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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 13th FEBRUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 13th February, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding), also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. G.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs. T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, T. Cullen, J.F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1484.2.0d. was examined and signed.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That replies to resolutions of condolence adopted by this Council be inserted ~~an~~ this day's Minutes.
From Mr. Michael J. Dwyer:-

"Would you please convey to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Jordan and the other members of the County Council my sincere and most grateful thanks for their very kind references and resolution of sympathy on the death of my brother. R.I.P. The kindness and sympathy of the people of Wexford in my bereavement has been more than I can ever thank them sufficiently for."

From Mr. T.A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, Co. Council:-

"Please convey to Members of County Council my grateful thanks for resolution of sympathy on the death of my daughter."

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

In connection with this which was the special business of the

meeting, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by County Council I have amended the figures in the Provisional Road Works Scheme so as to bring down the total amount to equal the sum approved by the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1933, namely £55,755. Also under direction I have very much reduced the proposed spraying work on the Trunk Roads, and have set out only one-third of my original Estimate; on the Link Roads I have cut out the spraying entirely. Owing to the reduction of spray work of the Trunk Roads I have allowed a higher sum for ordinary maintenance, but still there is a big reduction on the cost of the Trunk Roads. This saving on Trunk Roads has been put to allowing of a better price on the Link Roads so that the forty per cent Maintenance Grant for Main Roads will be approximately the same as for the current year.

"I have allowed the same total amount for third Class Roads as the current year, but the allocation of this amongst the sections has been varied to meet the requirements of the roads in the best manner possible. The fourth Class, or Contract Roads, remain as my figures in the Provisional Road Works Scheme and as the most of these are existing contracts they cannot be varied. The renewal contracts will be subject to possible cut on tendering, and any saving should be added to the County Road Contingency Fund.

As regards Improvement Works on Main and County Roads, I have followed the views of the Council, and have provided only for Maintenance of existing works, and for really necessary new Works. The total allocation for Improvement is somewhat less than last year."

In reply to Mr. Cummins the Co. Surveyor said that to keep the roads in the order in which he would desire, the cost for the financial year would be £86,555. With the reduced amount there would be constant complaints as to the condition of the roads, but what could be done if the Council were not in a position to raise more money than the £55,755.

Col. Quin proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the following amounts be raised for maintenance and improvement of roads and public works for the financial year 1933/34:-
Main Roads:- Repair, £31,077; Improvement, £957, Contingencies, £875. Total £32,909. County Roads:- Repair, £21,145.3.8d; Improvement, £701; Contingencies, £1,000. Total £22846.3.8d. Gross total - £55755.3.8d."

With reference to the proposal for £200 put forward by Mr. Sean O'Byrne for rebuilding bridge at Raheengurren, and which had been cut out of the Provisional Road Works Scheme owing to directions of the Council to the Co. Surveyor, Mr. O'Byrne said this bridge was on the road locally known as "Pass-if-you-can" and was in a dangerous condition. The people who used it were prepared to give free sand for the work and in consequence he proposed that the proposal should be reinstated at a cost of £100.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said in his opinion even with the sand supplied the work could not be done for less than £150.

Mr. Keegan said that in winter time the people incurred the risk of losing their lives by falling from the bridge which had no protection whatever, and which was flooded in winter time.

Col. Quin mentioned that the road was unimportant and that the flooding takes place only on two or three days of the year.

Mr. Treanor in reply to Mr. Keegan said it was not possible at the present to bring a car over this bridge.

After further discussion Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was passed, Col. Quin dissenting:- "That proposal for repair of Raheengurren Bridge (No.218 County Roads) (Provisional Road Works Scheme) be reinstated, amount to be spent on said work to be £150."

In connection with the road at Barryville, Rosslare Harbour, the Secretary called attention to Section 25 (1) of the Local Government Act 1925, which provided that the Council could not take over any roads over which a public right of way for foot passengers, animals and

vehicles did not exist, and which did not connect two public roads.

The Chairman said a Committee was appointed to visit and inspect the road in question. He and Mr. Corish with the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor of the district attended and made a very thorough inspection of the whole place, and arrived at the conclusion that this piece of road should be taken over by the Co. Council. In this the Co. Surveyor acquiesced and they certainly had led the local people to believe that the Co. Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the road in future. Of course Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, was not with the Committee on the occasion.

Mr. Corish proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting:- "That special representations be made to the Minister in connection with the proposal of the Council to take over the road at Barryville, Rosslare Harbour. The people who reside thereon pay over £50 per annum in rates and in the circumstances the Council are of opinion they are entitled to a road to and from their houses."

Col. Quin - You are always saying we are broke, and we are really broke, and now at every meeting we are proposing new burdens on the ratepayers.

The Chairman pointed out that the traffic on the main roads was not half what it was last year. There were no heavy lorries and no big consignments of food stuffs and he could not understand why the proposed expenditure on the trunk roads this year was scarcely anything less than what it was last year.

Mr. Corish called attention to the very bad surface of the street in Kilmuckridge, and considered a special effort should be made by the Council to get a decent thoroughfare in villages.

A memorial from Rev. C. French, C.C., Ferns, and eight residents urging the repair of the road at Lower Clonee which was in a very bad state, was read.

Dr. J.J. O'Neill, Medical Officer, Camolin Dispensary District, wrote that in winter time this lane was impassable, and was very dangerous. He had attended families living on the lane and found it difficult to get to their houses, as he had to cross by means of a passage through private property, and this passage was now closed up.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that this was one of the lanes recommended to the Board of Works for grant but the application was not successful.

Col. Quin - These are private roads and the people should keep them up as they did before.

Mr. Hall moved and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:-
"That the Co. Surveyor apply to the Office of Public Works for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes in order to repair lane from Lower Clonee to Kilcloran, Camolin."

Passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Co. Surveyor said that the following were the particulars of the Minor Relief Schemes which had been agreed to by the Office of Public Works:-

Enniscorthy District: Killisk (Sow Drainage Area) Lane Repairs - £120.
Ballymotey and Garrymile Lane Repairs - £120. Ballin^ra Lane Repair - £120. Total £360.

Gorey District: Boira Drainage. £500. Ballyfad - Glenoge Lane repair £120. Munny Lane Repairs- £60. Conna Hill Lane Repair - £140.
Total £820.

New Ross District: Cloonagh Lane Repair. £100. Great Island Road £350.
Total £450.

Wexford District: Gurtins Lane Repair - £70. Bannow Lane Repair - £100.
Total £170, the gross total being £1,800.

Continuing the Co. Surveyor stated that the work at Ballymotey lane was held up as Wm. Murphy, Ballymoteymore who lived on it had written that unless the promoters of the project or the Co. Council paid him £50 for loss and damage he would not allow his fences and

trees to be torn down, and it would not be justice for him to suffer loss for the benefit of others. One of the persons concerned in the Conna Hill lane had also made some objection. Steps were being taken to see if the views of the objectors could be met and the repairs allowed to go forward.

Mr. Roche mentioned that the surface of four bridges on the Baldwinstown-Duncormack road were in a bad condition.

The Co. Surveyor said that they had not the money to attend to such matters at present. The structure of the bridges was all right.

The Chairman suggested that it might be possible to do a little on the bridges, and the Co. Surveyor said they might build them up gradually.

Mr. Colfer moved that proposal No.834 on Section 36, New Ross, Expenditure £50 to enlarge two gulleys, on road between Clommines Cross and Cross of Tallaught deleted from the Provisional Road Works Scheme be reinstated. He pointed out that when this road was flooded Children could not go to school and there was very considerable interruption of traffic.

After considerable discussion Mr. Colfer agreed to withdraw his motion.

Miss O'Ryan referred to the necessity of putting some material on the road at Shanoule.

The Co. Surveyor said they could not do the roads until after March. The tonnage of material for that road was very much reduced, and was not sufficient.

Miss O'Ryan also mentioned laneway at Traceystown, which, she stated, was in a terrible state. "If the Co. Council could supply stones the people would repair and clean the laneway.

Mr. Gaul drew attention to the condition of the Whiterock road.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, thought they could promise to improve that road.

References were made by members to the small amounts allowed for improvements in Gorey and New Ross Districts.

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The Chairman said that his opinion was that the ambition of the members for the various districts should be to have a reduction in the expenditure so as to reduce the rates to some extent. He was sure he would be very proud if expenditure in his district could be reduced by £1,000 or £2,000, so that it would reduce the rates.

Mr. Shannon moved and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:- "That the Council apply to the Government for a Grant to enable steam ~~rolling~~.at Clonroche Road to be completed.

The Co. Surveyor expressed himself in favour of this motion which was adopted.

The proposal of Col. Quin to fix road expenditure etc for the coming financial year at £55755.3.8d was then put to the meeting and adopted nem con.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The following allocation for public works (other than roads) for financial year 1933/34 was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

<u>Harbours</u>	
Courtown	£150.
Poulduff	50
Carne	25
Kilmore	£150
Fethard	30
Slade	30
Duncannon	30
Aethurstown	30
Ballyhack	30
	<u>£525.</u>
Courthouses	£150
County Buildings	<u>£150</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>£825.</u>

CO. SURVEYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

"I submit separate report on amended Road Works Scheme.

"The Contractor for the reconstruction work at Ferrycarrig Bridge has now completed his Bond, and proposes starting work at once. It will not be necessary to close Bridge to traffic for about a month later. In connection with this job it will be necessary to appoint a Clerk of Works, and I have provided for the cost of this in the Estimate. I submit copy of letter received from Messrs. Delap and Waller, and with the approval of the Council, I suggest appointing Captain Harvey, Bargy, to superintend the work, at a fee of £6.6.0d per week. Captain Harvey, was employed at the construction of Mountgarrett Bridge, and gave entire satisfaction to the Bridge Committee and the Engineers, and I consider he is a most suitable Official for the job.

"On the 25th January, last, by arrangement, I met local people at Cahore Pier, and there was also present Mr. Smyth, M.C.C. There is a strong demand by the local fishermen to have an extension to the Pier there, so that their fisheries may be efficiently carried out. At the present time there are fifteen boats at the Pier, and the fishermen contend that there is not room to properly discharge these, nor is there sufficient shelter at the Pier, as it is at present. Occasionally fishermen have found it necessary to go to Courtown to discharge, and this is inconvenient and expensive. In 1905 there was a Contract made by Fishery Department to have an extension, and owing to lack of funds, the proposed length had to be somewhat reduced. There was at that time carried out an extension of 120 feet, and it is asked now that a further extension of about 90 feet should be made. I cannot find out whether the County Council put up any money in 1905, but the Fisheries Department undoubtedly provided a sum of £2,298. Besides this, by arrangement with the Fishery Department, the Contractor had free use of necessary plant for setting blocks etc. I do not consider it will be possible to extend the Pier for a less sum than £50 per foot run, and this for the 90 feet would entail an expenditure of £4,500. I understand

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"that application has been made to the Department to undertake this extension work, and I believe that the work would be of great utility.

"I have made inspection of the flooded road adjoining Clohamon Bridge, and estimate cost of filling hollow and fencing same at not less than £1,500. No doubt at times of flood in the river there is great inconvenience and nuisance at this place, but as this can only happen occasionally I believe the expenditure of this large sum would be of much greater advantage if put in for the improving of the road from Clohamon to Ferns.

"I have now Plans of the work being carried out by the Board of Works in the Sow Drainage Area, and have made several inspections of the work in progress. I am satisfied that a good job is being carried out, and I believe that great relief in the Area will follow the completion of the work.

"Referring to the recommendations of the Council in regard to lanes in the Sow Area, I have to report that Office of Public Works has allocated, under Minor Relief Schemes, a sum of £120 for the improvement of one of the lanes, that is Killisk. This amount, of course, will in no way meet expenditure of crossing river to join up with the lane at the other side, and, in fact, the money is insufficient to do a thorough job at Killisk lane itself. In connection with these Minor Relief Schemes I have to report that two Works approved of, one Ballymotey Lane, near Kilcotty, and the other Connahill, above Gorey, cannot be carried out, as some of the local lane owners have refused to sign Agreement required by the Office of Public Works.

"I have, during the past month, attended Office of Public Works in Dublin, and made copy of the section there in connection with Ballyteigue Drainage. It appears that the original Scheme regarding the new cut to the sluices at Kilmore was not fully carried out, and

"that the rock bottom was not taken out to the provided depth. Accordingly, if further work be done at this place it will, in the first instance, be necessary to remove this rock, otherwise, any deepening of the channel above this will be of little use. I estimate that to complete the channel as originally provided would cost up to £2,000, and even this will not provide the best longitudinal section that would be possible.

I have received communication regarding removal of sand and gravel from the sea shore, and to meet this I am providing, in the coming year's work, for the use of other material, where possible. In connection with this matter it was suggested at last Co. Council meeting that a quarry should be opened at Dundrum, near Kilmuckridge, and I submit copy of report from Mr. Treanor. Subsequent to Mr. Treanor's visit I examined place myself, and I consider that if possible Dundrum, Tinacree Lane should be put in repair, and the quarry opened.

"As directed by the Council I have made inspection of the Whitemill Road, adjoining the Town of Wexford. There is one point on this road where possibly, the gulleys are defective, but until inspection is made during flood time, I am not in a position to make any definite recommendation. I have arranged with the Assistant Surveyor, that at the first opportunity examination of the place at flood time should be made. As regards the remainder of the road I consider it a really good road for its class, and very much superior to many more important ones.

"I submit list of allocations from the Contingency Fund, and ask for approval to same."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the monthly report of Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE: Under date 13th January, 1933, the Department of Local Government forwarded copy of Sealed Order (No.I.R./107/1/1932) authorising the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge from 13th February, 1933 to the 13th August, 1933, both dates inclusive.

Under date 7th February, 1933, letter was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap (Delap & Waller) Consulting Engineers, 16, Molesworth Street, Dublin, suggesting that Captain Harvey be appointed Resident Engineer for the work at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Col. Gibbon proposed that Captain Harvey be appointed.

Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Corish and Col. Quin held that the position should be advertised and the meeting accepted this view.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following:-
"That remuneration for Resident Engineer for Ferrycarrig Bridge be at the rate of £6.6.0d. per week."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded a resolution to fix remuneration at £5.5s. per week.

A poll resulted as follows:-

For Six Guineas:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (13)

For Five Guineas:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (9).

Messrs. Gaul and Murphy (2) were absent when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution to fix remuneration at £6.6s. per week passed.

It was decided that appointment be made at Co. Council meeting to be held on 27th February, 1933.

CAHORE PIER EXTENSION: Mr. Smyth said he could bear out the truth of the statements in the memorial as to the number of boats and the disabilities under which the fishermen suffered. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the Co. Councillors of Gorey Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to visit and report as to proposed extension of Pier at Cahore. That the T.D.'s of the County be asked

"to accompany the Committee with a view to making representations to the Government to provide a Grant in order to carry out the necessary work.

Mr. Keegan seconded the resolution which was passed nem.con.

It was decided that the Committee should meet at Cahore at 2 ~~pm~~ ^{oc} on Wednesday, 22nd February.

FLOODING AT CLOHAMON: Mr. Armstrong urged the necessity for the Co. Surveyor taking steps to abate the inconvenience which the people suffered by the flooding of the road at Clohamon bridge. On four occasions during the late winter the road had been flooded. Flooding had been taking place for a considerable time, but the circumstances were now different. Heretofore the people passed the flooded place by crossing the walls or by walking on them, but owing to the walking the walls were now broken down. The result now was that when the flooding of the Slaney occurred, the village was isolated. There was no more urgent work, although the Co. Surveyor might not think so. The people were up in arms because of the isolation of the village whenever there was a few hours' rain.

In reply to Col. Quin, the Co. Surveyor stated the cause of the trouble was the weir at the bridge. The mills at the place were not working. If the Council were to take action to have the weir removed an exorbitant amount would likely be asked.

Mr. Armstrong - I do not think that aspect of the question need be considered as there are still hopes the mills may be re-opened. A short time ago a deputation waited upon the Minister in regard to their re-opening.

The Co. Surveyor stated his idea was that the most advantageous expenditure would be to improve the road, from Clohamon to Ferns.

Mr. Jordan - If the weir were taken away there would be no trouble.

Co. Surveyor - I am absolutely certain if this weir were removed there would not be any flooding.

Chairman - Why not make an attempt to do away with the weir?

Mr. Armstrong stated the mills belonged to the Lewis family in Bunclody, and the buildings and plant were in good condition.

Mr. O'Byrne - I do not think we would be justified in doing anything. There is always the chance of the mills being re-opened.

Mr. Armstrong said that the people of the locality, as well as the owners of the mill would be opposed to the removal of the weir, because of the hope that the mills may be re-opened. They have not been working for twenty-four years.

Mr. Jordan expressed the opinion that the raising of the road would not cure the flooding.

Replying to Mr. Jordan, the Co. Surveyor stated his proposal to deal with the flooding would be to raise the road three or four feet for a distance of 360 yards.

Mr. Armstrong said that the deep flooding of the road occurred lately but what he was chiefly concerned about was the flooding to the depth of two feet, which occurred five or six times during the winter and isolated the village.

Chairman - There are more places than this which are flooded three or four times in the winter.

In reply to a query the Surveyor estimated the cost of raising the road at £1,500.

Mr. Jordan stated that if the bank of the river were raised, a lot of valuable land on the northern side would be kept under water, and the owners would have something to say to it.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. Elgee was of the opinion that the Council could not make holes to allow the water into the land below. They could ask the Government to allocate some of the improvement Grant to the work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the following Committee inspect the road at Clohamon Bridge and report to the Council:- Messrs. Armstrong,

Jordan, Hall, Quin with the Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor.

SOW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS: Under date 17th January, 1933, the following letter (25807/32) was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-

" 1. We are unable to agree that the complaints made at your Council's meeting on the 12th ultimo, that the works on the above district were being undertaken without due consultation with the Council's officials are justified.

" 2. As soon as we received notification of the Council's acceptance at the meeting of 10th October last of the conditions laid down in our letter of 16th July, we arranged a meeting between the Co. Surveyor and our Chief Drainage Engineer to consider the works which we proposed to carry out. The scheme was fully discussed by the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Olley in Dublin on 20th October last.

Mr. Barry inspected the Section of the main river, and was made aware of the extent and nature of the works. Since then, a new survey has been made of the essential part of the main river, and we attach a print for Mr. Barry's information together with descriptive particulars of the works to be executed.

" 3. We are very desirous of receiving the co-operation of the Co. Council's officials in the carrying out of the works, and we would therefore, suggest that the Co. Surveyor or his deputy should keep in touch with the Resident Engineer, Mr. L. Phillips, at Oylegate, with whom we understand he has already been in communication. We must observe, however, to prevent misunderstanding, that the entire cost of the new works is being borne by State Funds and that the responsibility for supervising their execution rests with us. We should also point out that the Sow Drainage District was transferred to the Wexford Co. Council in December, 1928, and the functions of the former Trustees then ceased.

