out that a higher price will be paid for the haulage than would have been payable if there were no flat rate. In some cases no tenders were received, and I ask for instructions in dealing with these. Possibly as no tender was put in up to the present it may be that I cannot get the work done at the flat rate, and I ask for authority to increase the price if necessary. I have no remarks to offer in connection with the tendering of the roads, except <sup>to ask</sup> that untendered roads be put in my charge at the agreed amount.

In regard to Relief Grants I beg to report that I have arranged for the work in Gorey to be put in hands. The drainage work at Scar has not yet been approved of by the Local Government Department, and I have written asking for sanction.

I have full particulars of the road diversion at Ferrycarrig, and shall discuss this matter in detail at your meeting. In connection with this there is a letter from Mr. Orpen of Monksgrange, and I submit copy of my reply.

Mr. N. O'Dwyer, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department, has notified me that there will be a sum of £14,134 allocated to this County for Improvement works during the coming year: last year £16,215 was allocated. I discussed the allocation of this sum with Mr. O'Dwyer, and he recommends that the two unimproved sections of the Wexford-New Ross Road - in or about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles - should be concreted, thus completing the whole length of improved road. A further length of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road should also be concreted in continuation of the part done last year: This will leave the Bunclody road all improved, with the exception of a short section in Bunclody



itself.

Mr. O'Dwyer also suggested that if the Road Diversion at Ferrycarrig is put through a concrete roadway should be run connecting up the slab to the North of the Bridge with the slab to the South of the Bridge. This will make a continuous run of concrete from the Urban Boundary near the new cemetery in Enniscorthy to the Steam Packet Station in Wexford. If the money set aside for these jobs proves sufficient on tendering, there will be a balance of some £450 available for extending concrete road in Wexford Urban Area: this matter has already been referred by the Council to the Local Government.

Notification has been received from the Local Government Department that a sum of £11,678 has been allocated to the County on account of Maintenance Grants. This sum is in excess of the current year's sum which is only £10,162.

On the 12th instant, by invitation, I attended a Conference of Surveyors with the Trade Department, Local Government, in connection with Tenders for Tars and Bitumens during the coming year. These were fully discussed, and certain Contracts accepted for the work.

I have received a letter from the Town Clerk, Wexford, in connection with the opening of the Streets in the care of the Wexford County Council, and submit copy of letter and my reply.

As directed by the Council I have prepared a return of distribution of employment in the several Areas, and have forwarded same to the Members of the Council. I have not given the names and addresses of the workmen, as this would be merely a repetition of the records I have in my office, and would cover many pages. The books will be available at the meeting to deal with any workmen whose employment may be questioned. I may note that each Assistant Surveyor has discussed with me the procedure adopted by him in making



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selection, and I am personally satisfied that the system is fair, having regard to the exigencies of the work. The Assistant Surveyors will all be present to deal with any particular cases."

Proposed Diversion at Ferrycarrig: The following under date 15th February, 1932, was read from Mr. Goddard H. Orpen Monksgrange, Enniscorthy:-

"I have read the account of the proceedings of the Wexford County Council touching the proposed alteration of the road round Ferrycarrig Castle as published in the Free Press for the 13th instant and I write as an old member, fellow, and now president of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland to let the Council know how the proposal strikes me. So long ago as 1906 I wrote an account of what is known about the Castle which was published in "Hore's History of the town of Wexford" (pp. 22 ff) together with careful plans of every floor of the castle prepared by my son. The Castle was in excellent state of preservation and is unique in many respects and I now beg to offer my opinion briefly as follows:- Having carefully considered all that was said pro. and con. at the meeting I would say as an archaeologist that to cut away the rocks at the back of the Castle through which a trench about 20 feet wide at top and 10 feet wide at bottom was cut would be to deprive the site of much of its historical interest. This was the weak point of the castle and if the plans drawn by my son be examined it will be seen how the loop-holes in the three lower floors were placed so as to protect the north and east sides. If a great road, say 30 feet wide, be sunk here, all this will be obliterated and I should imagine the rocks will have to be blasted. How will the old Castle stand this? Moreover as a lover of scenery I think to introduce a new wide road round the castle would greatly detract from the charm of one of the most impressive views in County Wexford; and as a man fully alive to the dangers



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of motoring it seems to me that to bank up the present road on the river side and insert the medial white line, as has been suggested, would render a turn where caution is so obviously necessary reasonably safe."

In reply to this the County Surveyor wrote the following to Mr. Orpen under date 18th February, 1932:-

"The Secretary of the County Council has handed me a copy of your letter of 15th instant re above. Herewith I send you a sketch Cross Section showing how the proposed Diversion will run. You will note that it is not proposed to cut away the gap or trench, but to run through the main rock further from the Castle. I cannot see how this work will in any way "deprive the site of much of its historical interest". The loop-holes and the Castle in its entirety, including the rock base, will in no way be interfered with. Blasting, if at all necessary, will be only in small shots doing no harm. As regards the scenery I consider the change will ~~be~~ rather be an advantage than otherwise as the old road will be left for foot/passenger traffic.

To my mind this place is one of the most dangerous places in Wexford, and the suggestion of banking the road on the river side and inserting a medial white line will be inadvisable, and of little use; traffic will not keep to its proper side without a man on "point-duty". Moreover, this banking will not remove the very bad turn directly to on/the Bridge.

It has been reported to me that on the day of Election (16th instant) a very serious accident was avoided by only a very narrow margin."

Mr. Orpen in acknowledging this wrote under date 20th February, 1932:-

"I thank you for your letter of the 18th instant, dealing with mine of the 15th addressed to the Wexford County Council. I would not for a moment weigh my judgment against yours on



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the question of danger, and if the present turn cannot be made reasonably safe for motorists I quite agree some other plan should be adopted. I may mention that an experienced and careful motorist said to me that the notice on the Enniscorthy to Wexford road of the approaching dangerous turning is not given far enough back, or in strong enough terms, for a sufficient warning.

I am glad, however, to see that you do not propose simply to widen and deepen the existing old cutting next the Castle; but I cannot but think that the further cutting away of the cliff, and making a much deeper and wider roadway adjoining, will greatly alter, and I fear spoil to some extent, the appearance of the place.

Those responsible, however, having considered all sides of the question, must decide."

