

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 2ND JANUARY, 1928

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.



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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FORTVIEW, WEXFORD, ON 2ND JANUARY, 1928, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AMOUNTS TO BE ALLOCATED FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1928-29.

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

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

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor's estimate for the financial year, ending 31st March, 1929, was £74,513, an increase of £20,699 over the amount allowed by the County Council last year, viz., £53,814. The adoption of the estimate would mean an increase of about 1s 1d in the £ on last year's rate. Last year, the County Surveyor's estimate was £83,657 which the County Council reduced by 35 per cent. The Council would notice that there was a decrease in the estimates between 1927-28 and 1928-29 of £9,144. Last year, they agreed to a rate of 3s 2d in the £ which included 3d in the £ to provide for the annual repayment in connection with quarries and machinery. The actual amount of grants, which they had received from the Local Government Department in respect of roads in Rural Districts, was:- 1923, £3,510; 1924, £30,700, 1925, £16,260; 1926, £45,376; and 1927, £69,382. It was for the meeting to decide the amounts which they would put at the disposal of the County Surveyor for road maintenance for next financial year.



The County Surveyor said if the members would compare the items for improvement works in the estimates for this current year and for 1928-29 they could see that £7,000 of it was represented by important special works which he had brought forward last year but which were not included in the present proposals. He did not expect he would be able to get the money for these works last year but he simply brought them forward to have it on record that they were works which would have to be done sooner or later. One of them - Gorey-Courtown road improvement - was included in last year's estimate for £6,500. They had received from the Department of Local Government £1,000 towards this road under a Tourist Grant and they expected next year they would get something more, but, unfortunately, nothing at all like what they would want for it. He had compared the actual money they got on last year's estimate with the work they had been able to do, and, with the condition of the roads at present, and he could state absolutely that with the money raised they had been carrying on and that was all. If they took a road which was in a middling condition for the first year or so with a reduced expenditure, though it might not show up too badly, it would go to pieces. They had an instance of that in the Enniscorthy-Wexford road. It went all right for a spell under reduced expenditure and then suddenly broke up, entailing enormous expenditure. He (County Surveyor) had gone carefully into the actual cash working of the various maintenance works, and the way in which they now stood, and the figure which he now presented in conjunction and in consultation with his Assistants was the figure which was an actual minimum to maintain the roads in a proper condition. If the Council cut the price, he hoped they would be able to carry on, and the roads might not show apparent deterioration for a year or so. But this would eventually appear and they would have to spend much more ultimately than by looking properly after them now.



The County Surveyor then gave instances of the sudden collapse of roads owing to reduced maintenance and held that the same thing would happen in many roads if the Council reduced his estimate. They had made judicious use of the limited amount of material they were able to provide and they had been unable to put every yard of it in the best place. The result was that the other portions were gradually weakened and, if they did not get more material, the roads, after a little time, would cut up very badly. He had gone lately into the question of allocations from the Contingencies Fund with the Assistants as regards the cash available, and they all required more money for material than the amount in the Fund. When he first discussed the matter with them, they had put up figures which, though not too high for actual requirements, were altogether out of proportion to any money he could possibly allocate. He then wrote and explained to them that they would have to furnish the absolute minimum with which they could carry on. He (County Surveyor) went into the new figures but had to cut them by about 50 per cent, and this was sufficient to use up all the money in the Contingencies Fund to the end of March next. A lot of Special Works which he had included were essential and could not very well bear postponement. They were not maintenance in the ordinary acceptance of the term but more reconstruction or improvement works. Some of this might possibly be cut out for the present year. A number of them had been recommended by the Roads Inspection Committee and, as he said, a lot of them would have to be done within a very reasonable time though a few might hold over. But 75 per cent of them were actually maintenance of existing jobs. If his estimate was cut now, it would be for the third consecutive year. There was a heavy cut last year notwithstanding that traffic had enormously increased. The County Surveyor then gave instances of roads which were subject to heavy lorry



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traffic and in respect of which he warned the Council of the serious expenditure which would be involved in future years if the amount he estimated for them for the coming year was reduced. Bus traffic was injuring a number of roads and the Council would make up their minds that this traffic is going to increase and to be responsible for heavy expenditure. He did not want to run up rates but held there was little margin for cutting his estimate if the roads were to be properly maintained. Many roads were apparently not bad but they were wearing thin every day and would eventually go to pieces all at once. They should remember that, at this time last year or a little later, the roads were in a fairly sound condition because there was a fine Autumn up to Christmas. This year they had very adverse weather, and it is not now but in perhaps two months hence the roads would show the effect of this weather.

Colonel Quin, held that, with the large grants they had obtained from the Government, the estimate for roads should have shown a reduction.

The County Surveyor pointed out that grants were applicable to only about 30 miles of road out of 2,000 and were given not for maintenance but for reconstruction work.

Colonel Quin asked if no allowance had been made for the saving of the maintenance amount on the 30 miles of road in question.

The County Surveyor, in reply, stated that the maintenance cost on these roads was down but the amount saved in that connection had to be allocated to other roads on which no grants were available. The money for grants is in part obtained from Motor Duty and was allocated to the roads to make them fit to stand the traffic of motors, - ordinary cars and heavy lorries, etc. Of course, the amount obtained in this way covered only a small part of the damage done by such vehicles. If they hadn't this traffic, they could maintain their roads for half the present figure.



Mr Shannon said the position was perfectly plain. The saving on maintenance owing to grants had to be applied to other roads because the County Council did not allocate sufficient money last year for road maintenance.

County Surveyor- The estimate was cut down not only last year but for several years.

Mr S O'Byrne said it was distinctly understood that any Government grants for roads were not to cover maintenance except in respect of a small amount for main roads.

Colonel Quin- We got 30 miles of road taken off our hands practically. These were very expensive to maintain and therefore we ought to have less and not more to pay.

Chairman- If we had to put these roads in proper condition, the road rate would have been not 3s 2d but 6s 2d.

Colonel Quinheld that about 60 or 70 miles of road had received the benefit of grants, and still they were asked to provide for £20,000 more. It would be admitted that a number of roads had improved out of all recognition within the last five years.

County Surveyor- What I want to avoid is a sudden collapse in the roads and that is what will happen undoubtedly if a sufficient amount for their maintenance is not allocated.

Colonel Gibbon said it was with a great feeling of anxiety he heard the figures of the road estimate, showing an increase of 39 per cent over the amount allowed last year. He was not going to make a "poor mouth" for farmers but would state facts. In December, 1926, at the Dublin fat stock sales, the average price for cattle was 49/9 per cwt.; this year the price was 38/-. On 22nd December, 1926, the price was £2:0:3; this year, 37/9. At Christmas markets, 1914, the price was 42/6; this year it was 39/9. Railway rates had increased from 100 to 150 per cent, and there was no increase in the price of what the farmer produced to meet this. The cost of road maintenance, instead of coming down (as it must come down this year), was according to the figures of the County Surveyor to be increased



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by 1s 3d in the £, and he did not see how any farmer was in a position to meet this increase. Their duty as County Councillors, as he saw it, was two-fold - to provide for the ratepayers what facilities were possible and that the County could afford to put up. Some people might say they were not spending enough on roads and go to the other extreme and say why not have a concrete road from Wexford to New Ross and strike a rate for it. Any why not have a similar concrete road to Rosslare from Wexford. And why not strike a rate of 20/- in the £. Then there was room for improvement at every fishery harbour in the County and drainage and sewerage works were necessary in practically every village. Why were not these things done? Simply because they could not afford it. They were not able to keep their roads in the way they should be maintained. Instead of talking of an increase of £20,000 over what was allowed last year, the County Surveyor should be talking of something below 50 per cent. Personally, he would not vote for an increase in the road rate this year - in fact, he would not vote for anything except a reduction. There was no use in throwing the County into bankruptcy. Farmers were unable to meet their land annuities and rates. As regards annuities, instead of being allowed to remain two or three years in arrear, proceedings were now instituted against them if they were six months behind. There was no use in agreeing to a rate which meant bankruptcy to the farming community. With the exception of barley, not one single crop showed a profit this year. Barley made a little more but what was 3/- extra per barrel. The potato crop promised splendidly in the beginning, but in the heavy land they had all rotted in the pits, and farmers had suffered a heavy loss. Colonel Gibbon then dealt seriatim with the returns for pork, bacon, cereals, etc., and also referred to the enhanced price of feeding stuffs, every single one of which showed increased price over what obtained in 1926. The position of the farmer could be put in one sentence -



everything he produced was cheaper and everything he bought dearer than last year. Their duty to the ratepayers was to ask them to provide a rate which they could reasonably pay. They should remember that in many cases farmers were really unable to meet their rates and land annuities. The second duty of the Council was to see that the money at their disposal was administered as efficiently and as economically as possible. He held very strongly that the amount agreed to for road maintenance should not be above £50,000.