We have laid before the Minister for Finance your Council's request that the repayment of arrears due under the Charging Order of 16th January, 1929, should be spread over as long a period as

possible and he has agreed that the payment of arrears due to us may be extended over a period of four years. This is the maximum concession he is prepared to make. Up to 1st May, 1933, eight instalments of £131.12.2d. each will be in arrear. Over the period of four years commencing on 1st May, 1933, another eight instalments will have fallen due, and seven of these will be liable for poundage. Your Council will, therefore, during the four years have to meet the equivalent of sixteen instalments of £131.12.2d. each, amounting to £2,105.14.8d., plus fifteen payments of poundage charges aggregating £98.15.0d. making a total of £2,204.9.8d. The revised half-yearly payment to be made by your Council to us on 1st May and 1st November during the years 1933 to 1936 inclusive will therefore be £275.11.3d. After that date the half-yearly payment will be £131.12.2d. until the repayment of the advance has been completed."

"Description of proposed works of alteration and general repair"

"It is proposed to alter the main channel of the River Sow for the length, and to the falls, widths, and depths shown on the attached print, by hand labour and by power plant. Beginning at the Outfall (and working upstream) the river will be cleaned and trimmed, as required, to a point approximately 1000 lineal yards below Kilmallock Bridge where the new and increased depths commence. From there excavation, forming, and shaping of the section will be carried continuously for a distance of about $5\frac{3}{4}$ miles, to where the steep fall from Ballaghkeen village begins. Hence, to the upper end of the Drainage District (as per Final Award map) the channel will be cleaned and trimmed as found necessary for free discharge.

Underpinning of any existing Bridges on the Drainage District that may be desirable will be carried out, together with essential repairs. All the tributaries on the Drainage District will be reconditioned and put in working order by hand labour. The accompanying 6-inch scale Ordnance Sheets (3) show the extent, and limits, of the Drainage District as defined on the Final Award maps."

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had now the plans of the work being carried out in the Sow drainage area, and had made several inspections of the work in progress. He was satisfied that a good job was being carried out, and he believed that great relief in the area would follow completion of the work. He suggested that a Committee should inspect the work, from which it was quite obvious that the original work that was supposed to complete the undertaking was negligible. He believed the local people were also satisfied with the job. The only point is the short time allowed for the payment of the arrears.

Chairman - They will have to be paid.

BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE:- On the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. M.M. Roche, it was decided to make application to the Government for a grant to carry out the necessary drainage work at Ballyteigue.

Col. Gibbon stated there had been terrible flooding in the area this year. If a grant were obtained unemployment would be relieved. The area had probably the greatest percentage of tillage in the county and compared favourably with that in any other county.

REMOVAL OF SAND AND GRAVEL:- The following under date 7th January, 1933, (M.S.3107) was read from Department of Industry and Commerce:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that the Department have received very grave complaints regarding the drawing of sand and gravel from the foreshore west of Carnsore Point adjoining the lands of Mr. Scallan and Mr. Boxwell. The Department have made inquiries into the matter and have ascertained that much of the material is being drawn for use on the Council's roads. Having regard to the very serious results which are likely to follow on the continued removal of the material the Department desire to impress on the Council the necessity for putting an end to the practice. The foreshore in question is State property and the drawing of such material is an illegality. I am, therefore, to request that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Road Contractors

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"and others drawing the material from the area in question for use on the Council's property with a view to the discontinuance of the abuse complained of."

The Co. Surveyor stated he was making other arrangements for the supply of road material as he believed the practice of taking gravel from the foreshores would have to be discontinued.

DUNDREM - TINACREE QUARRY: The Co. Surveyor stated that it would cost £250 to repair the lane leading to the quarry as it was one of the worst imaginable. It would cost another £120 to open the quarry. Judging by the communications they were receiving from the Department of Industry and Commerce they would be prohibited from taking sea gravel in this locality and on this account the money spent in opening the quarry at Tinacree would be well expended. The quarry would have to be opened sooner or later.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:- "That application be made to the Commissioners of Works in respect of proposed opening of quarry at Tinacree for Grant of £370 under Minor Relief Schemes."

ALLOCATIONS FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS:- Mr. Clince proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That the following applications be made from Road Contingency Funds:-

<u>Main Road No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Co. Road Sect.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22	£20	1	£12
29	20	14	20
30	20	15	12
40	20	16	12
41	20	18	12
42	20	19	12
49	20	20	12
50	20	21	12
59	20	22	12
61	20	23	12
69	20	24	12
		26	12
		29	12
		31	12
		33	12
		35	15
<u>Total £220.</u>			
			<u>Total. £203</u>

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR 1933-34.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That in the event of the County Council being unable to complete the consideration of their Estimate of Rates

The Co. Surveyor stated the work which the Contractor was doing for General and Separate Charges at meeting on 27th February, 1933, the was good, but it was too slow. About 500 yards of stuff had been Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to obtain cleared out since the job started on December, 28th. Six months was the sanction of Minister to have the matter finished at the meeting of allowed to complete the contract which meant that there should be on the Council on 13th March, 1933."

COURTOWN HARBOUR - DREDGING OF BASIN.

The following protest as to the manner in which the work of dredging the basin at Courtown Harbour was being carried out by Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor, was read:-

"At a meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee on February, 7th, for the work done as in his opinion it was less than that stated by a deputation of Boat owners waited on the Committee to protest against the Co. Surveyor. He would object to any more money being paid to the manner in which the money is being spent in dredging the basin. the contractor until the job was completed. The job on the sluice

"And we the members of the Committee believe the men are right in their views as the machines employed are altogether inadequate to remove at its present rate of progress would take a couple of years. the enormous amount of silt accumulated there."

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Keegan had exaggerated the time occupied on the sluice gates by at least treble the period.
Mr. Donovan:-

Mr. Keegan said that the entire sewerage of the place entered "Confirming our conversation here on 9th instant as instructed I the basin and visitors could not be expected to come there while this have started work at lower end of basin and shall have channel out by work was in progress. The only plant which the contractor had was a end of next week (18th instant)

"I was indifferent as to where on basin I commenced work and on Mr. Corish stated that Mr. Donovan had done a very satisfactory my arrival here from the information I got from the fishermen started job in the clearing of the berths at Wexford Quay with the same plant. on that hard patch opposite the two streams. It being by far the The Co. Surveyor said he had been given to understand that the toughest part of the job I wanted to get it over also.

Contractor had done a satisfactory job for the Wexford Harbour "Should there be any objection to rate of progress of work I can Commissioners.

now use mechanical means employing the present number of hands (10)

"but of course, for a considerably shorter period.

"The entrance bar remains excellent owing to the flushing occasioned by lock gates being used twice daily by me to allow dredger to move about in basin. With present flow of water in the two streams six feet rise of water is trapped in basin in two hours. After two S. West gales there was a bar across entrance, but three flushings removed the deposit which was soft."

The Co. Surveyor stated the work which the Contractor was doing was good, but it was too slow. About 500 yards of stuff had been cleared out since the job started on December, 28th. Six months was allowed to complete the contract which meant that there should be on an average about 300 yards cleared out weekly. According to the present rate of progress the Contractor was getting out only 120 yards weekly. The Contractor was to be paid by instalments and he had received one payment of £60 so far.

Mr. Keegan stated he did not know how £60 could have been paid for the work done as in his opinion it was less than that stated by the Co. Surveyor. He would object to any more money being paid to the contractor until the job was completed. The job on the sluice gates was held up for three years and the work of clearing the basin at its present rate of progress would take a couple of years.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Keegan had exaggerated the time occupied on the sluice gates by at least treble the period.

Mr. Keegan said that the entire sewerage of the place entered the basin and visitors could not be expected to come there while this work was in progress. The only plant which the contractor had was a piece of block tin, a bucket and a rope.

Mr. Corish stated that Mr. Donovan had done a very satisfactory job in the clearing of the berths at Wexford Quay with the same plant.

The Co. Surveyor said he had been given to understand that the Contractor had done a satisfactory job for the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. Keegan, continuing, said that no good results would be obtained from the manner in which the work was being carried out. The position would be the same as in the case of the sluice gates.

Co. Surveyor - That is not a fact.

Mr. Keegan - The local people say so.

Co. Surveyor - I do not care.

Mr. T.F. D'Arcy said the plant being used to clear the basin was a ridiculous one. He should use a proper grab.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated he had inspected the work. The Contractor was working as hard as he could, and up to the present time had cleared out about 500 yards from the basin. The only way by which the stuff could be measured was by the barge. A barge measured twenty-five yards and the average cleaning done per day was about 20 yards. The contractor stated that if the Council wanted the job done in a hurry he would put a grab dredger on.

Mr. J. Hall said in his opinion the progress being made with the work was ridiculous.

Mr. Corish - Is the Co. Surveyor satisfied that with the present rate of progress he will have the job completed in the time specified?

Co. Surveyor - No. Until the progress is more satisfactory I will not give any more certificates.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:- "That no further money be paid to contractor for dredging basin at Courtown Harbour until his contract was completed."

This was defeated on "show of hands" but Co. Surveyor was directed to inform the contractor that no further certificate for payment would be issued by him until he was satisfied of the progress which was being made.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was passed, Mr. Keegan dissenting:- "That contract between Co. Council and Patrick Donovan, High Street, Wexford, as to dredging basin at Courtown Harbour be sealed on behalf of the Council!"

FLOODING AT RIVERCHAPEL

Mr. Keegan proposed that the Government be asked to supply, from the Minor Relief Schemes, a sum of £70 for the clearing of the river at Riverchapel so as to prevent the flooding of the houses taking place after heavy rain.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded, and the proposition was passed.

In reply to a query, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Council had no power to spend money on a river. So long as it was a natural river and not an artificial one they could not touch it, even if it flooded a road.

DRINAGH - ROSSLARE ROAD.

Referring to unemployed men at Drinagh, Mr. Corish asked if anything could be done for them.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said there was no work at Drinagh.

Mr. Gaul asked if there would be any chance of getting a grant for the completion of the Drinagh - Rosslare road. The matter was raised by the chairman some time ago.

The Chairman said he had heard nothing about the matter since.

Mr. Gaul suggested that a deputation should be sent to Dublin to ascertain if they could get anything to finish the road.

The Chairman pointed out that first of all they would want to have some arrangement between the Council and the Railway Company.

Mr. Gaul said that if they had any assurance that the Government would give a grant they might then approach the Railway Company.

The Chairman said that if they got a grant they could not spend it until the question between the Council and the Railway Company was settled.

Mr. Gaul proposed that the five T.D.'s for the County approach the Minister for Industry and Commerce to endeavour to have him if

if possible, to bring pressure to bear on the Railway Company in order to allow the Drinagh-Rosslare road to be completed and made fit for light traffic.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the proposition was passed.

FORD OF LYNG

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, forwarded the following letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors, 9, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin:-

"We delivered our Defence to your Town Agent on Tuesday last who doubtless sent it on to you.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter of the 23rd ult., you do not suggest what could be done to avoid litigation. If, however, you think that a meeting between our respective Clients and their Advisers might lead to something being done, and if you will write us proposing such a meeting we shall take our Clients' instructions. The Commissioners will hold their annual meeting at our Office on Wednesday next and the occasion would be an opportune time for us to submit any proposal from you for consideration."

It was decided to discuss this matter in Committee.

Col. Gibbon said if the Co. Council could get an undertaking from the Slob Commissioners to clear the channel from Ballybro to the present channel at the Slob to the satisfaction of an independent engineer and maintain it in future on certain specified conditions it would be possible for the Co. Council to make a settlement. The Commissioners should also agree to lower the spillways on the embankment to the position in which they were at the initiation of the Scheme. The blocking of the channel up to Ballybro was due to their action

The Co. Surveyor stated that the liability of the Commissioners went only to high water mark.

Chairman - The liability comes almost to the bridge at Ballybro. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne

seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Co. Solicitor arrange (without prejudice) a conference between the Slob Commissioners and the following representatives of the Co. Council:- The Chairman, Co. Solicitor and Co. Surveyor with Counsel to negotiate a settlement which will prevent any future flooding of the road at Ballybro."

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN IN BUNCLODY DISTRICT.

Mr. Armstrong complained of the manner in which men were selected for employment in regard to the Grant Work at Bunclody. There was a difference of opinion as to how the men should be employed. For four months men had been working at the stone breaker in the quarry and received about 13/- per week. Now the work on the road was about to start and these men who lived in the town had been discharged and Co. Council men were being brought in at weekly wages. He considered married men in Bunclody and District should get employment week about. He understood that a good many unmarried men were employed or about to be employed for the road work. Surely married men with families should be employed in preference to single men.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, stated that he took on seven extra men that day. He was about to bring in a County Council foreman and two other men and there would be employed, eleven men, as well. He must have Co. Council's three men as they have experience of the work. There were only two unmarried men employed to his knowledge and they came to the conclusion that these men had dependents enough to have them classed as married men. He had no objection to employing men periodically but he must have a few left with him who were reasonably handy at the job.

Mr. Armstrong complained that one man was brought in from Carlow County, while 140 or 150 men in the district were idle. There was more discontent and agitation and criticism in Bunclody than there should be.

Miss O'Ryan contended that the discontent arose from the manner in which the men were obtained from the Labour Exchange.

Col. Gibbon proposed that application be made to the Government for permission to appoint a whole-time Inspector to be paid out of the Grants and who would go around making inquiries into the circumstances of all the men.

Mr. Armstrong said that with the exception of two key men and a ganger from the Co. Council employees, all other men should be married men.

Mr. Ennis pointed out that Mr. Armstrong's proposal was in direct contravention to the Government Regulations. He was bound to take the men whose names were furnished by the Labour Exchange

Mr. Cummins said that his suggestion to the Assistant Surveyor was that he should spread the work as well as he could and he thought it would do away with jealousy among the men.

Mr. Corish pointed out that Mr. Ennis could do nothing in the matter.

Chairman - Mr. Ennis has told you that the resolution is in direct opposition to instructions.

Mr. Gaul said that in the case of a relief grant they were obliged, on instructions from the Local Government Department to employ the men from the Labour Exchange and the Co. Council had no power in the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that they could adopt portion of the resolution - that the men be changed every week.

Mr. Ennis said that changes should be made only every fortnight.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, suggested that an arrangement which he thought, could be secured through Mr. Corish and the other T.D.'s should be made whereby lists of names of registered unemployed could be supplied to the Assistant Surveyors, and the Assistant Surveyors could be held responsible for the selection of the men.

Mr. Corish said he had been informed that men left jobs on a Friday and had been employed through the Labour Exchange on the following Monday.

Mr. Birthistle said that the Labour Exchange could not cure that. He held that it was the Assistant Surveyor who knew most in the matter.

Mr. Corish said that they had had deputations of all parties waiting on Mr. Lemass who had promised to go into the matter.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that unemployed men who were longest out of work and who had the most dependents should be selected from the Exchange for employment. There had been cases in which employers had made their own selection.

Mr. Gaul - The Labour Exchange have their instructions from the Government.

Miss O'Ryan - They do not carry them out.

Mr. Corish - I want to say this for the information of the unemployed. A great number started to sign the register in last May or June, and when work was not forthcoming in a few weeks they stopped signing.

Miss O'Ryan - It is not so.

Mr. Corish - I am not taking the part of the Labour Exchange at all. I am just saying that for the benefit of the unemployed, so that they will continue to sign.

Miss O'Ryan again remarked that other people had been able to select their men.

Mr. Birthistle said that the rule adopted by the Labour Exchange was that they had a certain number of men registered, and off the list they sent the most deserving cases. So far they had done that to the best of their ability. That had to be said in fairness to the Exchange.

Mr. Armstrong proposed:- "That in connection with the work at Buncloody road ordinary workmen be employed week about with two key men and one ganger from the Co. Council employees."

Mr. Cummins seconded this resolution which was adopted, Co. Quin and Mr. Gaul dissenting. The latter stated that the matter was not in the hands of the Co. Council but in those of the Labour Exchange Managers.

UTILISATION OF GRANTS.

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:- "That when grants are received from the Government for repair and improvement of roads, work in connection with same should be started immediately."

The resolution was adopted.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the suggestion in the resolution was unnecessary as it had been always the practice to begin work as soon as funds were available.

WORK ON CURRACLOE ROAD

RELIEF GRANT.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. John Kinsella (Chairman) and Aidan Kehoe (Sec.) of the Wexford Branch of the Unemployed (able-bodied) Men's Association, with Ibar and John Murphy, brothers, of Ballaghablake, Curracloe, came before the meeting to complain of the manner in which haulage work had been allocated on Curracloe road.

Mr. Kinsella said they came there to protest against the Council giving work to independent farmers and leaving labouring men idle. According to their statement (Murphy brothers) there were men with more than sixty acres of land getting haulage work on the roads. The Murphys had horses of their own.

Mr. Kehoe said that one of the men who was employed at present had fifty - five acres, two race horses and two working horses, pigs, sows, sheep and a gravel pit and when he sold gravel he got 3/- a load for it. That man was not need of employment.

Chairman - Racing is a bad game at the moment.

Mr. Kehoe said they had another case of a man who had thirty acres, two working horses, cows and sheep. That man was also employed at present. There was another case of a man who was not employed now, but who had been employed, and he was a rancher.

Chairman - If he is not employed now you have no grievance. What is the position of the men you want the employment for?

Mr. Kehoe - These men have half an acre of land. The names of the three men objected to were:- Simon Donohoe, Thomas Mythen and T. Parle.

Ibar Murphy said he was idle for the past three months. He had half an acre of land, and two horses and cars. The steam rolling of the Curraclloe road had started, and the men mentioned were employed on it. It was grant work.

Mr. Kehoe said there were several other farmers not working at present, who had got a lot of work from the Council.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, Ibar Murphy said that J. Murphy, ~~was~~ his brother. They had their mother and a sister to keep and they had a horse each. He last worked for the Co. Council about three months ago.

Mr. Birthistle said the complaint was in connection with relief grant work on the Curraclloe road. For that Relief grant they had instructions that the people who should get the work were men who had never got a chance before and who were deserving cases. With regard to the three carters complained of he had been informed that one of them was in a very bad way and had fifteen or sixteen in his family. He knew that the others, (one of them in particular) were in a very strained position also. Up to last Saturday one of them had earned £7.7s. another £15.16.6d., and the other who had a couple of horses, about £42, or £1 or £2 under that. Out of the same grant one of the deputationists had received £23.11.6d. He was not making any case against Murphy. He and his father had worked for the Council since 1923. Last year, up to Christmas, they received £39.15s.8d. and previous years more. They seemed to think that he should have work for them every day in the week. He had tried to give the work to deserving men. He could have got more deserving men out of the Co. Council employees, but he had kept all

Co. Council workers, who had previously got work, out of the grant work as far as possible.

Mr. Kehoe asked if one of the men mentioned had not got two farms now.

Mr. Birthistle - I do not know.

Mr. Kehoe said he did not think that that man was a deserving case. He was looking at him and his son training a racehorse.

Chairman - When you speak of a racehorse, he has a little pony going in an odd "flapper" meeting through the country and it is probably a bigger loss to him than a gain.

Mr. Kinsella - Anyhow, before we go, I think it is only fair to say that a man with half an acre is more entitled to a relief job than a man with fifty-five acres.

Mr. Birthistle (to Mr. I. Murphy) Would there be any truth in the statement that you take tillage land?

Mr. Murphy - I take about three-quarters of an acre.

Chairman - You have heard the statements, and I do not see that there is a wonderful grievance anyhow.

Mr. Colloton - There is no grievance at all. Mr. Birthistle has acted very fairly in the case. The men referred to are deserving. They have big, young families.