Professor Macalister, 18 Mount Eden Road, Donnybrook, Dublin, S.E., whose opinion on the matter was also sought, wrote that he did not see any serious harm in the scheme proposed by the Council provided it could be carried out without injury to the Castle building itself. Though, he for one would like to make the roads as difficult as possible for road hogs they had to recognise that the motor had come to stay and had worked revolution. When even Waterloo Bridge could not withstand this new potentate they could hardly hope to keep the rock behind the Castle intact. The opinion of Mr. Richards Orpen in the matter would be of considerable value as he was an Engineer, a Motorist, and came of good archaeological stock."

His own impression, as an outsider, was that in this case in which there would be not necessarily any damage to the building itself it would be as well not to be too obstructive. They should save up their combativeness for proposals for serious destruction."



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The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said the diversion would cost £500 and the concrete joining which would be done out of the improvement grant £700.

Col. Gibbon opposed the proposal, which if carried out would destroy one of the most picturesque views in Ireland. Even if the work was carried out tomorrow there would still be danger at this corner. He considered it would be advisable if a special danger signal was placed there and also a signal directing motorists to keep their own side of the road black line. These would make the road sufficiently safe without any interference with the Castle or its surroundings.

Miss O'Ryan supported Col. Gibbon's view. Even if they had to spend more than the £500 allocated in order to buttress up the road bank at the river wall they should do it. The County Wexford would object to any interference with the view at this point.

Mr. Murphy considered that as there was opposition to the work in this instance the money should be spent on other works to which exception could not be taken.

The County Surveyor said there was a double corner sign on the hill and a red triangle the same as on the other side of the road at the railway bridge. This was the usual notification adopted in similar situations. He maintained that the proposal would not interfere with the view of the Castle. At one side the diversion would not be seen and on the other side it would only open up the road.

After further discussion Mr. Murphy proposed:- "That the work of road diversion at Ferrycarrig Corner as recommended by the County Surveyor be not proceeded with but that the money allocated therefor be spent on other more necessary works in the County."

The Chairman held that the turn at the Castle of Ferrycarrig was not half so dangerous as the turn at the railway



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bridge which they could not interfere with and which was the biggest death trap in the County. If it was not for the blackline there many accidents would happen. As for Ferrycarrig everyone knew the corner and approached it slowly.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded Mr. Murphy's proposal.

Col. Gibbon supported it partially but considered that the danger signs, the white line and banking on the left hand side of the road coming from Enniscorthy should be carried out.

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

For: Messrs Brennan, Clince, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman - 13.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Corish, Gaul, O'Byrne, and Shannon - 5.

Messrs Walsh and Cooney (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Corish then referred to the state of the road at Castlebridge and proposed that the sum which had been set aside for the Ferrycarrig bridge corner should be diverted to this work.

The County Surveyor read letter from Department of Local Government sanctioning the proposal for Gorey Bridge trunking and the road diversion at Ferrycarrig. The raising of the road at Castlebridge had been one of the proposals in his list, but it had not been approved by the Department of Local Government. He believed that the Department would be prepared to sanction the amount necessary to raise the Castlebridge road but the Council would have to be prepared to incur the cost of surfacing.



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Mr. Culleton seconded, Mr. Corish's proposal.

Miss O'Ryan said the improvement of the streets of Yaghmon had been mentioned two years ago, much earlier than the Castlebridge Road but owing to lack of funds nothing had been done.

Mr. Keegan said money was urgently required for the repair of the road from Ballycanew to Gorey: it was in a very bad state. The Section from Clasheen to Wexford town had been greatly improved.

Mr. Roche called attention to two very dangerous corners, one at Randallstown which was certainly one of the most dangerous corners in the County. The second one nearer to Kilmore also required easement. He had mentioned the Randallstown Corner several times to the Council but it had been turned down on the grounds that no money was available. It was at a blind Cross roads.

Mr. Murphy said that New Ross area had as many dangerous corners as any other area in the County. The money should be divided amongst the four districts.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor said that the reconstruction and surfacing of Castlebridge Road would cost £1,000.

Col. Gibbon agreed that the corner at Randalstown was really the most dangerous in the County.

The Chairman considered it would be advisable to adjourn consideration of all alternate works to the road diversion of Ferrycarrig until they had been examined by the County Surveyor and an estimate of their cost could be considered by the Council.

Mr. Shannon considered that the Council should first ascertain if the money from Relief Grant would be available for easing dangerous corners. There was a very dangerous corner on the road from Glenglass to Killanne, which should be dealt with.



Mr. Keegan suggested that the £900 should be allocated equally to the four districts of the County.

Mr. Roche pointed out that the Randalstown Corner would cost only £30 and everyone recognised how dangerous it was.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the County Surveyor should prepare for next meeting a list of the most dangerous corners in the County, and the Council could then select those which they believed required immediate attention and in so far as the money allowed.

The County Surveyor said he would prepare a list of dangerous corners if the Councillors would forward him their recommendations for their own district. Any list he prepared independently would be open to some Councillors saying he omitted more dangerous corners.

Mr. Gaul proposed that the whole matter of the allocation of the £500 originally intended for road diversion at Ferry-carrig be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council and that Councillors in the meantime furnish the County Surveyor with their suggestions as to the dangerous corners in their districts.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Col. Gibbon said that Gorey District should not be included as Gorey had received £350 from the Scheme for the trunking of Gorey Bridge. This should be taken into consideration and corners in the other three districts only dealt with.

After some further discussion Mr. Gaul's resolution was put to the meeting and adopted without dissent.

Improvement Grant: The County Surveyor said that the New Ross-Wexford Road reconstruction would cost £6,870 and the Buncloody-Enniscorthy Road £6,090. Total £12,960.

Col. Gibbon complained of the length of time roads under reconstruction were kept closed.

Miss O'Ryan held this mainly arose because the work was



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not carried out in summer. The fact that this work was carried out in winter caused alternate routes to be so badly cut up that it was almost impossible to restore them.

Mr. Shannon said that the road at Ferrycarrig was done in half widths and he thought the piece on the New Ross Wexford road could be done in the same way.

The County Surveyor said the road at Ferrycarrig was 20 feet wide and that on New Ross-Wexford section only 16 which made all the difference.

Mr. Walsh held that continuous lengths of road should be dealt with and gaps should not be left in between the concrete.

V The Chairman said if they were prepared to spend all the money on one road the suggestion of Mr. Walsh might be carried out.

The County Surveyor said <sup>up to</sup> this the Council never had such an early intimation from the Department as to the improvement grant and there was no doubt whatever but the work could be carried out in the summer.