Mr Hayes pointed out that the estimate for roads had been cut last year; if they cut it again, the neglect for two consecutive years would mean that considerably increased and avoidable expenditure would have to be provided at a later period.

Mr Doyle said that "both sides of the house" realised the terrible plight of the farmers; it was as well known to the Labour representatives as to other Councillors. They saw decrees for non-payment of Land Commission annuities all over the County, and County Wexford was suffering more in this matter than any other County in An Saorstát. This was an indication of the times. If the Council agreed to an excessive rate over last year which he considered the proposed increase of 1s 3d in the £ to be they would have not a strike but a revolution against the payment of rates. It was all very well to talk of what would happen to the roads in two years' time if the ratepayers were bankrupt. What good in that event would good roads or any sort of roads be to them? If they increased the road rate by even one penny - in fact, if they could not bring it down, they would have a general strike against the payment of rates, and he would say that the people would be justified in taking such action if they were called on to pay anything over last year. He would vote against any increase until the



ratepayers were in a better position to pay a larger rate. They were told by optimistic people that the times and the country were improving but, so far as the rural community was concerned, he could not see any signs of improvement. It was not within the power of any farmer to make his land pay during the last three years. If the rates were increased, the Council would have to meet a strike against rates.

Mr Boggan pointed out that only a very limited number of farmers grew barley but they were all practically concerned in the purchase of feeding stuffs which showed an increase of 25 per cent in cost. The farmers who had to take 40 per cent less for their produce were not able to pay a rate of 20 per cent over what was agreed to last year. If the money for roads had been properly expended, the present enormous estimate would not be called for. He had heard from competent authorities that a very useful road could have been made from Wexford to Enniscorthy for ~~£5,000~~ <sup>about half the money</sup>. If the Government had taken this into consideration they would have had more money for other necessary works. If the Council increased this rate over last year, they would collect very little of it. He would resign to-morrow if the rate was increased in accordance with the County Surveyor's estimate. They should not act with a total disregard of the ability of the people to pay.

Mr Murphy complained of roadmen cleaning up bushes and briars instead of properly attending to the water tables. If the rate was increased, they might expect little short of a revolution against rates. He knew poor struggling farmers who were really in want of the necessaries of life.

Colonel Gibbon wished the meeting to understand that he did not mention the words "strike" or "revolution". He would not encourage <sup>anyone</sup> not to pay whatever rate would be struck, but, if they fixed on a rate which the people could not pay, a great many would be put out of their farms. The ratepayers would have to do the best they could to pay but the County Council did not want to break them.



Mr Hayes denied that there was any unnecessary work being done on roads. The Council should guard against taking action which would mean that in a few years the roads would go to pieces.

Mr Corish said that farming was not in as flourishing a position as they would like to see it, but beet had been a good paying crop last year. If they referred to the daily papers, they could see that farmers had invested extensively in the National Loan. He deplored the statement of Mr Doyle that they would have a strike against rates. They knew how statements like this, when made at the Council were taken, and he repeated that it was deplorable to have a member of the Council advocating a strike against rates. The roads in the County were not what they should be, and they were paying now for neglect of previous years. It was false economy to cut down the estimate and to have to make it up in the double in succeeding years. Some people who were able to pay rates were evading payment. It was well known that at last County Council elections certain persons voted against their convictions for candidates who promised impossible reductions in the rates. The County Surveyor was doing what he could with the money which had been voted, and he (Mr Corish) hoped that a larger sum than last year would be agreed to. It was the duty of the Council to maintain the roads in good and efficient condition, and the necessary money towards that end should be provided. The very people who cut down the estimate were constantly grumbling as to the condition of the roads and were very active as regards promoting works of road improvement

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that only three-fourths of one per cent of the acreage of the County was devoted to sugar beet and the benefit from the crop and the yield of the crop was only 70 per cent of what it was last year.



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Mr Thorpe said that, at every meeting of the Finance Committee, there was complaint of the backward state of the Rate Collection and, when the Rate Collectors were brought before the Committee, they said they were not able to collect the money. If they agreed to higher figures, how would it be collected. The County Surveyor was quite right in stating the roads wanted more attention, but why not get the men to do more effective work. They were half their time looking after "thrauneens" and doing ornamental work. They should attend to the water tables. The Council were paying 30/- per week to their men who were of the same class as those working on farms and who had to work for £1 per week, and farmers were not able to pay that amount. Why not bring the wages of roadmen to a level of those of agricultural workers and in this way get more work done on the roads. The yield per acre of sugar beet and the price per ton were less than last year. It would be well for people if they had not to sell their barley when they took into account the enhanced price of feeding stuffs.

Colonel Quin said the publication of the statement that farmers were extensively investing in the National Loan was propaganda.

Mr Jordan said no one could make the statement that farming made a profit this year. It might be that one farmer in a hundred was able to invest some money in the National Loan but no one could say that the average farmer had any money to invest in any thing. He would not advocate a strike but asked the Council to be very careful to agree to an amount that would give people encouragement to pay. Some people were selling immature stock to meet the present rates and annuities. But a worm would turn and, if pressed too hard, the ratepayers would not pay because of inability to do so. The business of the County Surveyor was to prevent the collapse of the roads but the business of the Council was to prevent the collapse of the ratepayers which would certainly happen if they were pressed



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too hard.

The Chairman pointed out that, while things were not as flourishing with farmers as everybody wished and while they hoped for a brighter future for their industry, a duty devolved upon the Council of carrying on the County services in as efficient a manner as was possible. To do this they should agree to sufficient allocations. They should remember that in 1925 the County Surveyor's estimate had been cut by 21 per cent, in 1926 by 27 per cent, and in 1927 by 35 per cent. Personally he was not in favour of increasing the allocation over last year. This was, he considered, the least they should give to the County Surveyor. He (Chairman) would like to have it less but he feared that, if they made a bigger reduction, the Council coming in next year would criticise them very severely for not raising a sufficient sum and thus placing on their shoulders an increased burden. If they made a big reduction a great many people would pat them on the back and probably return them at the next election, but sensible people would have a different view. He thought they would be meeting everybody reasonably by adhering to the amount allowed last year.

An adjournment for ten minutes was then agreed to in order to allow the members representing the different interests in the Council to hold a consultation.

On resuming, Mr M Doyle proposed that the Council agree to a rate of 3/- in the £ to cover road maintenance, quarry and machinery charges for next financial year. This was the very utmost his party considered people were able to pay in present circumstances.

Colonel Gibbon seconded.



In reply to Mr Corish, the County Surveyor said if the proposal was carried a number of important improvement works should be dropped. Several of these had been recommended by the Roads Inspection Committee.

Mr S O'Byrne considered that the roads could not be properly maintained except by a rate of 3/6 in the £.

After further discussion, Mr Hayes proposed as an amendment:-

"That a road rate of 3s 6d in the £ be agreed to".

Mr S O'Byrne seconded.

A vote was taken on the amendment of 3/6 with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, and Shannon. 12.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte, and the Chairman. 13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Hall as a further amendment proposed:-

"That the Council agree to a road rate of 2/6 in the £".

Mr Murphy seconded.

The following was the result of the poll:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, and Whyte. 12.

Against:- Messrs Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, and the Chairman. 13.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following as a further amendment:—

"That the County Council agree to the same allocation for Road Maintenance and Improvement, etc., as for last year, being £53,814 for ordinary maintenance and improvement, and £4,440 for quarries and machinery, and which represents



appeoximately a rate of 3s 2d in the £".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, and the Chairman. 13.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte. 12.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion and agreed to on the same voting.

#### OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

"That we apply to the Department of Local Government for sanction to present overdraft of the Council of £28,000 to the 31st March, 1928".

*Wm. C. Carter*  
*2 Aug 1928*



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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct  
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford  
County Council in respect of Meeting held on  
2nd January, 1928.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1928.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MONTHLY MEETING - 9th JANUARY, 1928.  
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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 9th January, 1928.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs William Boggan, P. Byrne; J. Clince, P. Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, J. Gaul, J. Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, D. Kavanagh, A. Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, James Shannon, William Thorpe, J. E. Walsh, John Whyte, Colonel Quin and Colonel Gibbon.

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

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting of 12th December, 1927, and of Special Meeting of 2nd January, 1928, were read and confirmed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE - LATE MRS RICHARDS. =====

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

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. C. H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, in the loss of his wife and extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement".