Mr. Corish asked if it would be possible to find out if the deputationists' statements with regard to acreage were correct.

Chairman - I know people with practically seventy or eighty acres and they have not a red cent, and are hungry.

Mr. Keegan - But they have a better opportunity of living than a man with half an acre.

Chairman - The larger the farm you have at the moment the worse you are off practically.

Mr. Shannon suggested that the Murphys get work for one horse at least.

The Chairman said that Mr. Birthistle had told them that the

Grant work was not for the usual road workers, and that he did not employ the usual road workers at it. He (chairman) believed the Grants were intended in that way.

Mr. Birthistle said he could have got more deserving cases with young families from the men that usually did road work, but he had given a chance to those who never got a chance before.

Mr. Corish asked if it would be possible to put on one more horse and give the work to the Murphys.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the matter should be left in Mr. Birthistle's hands.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Birthistle stated he might be able to give the men a little task work. Would Mr. Birthistle do his best to give them something?

Miss O'Ryan said she objected. They would have deputations coming from different families every day. Those men had come to fight for the Murphys, but what about all the other families in the Screen area?

Mr. Corish said he had no objection with regard to other families at all.

The discussion ended.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

List of applicants with regulations issued by Local Government Department and special circular to would-be borrowers under above Act were considered. Copies of these had been furnished Co. Councillors with Agenda paper.

Resolution adopted by the Finance Committee on 5th January, relative to Act was read.

This stated that as the houses in respect of which loans were to be advanced were the subject of Government Grant the Committee considered certificates of valuer and Sanitary Officer were not necessary. It was proposed that Assistant Surveyors should furnish a statement of value from an inspection of the Plans and specifications

of the houses submitted to the Appointed Officers.

Mr. McCarthy said that the Finance Committee passed the resolution because someone had to value the houses on behalf of the Council. The Appointed Officers could not do it. The regulations stipulated that.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, on behalf of his colleagues said it would be admitted that they did not demur at anything they were asked to do. They were always desirous of meeting the Council but if this work were to be done they did not see why they should be expected to do it. They had nothing to do with housing or with labourers' cottages. On behalf of the surveyors he formally entered a protest against the suggestion.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Co. Health Board be approached with a view to allowing Mr. Gerald Flood, Engineer, to do the work. Mr. Flood was accustomed to it.

Mr. Gaul considered they were only wasting their time discussing the appointment of officers while the regulations under the Act were framed so that a person applying for a loan could not get any money until the house was roofed. There were many applicants who probably had not a halfpenny to their credit. How were they to get the material?

Mr. Hayes cited instances of the inability of applicants to obtain credit, and stated he had been informed by a timber merchant they could not go on indefinitely giving goods on credit.

Chairman - It is not our fault.

The Secretary pointed out that the Council had already adopted a resolution asking that payments should be made in the same manner as obtained for erection of labourers' cottages.

Mr. Corish said the provision under which an applicant could not obtain any money until the external walls and roof were complete were ridiculous.

Mr. O'Byrne stated there were a lot of regulations in the Act which were not necessary. The fact of the Council having the sanction of the Appointed Officer should be sufficient to obtain the loan. In no doubtful case would they give a certificate. The Department could help the Council in the administration of the Act by allowing the Council to accept the certificates of the appointed Officers.

Chairman - We cannot go any further until we get an answer.

Mr. O'Byrne - We cannot let the thing drop, as the people have gone to great expense and inconvenience on the understanding that they would get the grants.

Mr. Cummins suggested that the Deputies for the County should wait on the Local Government Department in regard to the difficulty.

Mr. Jordan - What security have we for the repayment of the money?

Secretary - A mortgage on the house.

Mr. Jordan said he did not want to be taken as opposed to anyone getting a grant but there were people among the applicants who had no chance of repaying the money. He would like to see the Council secured in order to safeguard the ratepayers. There was no use in saying that an agricultural labourer could repay £100 if there was no security only the house. If the man did not pay were the Council prepared to evict him and his family. They would probably be unable to find another residence. In his opinion it would not be possible for an agricultural labourer to pay 4/9d a week rent for 35 years.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the T.D.'s of the County be requested to wait on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to securing such modification in the regulations under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act as will enable the recommendations of the Co. Council to be put into operation." The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan

seconded by Mr. Jordan:- "That consideration of applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be adjourned to meeting of Co. Council to be held on 27th February, 1933, at 10.30 a.m. the business in connection with this Act to be dealt with on that date up to noon when the Council will deal with any business undisposed of at this meeting and any other business arising in the meantime."

TOURIST RATE.

Letter was read from the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, applying for inclusion in the estimates of the Council for next financial year the same amount for Tourist Advertising under the terms of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, as the Council had been good enough to make in previous years.

The Secretary stated that the contribution to the Tourist Development Association had been the equivalent of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the £. viz. £411.

Mr. Barry, of the Association, who was in attendance, made an appeal for the continuance of the rate. The money was never more necessary as competition with other countries is much keener every year. The Tourist countries in Europe had State Departments behind them but the Irish Association were depending upon voluntary contributions, mainly from local Authorities. There were about 20,000 people in Ireland depending upon the success of the Tourist Traffic and the money which the Council voted had been most usefully expended.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That this Co. Council provide the equivalent of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. rate in the £1 under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act 1931 for the funds of the Tourist Association."

Mr. D'Arcy questioned the expenditure of the money and said it seemed to be used for advertising hotels which should pay for their own advertising. In other countries a small tax on Tourists

provided the necessary money for Tourist Advertising.

Mr. Barry explained that the hotels paid for their own advertising and of course the success of the work of the Association depended upon the advertising and propaganda they were able to carry on in other lands.

Mr. Corish said he believed value was being given. He as the representative of the Council on the Tourist Association knew that the Association is very attentive to the interests of Wexford County and was doing a great deal to get in touch with all parts of the world.

Mr. D'Arcy - Does Wexford get a fair share? How many hotels in Co. Wexford are advertised?

Mr. Corish - I believe it is the business of the hotels to advertise. The proprietors of the hotels are members of the Association and pay subscriptions to the Association.

Mr. D'Arcy said he believed the County was not getting value for the rate that was allocated. They were told last year that they were to get fabulous prices for their farm produce owing to the Eucharistic Congress, but they knew what they did get.

Mr. Barry - Public money is not spent by the Association on the advertising of hotels. Ninety per cent of the hotels do their own advertising through the Association. It is spent on advertising Wexford as a unit. In addition the hotels pay a substantial fee to the Association.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Barry stated that 75 per cent. of the rate was spent on local advertising and the balance on general advertising. Any hotels which wanted to be advertised in the publications of the Association had to pay for it.

The Chairman said that last year when they passed the tourist rate they looked upon the year as an exceptional one in view of the Eucharistic Congress. There was a good deal in what Mr. D'Arcy pointed out. He (Chairman) did not like to oppose the application, but the money was badly wanted in the County.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne said that the Association had assisted Councils

in the past to obtain Government grants.

Chairman - I do not think we got any last year.

Mr. O'Byrne - Last year we asked them to do something in connection with the sea roads, and they did not succeed, but we hope they will have better results this year.

Mr. Barry - We are doing our best.

Mr. M.M. Roche moved that if the rate were granted to the Association, money ^{should} be spent on the clearance of dangerous corners.

If they wanted to attract tourists they should give them good roads.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Association advertised outside Ireland the attractions of the country in order to try to induce foreigners to visit the country.

Mr. Hayes supported the motion in favour of the rate.

Col. Gibbon also supported the rate and said that when he was asked by people for information in regard to hunting, shooting and fishing in the county he wrote to the Association and was surprised at the amount of information which the Association supplied him with.

Mr. J. Elgee, Solicitor, gave it as his opinion that Mr. Roche's motion was out of order.

After further discussion a vote taken on the proposal of Mr. Cummins resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - (17)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (7)

The Chairman declared the motion carried and Mr. Barry of the Tourist Association returned thanks.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That this Council hereby agrees that the

"following students are, in their opinion, eligible to compete for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships for 1933:-

James Noel Anglim, Riverview, Arthurstown; Catherine Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh; Thomas Butler, Mountainmuck, Glynn; Margaret Connolly, 3, Thomas Street, Gorey; Denis Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway; Alice Mary Devereux, Grange, Broadway; James Doran, Main St., Gorey; Peter Doran, Main St., Gorey; Patrick Doyle, Drimmagh, Rosslare; Anne Duggan, The Leap, Davidstown; Nicholas J. Gilbert, Knockamure, Clohamon; Thomas James, 2, James Street, Gorey; Richard Joseph McDonald, Irish Street, Buncolody; Bart O'Connor, Clohamon, Ferns; Eileen Francis O'Neill, Bushville, Tagoat; Catherine O'Regan, Ballybro, Tagoat; Catherine Agnes Roche, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown; Margaret Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway;."

As Peter Bernard Murphy, Bennettstown, Broadway, and Catherine Sinnott, The Ballagh, are over the prescribed age their applications for scholarships are refused.

THREE GOREY LANES.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, submitted report as to the inspection of three lanes in Gorey District by local Committee, Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan and O'Byrne met on the 7th instant at Knock Brandon.

They first inspected the lane at Millquarter between Road No.42 and Road No.118. between Knock Brandon Upper and Graan Hill.

They were met by Rev. J. Kehoe, C.C., Mr. Dempsey, N.T., and other Ratepayers. It was pointed out that the lane was the only road for the greater part of the parish to attend Church and School. When it became impassable after heavy weather the residents were obliged to make a very wide detour. Those present agreed to give material and help free.

It was recommended that £180 be set aside for the work.

The Committee then met all the residents on Knock Brandon Lane which begins and ends on Road 42. This was their only outlet and it

was liable to flooding through the adjacent bog. The people concerned agreed to do any widening required.

It was recommended that £275 be allocated for this work.

The Committee proceeded to Aughnamaulmeen lane between Road No.42 and County bounds where they were met by the residents. In this case repairs had been carried out and been fairly well maintained. Help was promised and consent given to any widening or removal of bad corners. Between the end of lane and Co. Wicklow bounds a new road about 50 yards long to meet a similar road built by Co. Wicklow would have to be made. The land owners undertook to give free of charge ~~the~~ necessary land for road building and fencing. Those present also undertook to provide any stones they could collect for foundations and strengthening where necessary. The making of this road would mean a saving of five miles to the nearest railway station. The Committee decided to recommend a sum of £270 to be set aside for this work.

The following resolution was proposed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted nem con:- "That the Report of Gorey Co. Electoral Area Committee as regards the three lanes of Millquarter, Knockbrandon and Aughnamaulmeen be approved, the Co. Surveyor to apply for Government Grant of £730 to have them put into repair."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF CO. COMMITTEE OF
AGRICULTURE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That ~~as~~ recommended by Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture, Mr. John J. Colloton, Sloblands, Curraclloe, be appointed a member of said Committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of his father Mr. George Colloton who was a member of the Co. Committee for many years.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 10th February, 1933, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.12544/1933) that the Minister had sanctioned increased overdraft accommodation within a limit of £50,000 on the accounts of the Wexford Co. Council up to the 28th February, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

Under date 10th February, 1933, the Manager, National Bank, (The Council's Treasurer) wrote that the Directors had sanctioned an additional £10,000 overdraft for one month or shorter period pending receipt of the Agricultural Grant.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of the 5th January, 1933, were submitted as follows, and confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING - 5th JANUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on Thursday, 5th January, 1933.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,818.15.8d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. MULLETT.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. Hall in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mullett, Rathmure, Davidstown.

The vote was supported by the Secretary and passed in silence.

Mr. Hall returned thanks.

RATE COLLECTION.

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

	<u>Percentage of Amount Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon (6)	61.1
2. J. Curtis	56.4
3. E.J. Murphy	56.0
4. A. Dunne	54.1
5. W. Doyle	52.5
6. J.J. O'Reilly	51.4
7. S. Gannon (10)	51.4
8. M. Murphy	51.4
9. P. Nolan	51.2
10. P. Carty	51.2
11. J. Quirke	51.1
12. T. Rowe	51.0
13. M. McCarty	50.4
14. J. Cummins	50.0
15. T. Bolger	50.0
16. W. Cummins	49.6
17. J. Deegan	46.9
18. J.J. Sinnott	44.6
19. P. Doyle	43.5
20. P. O'Byrne	40.6

The Finance Committee at their last meeting adopted a resolution that Collector P. O'Byrne (No. 9) should lodge 50% of his Warrant excluding arrears by the meeting of the Committee held on 4th January 1933.

The Rates Inspector reported under date 2nd January, 1933, that Collector O'Byrne had not made any lodgment since 20th December.

The following under date 4th January, was read from Collector O'Byrne:-

"I am very sorry I am not able to lodge the required 50% of Rates for to-morrow's meeting. I would respectfully ask Finance Committee to allow me time to their next meeting to do so.

"There will be a fair in Enniscorthy before that date and as I have taken proceedings against a number of Ratepayers who are outstanding I hope to be in a good position by that date."

Mr. Shannon mentioned that Mr. O'Byrne had met with an accident shortly after Christmas, and had not been outside his house since.

The Rates Inspector said that O'Byrne lodged £40 on the 4th January, but he believed this Collector was not making a really earnest effort to push forward his collection.

Mr. Shannon said on account of the accident he would suggest that O'Byrne be given until next meeting of the Committee viz. 19th January, by which to lodge 50% of his warrant, and if not that his sureties be called upon.

The Chairman stated while he recognised all the difficulties of Collectors and had no desire to be hard on any of them, still there were complaints of the manner in which Mr. O'Byrne had been carrying out his duties at practically all the recent meetings of the Finance Committee, and he had conveyed no official intimation of his accident to the County Council.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That our Secretary communicate with Collectors Philip Doyle, J.J. Sinnott (16)

"John Deegan (No.7) and P. O'Byrne (No.9) and their Sureties and point out that unless they had 50% of their current warrant excluding arrears lodged by next meeting of the Finance Committee on the 19th instant, drastic measures must be taken against them and Sureties called upon to lodge the amount outstanding."

PAYMENT OF KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE RATE:- On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided that £12.10.7d amount of poundage (at 7d in the £) for lodgments made by Collector Rowe to 30th September, 1932, in respect of Kilmannock Drainage Rate be paid.

RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR.

Under date 5th January, 1933, the following was read from Collector T. Bolger, No. 14 district:-

"For some time past I have been considering resigning my position as Rate Collector.

"I am now permanently resident at above address and have full responsibility of carrying on the farm. For the past five weeks I have been away from house most of the week and I find it is not a paying proposition.

"I do not wish to hamper the County Council in any way particularly at the present time. If it is possible to accept my resignation I am prepared to assist in every possible way, the new Collector."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we recommend the Council to accept the resignation of Collector T. Bolger (No. 14 district) to date from the closing of his current warrant etc. and arrears.

"That the Committee also recommend the acceptance of any arrangement made between Mr. Bolger and any existing Collector as to the closing of the collection which will commend itself to the Council and Local Government Department. It must however be

"distinctly understood that Mr. Bolger and his sureties are responsible for the closing of the warrant.

"That copy of this resolution be furnished Local Government Department."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The following under date 23rd December, 1932, (F.31352) was read from Office of National Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, with further reference to the scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for 1933, in which you say that your Council agrees with the suggested amendments at sections 1, 4 and 5.

In connection with paragraph 1, page 3, I am to point out that Pupil Teachers and Preparatory College students are required to provide for their own secondary education, and that it is only when the means of their parents or guardians are insufficient to pay for such education that this Department is empowered to grant assistance. The attitude of your Council's Finance Committee, if carried into effect, would place some clever young girls and boys of County Wexford in a less advantageous position than their colleagues, who adopt callings or professions other than teaching.

As the time is so short I am to convey the approval of the Department for this year, but I am to express the hope that your Council will go more fully into the matter when considering the scheme of Scholarships for 1934."

The Secretary stated that the Scheme had been printed and circulated to schools on 31st December, last, and also issued to Co. Councillors with their agenda paper on the 4th January, 1933.

It had further been advertised in the three local papers.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 22nd December, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.121348/1932. Loch Garman - Fa) that the

Minister sanctioned overdraft. Accommodation to the Council not exceeding £40,000, up to the 28th February next, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Under date 22nd December, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding Pay Order for £8163 amount payable to Wexford County Council in pursuance of the rates on Agricultural land (Relief) Act 1932. This represents the sum allowed to ratepayers in rebate of the rates on credit Notes.

CLAIMS FOR MALICIOUS INJURY.

Under date 23rd December, 1932, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote (1271/32) that as regards tracing of poison responsible for death of horse and two pigs on the premises of Michael Henehan, Kilmannock, and to whom compensation for criminal injury in respect of these animals had been awarded, inquiries had been made in the Counties of Wexford, Waterford, Wicklow, Carlow, Kildare, Leix, Kilkenny, Clare, Offaly and Dublin (including City area) also concerning certain suspects in England and Northern Ireland, but all efforts to trace the establishment from which the poison had been obtained proved abortive.

An application from Michael Keane, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, for £15. for the burning of household furniture, clothing and provisions on the 9th December, 1932, was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend.

PROCEDURE UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS
1899 - 1931.

Circular letter under date 22nd December, 1932 (No. 91/1932) as to the procedure to be followed in reference to the working of the Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts was read.

A long discussion took place thereon, after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That our Secretary be instructed to point out to

"the Local Government Department that the Wexford County Council are dealing only in connection with Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 - 1931 with advances to applicants for the erection of new houses which are the subject of Government Grants, and in these circumstances the Finance Committee are of opinion that certificates of valuer and sanitary officer as prescribed are unnecessary. It is proposed that the Assistant Surveyors should furnish the Council with a statement as to whether the proposed building is of sufficient value to cover the amount of loan which the Council propose to advance and for that purpose we request the Local Government Department to direct their Appointed Officers to allow the Assistant Surveyors access to the plans and specifications furnished by applicants for grants, and further request this ^{Department.} to accept Certificate given by these Assistant Surveyors, as the certificate of the Council's Surveyor."

The Secretary submitted applications for loans as follows:-

Enniscorthy District.....	£4050
Gorey " 	£1150
New Ross " 	930
Wexford " 	<u>585</u>
	<u>£6715</u>

He stated that applications were outstanding for another £1000 at least.

The meeting then considered all applications in detail and agreed to the following:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, Loan £100.

James Shail, Bree, Macmine, Loan £80.

Matthew Hanlon, Lr. Church Street, Enniscorthy. (for building at Clonhaston Road) Loan £130.

Daniel Bolger, 6, The Shannon, Enniscorthy (for building at Clonhaston Road) Loan £130.