The Chairman said that up to the present there was not one ounce of cement put on any road in the Wexford District. And they had the road carrying the greatest amount of cross channel motor traffic in the piece from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford - the portion from the Harbour to Jones' Cross being one of the worst roads in the County. The Council or the Department never spent a penny piece for cement on that portion of the road. They should have this section at least as good as the section from Jones Cross to Wexford. The condition of the road from Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross had a very bad effect on tourists and something should be done in the matter.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That we approve of the suggestion in the Co.



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Surveyor's report to lay in slab concrete about one and a half miles of Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road.

The Chairman proposed :- "That the money recommended by the County Surveyor to be spent on concreting portion of New Ross-Wexford road be diverted to Road from Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the cost of laying the last mentioned road in tar macadam would be about £6,000.

Chairman - The road from Jones Cross to Wexford did not cost half that amount.

County Surveyor - That road had a bottom, the other one has not.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:

"That the concreting of section of New Ross-Wexford road as recommended by the County Surveyor be proceeded with. That a sum of £1,500 be set aside for the repair of road from Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross in the same manner as road from Jones Cross to Kerlogue has been already repaired. That the three works - Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road, Wexford-New Ross road and Rosslare Harbour-Jones Cross road be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor to be carried out by direct labour. That the Local Government Department (Roads) be asked to sanction this proposal."

It was also decided that Mr. Corish should avail of an early opportunity to call on the Local Government Department and explain in detail the views of the Council.

Opening of Roads by private individuals: The following under date 2nd February, 1932, was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford:-

"At last night's meeting of the Corporation a complaint which you made at a recent meeting of the County Council as to the Redmond Road having been opened without your permission was alluded to, and I was directed to say that in the opinion of the



Corporation, Messrs O'Connor and Company adopted the proper procedure when they applied to the Borough Surveyor for the requisite permission.

It is quite true that the Redmond Road is a main road vested in the County Council, but as it is maintained under contract by the Corporation, it is submitted that the Borough Surveyor is the person responsible for its proper upkeep, subject, of course, to your satisfaction, and in the case under notice, Mr. Daly had arranged with Messrs O'Connor and Company, that the roadway was to be re-instated in a proper manner when the ground had consolidated.

It is contended therefore, that in all similar cases a notice to the Borough Surveyor should suffice, as if not a dual responsibility for the proper upkeep of the main roads within the Borough will arise, which, it is feared, will prove very unsatisfactory, and I may add that there has been no departure, so far as the giving of notice is concerned, from the practice adopted since 1926, when these roads were, for the first time, maintained as "main roads" by the Corporation."

The County Surveyor submitted the following reply under date 19th February, 1932, forwarded by him to the Town Clerk, Wexford:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and in reply beg to state that I believe the Corporation is under a misapprehension in regard to my action in this matter. Undoubtedly, it was the practice of the Borough Surveyor to deal with the usual Street openings, and I have never interfered in this matter. Moreover, now that lengths of the Main Roads have been concreted I consider that some other conditions must be added to permission for the opening of Streets under the County Council control. I am quite satisfied that the Corporation should deal with the restoration of concrete slabs cut through for laying pipes



etc., but I do not consider that any Local firm should have authority to do this work. Further I should be notified in every case where concrete slab is being interfered with. I have no doubt that I can easily arrange details of granting authority and of repair work with the Borough Surveyor so that the Corporation and the County Council may both be satisfied that the roadway is being properly restored."

Distribution of Work: Mr. Keegan said that according to the figures for stamps supplied by the County Surveyor there was not a fair distribution of work in the Gorey area, and he held this also applied to other areas.

Mr. Armstrong considered that when men's services were dispensed with the men with the least number of stamps on insurance cards should be retained. It was complained that this was not done.

Chairman - That was the advice we gave to the County and Assistant Surveyors.

The employment of a number of men in the areas of Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Birthistle and Ennis was then gone into in detail after which Mr. Walsh said that the explanation given by the County and Assistant Surveyors was reasonable and logical and furnished a complete reply to Mr. Keegan. He was quite satisfied with it and he was sure the rest of the Council, with the exception of Mr. Keegan, were of the same opinion.

The matter dropped.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the report of the County Surveyor submitted to this meeting except in so far as same has been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and is hereby approved."

#### ROADS - CONTRACT AND DIRECT LABOUR

Mr. D'Arcy complained that some roads which had been in contract were brought into direct labour by the County



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Surveyor without a resolution or a notice of motion although when these roads were in the first instance changed from contract to direct labour a notice of motion was considered necessary.

The County Surveyor said he had followed in these cases the practice which obtained to the present. The roads to be done by direct labour were clearly set out in the Road Works Scheme which had been approved by the Council. Any objection to his recommendations should have been made while the details of the Road Works Scheme were under consideration.

Mr. D'Arcy said that only 60 cubic yards of material was provided for the important road from the County Bounds at Wicklow Gap to Gorey. A much larger quantity had been settled for last year.

Mr. Treanor said the amount agreed to for the maintenance of this road was £65 last year and for the coming financial year £45.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That an increased allocation for maintenance of road from County Bounds at Wicklow Gap to Gorey be provided from the appropriate Contingency Fund after the 1st April, 1932."

It was also decided that the County Surveyor should report to next meeting as to the point raised by Mr. D'Arcy whether a notice of motion had been moved to place roads which had been in contract into the direct labour section.

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES

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Reports of meetings of New Ross, Enniscorthy and Wexford Districts Tenders Committees were submitted as follows:-



# NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

A meeting of County Councillors for New Ross County Electoral area acting as Tenders Committee for the area was held in Courthouse, New Ross, on 12th February, 1932.

Messrs T. Cooney, (presiding) and P. Colfer were in attendance.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and O'Neill were also in attendance.

## ROAD TENDERS

No Tenders were received for the following Roads which were recommended to be placed in charge of County Surveyor for one year as from 1st April, 1932, at the full amounts allocated in Road Works Scheme.

Nos. 466, 467, 471, 473, 474, 578, 580, 602, 662, 663, 664, 668, 685, 686, 697, 702, 746, 750, 801, 829, 830, 834, 854.

## CONTRACTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1932 to 31ST MARCH 1935

No. 574. A tender was received from Simon Murphy, Ballinacoola, Ballywilliam, at £9 the amount allowed, but as the intending Contractor was found to be a Minor the tender was not accepted, and the work was given in charge of County Surveyor for a year at the full amount allowed in Road Works Scheme.