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE. =====

The following Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 22nd December, 1927, were submitted:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd December, 1927.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs P. Hayes, Wm. Thorpe, and Aidan Mernagh.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £15397: 14: 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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The state of the Rate Collection showed that up to 22nd December a sum of only £1205: 19: 2d had been collected for second moiety of current rate. Collectors M. M. Kelly, J. Cummins, P. O'Byrne, W. Cummins and Patrick Donohoe had not collected anything on this moiety up to the present.

In connection with first moiety there was outstanding £7294: 14: 9d to 22nd December, 1927; the percentage of amount collected by each Collector being as follows:- J. J. O'Reilly 98; per cent  
E. J. Murphy 97; Thomas Rowe 96; J. Curtis 95; J. Quirke 93;  
J. Doyle 93; J. J. Sinnott 93; M. Deegan 90; J. Cummins 90;  
P. O'Byrne 89; B. Cleary 88; P. Furlong 88; S. Gannon 97;  
W. Cummins 87; P. Fitzpatrick 86; T. Sutton 85; P. Walsh (resigned) 85; M. Kelly 84; P. Donohoe 84; J. J. Kelly 83 and C. McCarthy 82.

The Secretary mentioned that unless a substantial portion of the 2nd moiety of current rate was lodged within the next fortnight the Council would be unable to carry on.

It was decided that a strong letter be written to the Collectors immediately after Xmas instructing ~~that~~ them to show more diligence in the discharge of their duties and pointing out to them the serious nature of the financial position of the Council.

In connection with the vacancy for Collector in No.3 District



consequent on the resignation of Mr. P. Walsh, a telegram was read from Mr. John Doyle, Collector for No.7 District, that he was prepared to undertake the Collection in No.3.

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

"That John Doyle, Collector for No.7 District be appointed Temporary Collector to close the Collection in No. 3 Collection District for all amounts outstanding in respect of Rates to 31st March 1928; this appointment to be subject to the approval of his sureties and also to the approval of Mr. P. Walsh, late Collector for the District and his sureties as the latter are being held, by the County Council, responsible for the close of the collection of all Rates and arrears in respect of periods to 31st March next."

#### LIABILITY FOR RATES ON LANDS.

Circular letter under date 16th December, 1927 (G.29628/27) from the Department of Local Government ~~Department~~ stated that arrangements had been made whereby final lists of untenanted lands in each County vested in the Land Commission would be transmitted to the County Council by that Department immediately after publication. Application should be then made to the person liable in respect of arrears of Rates accrued up to the appointed day and in default of immediate payment the County Council should enter an appearance in the Registrar's Office of the Court of the Irish Land Commission in respect of any claim arising under sub-section (4) of section 18 of the Land Act 1927. The Demand Notes in such cases should be obtained from the Rate Collectors and handed over to the Council's Solicitor to enter an appearance. It was understood that this procedure would be inexpensive.

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had on receipt been furnished each Rate Collector.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

Mr. R. Garland, Acting Harbour Master Courtown Harbour, wrote under date 19th December, 1927, that he was prepared to carry on



the duties of Harbour Master until his services had been dispensed with.

It was decided that Mr. Garland be retained in office until 31st December, 1927.

Under date 6th December, 1927, Mr. Garland, Acting Harbour Master Courtown, reported that there were two motor boats afloat in the harbour for the past twelve months owned by Mr. William Bates (Jn), Gorey and Mr. Henry Warren, Springmount, Gorey. He asked that these men be notified that they are liable for harbour dues.

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to direct the Acting Harbour Master at Courtown Harbour to apply to Messrs W. Bates (Jn), Gorey and Mr. Henry Warren, Springmount, Gorey, for harbour dues in respect of two motor boats which have been afloat in Courtown Harbour for the past twelve months".

#### REPAIRS TO RESIDENCE OF DR. CONNOLLY, OULART.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to the County Board of Health carrying out at dispensary residence of Dr. Connolly, Oulart, any repairs which they may consider necessary".

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT 1926.

Under date 12th December, 1927, Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that Superintendent J. C. Courtney, G. S., New Ross, intended to apply for the committal to an Industrial School of a child named William Watters of Battletown, Duncannon, who had been twice convicted of failing to cause said child to attend School as required by School Attendance Act 1926.

The application was to be made under Section 17 of the School Attendance Act of 1926. Mr. Corish asked what was the attitude of the County Council towards committals under this Act or if any provision had been made for contributions by the Council under



the section in question.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the question of holding Wexford County Council responsible for maintenance of children committed to Industrial Schools under section 17 of the School Attendance Act 1926 be referred to the County Council for consideration at next ordinary meeting. In view of the present commitments of the Council for maintenance of children in Industrial Schools, and who have been committed in the ordinary way, the Finance Committee are of opinion the Council should, so far as the law allows, resist the imposition of any financial responsibility for maintenance of children who may be sent to Industrial Schools under School Attendance Act of 1926.

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE AS AN "AUTHORISED" COMMITTEE.**  
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In connection with the application of the County Council to the Minister for Local Government to have the County Library Committee declared an "authorised" Committee to allow of contribution towards the travelling expenses of members the following letter under date 20th December, 1927, (G.60767/1927 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant requesting the recognition of the Library Committee as an Authorised Committee under Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request to be furnished with a statement of the constitution, number of members, and estimated number of meetings, in each year of the Library Committee.

"I am to add that, if the Minister approves, this Committee as an "Authorised" one under Section 63 of the Act contributions in accordance with the fifth Schedule can be paid only to such members as have attended three-quarters of the meetings held during the six months in which sanction to the authorisation of the Committee was sought and granted".

The following resolution was adopted:- "That copy of letter from Department of Local Government & Public Health (G.60767/1927



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Wexford County) be furnished the County Library Committee for their observations".

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.  
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Under date 17th December, 1927, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council in reference to the case of John Kenny, Bunclody:-

"I am in receipt of yours with the copy of the County Council's Scheme relative to the proposed Scholarship herein, and with reference thereto I write to say:-

Under the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme 1926/27 adopted by the County Council it is provided that "Scholarships" will be tenable only at a University or College".

"A University or College I take to mean, an Institution which grants Degrees to its students.

"In Kenny's case, I observe that he desires to take out his training at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra.

"In my opinion, the St. Patrick's Training College, does not come within the definition of a "University or College" at which Students were entitled to take up their Scholarships, if and when same are awarded, by the County Council, because the Training College does not grant Degrees to their students, but merely a certificate that they have passed the Training College Examinations and accordingly I am of opinion that the County Council would not be in order in granting a Scholarship to a student who proposed to take out his course at the St. Patrick's Training College, or in making any Grant towards the costs of a student's training at that College.

"Further I may add that in my opinion the Scheme relates solely to the recognized Universities or their constituent Colleges which make Irish an essential subject for the matriculation Examinations, and does not in any way relate to the Training Colleges.

"I return the Copy of the Scheme which you sent me"

The following resolution was adopted:- "That copy of letter from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, relative to the



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University Scholarship of John Kenny, Bunclody, be  
furnished to his father, Mr. Patrick Kenny".

ADVERTISING CONTRACT.

Letters were read from the Managers of "The People"  
"The Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers agreeing to  
accept £135 per annum for insertion of the advertisements of  
the Co. Council and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne;-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of 4  
meeting of 22nd December 1927 be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect  
of meeting of 5th January 1928 were submitted;-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 5th January, 1928.

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

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

Mr. McCarthy was not in attendance at the opening of the meeting when Mr. Sean O'Byrne was moved to the Chair on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Hayes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr. McCarthy then attended and presided to the end of the meeting.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3935: 12: 6d was examined and signed.

#### OVERDRAFT OF COUNCIL.

Under date 4th January, 1928, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.328/1927 Fa L<sup>o</sup>ch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft not exceeding £28,000 to the 31st March next.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to the end of December 1927 was submitted. In connection with second moiety of Rate for financial year 1928 a sum of £2002: 11: 9d only had been collected out of £67398: 2: 7d while £6694: 9: 9d remained uncollected on foot of first moiety.

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

"That the Rate Collectors be informed unless they show considerable improvement in their Collections at once the Finance Committee will be compelled to recommend the Council to adopt the recommendations made by the Local Government



Department some time ago by which Collectors must lodge full amount of their warrant within the financial year and an amount equal to the first moiety of warrant at 30th September in each year.

In connection with the proposed appointment of Mr. John Doyle, Rate Collector, to close Collection in No.3 District in respect of which the Collector P. Walsh had resigned, the following under date 2nd January was read from Mr. Walsh:-

"My Sureties are not satisfied with the appointment of Mr. John Doyle as Collector for No.3 District as they do not know the man and cannot see how a man from New Ross District can close Collection. But will be satisfied with myself or Mr. James Quirke to close collection of all outstanding rates to March 31st next."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That in view of the fact that the personal sureties of Mr. Walsh are not satisfied with the appointment of Mr. John Doyle to close the collection we hereby appoint Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, for No.1 district, to close the Collection in No.3 District., provided that the sureties of Messrs Quirke and Walsh are satisfied with this arrangement".