James Murphy, Greenville, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.
 James Wyse, Carrigeen, Rathmure. Loan £60.
 Richard Hendrick, Ballyeden, Clonroche. Loan £70.
 Thomas Foley, Kiltrea, Enniscorthy. Loan £70.
 Sylvester O'Neill, Ballingale, Ballycarney. Loan £30.
 Anastasia Breen, Milltown, Ferns. Loan £100.
 Patrick Jackman, Barmoney, Bree. Loan £30.
 Michael Wickham, The Moyne, Enniscorthy. (building at Tomnalossett).
 Loan £125.
 Andrew Doyle, Old Church, Enniscorthy. (House at Templeshannon)
 Loan £130.
 Aidan Brophy, Raheen, Clonroche. Loan £130.
 Maurice Neill, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy. Loan £120.
 John Ryan, Aughathlappa, Caim. Loan £70.
 John Lawlor, Ballyhyland, Caim. Loan £100.
 Mrs. Mary Callaghan, 3, O'Brien Terrace, The Shannon, Enniscorthy.
 Loan £130. (for house at Templeshannon).
 Michael Colfer, Main Street, Ferns. Loan £150. (house at Killoggy).
 Mary Fortune, Enniscorthy Road, Ferns. Loan £150. (house at Killoggy)
 John Bailey, St. Aidans, Ferns. Loan £150. (House at Killoggy).
 Andrew Holden, The Square, Ferns. Loan £150. (do)
 Edward Moran, Newtownbarry Road, Ferns. Loan £150. (house at Killoggy)
 Michael O'Brien, Station Rd., Ferns. Loan £150. (do)
 P. O'Brien, Main Street, Ferns. Loan £150. (do)
 Martin Breen, Castleboro, Clonroche. Loan £50. (house at Gurrawn Lr.)

The remaining applications for Enniscorthy District were
 adjourned for further information.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Mrs. E. Phelan, Courtown Harbour. Loan £150.
 Michael Ryan, The Bridge, Gorey. Loan £100.
 Michael Codde, Ballyscarton, Gorey. Loan £100.
 Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey. Loan £115.
 Andrew Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena. Loan £50.

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Wm. Orr, Ballyduff, Killenagh. Loan £50.

James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey. Loan £150.

James Doyle, Whitewell, Camolin. Loan £70.

Edward Dwyer, Senior, Ballyoughna, Killena. Loan £50.

The remaining applications received from this district were adjourned for further information.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- Eight applications from New Ross were adjourned for further information.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- Of the five applications from this district it was decided to adjourn four for further information: the fifth application was disallowed.

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to have printed, circular letter from Local Government Department with explanatory memorandum, instructions to Borrowers, etc. and any necessary forms in connection with applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 - 1931."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne gave notice of motion to move the following at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 27th February, 1933:-

"I hereby give Notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford Co. Council to be held on 27th February, 1933, that the County Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a sum not exceeding £8000 (Eight Thousand Pounds) to be repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 - 1931."

STATIONERY FOR INSPECTORS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under date 31st December, 1932, requisition for supplies of stationery from Inspectors of Weights and Measures were submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the Secretary being instructed to procure and distribute same.

PRINTING HALF YEARLY ABSTRACTS OF ACCOUNTS.

The following tenders were received for the printing of 60 copies of Abstracts of Accounts and Secretary's Statements for each of the two half years ended 31st March, 1931 and 30th September, 1931.

Messrs. J. English & Co.....£23.10.s.

"Free Press".....£12.

"The People".....£9.15s.

The tender of the "People" was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Finance Committee of Wexford County Council would regard it as a favour if the Garda Siochana would post to the various Sheep Dipping Inspectors applications as to intention to dip on the same date as they are received at the different barracks. This procedure would not alone greatly convenience Inspectors but would also tend to the more efficient administration of the Sheep Dipping Order."

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 19th January, 1933, were submitted as follows and confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 19th JANUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

H.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 19th January, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance. The Co. Solicitor was absent through illness.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2577. 14s. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The following shows the percentage of current warrant (less arrears) collected to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
1. Sean Gannon (No. 6)	61.2
2. E.J. Murphy	58.7
3. J. Curtis	57.8
4. A. Dunne	55.0
5. J.J. O'Reilly	54.0
6. J. Quirke	53.0
7. W. Doyle	52.8
8. M. Murphy	52.1
9. S. Gannon (No.10)	52.0
10. T. Rowe	51.8
11. P. Carty	51.8
12. P. Nolan	51.8
13. J. Deegan	51.0
14. T. Bolger	51.0
15. J. Cummins	51.0
16. M. McCarthy	50.8
17. W. Cummins	50.2
18. P. Doyle	50.0
19. J.J. Sinnott	50.0
20. P. O'Byrne	44.2

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Sureties of Collector O'Byrne be called upon to lodge within 14 days £212, the necessary amount to bring this Collector's lodgments up to 50 per cent of his current warrant (less arrears)."

POUNDAGE:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment of poundage to Rate Collectors John Deegan, T. Bolger, P. Doyle, J.J. Sinnott and W. Gummie on lodgments to the end of November, 1932 - less a defer of 5% owing to not having lodged 50% of current warrant less arrears - by the end of December 1932, but which percentage has been lodged since that date."

DISTRICT OF MR. J.J. SINNOTT (No. 16):- The following letter under date 17th January, 1933, was read from Messrs. George W. Warren & Co., Auctioneers, Gorey:-

"Mr. Sinnott, Rate Collector, has served a Six Day Notice on the Steward at Ballywalter for £115.18.10d being amount of Poor Rates due to 31st March, 1933, and we, as agents, are in communication with Mr. White on the matter. We have heard that he has been very ill and unable to attend to business matters so we would feel much obliged if the matter could be held over for a while longer until we hear from him.

"There are other holdings in this district on which Rates are due and the Collector is pressing for payment, but we find it almost impossible to let land in this district.

"We can assure you we are quite willing at all times to facilitate Collectors in every possible way."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Under date 18th January, 1933, Mr. Sinnott wrote that he had done his best to collect all outstanding rates and the people were doing their best to pay. The district was solely dependant on the sale of cattle and the setting of grass and had become one of the poorest in the County. It was impossible to set land, and farms could not be sold at any price and therefore every year there were more derelict farms. He was prepared to obtain Decrees for each Rate

outstanding but this would only increase the number of derelict farms.

Rev. Owen Kavanagh, P.P. Ballygarrett, Gorey, wrote that the statements which were made by Mr. Sinnott, to the Finance Committee as regards the difficulty of obtaining payment of rates were fully justified, should the law of seizure be resorted to, it would add considerably to the present distress and in many cases cause absolute destitution. He (Father Kavanagh) knew that Mr. Sinnott was doing everything possible to secure payment of the rates.

The Finance Committee were of opinion that Mr. Sinnott had a very difficult district to deal with and were pleased to ascertain that 50% of current warrant had been lodged by this Collector, since their last meeting.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- The following are the amounts of part payment of rates dealt with up to 31st December, 1932:-

William Doyle	£104.11.6
S. Gannon (No.10)	93.10.0
J. Curtis	7. 0.0
A. Dunne	6. 4.6
J. Cummins	13. 1.10d
M. Murphy	37. 4.6
J.J. Sinnott	40.10.0
E.J. Murphy	5. 0.0
P. Nolan	85.17.5
W. Cummins	37.19.6
<u>T. Rowe</u>	<u>6. 4.3</u>
Total.....	<u>£437. 3.6d</u>

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to approve of the continuance of present system of part-time payment of Rates as in the opinion of the Finance Committee the present arrangements have worked satisfactorily since initiation."

FINANCIAL POSITION OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

It was pointed out that the present limit of overdraft accommodation would be reached after Pay Orders approved of at this meeting had been issued.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to lodge at once to the credit of the Co. Council the sum of £28,000 amount of Agricultural Grant due up to 31st December, 1932, otherwise the various County Services must be held up."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in view of the present serious financial position of the Council the Rate Collectors be directed to use every effort to speed up the Collection."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in the event of the Agricultural Grant not being received by next meeting of the Finance Committee, the National Bank Ltd., be requested to sanction additional overdraft of £10,000 pending receipt of Agricultural Grant from Department of Local Government."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOANS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Saturday, 25th February, 1933, be fixed as the last day for lodging applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

Michael O'Brien, Station Road, Farns, came before the meeting and explained that he and several others who were building houses under Government Grant in Farns village and had been granted by the Council, a loan in each case of £150, on a £200 house, found that owing to the cost of site, connection with main sewer and other incidental expenses they would not be able to carry out their scheme unless the full 90% of loan was given.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as regards applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from persons residing in small towns and villages 90% of the value of house costing £200 and under, be advanced in all cases in which the Finance Committee believe that applicant is in a position to repay this amount and which is necessary owing to cost of site, connection with sewage mains etc."

The following applications were agreed to:-

Wm. O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy. Loan £140.

Nicholas Breen, Milltown, Ferns. Loan £180.

Edward Quirke, Oulart, Gorey. Loan £70.

Denis Keane, Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour. Loan £100.

John Breen, Upper Shannon, Enniscorthy. Loan £180.

Robert Kelly, Sanctuary, Killinick. Loan £100.

Denis Brennan, Springmount, Killanne. Loan £145.

Advances in three last mentioned cases to be contingent on certificate under Housing Act being received from the Appointed Officer.

The application of Michael Stokes, Raheengurren, Gorey, was refused as he intends erecting house costing £450 and the maximum cost of house under scheme of Co. Council should not exceed £400.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

Intimation was received from Garda Sióchana, Carnew, as to application on 7th. February, 1933, to Shillalah District Court, for the committal of Patriok White, 8½ years old and James White aged 2 yrs. illegitimate children of Margaret White, Bolinrush, Ferns, to an Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS.

Tenders for printing Rate Books for 1933-34 were received as follows:-

English & Co.	£42.17. 6d.
The "People"	£43.10. 0d.
"Free Press"	£45. 0. 0d.

The accepted tender for last year was £21. and the "runner up" £22.17.6d.

It was decided that the Secretary endeavour to procure other tenders.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 17th January, 1933, Miss Elizabeth Rogan, New Ross, University Scholarship Holder, wrote that owing to family reasons and also because of the length and expense of the journey from New Ross to Galway she had decided to change to National University, Dublin, from now onward. She had obtained the permission of the University Authorities for this step and asked the permission of the Council.

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

"That no objection be made to Miss Elizabeth Rogan, finishing her University Scholarship course at Dublin University instead of at Galway."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925.

Under date 16th January, 1933, the Department of Local Government wrote asking that £166.16s. due under above Act should be paid at an early date.

It was decided to inform the Department that the Finance Committee would not be in a position to discharge this liability until they received the amount due for Agricultural Grant. At the moment the Council was up to its overdraft limit.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

The Local Government Department wrote asking for Pay Order for £135.2.9d amount assessed on the Wexford County Council under above Act for year ended March 1932.

It was decided to inform the Local Government Department that the Council would not be in a position to pay until they had received Agricultural Grant.

WITHDRAWALS FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following amounts be withdrawn from appropriate contingency funds:-

Main Roads:- £50 for No.12; £50 for No.62 and £40 for fallen wall on last mentioned road.

County Roads:- £25 for No.446 to repair defective gullet which is causing slipping.

INSURANCE BOILER COUNTY HALL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the quotation of New Ireland Assurance Co. under date 17th January, 1933, for insurance of boiler at Co. Hall as follows, be accepted:-

"Against explosion and collapse in the sum of £500, premium £1.8s.0d; additional premium to cover cracking or fracturing of sections £2. Total £3.8s.0d.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT BLACKWATER.

The Committee decided that no objection would be made to the transfer of weighbridge at Blackwater adjoining the premises of Denis Corrigan to the yard of Joseph Kehoe, Blackwater, provided the surface of the road be restored to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That leave of absence for a fortnight be allowed Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to allow him to attend to urgent private business."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd February, 1933, were submitted as follows and approved on the motion of Mr. Olince seconded by Mr. Armstrong:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 2nd FEBRUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

H.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd February, 1933.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2346.11.5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>				<u>Percentage of current year's Warrant excluding OFFGARS.</u>	<u>Percentage of total Warrant.</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>		
1. Sean Gannon	1752.	5	10	63.2	54.5
2. J. Curtis	2933.	4	9	60.1	57.7
3. E.J. Murphy	2735.	1	6	59.2	58.6
4. A. Dunne	4045.	7	7	58.0	53.2
5. J.J. O'Reilly	2812.	16	6	55.6	53.9
6. J. Cummins	2545.	1	10	55.2	50.7
7. Sean Gannon	1717.	16	4	53.7	50.0
8. W. Doyle	2155.	15	9	53.6	41.0
9. M. Murphy	1795.	13	10	53.5	47.0
10. J. Quirke	3697.	9	2	53.3	50.5
11. P. Nolan	3302.	13	11	53.0	46.6
12. M. McCarthy	2550.	15	10	53.0	49.3
13. J. Deegan	3587.	10	10	52.6	51.8
14. W. Cummins	2031.	9	2	52.0	45.0
15. P. Garty	2178.	5	9	52.0	50.4
16. T. Rowe	1857.	14	7	51.8	50.0
17. J.J. Sinnott	2481.	19	7	51.0	46.5
18. T. Bolger	2161.	0	1	51.0	50.0
19. P. Doyle	2512.	13	7	50.0	47.2
20. P. O'Byrne	1688.	3	0	46.7	43.2
	<u>£50543.</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>54.0</u>	<u>49.8</u>

Compared with the corresponding period of last year, the collection had gone back to the extent of four per cent.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE.

Under date 27th January, 1933, the following letter (G.7687/1933 Looch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and to state that he sanctions the payment of poundage as proposed to Collectors John Deegan, T. Bolger, P. Doyle, J.J. Sinnott and W. Cummins."

It was decided that payment in accordance with the Minister's sanction be made from Subsidiary Account at this day's meeting.

COLLECTOR P. O'BYRNE.

The following letter from Rate Collector P. O'Byrne, who had been ordered at last Finance Committee meeting to have 50 per cent of current year's warrant, excluding arrears, lodged within 14 days, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of 24th I beg to state that I will be able to lodge the required sum by Wednesday next without fail.

"I am making seizures but it is hard to dispose of the stuff owing to bad prices etc. If Finance Committee can give me to this date I am sure to lodge the amount."

Mr. O'Byrne's Sureties had been communicated with in the matter, but had not replied. To reach 50 per cent, Mr. O'Byrne should lodge £122.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the date by which Mr. O'Byrne should have lodged 50 per cent of current warrant excluding arrears, be extended to 8th February, 1933, that in the event of the required amount not being lodged by that date, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr. O'Byrne's Sureties, instructing them to lodge forthwith the amount required to make up 50 per cent.

USE OF CORREY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter under date 28th January, 1933, was read

from Mr. T. Powell, Principal Teacher, Gorey Technical School:-

"I have been advised by Mr. S. O'Byrne, Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Gorey Technical School, to communicate with you seeking your permission for the use of the Court House, Gorey, on the evening of Sunday, 12th February, for the purpose of holding a Whist Drive in connection with efforts to raise funds for the social and athletic activities of the students of this school.

"I assure you, on my own behalf as well as on behalf of the students of the school, of sincere appreciation of your efforts towards obtaining the necessary permission."

On the motion of the Chairman, the application was agreed to.

POSTING OF SHEEP DIPPING NOTICES TO SHEEP
DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Under date 27th January, 1933, the following letter was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

"With further reference to your communication of the 11th instant regarding the early transmission to Sheep Dipping Inspectors of the Notices received by the Garda Síochána, I beg to inform you that arrangements are being made whereby the Notices of Intention to Dip will be transmitted to the various Inspectors on the same day they are received by the Garda.

"The question I had under consideration, however, was in regard to the additional expense which will be involved in consequence of the new procedure. It was for this reason that the Garda hitherto held over the notices for a few days and thereby reduced expense of postage to the minimum, consistent with the efficient working of the sheep Dipping Order.

"As the expense hitherto involved was not considerable, I learn that a number of Sergeants bore the postage costs out of their private resources. In other instances the expense was recouped from the Garda Síochána Vote; while in some cases your Council paid the

"claims submitted to them. Under the new procedure the financial aspect is the only obstacle to its immediate adoption; and as the amount involved will be considerably increased it will be necessary to formulate a definite working arrangement to ensure regularity and uniformity.

"It is considered that the Local Authority should bear all expenses involved in the administration of the Sheep Dipping Order, and in anticipation of your concurrence I beg to suggest that future claims for postage should be forwarded to your Council for payment at the expiration of each Dipping Period. I can arrange for each Superintendent to forward in one file, all claims for amounts expended on postage in each Police District at the times stated.

"In their present form the Notices of Intention to Dip Sheep cannot be addressed to the Inspectors, and it will, therefore, be necessary for the Local Authority to supply each Garda Station with a number of suitable envelopes for enclosing the Notices.

"Before deciding definitely on the future course, I would be glad to have your further views on the foregoing suggestions."

Under date 31st January, 1933, the following letter was also received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

"With further reference to above and in reply to your communication of the 28th instant, I wish to inform you that the cost of postage for entire County in respect of a calendar year would likely be about £10. This is, of course, only an approximate estimate."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by the Chairman not to make any alteration in the existing arrangements for the present.

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEES TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Under date 31st January, 1933, the following letter was received from Sister M.J. Baptist, St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that I intend to make application at the District Court on 8th February for the committal to St. Michael's Industrial School, of Mary Bridget, Mary Elizabeth, Kathleen Patricia and Frances Bernadette Byrne, children of Patrick Byrne, William Street, Wexford.

"The children are destitute. Father being dead and the mother in Mental Home, Enniscorthy.

"Mary Brigid was born on 1st September, 1921

Mary Elizabeth was born on 25th September, 1923.

Kathleen Patricia was born on 1st March, 1927

Frances Bernadette was born on 24th April, 1929."

Under date 2nd February, 1933, the following letter was received from Mr. John Leacy, Inspector, N.S.P.C.C., Arden, St. John's Road, Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that it is my intention to apply at the District Court, Gorey, on 10th instant for the committal of Ellen and Annie Walsh to St. Michael's Industrial School, Summerhill, Wexford.

"Application will be made under Childrens Act 1929 viz:-

"Found destitute not being orphans and the surviving parent unable to support them."

"The father Patrick Walsh is a casual labourer and is occasionally employed by the Co. Council on road work.

"The mother died on 13th June, 1932, and there are four other children in the family all under the age of 16 years. The children are at present in the care of the paternal grandmother, a lady over 70 years who is unfitted to have charge of them."

Both communications were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

PRINTING OF RATE BOOKS.

Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, wrote, tendering for the work of printing the Rate Books for £35.

In view of the fact that all the tenders submitted showed a considerable increase on last year's figure, it was decided to request

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the various local Printing Firms to submit fresh tenders, as the Finance Committee will not recommend the acceptance of any of the tenders received.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

Notice of application for compensation for criminal injury was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of the Electricity Supply Board, claiming £7.14.2d. for malicious damage to conductor at Mountgarrett.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

LOANS SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The following applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were received:-

J.T. Sutton, 13, Green Street, Wexford, loan required £180; Value of house, £250; Government Grant £70.

Michael Cullen, Killanne, Enniscorthy; loan required £55, value of house £200; Government Grant £70.

Edward Dempsey, Ardamine, Courtown Harbour; loan required £125; value of house £200; Government Grant £70.

Anthony Brian, Coolanick, Oylegate, loan required £50; value of house £120; Government Grant £70.

Mr. Sutton came before the meeting and was informed by the Chairman that the maximum loan that could be granted to him under the Council's Scheme was half the value of the house, viz. £125.

Mr. Sutton asked if it were possible to make arrangements by which portion of the loan could be paid to Messrs. J.J. Stafford and Sons, who were supplying the material.

The Chairman stated the amount of the loan must be paid to the selected applicant, but the Council would be prepared to send Paying Order made out in Mr. Sutton's name in care of Messrs. J.J. Stafford and Sons.