No. 576. The only tender received was from John Doran, Gobbinstown, New Ross, at the full amount allowed per annum, £22: 10s. and this was accepted.

No. 606. Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at £8: 14s. This was the only tender and was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 721. Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, tendered at £12: 7: 6d and this being the only tender was accepted. Amount allowed £13: 10s.



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No. 722. The only tender received was from Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, at £13: 7: 6d. Accepted. Amount allowed £15.

No. 723. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £8: 13: 0d and Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, Foulksmills at £8: 17: 6d.

Kinsella's tender being the lower was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 724. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £13: 18: and Martin Kehoe, same address, at £14: 18: 0d.

Kinsella's tender was accepted.

Amount allowed £15.

No. 727. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £7. William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, at £8 and Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £9.

Kinsella's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 744. The only tender received was from Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, at £8: 8: 0d. This was accepted.

Amount allowed £9.

No. 747. Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £14: 6s. and James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £14: 7: 6d.

The tender of Kehoe was accepted. Amount allowed £14: 10s.

No. 809. The only tender received was from John Slater, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange, at £21 (the amount allowed), and this was accepted.

No. 828. Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £11, and Martin Kehoe, same address at £12 - the amount allowed.

Hanlon's tender was accepted.

No. 850. John Slator, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange,



tendered at £11: 10s. and Thomas Phelan, Ballinphile, Duncannon, tendered at £11: 14: 0d (Amount allowed £12).

Slator's tender was accepted.

No. 851. Thomas Phelan, Ballinphile, Duncannon, tendered and was accepted at £18: 9: 0d. There was no other tender. The amount allowed was £19.

No. 855. John Egan, Grange, Fethard, tendered at £9; John Foley, <sup>Jnr.</sup> The Wood, Grange, Fethard, at £9: 5: 0d and Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Duncannon, at £9: 7: 6d.

Egan's, the lowest tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 856. John Egan, Grange, Fethard, tendered at £9; John Foley, The Wood, Grange, Fethard, at £9: 5s. and Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Duncannon, at £9: 7: 6d.

The lowest tender - Egan's - was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 869. Michael Neville, Haggard, Fethard, tendered at £18. This, which was the only tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 870. The only tender received was from John Murphy, Ballygow, Duncannon, at £16. Accepted. Amount allowed £16.

No. 871. Aidan Cusack, Lewinstown, Fethard, tendered and was accepted at £9 the amount allowed. This was the only tender.

No. 874. Michael Neville, Haggard, Fethard, tendered at £14, (The amount allowed).

Edward Banville, Haytown, Fethard, tendered at £12.

It was ascertained that Banville was a minor and the tender of Neville was then accepted.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS.

A considerable number of Haulage Tenders were dealt with.



ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE.

tendered at £215, amount allowed. This, the only tender,

The County Councillors for Enniscorthy County Electoral  
was accepted.

The County Councillors for Enniscorthy County Electoral  
area acting as Tenders Committee met at Courthouse, Ennis-  
corthy, on 17th February, 1932, to consider Tenders for Roads  
and for Haulage.

allowed £16). Accepted.

Present - Messrs James Armstrong, James Clince, John  
Culleton, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors  
Ennis, Cullen and Birthistle were in attendance.

Mr. Culleton was moved to the chair on the motion of  
Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Clince.

The tender of Kearns was accordingly accepted.

TENDERS FOR ROADS

No. 245. James Kearns, Buncloody, tendered at

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The following roads in respect of which no Tenders  
had been lodged were given in charge of County Surveyor.

Nos. 165, 167, 237, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 281,  
282, 294, 295, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 490, 491, 1014,  
1017, 1018 and 1019.

No. 165. Peter O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, lodged a  
tender at £19: 9s. (amount allowed) £20 but as he was not  
present the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 166. Patrick Farrell, Ballycadden, Ferns,  
tendered at £34: 10s. (amount allowed £35) and was accepted  
his being the only tender.

No. 235. The only tender received was from John  
O'Connor, Mandoran, Buncloody, at the full amount £7: 10s.

Accepted. The only tender received was from Robert

No. 238. James Finn, Ryland, Clohamon, tendered at  
£22 the amount allowed. This was the only tender and was  
accepted.

No. 239. Patrick Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo,  
tendered at £22: 8: (amount allowed £29). This being the  
only tender was accepted.

No. 316. John Kavanagh, Clologue, Ferns, tendered



No. 242. Peter Murphy, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, tendered at £15, amount allowed. This, the only tender, was accepted.

No. 243. The only tender received was that of James Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo at £13: 19s. (amount allowed £18). Accepted.

No. 244. Andrew Skelton, Cloroguebeg, Kilttealy, tendered at £23 and Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo, at £30: 10s. the full amount allowed.

Skelton withdrew his tender which he said had been lodged under a mis-apprehension.

The tender of Kearns was accordingly accepted.

No. 245. James Kehoe, Killybeg, Bunclody, tendered at £37 the full amount allowed. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No. 261. The only tender received was from Wm. Doran, Thomona, Kilttealy, at £14: 18: (amount allowed £15). Accepted.

No. 262. John Breen, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, tendered at £27. John Doyle, same address at £28, and John Doran, Tomona, Kilttealy, at £28: 15s. It was ascertained that Breen was a minor. Doyle's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £30: 10s.

No. 296. The only tender received was from Patrick Jordan, Bolachoir, Ferns, at £17: 10: 6d. Accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 297. The only tender received was from Robert Kinsella, Tinnashrule, Ferns, at £35, the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 298. Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, tendered at £21, the amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 315. Patrick Kavanagh, Jnr. Forties, Ferns, tendered at £21, the amount allowed, and was accepted.

No. 316. John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, tendered



at £12: 10s. and James Kenny, Effernogue, at £13, the amount allowed. Kavanagh's tender was accepted.

No. 317. James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, tendered at £28 and John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, at £28: 10s. and Kenny's tender was accepted.

No. 366. Edward Leary, Cullentra, Killealy, tendered at £7: 2: 6d (amount allowed £7: 10s.) and was accepted.

No. 367. Edward Leary, Cullentra, Killealy, tendered at £13: 19: 6d (amount allowed £15) and was accepted.