A letter was read from Mr. W. Kehoe, Bennettstown, Broadway, stating he paid Poor Rates on 18th November, 1927 amounting to £1: 7: 7d and had not obtained official receipt.

Mr. McCarthy, the Rate Collector concerned, appeared before the meeting and stated that the £1: 7: 7d was left at his office and the unofficial receipt in his name was not issued by him but by the person who received the money on his behalf. He admitted the money had been received by him. He overlooked giving the Ratepayer official receipt and entering the amount on his Abstract for lodgment. His failure to do so was an oversight on his part



Mr. McCarthy was also questioned as to £1: 5: 3d which Mr. John Fox, Walshestown, had paid him and which had not been lodged. Mr. McCarthy stated that the £1: 5: 0d was part only of the half year's rate due on the holding, the remaining portion being payable by Mr. V. Doyle who purchased part of the holding. The £1: 5: 3d was his calculation of the sum payable for Mr. Fox's portion and he was waiting until the remainder was paid by Mr. Doyle before entering the full amount of rating on his Abstract for lodgment.

The Collector was instructed to lodge in the future, in all such cases, the portion of the rates paid him without waiting for the second payment by the other ratepayer concerned.

The meeting accepted the Collector's explanation and pointed out to him the necessity of immediately issuing official receipts in all cases.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 29th December, 1927, the following letter was read from Mr. Thomas F. White, University Scholar:-

"I beg to bring before your notice the fact that I have not received any scholarship money since the first instalment on the 1st November - just two months ago. Kevin Hall and Vincent Quirke have received a £9 instalment lately and I wonder why I have not got the same. It seems rather strange that I, the only one of the three entitled to the Scholarship under the Scheme, should be the only one not paid.

"I might mention that I called to the County Council Office yesterday and was informed by the Assistant-Secretary that my instalment would be cut on account of my not stopping in lodgings the whole time. Now I fail to perceive what this has to do with the question. I wonder if I got my board and lodgings free from a relative in Dublin would it make any difference. Because if the contention is that I did not need the money, surely I paid as much for the attentions of two doctors, ~~of one of which~~ ~~of which~~ them a Specialist, as I would pay for my stay in Dublin. Also I have to pay my landlady for keeping



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my room while I am away.

"I hope you will see about this matter as soon as possible and oblige"

It was decided to pay Mr. White £4: 10: 0d: half amount of usual instalment paid at this period of the year.

Under date 31st December, 1927, the following was read from Mr. John J. Kenny, Irish Street, Buncloody:-

"Your letter of 19th instant to hand for which I thank you. I note extract from Solicitor's letter - that it is not possible to give me any help while I am in Drumcondra College. If I mistake not the County Council put forward an alternative to which I would very gladly accept. As yet I do not know if that has been granted me. If I were allowed the Scholarship when my course in Drumcondra is finished it would enable me to obtain a degree. I should be very glad of any early reply to this as it would help me make my plans. Thanking you in anticipation."

It was decided to ask Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, if it is possible to allow Mr. Kenny, in the circumstances, to take up his full Scholarship, or take up a year's post graduate course, after completion of his training in Drumcondra Teachers' Training College

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of  
meeting held on 5th January 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

ROADS COMMITTEE  
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The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of  
meeting of 2nd January 1928 were submitted;-



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A meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 2nd January, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs W. Boggan, R. Corish, P. Colfer, Michael Cloney, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### MONGLOSS LANE.

The following memorial in connection with the above was read:-

"We, the undersigned, residents of the undersigned townlands respectfully ask the Wexford County Council to take over and put in repair the laneway known as Monglass Lane, which leads to our farms and to our homes. The lane which is about an English mile in length requires very little outlay except for surface work. If this were done it would mean a great help to the people of the district who frequently use the lane, as it is an intensively tilled area, and it would fill a longfelt want in the district".

The Memorial bore 12 signatures.

Mr. James Lambert, Monglass and Mr. Thomas Gainford, Cain, came before the meeting. The former said there were nine farmers and three labourers living on the lane; the lane was in the centre of an intensive tillage district; cars overturned in it on account of a number of "sound joults" in it. It was 1800 yards long and would not require any widening.

The County Surveyor said that this was a "three-legged" road and the County Council had not power to make a road at a "dead" end.

Mr. Jordan, County Councillor, who was in attendance, said the only cost would be for surfacing.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-



"That the following sub Committee be appointed to inspect and report as to application by ratepayers to have Monglass Lane put into contract:- Messrs Jordan, Clince and Shannon; to be accompanied by the County Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. That the Sub Committee submit a report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.  
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The following monthly report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"on the 21st December the Committee appointed by the Council met the local people at Corramacorra Road, and arranged in regard to such further work as was necessary before the Council takes up the work. Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was to make a further inspection later.

"On the 22nd December I met Mr. Hassard, Fisherty Department's Engineer, at Courtown Harbour. There were present also:- Father O'Grady, Messrs Esmonde and Allen T.D's: Mr. J. O'Byrne, M.C.C., as well as a number of local people interested in the Harbour. A full inspection was made, and I agree with Mr. Hassard in regard to improvement works. I submit preliminary estimate of the cost, but this is subject to amendment later when I have Mr. Hassard's full report.

"I submit estimate for the laying of concrete and wood block paving at New Ross Bridge, and shall go more fully into the matter at the meeting. In regard to the wood paving this I believe will eventually be an economical job, but I am doubtful in regard to the concrete, and certainly I would not recommend concrete unless we could obtain a substantial grant from the Local Government for the work. As this is a joint bridge with County Kilkenny it will be necessary to have the sanction of the Kilkenny County Council before putting in hands any re-construction work of this nature.

"I have arranged for taking in electric light in New Ross Courthouse, and the work is at present being put in hands.

"On the 13th December in company with Mr. Shortall, C.E.,



I visited Taghmon, and we arranged in regard to works that it would be advisable to undertake in the village. Mr. Shortall has submitted a report to the Health Board.

"I have a further communication from the Wexford Boro' Surveyor regarding the hoarding at the Old Courthouse site. At present there is no necessity for immediate action as the traffic is now diverted to the other side of the roadway on the newly laid concrete, and I am laying concrete immediately adjoining the Courthouse site as weather permits. I think it advisable that the Council should press the Finance Department for decision in regard to the site on which the permanent Courthouse is to be built, as this will very materially affect the question of the hoarding.

"I have not yet arranged for the Committee to inspect Monasootha Lane as the local Councillor - Mr. P. O'Byrne, was anxious to have the meeting on a Saturday, and up to the present no Saturday has been available. In any case, there is no immediate hurry as the work could not be put in hands until after the 31st March.

"On receiving notification from the Department regarding storage of explosives I wrote asking for further directions and submit copy of Department's reply. It would appear that we must erect a magazine ourselves to hold all our explosives, and I suggest the old Jail site as a suitable place to erect the magazine.

"I submit quotation for supply of Anthracite Coal from the Castlecomer Collieries, and ask for authority to place order. This coal is required for the stoves in the Court and in Mr. Scallan's Office at the old Courthouse.

"I have carefully gone into the question of the allocation of money from the Contingencies Fund, and submit my recommendations; also I ask for sanction of transfers between various accounts.

"I have been in consultation with several Firms in regard to Machinery and parts necessary for Elevator Plant and Hopper which I consider should be erected at Ballybrennan Quarry. At the



time I have not sufficient details to go into the matter thoroughly, but shall do so later when dealing with "General County charges". In connection with the machinery also I consider it will be necessary next year to purchase several extra Tar Sprayers. This work is so dependent on weather that unless we have a large plant the work is held up, and there is consequent increased cost on the various jobs!'

#### Corramacorra Road

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said he had gone to the road on 31st December but no work had been done.

It was decided to adjourn the matter to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

#### Courthwn Harbour.

The County Surveyor stated that he estimated essential repairs at the end of the pier at £150; new lock gates and sluices he estimated at £480. There was a gravel bank which formed at the end of the pier and which interfered with the sluicing being really effective as the power of the sluices was largely gone by the time it reached so far down the harbour. This bank could be removed only by the use of a hand grab dredger running on rails and which he estimated would cost £450. It was to be worked by the fishermen and if it was in operation the largest boat in the harbour would be able to get to sea. It was also suggested, and he believed rightly, that dredging of 8,000 cubic yards should be done in the inner basin. This at 3/- per cubic yard would run to £1200. This work might be done for less but the £1200 was his estimate for it. The total amount was £2280. The local men would have to guarantee to work the grab dredger if provided. If while the bank remained at the mouth of the harbour they would not work this dredger it would be to their own loss.