Mr. Sutton said this would meet his difficulty.

Mr. Elgee stated that he was not satisfied that Mr. Sutton's title to the plot on which he intended to build was in order.

Mr. Sutton stated that his Solicitor, Mr. Coghlan, would communicate with Mr. Elgee, regarding title etc.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that loan of £125 be sanctioned for Mr. J.T. Sutton and a loan of £55 to Mr. Michael Cullen, Killanne.

The applications from Edward Dempsey and Anthony Brien, were referred to the general meeting of the County Council.

In reference to the resolution, adopted at the last meeting of the Finance Committee for full loan of £180 (90% of value of house) to applicants building houses valued at £200 each, be granted in certain cases, the Committee decided that loans of £180 be agreed to in the following cases:-

Matthew Hanlon, Lower Church St. Enniscorthy. (for house at Clonhaston Road)

Michael Colfer, Main Street, Ferns.

Mary Fortune, Enniscorthy Road, Ferns.

John Bailey, St. Aidan's, Ferns.

Andrew Holden, Ferns.

Edward Moran, Newtownbarry Road, Ferns.

Michael O'Brien, Station Road, Ferns.

COMPLAINT AGAINST GANGER PETER FITZPATRICK.

The following letter under date 23rd January, 1933, from Mr. P. Power, Slade Road, Fethard, who is employed breaking stones under Relief Grant was read:-

"I have been employed by the Wexford Co. Council breaking stones on the road between Porter's Gate and Slade for which I am not fully paid. I have been speaking to Mr. J. Cummins and he advised me to let you know about the matter. On Saturday as I was being paid I asked Peter Fitzpatrick if there was a mistake and he said I was paid for

"the amount I broke, yet Tom Murphy had drawn 40 yards for which he is paid. I broke two depots of ten and one five that was short in his first depot, yet the man that broke 15 yards of his first depot gets more money than I who broke 25 yards.

"Fitzpatrick will not give me any satisfaction about the matter, he says if I want another job I had better hold my tongue about it as I am the only fellow that is not satisfied.

"He also wants 1/- from us all for his expenses in paying us and says if we do not give it to him we will not get another job from him. Some have given it to him.

"I think he has messed up the measurement and some have been overpaid for there can be no mistake about the 25 yards when his first depot was five yards short.

"I am a married man with a wife and child and £1.4.9d. means a lot to me. Hoping you will be able to make matters right and please let me know about it as soon as possible."

"24th December15/7d

" 7th January.....10/4d

"21st January.....19/4d

£2. 5 .3d.

"10 yards

10 yards

10 yards

25 yards at 3/- per yard.....£3.15.0d

"Insurance for 6 weeks.....5.0d

£3. 10.0d

"Amount received.....£2. 5.3d

"Amount still due.....£1. 4.9d "

Under date 1st February, 1933, the following letter was read from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With regard to the complaint of Patrick Power, Slade Road, Fethard, re payment for breaking stones, I beg to state that he was

"paid for two heaps of broken stone at first. He broke three heaps in all and is now paid in full and seems quite satisfied. A final payment of 2 yards and $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards has also been made to Thomas Williams and James Kennedy who also complained of short payments.

"Now that the stones are all broken I intend to make a final measurement before starting to roll them in. I have done this in three other places within the last few weeks and all the stone-breakers seemed quite satisfied.

"With regard to Patrick Power's statement, viz. that Ganger Fitzpatrick wanted money from him, I think it would be desirable to have Fitzpatrick before the Co. Council to explain this."

The following statement signed by Ganger Fitzpatrick and dated 2nd February, 1933, was submitted:-

"I have read over the letter written by P. Power and set out hereunder replies to the points raised by him:-

(1) At the end of every fortnight the material broken by each man was measured by the Assistant Surveyor and I received Paying Order covering the total amount due and the Receipt Form set out the amounts payable. There was a difficulty of accurately measuring the amount broken owing to heaps of stones being scattered along the road, but Mr. Kehoe gave me to understand that when job was finished a final measurement would be made and any balance due paid.

(2) At no time did I make the statement "If I want another job I had better hold my tongue about it as I am the only fellow that is not satisfied".

(3) As regards the statement that I wanted a 1/- from him to cover my expenses, I say it is an absolute falsehood. For some years back workers paid into a fund, voluntary subscriptions which went towards the expenses of our Labour Representatives on the Council. Some workers never paid any subscription but were not of course victimised in any way for not doing so. It was a purely voluntary arrangement.

(4) As far as I know no man was overpaid and the Assistant

"Surveyor can verify this."

The Co. Surveyor stated that the question of payment for stones broken was raised by Power as he was under the impression that the amount certified by Assistant Surveyor was a final payment for the work done. As a matter of fact, the payments made up at the present meeting were really payments on account and a certificate for the balance due to Mr. Power was being issued by Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor. He had instructed Ganger Fitzpatrick to attend the meeting in connection with the allegation that he (Ganger) had asked for a shilling from Power to cover his expenses.

Power was employed breaking stones by hand.

Ganger Fitzpatrick came before the meeting. He denied he told Power to hold his tongue about the payment for the stones broken or that he would never get another job. He also denied flatly that he asked Power for a shilling for his (Ganger's) expenses. He admitted asking Power for a voluntary subscription for a fund in existence in the district to meet the expenses of Labour Representatives. He denied telling Power that if he did not contribute he would not get another job..Workers were asked for a voluntary contribution which usually did not amount to more than a few pence to meet the expenses of Labour Representatives. There was no victimisation of any worker who did not contribute. There were workmen employed on the permanent staff of the Co. Council for years in the district who never made a contribution.

Mr. Hall said he considered it was an undesirable practice for a ganger to ask a worker for contribution as the worker might be under the impression that his failure to contribute would result in his not being employed again.

The Co. Surveyor stated that this man Power, who was employed under Relief Grant was engaged through the Manager, Employment Exchange, who submitted a list of workers for employment.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Shannon said that the system of workers making voluntary contributions to meet expenses of Labour Representatives did not obtain in their districts, and as far as they knew, did not apply to the County generally.

The Chairman (Mr. McCarthy) said that apparently the system was in operation in this portion of the New Ross District for some years past. He did not think it desirable that a ganger should collect these contributions from any employee of the Council. He proposed that the ganger be notified that the Council regard the continuance of the present practice as undesirable and that, in future, he should not seek or collect contributions from workers under his charge.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

ILLNESS OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted certificate from Dr. J.A. Pierce, dated 25th January, 1933, that Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was suffering from influenzal debility and would be unable to attend to his duties for at least two weeks.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was at present in the County Infirmary for treatment. Mr. Kehoe would be absent from duty for a period of one week.

It was decided that sick leave be granted Messrs. Birthistle and Kehoe, Assistant Surveyors, for a fortnight and one week respectively.

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RATE COLLECTION

The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date giving percentage of current warrant collected and lodged ~~less~~ arrears:-

1. S. Gannon (No.6)	65.4
2. J. Curtis	64.0
3. E.J. Murphy	61.0
4. A. Dunne	60.0
5. J.J. O'Reilly	58.1
6. J. Cummins	57.4
7. W. Doyle	57.3
8. J. Quirke	56.5
9. J. Deegan	56.0
10. M. Murphy	55.3
11. S. Gannon (10)	54.9
12. P. Nolan	54.0
13. T. Bolger	53.6
14. W. Cummins	53.6
15. M. McCarthy	53.3
16. T. Rowe	53.2
17. J.J. Sinnott	52.5
18. Philip Doyle	52.4
19. P. Carty	52.3
20. P. O'Byrne	<u>46.7.</u>

The Collection on the full amount of the warrant was 5 per cent behind amount collected at corresponding period last year.

The Secretary stated that Collector O'Byrne had now lodged the amount necessary to bring his collection up to 50% of current warrant less arrears.

On behalf of all the Rate Collectors, Collectors J. Cummins and James Quirke wrote in reply to the Secretary's letter as to instructions to rate collectors issued by the Finance Committee stating the collectors were doing their utmost, but were not succeeding in getting in the rates as promptly as they should. Some ratepayers who usually paid on application, now postponed payment. The collectors, therefore, requested the Council to appeal to the ratepayers to pay the rates without delay.

In reply to Col. Quin, the Secretary stated that the Collectors were also paid for work in connection with the register of voters.

Col. Quin - I know that they have left out a lot of people

who should have been on the register. I would not mind if the register did not leave out certain people.

Mr. Keegan - They left out a lot of people.

Chairman - The register at the last election was in a very bad state and I think the attention of the rate collectors should be called to it. They will have to look a little more active and bring the register up-to-date.

Col. Quin - They were all off the one side I am told.

Chairman - I do not care which side, but there is no excuse for it. They should have the register right; it is their job and they should look to it.

Mr. Keegan - They were by no means all on the one side.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that ratepayers be called on to pay their rates as the county institutions had to be maintained and the public services carried on.

Col. Quin seconded the proposition, which he said he did not think would be of much use. It was very noble to be good, but it was far easier to ask other people to be good.

Mr. S. O'Byrne said it would **not** be easy to get in all the rates as there were parts of the county in a very bad way, and the money was not there.

Chairman - We are all aware that the country is in a very bad state. It is evident to everyone who is moving among the people. It is at the same time not our business to try and prevent the collectors from getting in the rates. I have always stood for the collection of the rates, because without the rates you cannot carry on the public institutions of the county. The Council has always done its best to try and get in the rates, but still I do not want to force any extreme measures on people who have not the money to pay. Do you think you should pass the resolution passed by Miss O'Ryan?

Mr. Roche - If you do not carry out the resolution you cannot carry on and you might as well dissolve. It would spoil the whole

thing if you put the resolution to a vote.

Miss O'Ryan's resolution was then adopted unanimously.

PAYMENT TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors, appearing on Form 22 and as certified for payment by the County Surveyor be approved and that Paying Orders for same be issued."

Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING - 27th FEBRUARY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

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

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th February, 1933.

Present Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding) also Messrs. John Brennan, James Clinee, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Assistant Surveyors J.F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

LOAN SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

It was decided that application for loans under above Acts be considered in Committee.

In connection with the form of Instructions to borrowers issued by Department of Local Government, in which it was pointed out that an Instalment could only be made when the external walls and roof of buildings had been completed in advance, and as regards the employment of Valuer, the following under date 20th February, 1933, was read from the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the points raised by you in your letter of the 15th instant regarding the administration of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

(1) The Co. Council may, at their discretion, issue instalments of advances before the houses have been roofed. The requirement as to roofing of houses is not statutory and was included in the specimen forms merely as a desirable safeguard:

(2) The Acts provide that an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts must not exceed 90% of what in the opinion of the local authority is the market value of the house, and in these

"circumstances the proposal to have information regarding value furnished by other than the County Councils' Technical Officers could not be agreed to. It is open to the Co. Council to allow a reasonable fee to their Assistant Co. Surveyors for work under the Acts such fee to be payable in advance by the individual applicants. Arrangements can of course be made by you for the inspection by your Assistant Co. Surveyors of plans submitted to the Appointed Officers."

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

"That Loans to accepted Applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be issued as follows:-

- (1) 75% of cost of material and work done when the foundations have been put in.
- (2) When the building is joist high.
- (3) When the building is ready for roof.
- (4) On completion.

It was proposed by Mr. McCarthy seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That the six Assistant Surveyors of the Council viz. John Kehoe, T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, T. Cullen, J. Birthistle and P. O'Neill, be appointed to act, each for his own district, as valuers for the Co. Council in ascertaining the market value of houses on which loans are proposed to be given, and also to issue certificates for payment of advances of said loans as the work progresses, and as already agreed to by resolution. That a sum of one guinea per house be paid as remuneration for these services."

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment by the County Council of this amount out of the advances to applicants."

"That our Secretary communicate with the Appointed Officers under the Act and notify them that intimation has been received from the Local Government Department that the Assistant Co. Surveyors are to have access to the plans and specifications of houses which are

"subject of Government Grant and regarding which application for loans had been made to the Co. Council."

Mr. Cline moved and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the period for lodging applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the Wexford County Council be extended to Friday, 31st March, 1933, after which no applications will be received."

Proposed by Mr. Cummins and seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That Mr. Corish, T.D., a member of this Council be requested to attend at the Land Commission Office and endeavour to facilitate the obtaining of title by the Applicants for loans and that he point out to the Land Commission that the Council would be prepared to accept a communication from them as regards any cases in which they are satisfied title could be properly made at a subsequent date."

The meeting then decided to consider only the applications of those whose titles had been approved of by the Co. Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee reported that the titles of the following were in order and it was decided to agree to the loans in each of those cases:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy.

Loan £100 on £200 house; Matthew Hanlon, Lr. Church Street, Enniscorthy,

Loan £180 on £200 house at Clonhaston Road, Enniscorthy;

Wm. O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy, loan £140 on £280 house.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Mrs. Elizabeth Phelan, Courtown Harbour; loan £150

on £400 house; Thomas Roche, Camolin, Ferns, loan £180 on a £400 house;

Michael Ryan, The Bridge, Gorey, loan £100 on £350 house;

Michael Codde, Ballyscarton, Gorey, loan £100 on £260 house;

William Orr, Ballyduff, Killena, loan £50 on £170 house; (Certificate from appointed Officer to be furnished in this case); Denis Keane,

Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, loan £100 on £200 house.

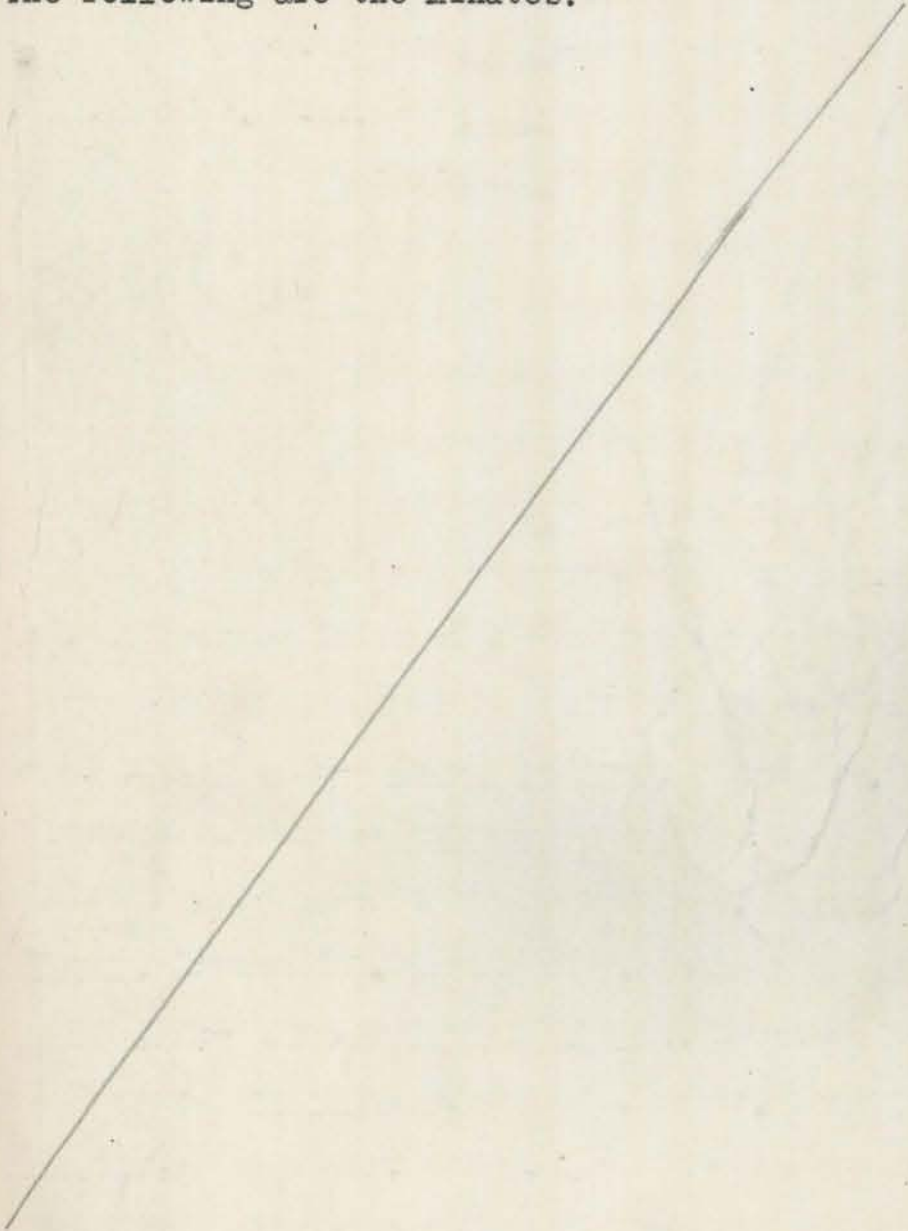
NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Nicholas Whelan, Dunbrody, loan £130 on £200 house.

It was also agreed ^{that} at next meeting the cases of any other applicants who had in the meantime made proper title come up for consideration.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford Tenders Committees submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

The following are the Minutes:-



ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Committee met at the Courthouse, Enniscorthy, on 21st February, 1933.

Mr. John Culleton, presided, and there were also present Messrs. James Clince, James Hall and J. Shannon.

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

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Contracts from the 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1936:-

164. (Amount allowed £18) James Cullen, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered for the full amount giving as his Sureties Thomas O'Hara and Moses Murphy, both of Ballingate, Carnew. This, the only tender, was accepted.

165. (Amount allowed £28.) Peter O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered at amount allowed, giving as Sureties Thomas O'Hara and Moses Murphy, both of Ballingate, Carnew. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

167. (Amount allowed £32.) No tender was received and the work was given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for a year.

237. (Amount allowed £22.) Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, Bunclody, tendered at £19.10s. giving as his Sureties Aidan Jordan, Glasslacken and Martin Kearns, Culladuff, Clohamon. This, (which was the only tender) was accepted.

262. (Amount allowed £38.) John Doran, Tomona, Kiltale, tendered at £34. giving as his Sureties James Sheil, and Patrick Doyle, both of Coolree, Ballindaggin.

Laurence Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, tendered at £35.

Doran's tender, being lower, was accepted.

263. (Amount allowed £32.) Valentine Brooks, Kiltale, tendered at £28. giving as Sureties James J. Bowe and Laurence Farrell, both of Kiltale.

Matthew Brooks of Kiltaly, tendered at £29.19s. and Laurence Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, at £31.

The tender of Valentine Brooks at £28. was accepted.

264. (Amount allowed £32) No tender; Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

265. (Amount allowed £21.) No tender; Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

266. (Amount allowed £18.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

267. (Amount allowed £22.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

281. (Amount allowed £30) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

282. (Amount allowed £32.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

294. (Amount allowed £60.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

295. (Amount allowed £20.) Charles Doyle, Ballycarney, Ferns, tendered at £14. and gave as his Sureties Thomas Bolger, The Dell, Ballycarney, and John Doyle, Woodlands, Ferns.

This, the only tender, was accepted.

373. (Amount allowed £14.) John Cahill, Grange, Rathmure, tendered at £10, giving as Sureties Martin Doran, Rathduff, and James Coady, Grange.

Patrick Doolan, Carrigeen, Rathmure, tendered at £12.10s.

John Cahill's, the lower tender, was accepted.