No. 368. James Morrissey, Askinvillar, Killealy, tendered at £12 the amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 369. John Nolan, Springmount, Killanne, tendered at £5: 7: 6d. Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne, at £7: 4s. and Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Killealy, at £7: 7s. (Amount allowed £7: 10s.). Murphy did not respond to his name. The tender of John Nolan was accepted.

No. 370. Michael Cullen, Newtown, Grange, Killanne, tendered at £13: 7: 6d. Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne, at £14: 4s. and Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Killealy, at £14: 14s. (amount allowed £15).

The tender of Michael Cullen was accepted.

No. 371. Michael Cooney, Corrigeen, Rathmure, tendered at £7 and Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Killealy, at £7: 7s. (amount allowed £7: 10s.) The tender of Michael Cooney was accepted.

No. 372. Michael Cullen, Newtown, Grange, Killanne, tendered at £6: 8s. and Michael Cooney, Corrigeen, Rathmure, at £7. The amount allowed was £7: 10s. The tender of Michael Cullen was accepted.

No. 374. The only tender received was from James Coady, Corrigeen, Grange, Rathmure, at £22 the full amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 376. The only tender received was from Patrick Doran, Glenglass, Killanne, at £9, the full amount. Accepted.



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No. 396. Laurence Dunne, Greenane, Killanne, tendered at £9: 19s and John Breen, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, at £9. It was ascertained that Breen was a minor and the tender of Laurence Dunne was accordingly accepted - Amount allowed £11.

No. 420. Thomas Murphy, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9: 3s. John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, at £9: 19s. and Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, at £11 (the amount allowed). The tender of Thomas Murphy was accepted.

No. 421. The only tender received was from Joseph Hayden, Monawilling, Oulart, at £29, the amount allowed.

Accepted.

No. 423. John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £13: 19s. and Richard Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, at £14 (Amount allowed £15). The tender of John Doran was accepted.

No. 424. The only tender received was from John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, at £24: 15s. (amount allowed £26).

Accepted.

No. 441. John Parle, Toberlamina, Blackwater, tendered at £9: 18s. and Thomas Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, at £10: 7: 6d (Amount allowed £10: 10s.) The tender of John Parle was accepted.

No. 442. Thomas Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £10: 15: 9d and Willaim McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, and Michael Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, at £11 each which was the amount allowed. The tender of Thomas Brien was accepted.

No. 444. William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, tendered at £10. Thomas O'Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, at £10: 9: 6d and Ml. Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, at £11, the amount allowed. The tender of William McGill was accepted.



No. 447. The only tender received was from Thomas Mangan, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, at £15 - the amount allowed - and this was accepted.

No. 450. Thomas Walsh, Ballinaclash, Blackwater, tendered at £20 (amount allowed £22: 10s.). Accepted.

No. 515. The only tender received was from Wm. Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £7: 9s. (Amount allowed £7: 10s.).

Accepted.

No. 516. The only tender was from William Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £21: 14s. (Amount allowed £22: 10s.).

Accepted.

No. 517. John Brien, Ballyhogue, Macmine, who did not answer his name, tendered at £7 and William Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £7: 4s. The amount allowed was £7: 10: 0d. The tender of William Waters was accepted.

No. 518. The only tender received was from Wm. Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £10: 9s. This was accepted. The amount allowed was £11.

No. 533. The only tender received was from John Redmond, Craanroe, Edermine, at £29, the amount allowed.

Accepted.

No. 534. John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9: 5: 0d. and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannel, Glenbrien, £9: 19s. The tender of John Doran was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 536. Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, tendered at £29 the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 537. Thomas Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, tendered at £24: 19s. Peter Kehoe, Coolanick, Oylegate, at £25: 9: 0d. and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, at £26: 9s. Amount allowed £27. The tender of Thomas Brien was accepted.

No. 538. Peter Kehoe, Coolanick, Oylegate, tendered at £28: 15: Thomas Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, at £31: 14s. and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, £33: 19s. Amount allowed £35.



The tender of Peter Kehoe was accepted.

No. 559. The only tender received was from Richard Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, at £17: 4s. Accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 560. John Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, tendered at £5: 8s. (Amount allowed £5: 10s.). Accepted.

No. 561. The only tender received was from Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, at £14: 19: Amount allowed £16. Accepted.

No. 1020. Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Kiltaly, who did not answer to his name tendered at £4: 7: 3d. and Peter Nolan, Askinvillar, Kiltaly, at £4: 10s. The last mentioned was accepted. Amount allowed £4: 10s.

#### HAULAGE

A considerable number of Haulage Tenders were dealt with.



WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

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The Wexford Tenders Committee met on 20th February, 1932, in County Council Chamber, Wexford,

The following Councillors were present:- Col. Gibbon, Miss O'Ryan, Messrs James Gaul and R. Corish T.D.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J. Kehoe and J.F. Birthistle were also in attendance.

Col. Gibbon was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

Col. Gibbon left after consideration of Road Tenders and Mr. Corish presided during the consideration of Haulage Tenders.

ROAD TENDERS.  
CONTRACTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1932 to 31ST MARCH 1935

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The following Roads for which no tenders were received were given in charge of County Surveyor for a year:-

Nos. 649, 893, 912 and 1012.

No. 623. Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle, tendered at £11: 10s. the full amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 624. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £16: 15s. and Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, at £17: 13s. (Amount allowed £18). The lower tender was accepted.

No. 625. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, and Nicholas Fortune, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £31: 10s. James Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin, at £32: 9s. and William Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, who did not answer his name, at £31. The tender of John Furlong was accepted. (Amount allowed £33).

No. 626. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £12: 15s. Martin Hanley, Blackhall, Glynn, at £13: 4: 6d. and James Murphy, Ballinclay, at £13: 5s. Furlong's



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tender was accepted (Amount allowed £13: 10s.)

No. 627. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £14: 17: 6d. John Kiely, Blackhall, Glynn, at £15: 18s. Martin Hanley, Blackhall, Glynn, at £15: 10s. and William Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, at £15.

Furlong's tender being the lowest was accepted.

Amount allowed £16.

No. 628. The only tender received was from Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, at £22: 13s. Accepted. Amount allowed £24.

No. 644. Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £9: 12: 0d. This which was the only tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 647. Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £13: 9s. and William Redmond, Kilmacoe, Curraclloe, at £14: 10s. Browne's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £15.

No. 762. Aidan Creane, Clonerane, Taghmon, tendered at £20, the amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 763. Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £31: 11: 6d. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, and Wm. Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, at £31: 10s. and Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, at £32: 18s. The tender of Thomas Barnes (the old contractor) was accepted. Amount allowed £33.