Mr. O'Byrne said local men would undertake to work the grab.

The County Surveyor in reply to Colonel Gibbon said the cost of repairs less any grant they might obtain from the Fisheries Department would be a County-at-Large Charge.



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It was decided to adjourn further consideration until Mr. Hassard's report was at hand.

Colonel Quin said he heard that when last repairs were being carried out half the cement was mixed with clay and sawdust.

The County Surveyor said he never heard that sawdust had been used ; they had used bags of marl in order to pump the place dry.

#### New Ross Bridge

The County Surveyor said that the cost of the re-inforced concrete on account of Urban rate of wages would be £1296 and for wood paving would be £1860: ~~that was~~. Wood paving with a life of 10 years which in this case he considered a low estimate would be £186 per annum. For the past six years the repair of existing wood flooring ran to £159 per annum. In putting down the wooden block paving metal plates would be used and these would not require renewal. Taking this with the cost of the blocks and contrasting it with the existing method the wood paving would be cheaper. He was not in favour of the concrete but he thought they should adopt the wood paving and try and get a substantial Government grant. Of course half the cost would have to be borne by County Kilkenny.

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

"That we approve of the proposal of the County Surveyor to sheet drawbridge of New Ross Bridge with wood block pavement. As this bridge is on part of the National Road Route we believe the total cost should be borned by Government Grant."

#### Wexford Courthouse

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the Minister of Finance be requested to inform the Wexford County Council as soon as possible of his decision as regards the site of Wexford Courthouse, in view of paragraph in County Surveyor's report to this meeting"

#### Storage of Explosives

It was decided that this matter be left in the hands of



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the County Surveyor.

Anthracite Coal

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the tender of Castlecomer Collieries Ltd., for 6 tons of Anthracite coal at 53/6d per ton free on rail at Wexford South station be accepted."

Allocation of Money from Contingencies Fund

The County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyors had asked for £2200 but there was not enough in the fund to meet their demands. He recommended the following transfers:-

Main Roads

Mr. Treanor's district - 16G £50 and 15G £85 .  
Mr. Ennis's district - 34E £50; 19G £20; 13E £20.  
Mr. Cullen's district - 49E £50;.  
Mr. Birthistle's district - 19W £40; 14W £20; 23W £60.  
Mr. O'Neill's district ± 12R £45; 116R £15.  
Mr. Kehoe's district - 16R £30; 49R £15; 47R £15; 21W £15  
 30W £15.  
 Total ... £545  
 Amount in fund £553.

County Roads.

Mr. Treanor's district Section E £40; G. £50; I £90.  
Mr. Ennis's District : H.G. £40; A £30; B £30; C £40; E £40  
 F. £30.  
Mr. Cullen's District: I £140; L. £200; 237 and 238 £40.  
Mr. Birthistle's district: A. £120; B. £100. C £50; D £70; E. £120.  
Mr. O'Neill's District: F. £90; G. £110;  
Mr. Kehoe's District : E.R. £50; H. £30; J. £30; K £30; F. £40;  
 H. £40; I £40.  
 Total £1690 out of £1698.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the list of transfers from Contingencies Fund to the various works as submitted by the



County Surveyor to this meeting be and are hereby approved. "

TRANSFERS TO ROAD A/CS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as recommended by County Surveyor the following transfers be made from and to Road Accounts:-

Mr. Birthistle's district: from a/c No.9 to account I £90  
from a/c 34 to a/c 32 £50.

Mr. Kehoe's district: from a/c GW to account F £40.

CASTLEBRIDGE ROADS.

The following memorial which was extensively signed by ratepayers and Residents in the Castlebridge district was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to draw your attention to the unsatisfactory state of the Road 2W, whereby people are prevented from going to-and-fro because of the fact that every time there is a rise of tide it is covered by water two feet in depth. Your Council will admit that this is a great hardship on all concerned and militates against the best interests of the village of Castlebridge.

"We also wish to draw your attention to the road between Castlebridge and Ardcolm which is also subject to severe flooding etc.

"We hope you will give instructions to have these matters attended to as speedily as possible".

It was decided that Mr. Corish with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor of the district should inspect the roads referred to in the memorial and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

ENNISCORTHY-WEXFORD ROAD.

Colonel Gibbon said the meeting should have had a report as to the work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road.

The County Surveyor stated that the work had been held up



since the 21st December but it was to be recommenced immediately. There were three sections - about one mile and a half in all - to be completed. He had not noticed any further cracks in the road since last inspection.

Colonel Gibbon said he was over this road on 27th December and noticed a sudden hump half way between Edermine and Oylegate.

The County Surveyor said there was a second hump near Whitefort bridge and he had an appointment with Mr. O'Brien, a member of the Contracting firm, on the following day, to consider these and to go over the work generally.

#### FLOODING OF ROADS.

Colonel Gibbon stated that when motoring to Dublin on the 22nd December for over 100 yards at Castlebridge the water on the road was over the step of his car, the same thing occurred on the same day between Wells and Ballycanew. There was also quite 100 yards of flooding at the Carriganeagh Quarry. He would have been stuck at all these places if he had been in a car which would be affected by wet. This happened about half past six in the morning.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the flooding at the quarry was caused by the fact that a proper sill to a mill sluice had not been provided by a man named Cousins of Ballycale and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was in communication with this man to have the necessary work carried out in order to obviate flooding in the future.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER AT BALLYGALVERT.

The County Surveyor reported that Mr. Shannon, County Councillor and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, had seen this place on 6th December and reported in favour of having the work done as it was a very dangerous corner.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work to ease the corner at Ballygalvert; cost not to



exceed £5.

#### DUNANORE QUARRY.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that a man named Leacy of Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, who was responsible for damage caused to wall at Dumanore Quarry by a falling tree said he would be responsible for cost of repair.

This was considered satisfactory.

#### MONASCOOTHA LANE.

It was decided that the Committee of Inspection should visit this place with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor of the district on Friday 6th January.

#### DEMURRAGE CHARGES REMITTED.

In connection with account of £6: 9: 0d for demurrage charges by Gt. Southern Railways for tar consignments at Palace Station the County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Railway Company:- "In connection with demurrage question I am agreeable as a special case to meet you by waiving the charge and am instructing our Station Master accordingly.

#### MANURE HEAP ON ROAD.

The following was read from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 12th December:-

"For some time past a heap of manure, the property of Mr. Phil Harris, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, had been dumped on road 232E. I have spoken to Mr. Harris and noticed him in writing several times regarding dumping of manure on roadside, but he appears to take no notice of these warnings".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr. Philip Harris, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, and inform him that he will be prosecuted unless he removes heap of manure his property, from Road 232E within a fortnight from this date".



### PROPOSED SURRENDER OF ROAD CONTRACT.

The following, under date 28th December, was submitted by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"John Dempsey (Senr) Davidstown has not done any work on roads 301E and 302E. He has been served with Ten Days Notice and has been before County Council as a Defaulter.

"This man has been in bad health for some time and wishes to surrender his contracts".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the question of accepting the surrender of Road Contracts of John Dempsey (Senr) Davidstown, be left to the discretion of the County Surveyor".

### PROPOSED PROSECUTION OF ROAD CONTRACTOR

The following report under date 28th December was submitted by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Please bring contractor on 279E (Patrick Dunne, Caim) before County Council as a Defaulter as his road is in a disgraceful condition".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That Patrick Dunne, Caim, Contractor for Road 279 E, be prosecuted for having failed to carry out the maintenance of said road according to the terms of his contract "

### SCHEMES FINANCED BY ROAD FUND.

The County Surveyor submitted particulars of work as it stood at present in connection with roads in respect of which Government grants were available.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That we again call the attention of the Local Government Department to the necessity of having as early intimation as possible of the amount of Government grants available for roads during the coming year - conveyed to the County Council."



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LAND AT BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.

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In connection with the report of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, that ~~as~~ Mrs Deacon, Ballybrennan, Bree, from whom it was proposed to take a small piece of land known as the "Inch" and which was required for the proper working of Ballybrennan Quarry, was at present only a yearly tenant and was not in a position to sell the plot until the estate had been taken over/ <sup>by</sup> the Land Commission, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the County Council be recommended to offer a rent of £3 per annum to Mrs/ <sup>Susan</sup> Deacon for the piece of land known as the "Inch" <sup>at</sup> at Ballybreman Quarry on the understanding that, when she has purchased her holding through the Land Commission, she is prepared to sell the fee simple of the plot at the amount already agreed to, viz., £35.

CARNE PIER REPAIRS.