375. (Amount allowed £17.) John Creane, Grange, Rathmure, who gave as Sureties Timothy Larkin, Duffry Hill, Enniscorthy, and T. O'Neill, Enniscorthy, tendered at £11.10s.

James O'Connor, Jnr., Rathduff, Killanne, tendered at £16.14.6d.

John Creane's tender, - the lower, - was accepted.

377. (Amount allowed £17.) George Howlin, Ballyhyland, Killanne,

tendered at the full amount allowed. This ~~was~~ the only tender, was accepted. His Sureties were Philip Howlin, Ballyhyland, and Aidan Leacy, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy.

397. (Amount allowed £17.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

398. (Amount allowed £20.) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

399. (Amount allowed £21.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

400. (Amount allowed £25.) John Dempsey, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, who gave as his sureties Thomas Regan, Davidstown, Enniscorthy, and Michael Hennessey, both of Davidstown, Enniscorthy, tendered at the full amount allowed and was accepted. There was no other tender.

401. (Amount allowed £40) James Leacy, Ballyeland, Davidstown, who gave as Sureties, Thomas Stafford, and Edmond Crean, both of Ballyeland Davidstown, tendered at £39.

John Dempsey, Davidstown, Enniscorthy tendered at £39.10., and William Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £40.

The tender of James Leacy, being the lowest, was accepted.

418. (Amount allowed £20.) John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £18.19s. giving as Sureties John Quinsey, Clánmore, and Peter Doran, Main Street, Enniscorthy. This tender was accepted.

490. (Amount allowed £35.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

491. (Amount allowed £20.) No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

563. (Amount allowed £28.) Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, tendered at £24.10s. giving as Sureties James Doyle, Ballincarrig, and Michael Redmond, Ballinaslaney.

Thomas Brien, Glenteigue, tendered at £25.18s. Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, at £26.15s., and Francis Cullen, Kilcotty, at £27. Patrick Leary's tender, the lowest, was accepted.

1014. (Amount allowed £6.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

1018. (Amount allowed £25.) No tender; given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

1019. (Amount allowed £8.) Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

HAULAGE TENDERS.

A large number of Haulage Tenders was disposed of, the lowest being accepted unless in instances in which the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors believed the persons tendering were unable to do the work.

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Committee met on 18th February, 1933, at Gorey Courthouse, Mr. Sean O'Byrne (presided) also present Messrs. T.F.D'Arcy and W.P. Keegan.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors T. Treanor and R.J. Ennis, were in attendance.

ROAD TENDERS FROM

1st APRIL 1933 TO 31st MARCH 1936

No.103 Amount allowed £35. Richard Keegan, Ashwood, Arklow, tendered at £35. per annum, but proposed to supply material from Arklow Rock Quarry. As material from Tara Hill Quarry was specified, and Mr. Keegan declined to obtain material from there the tender was rejected and the road given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.87 Amount allowed £16. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £16. per annum, mentioning as his Sureties Thomas Carroll, Merchant, Gorey and Andrew Kinsella, Croghan.

This tender, the only one, was accepted.

No.101 Amount allowed £40. Thomas Jackson, Ballyellen, Inch, tendered at £38.10s. per annum, giving as his sureties, H. Hall, Ballylarkin, Inch, and R. Jackson, Ballyellan, Inch.

This, the only tender was accepted.

No.107 No tender. Road given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.109 No tender. Road given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.125. Amount allowed £25. Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, tendered at £22.19s. per annum, giving as his Sureties, James Redmond, Market House, Gorey, and Francis Carty, Coolnastudd, Gorey.

Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, tendered at £24. per annum,

The lower tender was accepted.

No.126 Amount allowed £25. Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, tendered at £22.19s. per annum, giving the same Sureties as for No.125.

Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, tendered at £24. per annum.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.127 Amount allowed £36. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at the amount allowed, mentioning as Sureties, James Hempenstall and Thomas Funge, Main Street, Gorey.

John Sullivan, Barnland, Gorey, tendered at £32 but was not in attendance.

The tender of Patrick Kinsella was accepted.

No.1015. No tender. Road given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.1021 Amount allowed £25. Andrew McCann, Moteybower, Carnew, tendered at £21.9s. per annum, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Loughlin, Knockbrandon and John Sunderland, Baltyfarrell.

Bart Kenny, Kennystown, Carnew, tendered at £24. per annum.

The lower tender was accepted.

HAULAGE TENDERS

A very large number of haulage tenders were disposed of, the work being distributed according to cost and ability to carry it out.

Mr. Keegan raised the question as to would-be Contractors being represented by deputy.

This happened in the case of a person who was ill.

The meeting considered that as the advertisement for haulage tenders did not specify that personal attendance was necessary it would not be equitable to reject a tender when the person making it was ill or prevented by some other valid reason from being present, and was represented by someone who was empowered to act for him.

NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Tenders Committee met at the Courthouse, New Ross, on 23rd February, 1933.

Mr. J. Cummins presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. Brennan, P. Colfer and T. Cooney.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, were also in attendance.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Contracts from 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1936:-

No. 463 (Amount allowed £13) John Creane, Grange, Rathmure, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9.19s.6d giving as Sureties, Thomas Conran, 10, North Street, New Ross, and John Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Thomas Ryan, Ballybawn, Rathmure, tendered at £10.

Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathmure, tendered at £12.9.6d.

Myles Doyle, Tomanine, Rathmure, tendered at £12.5s.

The lowest tender, that of John Creane, was accepted.

No. 464 (Amount allowed £14) John O'Brien, Ballygibbon, Rathmure, tendered at the amount allowed, mentioning as his sureties Thomas Conran, New Ross and John Murphy, Bridge Quay, New Ross.

Accepted.

No. 465 (Amount allowed £10) Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathmure, tendered at £9.9.6d giving as Sureties Michael O'Connor, South Street, New Ross, and Michael Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathmure.

John Hayden, Monamolin, Rathmure, and John Creane, Grange, Rathmure, tendered at £10 each.

Nicholas Dunne's tender, the lowest, was accepted.

No. 466 (Amount allowed £10) The only tender received was from James Doyle, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, who gave as Sureties Patrick Tobin, Tomanine, Rathmure, and Thomas Kehoe, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam. He tendered at the full amount.

Accepted.

No.467 (Amount allowed £15) Catherine Byrne, Cummer, Ballywilliam, tendered at £13.19s., giving as Sureties Owen Rourke, Cummer, Ballywilliam, and John Byrne, North Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.471 (Amount allowed £30) William Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace, tendered at the full amount and mentioned as Sureties T. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross and J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.473 (Amount allowed £30) No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year.

No.474 (Amount allowed £8) Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace, tendered at £8. giving as Sureties John Murphy, Bridge Quay, New Ross, and Thomas Williams, Quay Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.574 (Amount allowed £12) Patrick Kinsella, Ballynabanogue, Ballywilliam, tendered at £11, giving as Sureties Patrick Forrestal, Ballyanne, New Ross, and Patrick Callaghan, Ballinacoola, Ballywilliam.

Accepted.

No.577 (Amount allowed £12) Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace, tendered at the amount allowed, mentioning as Sureties John Murphy, Bridge Quay, New Ross, and Thomas Williams, Quay Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.578 (Amount allowed £40) John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties Michael J. Keegan, 7, South Street, New Ross, and Thomas Fitzgerald, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam.

Accepted.

No.579 (Amount allowed £25) John Doran, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, tendered at the amount allowed and gave same Sureties as for No.578.

No.580 (Amount allowed £15.) No tender. Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

No.598 (Amount allowed £12) Patrick Nolan, Templenacrow, Palace,

tendered at the full amount giving as Sureties, T. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross, and J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.600 (Amount allowed £25) William Rochford, Templenacrow, tendered at full amount, giving same sureties as for No.598.

Accepted.

No.601 (Amount allowed £8) William Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties T. Murray, Mary Street, New Ross, and J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.602 (Amount allowed £8.) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.662 (Amount allowed £22) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.663 (Amount allowed £50) James Doran, Rochestown, New Ross, tendered at £49.9s. giving as Sureties Nicholas Lennon, Meylers Park, New Ross and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.664 (Amount allowed £30) James Doran, Rochestown, New Ross, tendered at £29.19s. and gave the same Sureties as for No.663.

Accepted.

No.665 (Amount allowed £12) Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at £10.14s. and Michael Kelly, Camblin, New Ross, tendered at £10.15s., his Sureties being James Whitty, Camblin, New Ross and James Kelly, Michael Street, New Ross. As Michael Kelly was the old contractor and the difference being 1/- only per annum, it was decided that Kelly's Tender be accepted.

No.667 (Amount allowed £7) Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at £6.14s. giving as Sureties James Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at £6.15s.

Michael Hanlon's tender, the lower, was accepted.

No.668 (Amount allowed £10) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.685 (Amount allowed £25) Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at £24.5s. giving as Sureties, Thomas Walsh and Wm. Ronan, both of New Ross.

Accepted.

No.686 (Amount allowed £28.) Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at £27.5s. giving same Sureties as for No.685.

Accepted.

No.687 (Amount allowed £25) Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at full amount, giving same Sureties as for No.685. Accepted.

No.694 (Amount allowed £18) Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties James Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile; Accepted.

No.695 (Amount allowed £12) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.696 (Amount allowed £7.10s.) James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties Richard Finn, Ballyvelig, Campile, and John Cleary, Killowen, New Ross. Accepted.

No.699 (Amount allowed £14) William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, tendered at full amount, mentioning as Sureties, Patrick Forrestal, South Street, New Ross and Richard Ryan, Garryduff, Campile.

Accepted.

No.700 (Amount allowed £9) Moses Brown, Garryduff, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving same Sureties as for No.699. Accepted.

No.697 Amount allowed £10) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.701 (Amount allowed £30) William Power, Ballybrazil, Campile, tendered at the full amount, mentioning as Sureties, Patrick Forrestal, South Street, New Ross and Richard Ryan, Garryduff, Campile. Accepted.

No.702.(Amount allowed £10) John McFarlane, Ballykerogue, Campile, tendered at £9. mentioning as Sureties Thomas Howlett, and John McGrath,

both of Dunbrody, Campile.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, tendered at £10.

The lower tender, that of John MacFarlane, was accepted.

NNo.719 (Amount allowed £15) Patrick Bennett, Kilscanlon, New Ross, tendered at the full amount, giving as Sureties Thomas Cosgrage, Finne Carrig, and Annie M. Nolan of Ballymacar. Accepted.

NNo.720 (Amount allowed £7.) Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £5.14s. Sureties being Marks Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, and John Rowe, Drealistown, Ballycullane.

James Kinsella of Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £5.18s.

Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, tendered at £6.2.6d. and

Michael Dillon tendered at £6.10s.

Patrick Murphy's tender was accepted.

NNo.726 (Amount allowed £16) Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £13.9s. giving same Sureties as for No.720.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £13.16s.

Luke Daye, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £14 and Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, at £15.2.6d.

The tender of Patrick Murphy, being the lowest, was accepted.

NNo.745 (Amount allowed £40) Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties Joseph Deacon, Spring Park, Old Ross and James Clegg, Camross, Foulksmills. Accepted.

NNo.746 (Amount allowed £14) Michael Dillon, Newbawn, tendered at £12. giving as Sureties James Furlong and Thomas O'Rourke, both of Brownstown.

Michael Doyle, Ballyclemock, Newbawn, tendered at £13.9s.

The tender of Michael Dillon was accepted.

NNo.750 (Amount allowed £22) Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at full amount, giving as Sureties the same as for No.745.

Accepted.

NNo.799 (Amount allowed £7.) James Murphy, Arthurstown, tendered at £6.10s. giving as Sureties Wm. F. Walsh, Ramsgrange, and Nicholas Whelan, Ballyvelig.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, tendered at full amount.

James Murphy's tender was accepted.

No.801 (Amount allowed £12) No tender. Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor for one year.

No.802 (Amount allowed £9) Patrick Power, Nook, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties John Murphy, Nook, Arthurstown, and Michael Farrell, of Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at the full amount and was accepted.

No.803 (Amount allowed £19) Patrick Power, Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at £19 (full amount) giving same Sureties as for No.802. Accepted.

No.806 (Amount allowed £11) Patrick Keating of Nook, Arthurstown, giving as Sureties John Murphy and Michael Farrell, both of Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at full amount and was accepted.

No.807 (Amount allowed £5) Patrick Keating of Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at full amount, giving same Sureties as for No.806. Accepted.

No.808 (Amount allowed £16) James Murphy, Arthurstown, tendered at £15.10 giving same Sureties as for No.799.

Patrick Keating, Nook, Arthurstown, tendered at £16.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.826 (Amount allowed £16) Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £13.19s. giving as Sureties Michael Donnelly, Cullenstown, Foulksmills, and James Bennett, Loughnageer.

Stephen Kinsella, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £14.15s.

Joseph Hanlon's tender was accepted.

No.827 (Amount allowed £10) Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £7.9s. and gave same Sureties as for No.720.

Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £7.19s.

Stephen Kinsella, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, tendered at £8.

Patrick Murphy's tender was accepted.

No.829 (Amount allowed £13) J. Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £11, giving as Sureties Patrick Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, and Joseph Whelan of same address. Accepted.

No.830 (Amount allowed £11) No tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.832 (Amount allowed £16) Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at full amount, and gave as Sureties Patrick Walsh and Thomas Murphy, both of Clonmines. Accepted.

No.833 (Amount allowed £16) James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £14, giving same sureties as for No.829.

Thomas Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at £16.

The lower tender was accepted.

No. 834 (Amount allowed £30) No. tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor for one year.

No.848 (Amount allowed £6.) John Murphy, Tallaught, Ballycullane, tendered at £6. giving as Sureties Patrick Walsh and Thomas Murphy both of Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge. Accepted.

No.853 (Amount allowed £17) Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, giving as Sureties John Culleton, Kilbride, and Edward Banville, Conna, tendered at full amount. Accepted.

No.854 (Amount allowed £28) Thomas Doran, Haggard, Ramsgrange, giving as Sureties James Cogley, Ramsgrange, and James McDonnell^{ne}, Cunnaghmore, Ramsgrange, tendered at £22.9s.

P. O'Neill, Shellbaggan, Ramsgrange, tendered at £28.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.873 (Amount allowed £7) Thomas Orange, Conna, Duncannon, giving as Sureties Alexander Auld, Conna, Duncannon and John Auld of Grange, Fethard, tendered at full amount and was accepted.

No.1023 (Amount allowed £12) No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor for one year.

HAULAGE

A large number of haulage tenders were disposed of, the work being distributed amongst hauliers so far as was consistent with the prices quoted.

WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

The meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 25th February, 1933.

Present: Mr. R. Corish, (presiding) and Mr. Gaul.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, were also in attendance.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Contracts from 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1936.

No. 662 (Amount allowed £36.) James Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin, tendered at £33, giving as Sureties Patrick Murphy, Ballinclay, and John Parker, Wexford.

John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £35.10s.

The lower tender was accepted.

No. 643 (Amount allowed £35.) James Sinnott, Oylegate, Enniscorthy, tendered at £26.19.6d. and gave as Sureties John Nolan, Tomlane, Oylegate, and Aidan Donohoe, Coolnaboy, Oylegate.

Thomas Carberry, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, tendered at £27.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, tendered at £29.18. and Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, at £32.19.6d.

J. Sinnott's tender - the lowest - was accepted.

No. 645 (Amount allowed £12) Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £10.15s. giving as Sureties Thomas Nolan, Redmond Place, Wexford, and Patrick Jordan, Killmisten, Castlebridge.

This was the only tender and was accepted.

No. 646 (Amount allowed £19) Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £17.14s. giving same Sureties as for No. 645.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, tendered at £18.19s.

The lower tender was accepted.

No. 648 (Amount allowed £15) Denis Murphy, Johnstown,

Castlebridge, (the old contractor) tendered at £15. giving as Sureties James Kelly, North Main Street, Wexford and Michael Murphy, Killiane, Wexford.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, tendered at £14.19s.

It was decided to accept the old contractor.

No.649 (Amount allowed £13) Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge, the old contractor, tendered at full amount, giving same sureties as for No.648.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorrall, Castlebridge, tendered at £12.19s.

The tender of old Contractor was accepted.

No.761 (Amount allowed £36.) John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, who gave as Sureties Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, and Matthew Moran, Corlican, tendered at £35.8s. Accepted.

No.765 (Amount allowed £16) Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £13.9s. giving as Sureties Joseph Breen, Talbot Street, Wexford, and William Wright, Shelmalier, Commons.

Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £14.10s.

Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £15.

The lowest tender was accepted.

No.780 (Amount allowed £8.) Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £5.19s. giving same sureties as for No.765. Accepted.

No.784 (Amount allowed £15) Johanna Bishop, Ballyboggan, tendered at £12, giving as her Sureties, Philip Cowman, Main Street, Wexford and Thomas E. Quaid, Ferrycarrig.

James O'Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £13.14.9d.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.891 (Amount allowed £26.) Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £24.17.6d. giving same Sureties as for No.765.

Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £25.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.893 (Amount allowed £20) No tender. Given in charge of Co. Surveyor for one year.

No.912 (Amount allowed £45) James Wade, Danescastle, Bannow, tendered at £39.9s. and gave as Sureties, J. Rattigan, Waterloo Road, Wexford, and John Neville, Ballyfrory, Wellingtonbridge.

James Harpur, Crosslake, Bannow, tendered at £40., and Michael Power, Vernegly, Wellingtonbridge, at £42.9.6d.

The lowest tender, that of James Wade, was accepted.

No.918 (Amount allowed £15) John Furlong, Knocktown Cross, Duncormick, Wexford, tendered at the full amount and gave as Sureties Edward Furlong, Sandyhill, Barntown, and Stephen Coady, Cull, Duncormick. Accepted.

No.958 (Amount allowed £28) John Cullen, Killag, Duncormick, tendered at the full amount, giving as Sureties Edward Goff, Richfield, Duncormick, and Edward Furlong, Sandyhill, Barntown. Accepted.

No.1012 (Amount allowed £12) Peter Barry, Lake Little, Rosslare, tendered at £10, and gave as Sureties Peter Bolger, Woodtown, Rosslare, and Thomas O'Connor, Lake, Rosslare. Accepted.

No.1013 (Amount allowed £15) Thomas Kelly, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, tendered at £13.4s. giving as Sureties, Charles Fitzhenry, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, and James Murphy, Cools Hill. Accepted.

No.1022 (Amount allowed £20) James Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin, tendered at £17.18s., giving as Sureties Patrick Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin and John Parker, Wexford.

John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £19.

The lower tender was accepted.

HAULAGE CONTRACTS.

A very large number of haulage contracts was dealt with. Where possible and in accordance with prices the work was divided, preference in all cases being given to haulage by horse.

FILLING VACANCY OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Rev. W.F. Hanton, C.C., Bannow, be appointed a member of No.1 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Rev. M. Newcombe removed to another district."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That a temporary clerical Staff for writing up Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books be appointed. Selection of applicants to be made by a Committee of two members from each district."

The following Committee were appointed:-

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs. T. McCarthy and J. Shannon.

Gorey District:- Messrs. S. O'Byrne and J. Hall.

New Ross District:- Messrs. J. Cummins and J.E. Walsh.