No. 764. The only tender received was from Patrick Cullen, Forrest, Taghmon, at £16: 10s. the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 766. John Cullen, Greenlake, Murrintown, tendered at £8: 17: 6d. Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, at £9: 15s. Richard Cleary, Shelmalier Commons, The Dirr, at £9. The tender of John Cullen was accepted. Amount allowed £10.

No. 778. Peter Long, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered



at £14: 19s. Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, at £17. Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, at £16: 17s. James Dowd, Junior, Kingsford, Barntown, £15 and John Merriman, Kingsford, Barntown, at £17. The tender of Peter Long, the lowest, was accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 779. The only tender was from John Merriman, Kingsford, Barntown, at £16: 18: 6d. Accepted.

Amount allowed £18.

No. 781. Patrick Devereux, Barntown, tendered at £6 and Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, at £7: 5s. The tender of Patrick Devereux was accepted. Amount allowed £7: 10s.

No. 782. Patrick Devereux, Barntown, tendered at £9. This, which was the only tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 783. The only tender received was from John Dowd, Jnr. Kingsford, Barntown, at £6: 19s. Accepted. Amount allowed £8.

No. 785. James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £6: 19s. Patrick Roche, Seaview, Barntown, at £7: 15s. and John Cullen, Greenlake, Murrintown, at £8. Dowd's tender the lowest was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 786. Patrick Roche, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £7: 15s. and James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, at £7: 17: 6d. Roche's tender, the lower, was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 889. Patrick May, Ardinagh, Taghmon, tendered at £17: 10s. the full amount allowed. This was the only tender. Accepted.

No. 890. The only tender received was from John Doyle, Bridgetown, at £14: 14s. Accepted. Amount allowed £15.

No. 892. The tender of Patrick May, Ardinagh, Taghmon, at £20 the full amount allowed was the only one received. Accepted.

No. 910. James Wade, Danescastle, Bannow, tendered at £18: 19s. This was the only tender received. Amount allowed



£20.

No. 911. William Browne, Bannow, tendered at £6: 19s. and James Wade, Danescastle, Bannow, at £7: 7d. Browne's tender was accepted.

Amount allowed £7: 10s.

No. 913. The only tender received was from William Browne, Bannow, at £4: 19s. This was accepted. Amount allowed £5.

No. 914. Robert Sheridan, Bannow, tendered at £7, the amount allowed and was accepted. There was no other tender.

No. 915. Only one tender was received, that of Thomas White, Scotsland, Duncormack, at £9, the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 916. Thomas White, Scotsland, Duncormack, tendered at £11, the amount allowed. This was the only tender and was accepted.

No. 917. John Furlong, Knockstown, Barntown, tendered at £9 the amount allowed and was accepted. This was the only tender.

No. 930. Richard Clear, Shelmalier Commons, The Dirr, tendered at £12: 10s. and was accepted this being the only tender. Amount allowed £14.

No. 931. Richard Cleary, Shilmalier Commons, The Dirr, tendered at £17: 5s. and Martin Sinnott, Heavenstown, Cleariestown, at £18, the amount allowed. Cleary's tender was accepted.

No. 932. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterspark, Cleariestown, tendered at £10: 18s. and was accepted. Amount allowed £12.

No. 933. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterspark, Cleariestown, tendered at £6: 10s. the full amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 934. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, tendered at £7: 14s. and James Duff, Corramacorra,



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Murrintown, at £8: 15s. Kelly's tender was accepted.  
Amount allowed £9.

No. 935. The only tender received was from James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, at £6: 17: 11d. Accepted.

Amount allowed £8.

No. 936. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, tendered at £10: 16s. and Martin Sinnott, Heavenstown, Cleariestown, at £11: 5s. Kelly's tender was accepted.

Amount allowed £11: 10s.

No. 937. Philip Connick, Bridgetown, tendered at £13: 9s. Patrick Kielthy, Sweetman, Bridgetown, at £15: 14s. Patrick Newport, Woodtown, Ballycogley at £13: 14s. and Thomas Pitt, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, at £14. The tender of Philip Connick, the lowest was accepted. Amount allowed £16.

No. 954. James Jordan, Reahouse, Duncormack, tendered at £10 and was accepted this being the only tender. Amount allowed £10: 10s.

No. 955. William Moore, The Hall, Grange, Kilmore, tendered at £16: 15s. and Walter Pierse, Rackardstown, Kilmore, at £25. Moore's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £27.

No. 956. William Delaney, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, tendered at £9: 5s. and Patrick Kielthy, Sweetman, Bridgetown, at £9: 19s. The lower tender that of William Delaney was accepted. Amount allowed £11: 10s.

No. 957. Philip Connick, Bridgetown, tendered at £11: 9s. and William Delaney, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, at £11: 10s. Connick's tender - the lower - was accepted. Amount allowed £13: 10s.

No. 972. The only tender received was from Patrick Byrne, Ballykillaine, Drinagh, at £8: 19s. Accepted. The amount allowed was £9.



No. 973. Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, tendered at £21: 19s. and was accepted, his being the only tender.

Amount allowed £22: 10s.

No. 974. The only tender was from Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, at £7 the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 975. Benjamin Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, tendered at £16, and James Boggan, Walshestown, Ballycogley, at £18, the amount allowed. The tender of Benjamin Wilson was accepted.

No. 977. John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £17: 9s. 6d. and John Bail, Ballykelly, Drinagh, at £17: 12s. Harpur's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £19.

No. 978. John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £15: 17s. and Benjamin Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, at £16. Harpur's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 1010. James Bishop, Lake Big, Rosslare, tendered at £16: 10: 6d and Peter Barry, Lake Little, Rosslare, tendered at £21. The tender of James Bishop was accepted. Amount allowed £22: 10s.

No. 1011. James Bishop, Lake Big, Rosslare, tendered at £9: 15s. and Peter Barry, Lake Little, Rosslare, at £10: 15s. Bishop's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £11: 10s.

#### HAULAGE

A large number of Tenders for Haulage were then disposed of.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the reports of Tenders Committees for the districts of New Ross, Enniscorthy and Wexford be confirmed. That Contract for Road No. 262 (Enniscorthy District) be approved subject to the Contractor, John Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, submitting within 14 days from this date a baptismal Certificate to prove that he is over 21 years old. That in the event of Council ascertaining that Breen is a minor this road be given in charge of the County Surveyor."