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Under date 15th December, 1927, the following (D/7/11) was read from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed repair of Carne Pier; I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to state that he has failed to secure the necessary sanction for the contribution suggested in this Department's letter of 25th July, last, towards the cost of carrying out the repairs. In consequence no grant from State Funds will be available for the work"

It was decided that a copy of this letter be furnished Mr. S. B. Weldon, Carne.

FENCING AT KILMORE PIER

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The following under date 14th December, 1927 (F.I.10/26/18) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Industries Branch):-

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of



of the 18th ultimo in regard to the fencing at Kilmore Quay.

"Exemption from the application of the Dock' Regulations was granted on condition that

"The fencing shall be provided and maintained for the protection of the two flights of steps, slip and land end of Quay".

"The Officer of this Department who visited Kilmore Quay on 23rd June, 1927, reports that no fencing was provided at slip. It is not suggested that the side of slip-way should be fenced, but it is essential that protective fencing should be provided at its seaward end. It is inferred from your letter that this has now been done.

The County Surveyor stated that there had been always fencing at the seaward end of the slip but at the time of the Inspector's visit it had been carried away by a vessel. It had since been replaced.

It was decided to inform the Department of the circumstances.

ROSSLARE FORESHORE

The following under date 24th December, 1927, was read from the Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce (M.S.1447):-

"With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo relative to the shore at Rosslare I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to point out that the question of damage to the shore at Rosslare Fort is quite distinct from the case of Rosslare Strand. The Department are satisfied that the damage which has occurred at Rosslare Fort is not due to the fact that beach material has been removed from Rosslare Strand. It was only on investigation of the complaint of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in regard to the Fort that the Department became aware of the state of affairs at Rosslare Strand, and they thereupon felt bound to bring the matter to the notice of the County Council who themselves were among the principal removers of beach material and who were at the same time the public body



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representative of the interests, public and private, affected.

"The Department cannot agree with the view implied in your letter ~~at~~ that the removal of beach material from Rosslare Strand is not an accelerating cause of erosion at that place. There would seem to be little doubt that erosion is being hastened by the removals in question and that it would be considerably checked by the cessation of the practice.

"On the question of groynes, referred to in your communication the following opinion expressed before the Commission on Coast Erosion (vide Vol. III page 243 of the Report which was published in 1911) in respect of the Rosslare and Wexford coast may be of interest to you:-

"The groynes would to a great extent, if not entirely, stay the travelling of the beach shingle and sand which undercut the boulder clay cliffs and sea banks, causing them to fall seawards, to be washed away by the tides. By checking the travelling of the shingle and sand along the coasts, pebbly beach terraces - storm beaches - would be accumulated which would prevent the pounding action of the sea reaching the under cliffs."

"The construction of groynes or other sea defence works is not a matter which the Department can undertake and they have no funds at their disposal which could be advanced for such a purpose; but in any case where injury to the coast-line is in any measure due to removals of materials from the shores or banks of the sea the Department is always prepared to consider the question of affording the remedy which lies in their power - viz., the issuing of an Order to prohibit removals of beach material.

"I am to add that if the County Council or any other body or person interested in the preservation of the coast-line at Rosslare or any property adjacent thereto desire to have removals of sand <sup>and</sup> gravel from the area in question prohibited the Department will be prepared to assist them, and to consider an application for the issue of an order to that effect on the usual undertaking



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in such cases that the applicant will enforce the Order.

"The applying for an Order and its enforcement in a case like the present is obviously a matter for bodies or persons locally concerned and the Department, having become aware of what is happening, can do no more than call attention to it and suggest a possible remedy".

The County Surveyor stated that the erection of groynes would cost £300 but if the County Council were prevented taking gravel from the foreshore it would cost the Council an extra £300 a year. He would submit a further report in the matter.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE BUNCLODY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That we consent to the erection of telegraphic line in Buncloody as follows: - from Post Office to Clody Bridge; Ryland Street to Slaney Bridge and across Market Square, provided poles are placed in positions approved by County Surveyor.

PROPOSED SANITARY WORKS AT TAGHMON AND CLONROCHE.

Under date 23rd December, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.61213/1927) forwarding for the information of the Council copy of the following letter which they had written to County Board of Health:-

"With reference to the entries in the Minutes of Proceedings of County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 7th and 16th instant in regard to the proposed carrying out of certain sanitary works at Taghmon and Clonroche, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward to you the accompanying forms upon which application may be made by the Board of Health for sanction to ~~also~~ <sup>also</sup> for the carrying out of these works with the concurrence of the County Council. Plans, specification and estimate of cost of the works should be submitted.

"I am further to state that it is observed from the Minutes



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of Proceedings of the County Council on the 12th instant that a Scheme for a water supply for Rosslare was under discussion. If the Board of Health intend to carry out this Scheme, plans etc., of the work should also be furnished.

"It is specially requested that the Board's proposals may be submitted as soon as possible. If the Engineer's reports on all three scheme with his estimates of the cost could be submitted in advance of the plans it may facilitate the early consideration of the applications".

"It would be desirable if the Board of Health, while renewing their request for a grant, should make application for a loan for the full amount of the works to be carried out. If the conditions in regard to unemployment justify a grant a small contribution from relief funds may be made applicable, and in that event a recommendation will be made to the Department of Finance for an advance of the balance of the cost of the schemes out of the Local Loans Fund.

"Evidence should be furnished as to the extent of unemployment in the areas in which the works are to be undertaken together with the particulars of the amount of home assistance at present being afforded in these areas. It would also be desirable to furnish the reports of the Medical Officers of Health as to the needs for carrying out these sanitary works!"

It was decided to request the Board of Health to furnish amount of proposed loan in both instances.

#### APPLICATION FROM CARTERS FOR INCREASED REMUNERATION.

The following application by nine carters engaged on Wexford-Enniscorthy road was submitted:-

We, the undersigned, would be very grateful if you would at your very earliest convenience place the following matter before the Roads Committee. At present we are engaged in carting material from Castlesow Quarry to Tinahask for the sidings of the new Concrete road. At the present rate of haulage we must make three



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journeys to Tinahask in order to make 9/-. For the past fortnight or more we have found it impossible to make three journeys owing to the length of the journey and the dreadful condition of the roads. We were willing and did our utmost to make three journeys but found it impossible. That means that for a day's work a man and horse only earned the sum of 6/-. We would be grateful if you would place our difficulty before the Committee and to ask them would they consider giving us 9/- per day for two journeys, two yards, and for that rate of pay we will be willing to cart the material to the Cross at the Enniscorthy side of Oylegate, if the material from Castlesow is going that far on the road".

Mr. Cullen said owing to the condition of portion of the road over which haulage took place he did not think the carters could make more than two journeys per day. They were paid ~~2/6d~~ 3/6d per yard when they had to break load. There was only about 200 cubic yards more to be hauled.

After discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following:- "That carters engaged in haulage from Castlesow quarry to Wexford-Enniscorthy road be given an increase of 6d per yard while engaged at this work".

The Chairman took a show of hands when four were in favour of the proposal and five against.

Mr. Corish was not present at the time.

The Chairman declared the proposal lost.

#### IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION TOURIST ROADS.

A letter was read from Irish Tourist Association asking advise as to particular districts in the County requiring attention in the matter of developing of Tourist Roads.

The Chairman said he was the Representative of the Council on the Executive Committee of the Association and he had obtained from the County Surveyor the information asked for and had furnished it to the Association.

Colonel Gibbon said the Association should be asked to



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give some information as to their activities for 1927 and what the result of their propaganda in bringing tourist to County Wexford.

**PETROL PUMP LICENCES.**

Under date 17th December, 1927 Mr. Elgee, Solicitor forwarded copy of letter from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors for Messrs Bates and Sons Gorey in respect of the position of their petrol pumps. The communication pointed out that the portion of the roadway which is now covered by the kerb was the property of Messrs Bates.

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

"That we again inform Messrs Bates and Co. Gorey, that under no circumstances will the County Council agree to a renewal of licences for their petrol pumps unless pumps and tanks are placed in positions indicated by the County Surveyor!"

In connection with the proposal of Mr. John Murphy, John Street, New Ross, to alter the position of petrol pumps outside his premises, the change had to be made owing to lack of gravitation.

Mr. Murphy submitted sketch showing old and new positions.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by the Chairman:- "That we agree to change of positions of petrol pumps of John Murphy, John Street, New Ross to positions B and C indicated on plan submitted to this meeting.

It was decided to inform Andrew Kehoe, Island Road, Enniscorthy that unless he removes, within a fortnight from this date, petrol pump outside his premises to position which will not interfere with proposed improvement of this road, he be prosecuted.