Wexford District:- Messrs. R. Corish and M.M. Roche.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE - CLERK OF WORKS

The following applications for appointment of Clerk of Works (Ferry carrig Bridge repair) were submitted. Messrs. Michael O'Carroll, B.E., Cadamstown, Birr: Wm. Fitzsimons, B.A.I., 4, Heathfield Road, Teremure, Dublin: T.V. Garland, B.A., Merrion House, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin: Captain B.B. Harvey, B.A.B.A.I., Bargo, Ballycogley, Co. Wexford: W. Hawe, B.E., Buncrana, Co. Donegal: T.P. Hogan, B.E., Assistant Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Thurles, W.F. Johnston, B.E., A.M.I.C.E.I., 3, Pembroke Road, Dublin: John N. Enright, 68 Audley Rd., London, N.W.4: John McGregor, 26, Fair Street, Drogheda: Solby L. MacFarlane, 2, Tivoli Terrace, South, Dunlaoghaire: T. Millar, M.I.S.E., 5, Hawthorn Villas, South Douglas Road, Cork: Eoin O'Brolchain, B.E., Dun Bride, Nashville Park, Howth, Co. Dublin: Wm. Vallis Peet, B.A. B.A.I., Eastmount, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.

Col. Gibbon proposed the appointment of Captain Harvey, who was

a Wexford man resident in the County. He appeared to have more experience of concrete work particularly in tidal waters than any of the other applicants. He had been already employed by the Co. Council in connection with the erection of Mountgarrett Bridge and had given such satisfaction that he had been employed later by New Ross Urban Council in connection with their water scheme.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed the appointment of Mr. Millar, who was also a Wexford man. Applicant had a young family and would carry out the work in a satisfactory manner if appointed.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Captain Harvey:- Messrs. Brennan, Cummins, Gibbon, Hall, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Roche, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)
For Mr. Millar:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and O'Byrne. (8)

The Chairman declared Captain Harvey appointed.

The following resolution was then proposed by Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Cummins and adopted:- "That Captain B.B. Harvey, be appointed Clerk of Works in connection with repairs at Ferrycarrig Bridge on the terms of advertisement governing appointment remuneration £6.6s. per week.

CAHORE PIER EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The following report from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, was submitted:-

"A meeting in connection with extension of pier at Cahore was held at Cahore 22nd February, 1933, when Messrs. Kehoe and Keating T.D's were met by Messrs. Smyth, Quin, Keegan and representatives of local fishermen. After inspection of pier and berthage accommodation by above with County and Assistant Surveyor, a meeting, presided over by Rev. Father Kavanagh, was held.

"Statements were made to the meeting by Messrs. Crowe, Redmond, Dempsey and Ennis on behalf of the fishermen, to the effect that there

"are fifteen boats at present engaged in fishing and application before Fishery Board for three new boats, but as berthage accommodation is insufficient even for boats at present in use, it was believed this application would be refused unless an extension of not less than ninety feet was made to existing pier - such an extension being an absolute necessity even under present conditions. It was further stated that on occasions when weather was unfavourable the want of berthage facilities resulted in many boats being unable to land their catches and so were prevented from marketing their fish. The present berthing accommodation is only sufficient for four boats.

"Father Kavanagh stated that the Cahore fishermen are very industrious, never allowing an opportunity to pass of putting to sea even under conditions that would deter many and the men only wanted the extension to enable them to make the most of the advantages which Cahore, as a fishing centre offers. He further stated that all of them belong to the Fisheries Association.

"The two members of the Dail agreed that a strong case had been made to have the pier extended and that they would give the project all the help they could by supporting a claim for a grant when such claim had approval of County Council."

Col. Gibbon said that piers at which siltage occurred might become a heavy charge on the County in the future and before embarking on any financial responsibility they should have the opinion of the County Surveyor as to whether the pier was probably to be liable to silting up in the near future and was it a harbour that would have to be constantly dredged to be kept clear. If they built harbours in places likely to silt up it would mean very heavy expense on the Co. Council in future.

The Co. Surveyor said that Cahore was an open harbour and he did not think there was any likelihood of silting up so far as he could see. There was - so far as silting was concerned no change at the existing pier in recent years and there was no probability there would be any.

His estimate for the 90 feet extension was £4,500.

Chairman - Failing to secure a Government Grant, the project drops.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Co. Council should make strong representations to the Government for a grant in this case. It would give a permanent way of living to about 50 people and their families and would provide immediate employment.

Mr. Smyth proposed the following resolution:- "That application be made to the Government for the necessary Government Grant to allow of an extension of 90 feet at Cahore Pier in order to provide for the development of the fishing industry. The T.D.'s had the matter in hands and a really good case for the project could be made."

Mr. Hall, who seconded the resolution, said he had been prevented by another engagement from being present at the Committee meeting.

Mr. Keegan supported the resolution and said a very important point to stress was the fact that fishermen had been refused loans to purchase boats until such time as Cahore pier could provide more accommodation.

The resolution was then put and passed nem. con.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "We, the Wexford Co. Council in the County of Wexford being a member of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited hereby appoint as our Nominee, Mr. Sean O'Byrne, Co. Councillor, The Avenue, Gorey, in our name and on our behalf to vote and exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership at the annual meeting of the Company to be held in the year 1933."

HARBOURS ON SOUTH WEXFORD COAST

Mr. Cummins said at a recent meeting of the Council a resolution had been adopted asking the Co. Surveyor to inspect the various

harbours in South Wexford and furnish an estimate as to the cost of putting them into repair.

The Co. Surveyor said that after last meeting he sent forward to the Board of Works a list of schemes as to improvement of harbours of Slade, Fethard and Ballyhack.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Corish T.D., a member of this Council be requested to make representations to the appropriate Government Department for grants for the repair of piers in South Wexford in accordance with the estimate of the Co. Surveyor."

COTTAGE PLOTS AND CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 23rd January, 1933, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote in connection with loan which his Board were obtaining to complete the erection of 50 cottages in Gorey Garden City, the Board of Works who were preparing the mortgage required the Board's title to the sites. This title was at present registered in the name of the Gorey Rural District Council whose property under the Local Government Act of 1925 had been transferred to the Co. Council.

On making application^{to} the Co. Registrar to have the title of Gorey Rural District Council transferred to the Board of Health, Mr. Dwyer said that the Order for this under the seal of the County Council should be lodged with him.

Mr. Elgee advised the meeting to adopt a resolution providing for the transfer of plots as requested.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That the title of all Labourers' Cottage plots at present vested in Wexford Co. Council as successors in title to the Rural District Councils of the County be transferred to Co. Wexford Board of Health and that Co. Solicitor take the necessary steps to have transfer effected."

NOTICES OF MOTION

LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:-

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to Co. Councillors on 10th January, 1933, was moved by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a sum not exceeding £8000 (Eight Thousand Pounds) to be repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899-1931."

Mr. Clince seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF SALARIES AND PENSIONS:- The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby request the Government to reduce all salaries and pensions payable either from the State Funds or from the funds of local Bodies, and the salaries and pensions should be adjusted in strict accordance with the capabilities of the agricultural industry to pay since this industry is 80% of the whole industry of the 26 Counties."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That consideration of Notice of motion as to reduction of salaries and pensions be adjourned to next meeting to enable Mr. D'Arcy to be present."

LIBRARY SERVICE - ANNUAL ESTIMATE

The estimate of Library Committee for financial year 1933/34 was submitted. This provided for receipt of £100 from Co. Council in addition to the equivalent of the Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. the normal contribution.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the £100 additional was also voted last year and it could be seen from the estimates that the number of Centres and the circulation of books had shown a very considerable increase over the previous year. He moved the following resolution:-

"That the Council include in their estimate for financial year 1933-34

"a sum of £924 - (which provides £100 in addition to the equivalent of a halfpenny rate on the County at large.)" for County Library Service."
Mr Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

ESTIMATE FOR CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

COMMITTEE.

The above Committee forwarded Demand for annual contribution for financial year 1933-34 of £3118 being the equivalent of the rate of 1³/₄d in the £. on County at large less valuation of Wexford Urban District. This amount was fixed by Statute.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That a sum of £3118 amount demanded by Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee be brought into Co. Council estimate for financial year 1933-34."

WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS

The statement submitted by Wexford Harbour Commissioners as to the necessity for improving Wexford Harbour if it were to remain open, and which had been adjourned from previous meetings, came up for consideration with the following resolution of Mr. O'Byrne which had been also adjourned:- "That we confirm the following Minute of Finance Committee:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to contribute the equivalent of a rate of one penny in the £. on the County at large as a contribution towards the cost of the improvement of Wexford harbour and that this amount be brought into the Co. Council budget for financial year 1933-34."

Mr. O'Byrne moved the adoption of his motion.

Col. Gibbon thought it was vital that the Council should express some sympathy with the Wexford Harbour Board in their endeavour to get something done. He thought it could be said without fear of contradiction that if the harbour silted up so that shipping could not come in, apart from the loss the farmers would suffer if extra prices were put on feeding stuffs, coal and other things, and probably extra charges on cattle, the expenses to be thrown on the poor rates of the County would far exceed 1d. in the £.

Mr. Hall,- Is it only for one year?

Chairman - It is for all time.

Mr. Corish - It is not.

Chairman - Well for sixty years.

Mr. Corish - You are not going to get any loan over a period of sixty years.

The Chairman said it had been mentioned that £4,000 a year would be required for sixty years.

Mr. Corish said he did not think a loan could be got for sixty years. It would probably be over a period of about thirty-five years.

In reply to Mr. Cummins, the Secretary said that £1,000 in the £. would raise something over £1,600 on the County at large.

Mr. Colloton - Why not postpone the matter until the law is amended?

Mr. Corish said that the Harbour Board were anxious that the Council pass the resolution as a gesture showing they were in sympathy with the Board.

The Chairman asked if there was a definite guarantee that there would be a safe harbour if the proposed work were carried out.

Mr. Corish said that the Harbour Board had a report from very eminent engineers stating that if the work they proposed were carried out the harbour would be navigable for all time. That report had been submitted by a deputation to the Board of Works, and they had, he thought, fairly well approved of it.

The Chairman said he thought they had not approved of it.

Mr. Corish said that his statement was that they had fairly well approved of it. Mr. Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, had been down at the harbour and Major M'Neill, engineer to the Board of Works, was engaged on a survey of the harbour at present, and the Harbour Board were expecting his report in a short time. Within recent weeks the harbour had practically closed up, with the result that traffic had been diverted. He thought that Col. Gibbon had clearly explained the

position that might be expected to arise in the event of the harbour being closed. It would mean very serious inroads on the funds of the Co. Health Board because a great many people got employment on the quays, and naturally they would be thrown on the rates if anything happened to the harbour. The reason the Harbour Board wanted the Co. Council, before the law was changed, to pass a resolution agreeing to contribute was that the matter was before two or three Government Departments that, he believed, were going to do something about the harbour. He was of opinion that there would have to be a private bill got through by the Harbour Board. If the Co. Council were not agreeable to subscribe it would be an opposed measure and would cost a lot, but if they agreed it would cost very little as an unopposed measure. He presumed that the Minister would not proceed to alter the law unless the Co. Council were satisfied. His recollection was that it would take about £4,000 a year to fund the loan completely. The Harbour Board and the Corporation would, of course, put up a certain amount, and they asked the Co. Council to put up the proceeds of 1d. in the £.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought they should give every encouragement to a project of the kind, because, after all, Wexford harbour was the natural outlet for the county, and she thought the Council should show sympathy to the extent at least, of finding 1d. in the £., subject, of course, to its being in order to do so.

The Chairman said that the way he looked at the matter was that they had not anything definite as to whether the harbour would be all right after the proposed expenditure of £80,000. They had a very prominent engineer engaged some years ago with reference to erosion at Rosslare, and his first proposition was to stop the removal of sand and gravel from the beach. The removal had been stopped for two years but he thought that matters were worse now than when removal was first stopped. That showed them that that engineer's opinion was erroneous at all events.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that it was very hard to get a guarantee in such cases.

The Chairman said it was, but he did not think it would be wise to spend the ratepayers' money on such a wild goose chase. He thought they should adjourn the matter for the new Council. Mr. Corish had referred to the diversion of traffic, but he (Chairman) thought that every pound of cargo had come through Co. Wexford - through Rosslare, if not through Wexford Harbour.

Col. Gibbon said that in order to have unanimity on the matter he would suggest a resolution to the effect that the Council believed that the maintenance of the port of Wexford was essential ~~in~~ the interests of the farmers and the people of the whole of the Co. Wexford, and that if, in the near future, plans could be approved ~~of~~, which would show a reasonable chance of the port being made an open one, the Council would be satisfied in raising money to assist in the work. He thought that such a resolution would meet Mr. Corish's idea. They would be showing the Government that they were prepared to do something.

Mr. O'Byrne said that such a resolution would be throwing doubt upon the work. No department would agree to the spending of £80,000 unless they were satisfied that there would be some advantage for it. He held that the strongest argument against the granting of a loan would be that the Co. Council turned the matter down or had doubts about it. He thought they should adopt the resolution he had proposed. They would not have to pay unless the matter was made legal.

Mr. Corish - Of course there is another thing that should be taken into consideration. This job will take about four years, and there will be an average of two hundred men employed, and you will save on the rates.

The Chairman said that in connection with every work that cropped up they were told there would be a saving on the rates, but they never had as much Home Assistance as at present in spite of all the money spent in the last year on Relief schemes.

Mr. Colloton proposed that the matter be adjourned until the Law was changed, and Mr. Brennan seconded.

Chairman - You do not get any definite guarantee for one wall in the harbour from the engineer at all, and they are not going on with two walls now, are they?

Mr. Corish - The Harbour Board only brought over the engineer to know from him if one wall would be sufficient. He said it would do a certain amount of good, but he could not guarantee it.

The Chairman said that in view of the inspection by the engineer of the Board of Works there must be another project in view now.

Mr. Corish said the engineer was examining as to whether it would be desirable to open another channel.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne amended his motion as follows:-
"That the Co. Council agree to contribute the equivalent of a rate of one penny in the £. on the County at large as a contribution towards the repayment of loan for improvement of Wexford Harbour and that this amount be brought into the budget of the Co. Council when legal power for such a step has been obtained.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Cummins wished to support Mr. O'Byrne's proposition, because of the fact that if something were not done the harbour was going to close up, and, as Col. Gibbon had stated, if it closed up it would mean more than 1d. in the £ loss to the people of the County. While he was there representing the ratepayers he was there to give his opinion, and his opinion, though coming from the farthest part of the County, was that the passing of the proposition would mean a benefit to the people he represented. He supported the proposition believing that he was doing nothing only what was just to the ratepayers.

Chairman - Mr. Cummins stated it as his opinion that supposing the harbour were closed altogether it would mean more than 1d in £. on the ratepayers. I do not believe one word of that, and I have just as much interest in the farmers of the County as Mr. Cummins.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that Rosslare Harbour was owned by a

British Company.

The Chairman said the Wexford harbour was owned by the Harbour Commissioners. If they wished to develop Rosslare Harbour they would get the chance. It was only a short distance from Wexford, and there was a good train service.

Miss O'Ryan - We have experience of depending on the British.

Chairman - It is the Great Southern Co. that owns the harbour.

Miss O'Ryan - It is owned by a British company.

Chairman - Any facilities you want you will get them from the company.

Miss O'Ryan - Facilities.

Mr. Gaul pointed out that Wexford harbour was not owned by the Commissioners. They only represented the people.

Chairman - If you got the other harbour you would not be depending on tides or anything else.

A poll on Mr. Culleton's proposition resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (7)

AGAINST: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (13)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Col. Gibbon said that the granting of the money asked for in Mr. O'Byrne's proposition ^{should} be subject to the reports of the engineers satisfying the Council that there was a reasonable probability of the harbour being maintained in future. He suggested that he was justified in doing so, because at present they had only one report. There had been talk of one retaining wall and also of two walls. He thought that two would be required, but they should have a proper report on what was to be done. He then proposed the following which he stated was not to be regarded as an amendment to Mr. O'Byrne's motion but as an addendum:-

"The amount promised by Wexford Co. Council as a contribution towards repayment of loan for improvement of Wexford Harbour is

"contingent on really satisfactory reports being produced to the Council by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners."

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Corish said that Col. Gibbon's motion would leave the Council always in a position to say that they did not agree with a report and the question was when would they have finality as far as agreement was concerned. He believed that there would be satisfaction, as far as an engineer's report was concerned, but what was going to guide the Council in the matter?

Mr. Gaul remarked that the Department had the report of the firm that surveyed the harbour.

Col. Gibbon - Apparently Mr. McNeill is going to put up another suggestion.

Mr. Corish - But what is to constitute a satisfactory report?

Chairman - I suppose the Council will decide that.

Mr. Corish - But should not Col. Gibbon be prepared to accept the Government's decision on a satisfactory report?

Col. Gibbon said he would like to have the Co. Surveyor's opinion as to what would be a satisfactory report. If they were going to commit the Co. Council to responsibility in the matter they wanted to be satisfied that the money they were spending would maintain an open port for Wexford.

Mr. Roche did not think that Col. Gibbon's amendment was necessary. He suggested that the Government or Harbour Commissioners would not put up a project involving the expenditure of £80,000 if that project were not suitable.

Mr. Corish said that the Harbour Board would not proceed with the project until they received Government sanction. The Government had sent engineers to examine the project, and the Board were awaiting their report, and if their report were not favourable the scheme would not proceed.

The Chairman asked if it would not be time enough to consider this matter when the report was received.

Mr. Corish said he did not think it would. The Board would have to negotiate about a loan and how could they negotiate without knowing whether they would have the wherewithal to meet it or not. He thought that Col. Gibbon's motion was a kind of red herring across the matter. He would not say that Col. Gibbon intended it that way, as his remarks had been very favourable in regard to the harbour.

Col. Gibbon - Mr. O'Byrne has a proposition that definitely states we are to raise this money in the rates, and we will have to provide for it, I take it, in the coming budget.

Mr. Corish remarked that the money would not be required this year.

Col. Gibbon said that, in accordance with his proposition, the Council would be in a better position to examine the reports when they were complete. If the Government were satisfied that the scheme was feasible he took it that the Council would accept the proposition if they found that the engineers were at one in their recommendations, but he supposed the Council would not proceed to raise the money if the engineers were divided in their opinions.

In reply to Mr. Colloton as to whether the ld. in the £ would be included in this year's rate, Mr. Corish said that even if the loan were raised this year the payment of interest would not be required until next year.

After further discussion Mr. Hall withdrew as seconder of Col. Gibbon's motion and, on the suggestion of Mr. Corish, Mr. O'Byrne further amended his motion to read as follows:- "That the Co. Council agree to contribute the equivalent of a rate of one penny in the £. on the County at large as a contribution towards the repayment of loan for improvement of Wexford Harbour and that this amount be brought into the budget of the Co. Council when legal power for such a step has been obtained and when sanction has been received for the plans etc. from the appropriate Government Department."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Col. Gibbon withdrew his motion and a poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. -(13)

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth and the Chairman. (5)

Declined voting - Messrs. Colloton and Roche. (2)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

COURTOWN HARBOUR - DREDGING OF BASIN

The following under date 26th February, 1933, was read from Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor for clearing basin at Courtown Harbour:-

"I read report of discussion at Co. Council meeting in "Echo" of 13th instant, and am taking this to be correct, would say; I signed a bond with two solvent securities to carry out certain work here by 30th June next under the supervision of Council's Engineers. Within six weeks of my arrival I made both basin and entrance navigable for all local boats which I am informed will not put to sea until May. I showed the local Harbour Commissioners how to keep the entrance to harbour clear with the means at their disposal, viz. on January 20th and 21st a heavy S.E. gale closed the entrance with sand bar, I cleared this within three days by using gates. On January 27th and 28th a gale from same point again closed entrance, I cleared this sand within two days.