The meeting then discussed the reference in County Surveyor's report as to the fact that although by directions of the Council offers were invited for the haulage of material from County Council quarries at a flat rate of 10d per cubic yard mile numbers of Contractors had put in offers at lower figures but that the Committees in view of the decision of the Council accepted tenders at 10d in all cases considering only the selection of the haulier and not the price provided it did not exceed the stipulated figure.

The Chairman said it was an extraordinary position that while Contractors were willing to do this work of haulage at a lower figure than 10d per cubic yard mile the Council said they would not pay less than the 10d. This was not economy for the ratepayers and should be altered.

Mr. Smyth said there was great disappointment in his district as to arrangements for haulage. The people could not see the use of tendering when it was at a flat rate.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would give notice of motion for next meeting that the County Council reconsider their resolution fixing haulage at 10d per cubic yard mile and revert to the practice of having competing tenders for this work.

The County Surveyor said that in ~~some~~ cases in which



there were extremely steep hills, and only half loads could be dealt with, it had not been found possible to have haulage done at the flat rate of 10d per cubic yard mile; they had to pay 6d extra in these cases.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That in haulage work for which offers have not been accepted by Tenders Committees the County Surveyor be empowered to make the best arrangement he can and that in cases in which abnormal conditions prevail the difficulties of hauliers be taken into consideration, by the County Surveyor when determining the amount of remuneration"

Mr. James Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, in a letter which was handed <sup>in</sup> at the meeting stated he had a mechanical hauling outfit which had been working in Ballybrennan quarry for the past ten years. This year he tendered at 6d per yard per mile but the Tenders Committee accepted the tender of Mr. Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, at 5½d. The latter also got the work at Clonhaston and Cherryorchard quarries. He (Byrne) would be satisfied, if he got the work at Ballybrennan this year and on which he was depending. If not Mr. Kavanagh would have two engines working while he (Byrne) would be idle and he had a young family for which to provide. There was only a halfpenny per yard difference and in fairness he held he was entitled to some of the work. He thought the Council should have a fixed flat rate for mechanical as well as for horse haulage. Otherwise some hauliers who had mechanical outfits would have to dispose of them.

Col. Gibbon said that as regards this class of haulage it would be a bad precedent to accept any but the lowest satisfactory tender.

Mr. Shannon gave notice of motion for next meeting of the Council to have a flat rate per cubic yard mile fixed for mechanical haulage.

The Chairman said they were in a very anomalous and



inconsistent position. One Councillor had given notice to abolish the flat rate for horse haulage and a second Councillor to fix a flat rate for mechanical haulage.

MEETING OF COUNCIL AND BANK HOLIDAY  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That as 28th March, 1932, date fixed for meeting of County Council falls on a bank holiday this meeting be held on 29th March."

HOUSE AT BALLYCARNEY CROSS ROADS  
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Under date 19th February, 1932, Mrs. C.E.B. Swaine, Ballycarney School, wrote that she had purchased a small plot of ground at Ballycarney Cross Roads and on which she proposed putting up a small shop. She asked permission to proceed with the work.

Mr. Ennis (Assistant Surveyor) said he had inspected the place on 19th February: it was on a corner and within 30 yards of the centre of the road. He suggested the Co. Surveyor should see the place and report.

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

"That letter from Mrs. Swaine, Ballycarney School, for permission to erect a small shop at Ballycarney Cross Roads be referred to County Surveyor for report."

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATE OF RATES  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Gibbon:- "That L.G.D. be requested to extend the time for consideration of Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1932-33 from 1st March, 1932, to 14th March, 1932, the date of next meeting of the County Council."

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN OF £1,600 FOR GOREY  
GARDEN CITY COTTAGE SCHEME.  
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The following motion of which he had given previous  
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notice and which had been circulated to members of the County Council on 8th January, 1932, was moved by Mr. Gaul:-

"That the Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1,600 for the completion of the Gorey Garden City Cottage Scheme."

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted nem con.

#### MAINTENANCE GRANT - MAIN ROADS

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Under date 10th February, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R.G.M./201/32) that a Grant of £11,678, 40 % of £29,195 amount passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main roads, had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main roads in Wexford County for financial year 1932-33. One of the conditions attaching to the grant was that all tars and bitumens for use on all roads - grant aided or otherwise - are to be obtained from the official contractors.

The Secretary said that all proposed expenditure on main roads except £2,901, for repayment of Loans on roads and Public Works, had been taken into consideration by Local Government Department in fixing amount of grant.

#### AUDIT A/C'S ENNISCORTHY MENTAL HOSPITAL

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The Report of Local Government Auditor 3rd February, 1932, (No. 10023/32) on his Audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital for the half years ended 30th September, 1930, and 31st March, 1931, respectively was read.

No order.

#### STATUS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER

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The L.G.D. (Roads) wrote under date 11th February, 1932, (R/RM/32) that the decision refusing to agree to appointment of Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, on



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the permanent staff could not be varied.

IRRECOVERABLE AND TEMPORARILY IRRECOVERABLE  
RATES.  
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Under date 16th February, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.74591/1932 Loch Garman) ~~wrote~~ that if by 29th February any Rate Collector was in a position to furnish an advance list on Form 53 containing satisfactory evidence that particular rates were totally irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectable, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would raise no objection to such lists being then considered and dealt with by the Council or duly authorised Committee under Article 102 (3) of the Public Bodies' Order along with relative reports from Secretary under Sub-Article 2. Any rates so dealt with by the Council would not be eligible for the calculation of poundage in respect of the 1931/32 warrants and that the final examination of each Collector's record provided for by Article 102 at the end of the financial year will also be carried out if any other rates then remain unlodged.

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

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to consider advance lists of totally irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectable rates in conformity with letter from L.G.D. - 16th February, 1932 (G.7459/1932 Loch Garman)."

EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF OVERDRAFT  
ACCOMMODATION.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the L.G.D. be requested to extend period of overdraft accommodation to the extent of £20,000 from 29th February, 1932, to 30th June, 1932,"

FOOD AND DRUGS APPOINTMENTS  
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Under date 2nd February, 1932, the Department of



Local Government wrote (P.H. 7142/32 Loch Garman (H) that as regards the divergent findings of the Public Analysts in respect of samples of milk analysed in connection with the recent legal proceedings against Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick, it was understood that as a result of enquiries in the matter the Authorities of the Garda Siochana were satisfied that the variations were due to the fact that the Sampling Officer did not properly mix the sample before dividing it into three parts. The necessary action had been taken in connection therewith and it was learned that fresh instructions had been issued to the Gardai, acting as Sampling Officers, drawing special attention to the procedure laid down for the taking of samples under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

The Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote asking the Council to appoint Garda Peter Smith 5197, Wexford No. 2, as Food and Drugs Inspector for Wexford Garda District vice Garda C. Driscoll, 5433, the outgoing Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Garda Peter Smith (5197) be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector of this County Council under Food and Drugs Acts vice Garda C. Driscoll (5433)."