A resolution was also adopted that Mr. Matthew Harte, Campile, be informed unless he submits sketch asked for as regards site of petrol pump within a fortnight he must be



proceeded against for using a petrol pump without licence.

#### FORD OF LYNCH.

The Office of Public Works, Dublin, wrote under date 30th December (3795/27) that they had been asked by the deputation from Wexford County Council to push on with the proposed drainage Scheme for Ford of Lynch and to make enquiries as to the responsibilities of the Wexford Sloblands Company relative to the maintenance of certain drains in the district.

It appeared that the County Council had made such enquiries themselves and had instructed their Solicitor to take action. They asked what resulted from the enquiries and what action the Solicitor had been instructed to take as their own enquiries, so far, had not led to any result.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, explained that he had furnished reply to the query from the Office of Public Works.

#### HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

The following memorandum from County Surveyor, Donegal County Council Northern Division was approved on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"It is very necessary that steps should be taken to get vested in the County Council the right to fix and enforce a limit for both the speed of lorries and buses; also their weight and size.

"According as roads are improved so does the speed and weights of these vehicles increase and the destruction caused thereby means increased outlay to the ratepayers.

"Furthermore these vehicles at present go upon any roads they please whether strong enough to carry them or not and with little regard to facilitating ordinary vehicles in passing them. The traffic I refer to is increasing at a rapid rate.



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"Other Counties whose roads are similar to ours in not having been strengthened to meet such traffic are up against this difficulty and I feel that if communicated with sufficient co-operation would be acquired to place before the Government a strong case for granting what I suggest".

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee for 2nd January, 1928, be received and considered".

Corramacorra Road

Colonel Gibbon intimated his intention of moving the necessary resolution at the meeting of the Council to be held on 13th February, 1928, to allow the Council to declare the Corramacorra Road to be a public road.

New Ross Bridge.

It was decided to forward copy of resolution of Roads' Committee as to having surface of drawbridge at New Ross Bridge laid with wood block pavement to Kilkenny County Council for their consideration.

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The County Surveyor said the humps were at the junction of the banking. This occurred when the road was being laid originally along the gripe.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor said there were 29 cracks now in the road. There had been only fourteen when the Committee inspected the road, on the 19th November last.

Colonel Gibbon moved:-

"That the Inspection Committee for Wexford-Enniscorthy Road make a further inspection of the work on Saturday, 14th instant, and report to next meeting of Roads' Committee. That Mr. Quigley, Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government, be asked to accompany the Committee!"

Colonel Gibbon said that at the present this road was simply waterlogged, and there was a quantity of water in the foundations. We did not mind the part of the road which had been done but the portion at which work was now being carried out. When in drier weather the water left the road would there not be a very appreciable sinking of the foundation and he wished to know what the County Surveyor proposed to meet the situation and if it was



safe to carry on the work at present.

The County Surveyor said he did not think there would be any appreciable sinking at all. It was solidly consolidated with one stone home to the next.

In reply to Mr. Murphy the County Surveyor said the only apparent reason for the cracks was that the lengths between the expansion joints was too great. The cracks were all in the long bays.

Mr. Corish said this was a very serious statement.

Colonel Gibbon pointed out that the Committee in their first report stated that the bays were too long with the result that shorter bays were made afterwards.

Mr. Corish considered the time had arrived when they should ask the contractors to meet the Roads' Committee and go into this matter. If they found cracks in the long bays it could happen that in adverse weather the road would go to pieces.

The County Surveyor said the specified figure for the expansion joints was from 50 to 150 feet.

Mr. Mernagh said no cracks were apparent in the portion of the road at which the small mixer had been used.

The County Surveyor said this was probably because of shorter joints.

Mr. Mernagh held that it was due to the foresight of the foreman who was in charge of the small mixer.

Mr. Gaul mentioned that when the Committee had been over the road with Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government, the latter did not find any fault with the manner in which the work had been carried out.

The County Surveyor said he did not consider the cracks a serious matter. They would be filled with pure bitumen.

It was decided that the County Surveyor notify Mr. Quigley of the proposed inspection of the road and ask him to meet the Committee.



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On the motion of Mr. Boggan, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue, it was decided that the name of Mr. Mernagh be added to the Committee of Inspection.

Carne Pier Repairs

It was decided that copy of letter from Department of Fisheries stating that no State Grant was available for the repairs of this pier be forwarded to Father Fitzhenry P.P., Lady's Island and also to Mr. Cullen, Secretary to local Committee.

Remuneration to Castlesow Quarry Carters

Mr. Mernagh proposed and Mr. Corish, seconded the following resolution:-

"That carters engaged in hauling material from Castlesow Quarry to the Wexford-Enniscorthy road for side-filling be given an increase of 6d per yard while engaged at this work".

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution :- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, S. O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 13.

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

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.  
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The following under date 7th January, 1928, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"At the last Roads' Committee meeting I reported on the advisability of erecting an elevator and hopper at Ballybrennan Quarry, but had not full figures to submit to the meeting. I shall be glad if when the Roads' Committee Minutes come forward you will bring up the matter and get the decision of the County Council on Monday next. I find that the nett cost of erecting the elevator and hopper will be £285. During the coming year I



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shall require out of Ballybrennan Quarry for the National Road Grant Work about 7000 cubic yards of material, and I estimate that the hopper and elevator will save on this work up to £400, consequently there will be no actual permanent capital outlay as the whole cost of the job will be made up on the one Grant work. I bring this forward now and ask for the Council's decision so that I may get the work put in hands at once, and have it ready for the coming season's work. If I am not authorised now to put the work in hands, the elevator will not be available for dealing with material for the coming year. I will go into the details of the work more fully at the meeting!

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

"That authority be given County Surveyor to include in his estimate for Public Works the cost of elevator and hopper at Ballybrennan Quarry in accordance with the terms of his letter of 7th January, 1928, and, that at the end of a year's working of this machinery, he submit a report showing the actual cost of working same as compared with the present system and with the estimate of his letter".

#### ROAD EXPENDITURE IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

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The following under date 7th January, 1928, was read from County Surveyor:-

"I have made out a table showing the allocation of money towards works in the four districts as requested at last Roads' Committee meeting. I have joined up the main roads in the Urban to the adjoining rural district as the County Council is now responsible for their maintenance. I wish to point out that the allocation of Grant money is entirely dependent on the importance of the thro' routes and consequently the sea border and southern part of the county does not stand favourably in this, as there could be no thro' traffic in these localities. I have the mileage rate of each district set out so that comparison according to mileage can also be made.

The allocation of money for each



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District (Rural) was as follows:-

Per mile -	Enniscorthy	- £27: 11: 0d
" "	Wexford	- £24: 7: 0d
" "	Gorey	- £22: 12: 0d
" "	New Ross	- £21: 16: 0d.

The amount in each district as per proposals of County Surveyor for 1928-29 was as follows:-

Enniscorthy	- £39: 3: 0d
Wexford	- £33: 18: 0d
New Ross	- £32: 5: 0d
Gorey	- £31: 0: 0d

The amount of Government Grants for the past year was as follows in Rural and Urban districts:-

Enniscorthy	- £48,062
Gorey	- £16,575
New Ross	- £2,564
Wexford	- <u>£14,354</u>
Total	- <u>£81,555</u>

The amounts for Urban Districts and which were included in above figures were:- Enniscorthy Urban £938; New Ross Urban, Nil, Wexford Urban £8789.

#### MONASOOTH LAKE.

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The County Surveyor stated that the Committee met on 6th instant, and inspected the lane. It was a sound road mostly but was narrow. He suggested to the local people that they should widen it and that the County Council would provide some material to put the lane into order, without further responsibility on the part of the County Council unless the latter decided at a future time to take over the lane as a public road. It was a very important road so far as the local people were concerned but he (County Surveyor) did not think it was a road for through traffic. It would take about £60 to put <sup>it</sup> into repair and the annual maintenance would be £10 or £12 per annum.



A deputation consisting of Messrs James Howell, J. Foley, and John Doyle came before the meeting and stated they were satisfied to carry out any work which would be specified by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne gave notice of his intention of moving the necessary resolution at next County Council meeting that this road be taken over as a public road.

It was also decided that the Committee be requested to submit a written report of their inspection and recommendations to the Roads' Committee for the purpose of record.

The following memorial signed by three clergymen and twenty-five other Ratepayers was read:-

"The following is a list of names of those Ratepayers who respectfully ask the County Council of Wexford to declare that the roadway through Monasootha- in the Parish of Ferns is to be in future a contract road.