"I have carried out several dredging contracts for Wexford Harbour Board to their satisfaction, and never had any individual member interfering. They left the matter to their Engineer, under whose supervision I did the work.

"On this job, according to agreement, I ask to work under the supervision of your Council's Engineer, getting part payment as work proceeds (again according to agreement) and when period of contract expires the Council have their remedy if work is not finished.

"I say I have done more real work here in six weeks than B.O.W. steam dredger did at Kilmore a few years ago during a whole Summer. I am dumping solid spoil not water."

In answer to Mr. Keegan the Co. Surveyor said that no further advance of money had been made to the Contractor since the last meeting. The Contractor hoisted the sluices since he went there.

Mr. Keegan stated that the hoisting of the sluices was not in the contract. That work was done by fishermen.

The Co. Surveyor stated that fishermen used to hoist the sluices when they wanted to get out with their boats, but during the winter when there was no fishing they did not do it. That, in his opinion was the crux and the cause of the place getting choked as the stuff became so packed it was difficult to shift it. If it were regularly flushed even once a week, it would probably be kept clear.

Mr. Keegan said he would like the Co. Surveyor to measure the amount of stuff removed from the basin before any further payment was made to the Contractor.

Col. Gibbon said he thought the Co. Surveyor should submit a report of what it would cost to have the sluice gates handled in the way he suggests in view of the importance of regular flushings.

TEMPORARY CLOSING ROAD NO.320

Sealed Order under date 13th January, 1933, (I.R./107/1/1932) as to temporary closing of road No.320 for the additional period from 7th January, 1933, to 7th February, 1933 (inclusive) was received from Local Government Department.

The Co. Surveyor said that the work at Monamolín Bridge had been completed by the 7th February, last, and Road 320 then re-opened for traffic.

CO. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Local Government Department wrote under date 21st February, 1933, (Circular F/18/33) that elections to all local authorities would be held this year and the Minister was prepared to consider any recommendations which Co. Councils may make as to the most suitable date not earlier than the 23rd June nor later than the 1st. July for the purpose.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the 26th June, 1933, as date for holding elections to Wexford Co. Council."

ROAD GRANTS

The following road grants had been received since last meeting:-
 £55052 Relief Grant (R.F.U.32-13th February, 1933)
 £11962 Road Maintenance (R.G.M./32 - 13th February, 1933) and
 £6620 (Unemployment Grant - R.U./32 - 22nd February, 1933.)

AUDITOR'S REPORT - ENNISCORTHY

MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Under date 7th February, 1933, the Local Government Department wrote (AA.8366-33) forwarding report of Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Enniscorthy Mental Hospital for the two half years ended 3rd March, 1932.

The report which was read evoked no comment.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

Under date 9th January, 1933, the Department of Local Government wrote (Circ.15/33) that a further assessment for the purposes of the Cattle Diseases Fund equivalent to a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. (double the normal assessment) on the valuation of the County would shortly be necessary probably in April next and provision for it should be made in Estimates for 1933-34.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Under date 2nd January, 1933, the following (D/14/5) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo, relative to borings at St. Helen's Harbour; I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to inform you that the Department cannot accede to the request that the cost of making such borings should be borne by the State."

The Chairman said that the fishermen of the place had been clearly of the impression when Mr. Lynch, former Minister for Fisheries, visited the place that he promised them a certain amount of Government assistance.

Mr. Elgee said that the Council were precluded from spending any money at the Harbour as it was not scheduled under Act of Parliament.

Mr. Gaul proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Cline and adopted nem. con:- "That the five T.D.'s of the County be requested to interest themselves as regards the development of the fishing industry at St. Helen's harbour and approach the Government with a view to securing a Government grant for this purpose.

FORD OF LYNCH

Mr. Elgee said that Council for the Co. Council in this matter intended to inspect the place on 16th March and would be glad to meet the Chairman and any other Councillor and representatives of the local people who cared to attend.

NEWTOWN GULLET, CAHORE DRAINAGE

SYSTEM

The following from the Irish Land Commission under date 16th February, 1933, (53682/32) to the Co. Surveyor as to above gullet was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo enclosing copy of your letter of the 15th idem to the Board of Works relative to the repair of a gullet in the townland of Newtown, which you state is connected with the Cahore Drainage System, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that the repairs which they recently carried out to the drains in this district were undertaken as a work for the relief of Unemployment. They are not responsible for the upkeep of the rivers and watercourses in the Cahore Drainage District, or any works connected therewith, and the funds allocated for the Relief Works referred to above having been expended, the Land Commission are not in a position to undertake any further works at present."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to have carried out the necessary repairs to gullet at Newtown, Cahore.

DRINAGH UNEMPLOYED

The following under date 4th February, 1933, was read:-

"We wish you to have this letter read and made known to your Council that we the undersigned unemployed of Drinagh wish to bring under your notice that a large number of men in this district, who are unemployed a long time and on the relief, want you to explain why we are ignored so much in the work given by both the Public Health Board and Co. Council, also that there is no worse in need than men with six to ten children who have nothing but the six shillings relief to exist on. We also read in the Press that there are men drawing the relief who had no inclination to work. I hope you will not tar us with that brush. We are compelled to travel from four to five miles and we do not see the reason why we are debarred from any work in the Corporation, when we have to go to the Wexford Co. Hospital to do a day's work. We the undersigned hope for your kind consideration and would be very thankful to be employed in any work in the near future that may arise."

This was signed by eight men.

Under date 24th February, 1933, Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported regretting that he could not offer any work to the men who complained and all of whom were good workers. To help the large number of unemployed in this area the best schemes to tackle were:- (1) Kilmore road (2) Complete surfacing of road from Murrintown to Kerlogue. Every available man could be absorbed on either job.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we ask the Government to do all that is possible to secure the opening of Drinagh Cement Works."

COAST EROSION AT SLADE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the attention of the Irish Land Commission be directed to their letter of 24th November, 1931, in which they stated that the matter of providing a right of way to the holdings of Messrs. Fortune and Moran, Slade, was under consideration and that they be asked to inform the Co. Council when they intend taking any active steps in the matter."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT CAMPILE RAILWAY
STATION.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had written the Great Southern Railway Co. about the easement of dangerous corner at Campile Railway station and had received the following letter under date 25th January, 1933, from Mr. A.W. Bretland, Engineer to the Railway Co.

"I should be glad to have your proposals for dealing with the matter for my consideration.

"You are aware, of course, that the Company are only liable for the maintenance of the approach road as originally constructed. The cost, therefore, of any alterations which may be agreed upon will have to be borne entirely by the Co. Council."

The Co. Surveyor said the necessary work would cost £15.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Co. Surveyor, in view of the convenience it will mean to the customers of the Great Southern Railway using Campile Railway Station, request the Railway Company to contribute half the cost (viz. £7.10s) of easement of corner approaching this Railway station and which is in a dangerous condition at present."

DANGEROUS CORNER - ROAD RATHASPECK TO
HAYESTOWN

Rev. Peter Roche, C.C., Murrintown, wrote that several accidents had occurred at a dangerous corner on the road from Rathaspeck to Hayestown and it would be a great convenience to the public if the

Co. Council would have the corner widened or improved.

The Co. Surveyor said he was arranging to deal with this corner.

TOMCOYLE LANE

The following memorial which was signed by 37 Ratepayers was read:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers of the surrounding districts beg to direct the attention of the Wexford Co. Council to a lane leading from Tomcoyle to the Bridge at Croghan Lower which lane serves the whole of Croghan, Tomcoyle, Monalea, Pallas and Tinaban. This lane is about one and a half miles long. On it live six families, all being farmers and substantial ratepayers. This lane is convenient to a good supply of river material and which could be hauled very cheaply. The people living on the lane would be prepared to give substantial assistance to the Council in doing the repairs."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Co. Surveyor endeavour to obtain a grant from Commissioners of Public Works under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair of Tomcoyle lane."

ROAD BALLINASLANEY - POULDARRIG

Mr. Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate wrote asking the Co. Council to endeavour to try and secure a government Grant for the repair of above road on which twelve or thirteen families resided. There was a great deal of traffic on the road carting Slaney gravel and sand.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had applied for a grant under the Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair of this road but his application had not been successful..

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to again call the attention of the Commissioners of Public Works to the matter.

COOLNAGREE LANE

Miss O'Ryan proposed that as no work had been done on Coolnagree lane the Co. Surveyor be given the money to expend on work of the same kind. The Council passed a certain amount of material on the

condition that the residents could do some work.

Mr. Hall seconded and the resolution was adopted.

The Co. Surveyor said that the people had declined to do anything.

Miss O'Ryan - We gave them two years.

Chairman - Very well. Let them do without it.

CUMMER AND WICKLOW GAP QUARRIES

The following under date 26th January, 1933, was read from
Denis Bolaney:-

"On behalf of the unemployed of this area we write to submit our application for all the stone breaking in Cumber and Wicklow Gap by hand.

"There are enough men unemployed to break all the stones in each quarry by hand. Any start as soon as possible to give a little relief."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that he had made inquiries in the district and could not find any person named Bolaney. All material obtained at Ballythomas since the quarry opened had been broken by hand and recently part of the material from Cumber had been hand-broken. Machine broken material for use on main roads had to be provided at Cumber.

No order.

FLOODING OF LAND AT BALLYCULLANE

Under date 6th February, 1933, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of John Whelan, Boley, Ballycullane that the Co. Council's Road Contractor had broken a hole through his fence between his land and the public road causing a quantity of water from the road to flow on to the land by which Mr. Whelan suffered considerable damage. The land was still flooded. There had never been a hole in the fence before and it appeared that the Road Contractor had acted wrongfully. They asked to be informed of the steps the Council proposed taking to compensate Mr. Whelan and to prevent any further damage.

Under date 9th February, 1933, the following report was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"I inspected this road on the 25th January, and met the Contractor and also Mr. Whelan. At this time of the year after heavy rain this road is always flooded, sometimes to a depth of two feet. The only outlet for the water is into Mr. Whelan's land, and I believe, and Mr. Whelan admitted, that there was a drain across his field but it does not seem to have admitted water for a number of years. The Contractor cleaned up a portion of the back channel and tried to locate the entrance to the drain. In doing so he allowed the water into Mr. Whelan's land. The damage caused is, in my opinion, negligible and at present there is no water in Mr. Whelan's field. Mr. Whelan is willing to allow the road to be drained by means of a covered shore through his land. The cost of this would be about £15."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to provide a covered sewer to drain Road No. 727 (adjoining the land of Mr. Whelan, Boley, Ballycullane) said sewer to be run through land of Mr. Whelan, and as per arrangement with Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, cost not to exceed £15."

BALLYCULLANE STREET

Nine residents of Ballycullane village wrote under date 16th February, 1933, that they were not satisfied with the way the grant work was carried out as they claimed that the street of Ballycullane should have been done, and it was now in a shocking condition especially opposite the Church and business houses. They asked the Council to give out of the first available grant the necessary amount to finish the job.

The Co. Surveyor said they had to "cut their coat according to their cloth". When they got money they would look after it.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor finish road work

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"in Ballycullane district when next grant is available.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF CO. COUNCILS

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance as to administration of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924, and the Arterial Drainage Act 1925, submitted by the Co. Councils' General Council, was read.

ILLNESS OF CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we hereby agree to the payment of £42.18s. to Dr. Michael Bastible (£11.8s. travelling expenses and £31.10s. salary) for his services as substitute for Co. Medical Officer of Health during the three weeks' illness of the latter."

A QUESTION OF INSURANCE

In connection with the claim of Miss Palmer, Gorey, for injury to her lands and house caused by blasting at Gorey Hill Quarry, the following was read from the Dublin Branch Manager of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, 34, Dame Street, Dublin:-

"Re yours of the 20th December last. Our Inspector Mr. Graham had an interview with Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor recently, and explained to him that the damage in this case did not seem to be accidental within the meaning of the Policy. The Policy as you know covers any liability which the Council might have arising as the result of an accident, but in this case there was no accident. The stones which were blasted fell into Miss Palmer's land which adjoins the quarry, and this was more or less expected by the Council as it occurred on prior occasions from blasting operations. Mr. Barry is inclined to accept our decision, but asked us to write a letter to the Council explaining this, as he states the matter must go before the next meeting of the Council.

"On a former occasion we paid £15 for damage done to Miss Palmer's land and the present claim against the Council is for damage caused

"between the dates, 12th July, 1932, and 13th August, 1932, when an average of three shots were fired per day. Her solicitors have threatened to proceed for damages and for an Injunction restraining the Council from carrying out further operations in this quarry. The Council say the quarry is essential to them and consequently they intend to contest any application for injunction put forward by Miss Palmer.

"An accident, you understand, is something which is unexpected but in this case it was not unexpected that the stones would fall upon Miss Palmer's land and the concussion caused by the explosions, shake the buildings thereon, because it had happened before and she had been warned on several occasions that there was going to be blasting as a result of which she usually removed her stock and employees from the vicinity of the blasting.

"We shall be glad if you will kindly communicate with the Council informing them of the position under the Policy."

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon it was decided to refer this letter to Co. Solicitor for his advice and also to ask for quotations for the insurances of the Council when present policies fall due for renewal.

GRANGE QUARRY

Under date 8th February, 1933, a letter was read from eight employees of Grange Quarry (Rathmure) that they were stopped working on 24th December, last, and were still idle. Their stamps were exhausted and there was no sign of being re-employed.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, had made arrangements for the re-employment of the men in question.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That renewals of licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Wm. Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea, and John Doyle, 22, North Street, New Ross."

ANALYST'S REPORT

Detailed report as to samples under Food and Drugs Acts etc., submitted to the Co. Analyst, Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc., for quarter ended 31st December, 1932, was laid before the meeting. The total number of samples was:- Foods 245; Drugs 58; Water 2; Sheep Dip 1; Total 306. Number adulterated:- Butter 2; Milk 3; Whiskey 1., and one water condemned.

RATES OF MRS WHELAN, BALLYORLEY

Letter under date 12th February, 1933, was received from Edward Whelan, Ballyorley, Boolavogue, asking that the question of his case with Rate Collector Joseph Cummins should be re-opened.

It was decided the matter be considered in Committee.

The following letter from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Mrs. Ellen Whelan, mother of Edward Whelan, was read:-

"We have been consulted by Mrs. Ellen Whelan of Ballyorley, Ferns, in reference to a Demand for Rates she has received on her holdings at Ballyorley Upper and Dranagh, for the year ending 31st March next. In addition to the rates for the current year, the Demand Notes show a sum of £32.4.8d alleged to be due for arrears for previous years. There are special circumstances in this case, which Mrs. Whelan wishes us to bring before the Council. The facts are shortly as follows:-

"Our client's rates appear to have been clear up to the 30th September, 1927. Since then, and up to and including the year's rates for the year 1931/32, the following rates became due:

2nd moiety for year 1927/28	...	...	£ 8.	1.	4
1 year's rates to 31st March 1929	..	...	£14.	11.	4
Do to 31st March 1930	..	...	£14.	7.	5
Do to 31st March 1931	..	...	£14.	11.	1
Do to 31st March 1932	..	...	£11.	13.	8
Total	..	...	£63.	4.	10d

Off the above rates, our client made the following payments:

1929

June 24th £4. 0. 0d
 July 16th 6. 0. 0d

1931

Sept. 1st 15. 0. 0d £25. 0. 0d.

"leaving a balance due of £38.4.10d. Proceedings were taken against her last year, and in addition to the payments set out above she made two payments to the Solicitor for the Collector as follows:

1931

Dec. 15th £5. 0. 0d.

1932

Feby. 10th £7. 0. 0d.

£12. 0. 0d

These two payments amounting together to £12. reduced her arrears to £26.4.10d. We understand she was in fact sued for a sum very much in excess of the above sum of £26.4.10d. The proceedings were not defended as she informs us she was seriously ill at the time. By virtue of the Decree which the Collector obtained against her, 33 sheep were seized by the Collector in July 1932. These sheep, we are informed, were worth at least £2. a head, and should have been sufficient to clear off the amount due by her, and leave a substantial balance to her credit. The sheep, were however, we understand sold by the Sheriff and were bought in by the Collector for the exceedingly low sum of £10. We hardly think your Council would approve of a procedure which does not result in our client getting fair value for her property, without first giving her an opportunity of endeavouring to sell a sufficient number of sheep to clear off the arrears of rates, and your Council will, we are sure, readily understand, what a great loss and sacrifice the disposal of 33 sheep for the sum of £10 entailed on her. Apart from the credits set out above, she informs us that she never received any account showing the result of the sale of the sheep and as mentioned above, according to the Demand Note for the present year

"she still owes the Council the sum of £32.4.8d so that presumably she has not got one penny credit for the loss of 33 sheep. Having regard to what appears above, we think our client is entitled to particulars showing how the sum of £32.4.8d claimed to be due by her for arrears of rates to the 31st March, 1932, is arrived at, and if it is shown that credit has been given to her for all the payments made above leaving her still in arrear, she does not consider it unreasonable to ask the Council to make some concession in her favour. We would be glad if you would look into the matter, and have the case brought before the Council at the first opportunity."

Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 22nd February, 1933, on behalf of Rate Collector J. Cummins:-

"Mr. Cummins was here to-day and informed us that it had been conveyed to him by Mr. Sean Kennedy, the Rates Inspector, that it was the wish of the Finance Committee that Mr. Cummins should credit Mrs. Whelan's account with any profit he made as a result of the re-sale of 33 sheep which were sold by the County Registrar under a Decree for rates for the sum of £10.

"The Committee may not be aware that after these sheep were purchased by Mr. Cummins from the Co. Registrar, he gave Mrs. Whelan an opportunity of purchasing them for the sum of £20; that this opportunity was not availed of, and that the animals were subsequently re-sold by Mr. Cummins for less than that amount, and the expenses incurred by him in the re-sale etc., reduced the profit to a comparatively small amount.

The Committee may also be unaware of the fact that Mr. Cummins has himself, on one occasion, paid rates for Mrs. Whelan, which he has made no attempt to recover from her.

Under these circumstances we would suggest that it is scarcely reasonable to ask Mr. Cummins to credit Mrs. Whelan's account with any surplus that may be in his hands over the sum of £10.

"He has however, instructed us to say that he is anxious to meet

"the wishes of the Committee in the matter, and if the Committee on reconsidering the question, think he should lodge the surplus he is prepared to do so."

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

"That the Finance Committee having dealt with the matter of Mrs. Whelan's rates at previous meetings and having decided not to interfere between Mrs. Whelan and Rate Collector Joseph Cummins, on the advice of their Solicitor, cannot see their way to have the question re-opened."

PROPOSED "BRITISH BOYCOTT".

A resolution was received from Clare Co. Board of Health calling upon the Irish people to enforce a complete boycott on British commercial and financial interests.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That the resolution from Clare Board of Health relative to "British Boycott" be marked "read".

Michael Doyle