#### RATES BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

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The following under date 12th February, 1932, (3201290-CS/M.) was read from the Valuation Department:-

"In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a report of a conference representative of the County Councils of Carlow and Wexford with reference to the revision of the Valuation of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state that, in order that the required apportionment of the Valuation may be made, it will be necessary for you to include the areas in the list of tenements requiring revision to be forwarded to this Depart-



ment in June next."

Under date 9th February, 1932, the Secretary Carlow County Council wrote that his Council had unanimously approved of the resolution passed by the representatives of the two Councils of Carlow and Wexford on 19th January, 1932, and had directed him to bring the matter to the attention of the Commissioner of Valuation for immediate action.

A memorial was received from 13 ratepayers protesting against the proposal of the Councils of Carlow and Wexford to have separate ratings made for each person concerned. This decision was most unjust as it would compel them to pay for a mountain which was now of no advantage to them and worse still which they did not intend to use. In years past a load of *turf* would pay the rates; coal was now more easily obtained and more economical. Why should they be separately rated for the mountain as all they could do was to look up at it. They held therefore they could not be legally compelled to pay rates. The Carlow men wanted them to pay the tax and to reap the advantage. The plan adopted at the Council's meeting was a wolf dressed in the clothing of a sheep.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Valuation Department be requested to state, if it be possible to secure the services of one of their Valuers now, in order to carry out the proposals of the County Councils of Carlow and Wexford as regards the ratings for Bantry and Blackstairs Commons and what would be the probable cost of his services. That the ratepayers, whose protest has been read at this day's meeting be informed they can make their case before Valuation Department Valuer and that the Council are certain they will be fairly treated in the matter."



HAGGARD - CAMPILE ROAD  
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At the last meeting of the Council a resolution was adopted that the County Surveyor present at meeting of 22nd February, 1932, a considered report on the state of the Haggard-Campile road.

The County Surveyor said he had estimated that it would take £150 to maintain this road but the Council allowed £70 only which was not enough to maintain the road with the class of traffic passing over it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That we confirm the resolution adopted at last meeting to withdraw £50 from the appropriate Road Contingency Fund for next financial year, when available, in order to put the Haggard-Campile road in a fair condition."

MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE) ROAD  
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Messrs Brennan and Shannon reported that as requested by last meeting they had interviewed Mr. James Doyle, Rathnure, with a view to procuring a small piece of his land for the widening of above road and which was absolutely necessary for the safety of the public. Mr. Doyle refused to agree to the request of the Council unless compelled by law to do so.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr. Doyle and point out to him as it was essential for the safety of the travelling public that the road at Monamolín (Rathnure) should be widened the Council would be obliged to acquire the necessary land from Mr. Doyle's holding by compulsion if he is not satisfied to have the matter dealt with by agreement.

RYLAND CROSS-CLOHAMON BRIDGE  
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The following under date 12th February, 1932, was read from Wm. Binions, Ryland Lr., Clohamon:-



"Referring to the wall, which was broken by floods, situate between Ryland Cross and Clohamon Bridge, I shall be glad if you will have it restored to its original condition at an early date, and I shall ~~be obliged~~ <sup>object</sup> to a wire or similar fence being placed there. Also as from this date I shall hold your Council responsible for any damage which may occur to my stock resulting from the broken fence."

It was decided that the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee should visit the place and report to the next meeting of the Council.

#### RAILING AT CAMOLIN

Under date 17th February, 1932, Mr. John Roche, Camolin, wrote asking permission to erect a railing outside the house occupied by Mrs. S. Carney, Camolin.

The County Surveyor said that the proposed railing would be an improvement.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That no order be made in connection with the application of Mr. John Roche, as regards the erection of a railing outside the house of Mrs. S. Carney, Camolin."

#### TRANSFER OF ROAD MONEY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the sum of £46 be transferred from Road 272 to the repair of bridge at Ballinakill on the main road from Bunclody to Enniscorthy which is at present in a very bad condition, is in danger of falling and requires immediate repair."

#### SHANOULE LANE

Matthew Banville and seven other ratepayers Shanoule Foulksmills, wrote under date 15th February, 1932, that Shanoule Lane was in a very bad state and cut up. Only



for the dry weather a person could not travel on it owing to want of material. Before the War it got 25 yards of material; this year only  $6 \frac{1}{4}$  yards. If stones were not provided for immediately they would pay no more rates until this is done. The Contractor is John Carroll, Assagart, Foulksmills.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should not consider this letter owing to the threat at the end.

The letter was on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy referred to County Surveyor.

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 16th February, 1932, Rev. Br. J.C. Wilson, Superior Christian Brother Schools, Enniscorthy, wrote that he had missed the date of Entry for Secondary School Scholarships. This was the first time pupils from his school were entering and <sup>as</sup> he went to Enniscorthy last summer it could ~~be~~ be understood how the date slipped by unnoticed. For the sake of the poor boys who might benefit by the Scholarships he hoped his mistake would be overlooked.

The Secretary stated that he had communicated with Department of Education and pointed out that, in the circumstances, the County Council would be satisfied to accept entry forms for Scholarships, if, in order, provided this course would meet with the approval of the Department. The latter were asked for an early decision.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we request the Department of Education to allow this Council to accept entries for Secondary Scholarship Scheme for current year from Christian Brothers Schools Enniscorthy, provided these are found in order."

#### NOTES ON ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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



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"That consideration of notes of Mr. J. Bowen, B.E., County Surveyor, Waterford, on "Road Reconstruction" with resolution from Waterford County Council urging a Conference of Road Authorities be adjourned for a month."

TOWN TENANTS BILL  
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The following resolution of Cobh Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That knowing the views and necessities of the people of this town, we their representatives, request of the New Government that a Town Tenants Bill in keeping with requirements of the people in Urban areas be introduced at an early date."

*Wm. J. Carter*  
14/3/32