"Ten farmers live on this roadway and some fourteen farmers use it. If in repair, it would be for a great number of people, the shortest and best road to Bunclody. Fair and also to Gorey Fair for people at the Ballyduff side. The people concerned are aware of several laneways less used and of less importance, being under contract, and they believe that in justice to them as Ratepayers, Monasootha should also be under contract.

"The Priests of the Parish, the Doctor, and all who have necessity to use this road, are very anxious that this request be complied with".

REMUNERATION MR. TIMOTHY MOORE, CLERK IN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Gaul:-

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



Mr. Patrick Byrne seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Corish moved:-

"That Mr. Moore, Clerk in County Surveyor's Department be paid at the rate of time and a quarter of his existing remuneration while doing overtime which is to be taken as one hour per week at present".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 10.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, P. Byrne, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 13.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on the original motion of Mr. Gaul with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Connors, Colfer, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman - 11.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Corish, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, Sean O'Byrne O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte - 13.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### INSPECTION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that severe flooding had taken place in the County and it would be advisable if the County Surveyor or the Assistant Surveyors made special inspections of the various Drainage Schemes and report as to whether the main drainage channels were capable of carrying off the water.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that it would be advisable if the Bellinvegga District in New Ross area was included in the inspection as the people were considering the advisability of promoting a Drainage Scheme.

Colonel Gibbon's suggestion was approved.

The County Surveyor said this work would have to be carried out by the Assistant Surveyors.

#### RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO.3 DISTRICT.

The following under date 30th December, 1927 (G.62244/1927 Wexford Co.C.17) was read from the Department of Local Government "With reference to the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 12th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that, the question of pension rights of the person to be appointed to the No.3 District depends on the terms of Section



The Minister raises no objection to the position being filled, but for the present the post should be on a temporary basis.

The Department should be informed of the developments in the case of the ex-Collector when the full facts are known."

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME (SECOND SECTION)  
GOVERNMENT GRANT.

The following under date 31st December 1927 (R/SGN/32/2) was read from the Department of Local Government (ROADS):-

"With reference to the County Surveyor's letter of 23rd, December and enclosures on the above subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the Scheme submitted for the expenditure of £2445 this being the balance available out of the sum of £69613 earmarked for Wexford County under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme. This approval cancels Works No. N. 885 in respect of which a sum of £500 was allocated. The conditions notified in connection with the first section of the Scheme govern this distribution also.

The following works number has been assigned to the Scheme submitted and should be quoted in Requisition (Form No. 97) for instalments of the Grant and in correspondence.

Works No.	Route No.	Grant.
N. 867	T. 8	£2446.

A statement will be required in due course giving the total number of men employed on the work distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the amount in question £2445 was to cover portion of the cost of the side-filling of the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road. It would take another £1000 to complete it and it was suggested that this amount should be saved out of the proposal on Enniscorthy-New Ross Road by doing grouting work on special portions and the rest of it in ordinary water bound macadam sprayed. This would also refer to the portion of the road in the Enniscorthy Urban District.



Col Gibbon said that when Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer of the Local Government Department attended the meeting of the Council, the question was definitely asked him how the money for the cleaning up of the water tables and for filling in the sides of the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road was to be provided and Mr Quigley gave the definite answer that the Council need not worry about the matter as the necessary money would be put up for them.

Mr Cooney said he would protest against the diversion of any money from NEW ROSS-ENNISCORTHY road to any other work. The putting down of the money would not provide for as good a job as if tar grouting was carried out as originally proposed.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to provide the requisite funds to complete the work on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road without interfering with any other existing Grants in the County."

#### ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting the Local Government Department (ROADS) had forwarded the following Road Grants Road T 16 Works No. 858 Amount £290; Works No. S 862 (Rosslare Tourist Road) amount £200.

#### PROPOSED GENERAL SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

Circular letter No. H. 215/21501/1927 Miscellaneous) re above from Department of Local Government was read for the meeting.

Copy of Kildare Draft Sale Scheme had been circulated to the members.

The following recommendations were submitted from the Wexford Board of Health:-

(1) That a Scheme be prepared on the lines of the Kildare Scheme but that the initial reduction be increased and that a standard repayment be fixed if possible.

(2) That the outlines of the Scheme be submitted and explained to the tenants of the cottages by the Cottage Rent Collectors with a view as to obtaining information as to what number of the tenants would be prepared to avail of the Scheme.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Goriagh seconded by Mr Cline;-

"That consideration of letter from the Department of ~~the~~ Local Government(H/215/21501/1927 Miscellaneous) relative to the proposed general/sale of Labourers' Cottages be adjourned until the Council have before them the considered Scheme of County Board of Health."

#### ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL AND DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

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UNDER DATE 3rd January 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote(S62752/27 P.G-017)forwarding copy of a letter which they had addressed to Roscommon County Council/relative to a resolution adopted by the latter Body regarding Drainage Schemes.

The letter pointed out that under the proposed legislation concerning minor works of drainage, it was within the discretion of the County Council to undertake such works as they thought proper and necessary. The provisions of the Drainage Maintenance Acts 1924 & 1925 do not require the Drainage Rate to be collected with the Poor Rate as part thereof and it was open to the Council to issue a separate Warrant to their Collectors for collection of the Drainage Rate.

#### DIVISION OF ESTATES.

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Under date 20th December 1927, the following letter(49368/27) was read from the Irish Land Commission;-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd ult containing copy of a resolution which was adopted at a meeting of your County Council on the 14th idem, I am to inform you that arrangements have been made whereby the Secretary, General Valuation Office, Dublin is notified at an early date after Estates are taken over by the Land Commission, and particulars of the division and allotment of the lands are also furnished to that Department when the lands have been distributed to tenants."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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Under date 3rd January 1928, the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin;-



"I am directed by the President to inform you that the University Scholarship Scheme of Wexford County Council is approved by this College."

PRIMARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 23rd December 1927, the Department of Education wrote (F16734) approving of Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools for year 1928.

LOAN GALBALLY WATER SUPPLY.

Under date 30th December 1927, the Secretary County Board of Health wrote, forwarding copy of letter from Commissioners of Public Works that it was necessary for the County Council to pass a new resolution as regards above loan as the period fixed for repayment of loan by the County Council, viz., 25 years, had been cut down to 20.

Mr S O'Byrne gave notice of his intention to move the following at next meeting of the Council on 13th February, 1928:-

"That, as the Commissioners of Public Works did not agree to advance loan for Galbally Water Supply for a longer period than 20 years, I hereby give notice to move the following resolution at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th February, 1928:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927), to the Wexford County Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £250; said advance to be repayable in 20 years with interest at the rate of  $5\frac{3}{4}$  per cent per annum, the method of repayment to be by equal instalments of Principal with Interest on the balance outstanding, for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for the village of Galbally, the area of charge of annual repayments to be the Dispensary District of Clonroche".



# CASTLEDOKKRILL NEW BURIAL GROUND.

Under date 28th December, 1927, the following resolution was received from County Wexford Board of Health:-

"That application be made to the County Council of the County of Wexford for consent to the borrowing by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £310".

Mr Shannon gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council a resolution that the Council consents to the borrowing of £310 by County Wexford Board of Health in order to provide a new burial ground at Castledockrill.

## CONFIRMATION, LOCOMOTIVE BY-LAWS.

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

That by-laws, dealing with locomotive traffic over bridges, draft of which has already been approved of by the Council, be and are hereby agreed to and confirmed by this Council.

## SANITARY WORKS - PROPOSED LOANS.

In connection with letter from Local Government Department (23rd December, 1927, - S 61213-1927) as to proposed Sanitary Works in certain villages in the County, Mr Corish gave notice of his intention to move a resolution at the meeting of the Council on 13th February, 1928, consenting to the County Wexford Board of Health borrowing the following sums for Sanitary Works:- Rosslare District, £11,000; Clonroche District, £326; and Taghmon District, £1,400.

## SEALING AGREEMENT, MAINTENANCE RAILWAY BRIDGE AT CHILCOMB, NEW ROSS.

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

"That the agreement between the County Council and the Great Southern Railways, relative to maintenance of overline



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bridge at Chilcomb, New Ross, be sealed and signed on behalf of this County Council".

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS - ANNUAL MEETING.

The Secretary, County Councils' General Council, wrote that the annual meeting had been fixed for Friday, 24th February, 1928, and asked to be informed of any items which the Council wished to have placed on agenda paper.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, 1932.

Rev J O'Donnell, S.J., Editor, "Irish Messenger", wrote that, at the meeting of the permanent Committee of the International Congresses held in Paris, the resolution in favour of holding the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932 was passed unanimously. Father O'Donnell asked that the good news would be conveyed to the members of the County Council and to offer them his hearty congratulations on the share which their resolution in favour of holding the Congress in Ireland in 1932 has had in bringing about this most happy result.

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