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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING 9th JANUARY, 1933.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 9th January, 1933.

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

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, the Co. Solicitor and the six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £21,929.10.0d (transfer to Public Bodies) and £8410.12.1d (ordinary payments) were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy a vote of condolence was adopted in silence to Mr. Thomas A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, County Council, in the death of his daughter Aine.

The vote was supported by Mr. Keegan and the Chairman and other members.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Cummins a vote of condolence was adopted with Mr. James Hall, M.C.C. in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mullett, Rathmure, Enniscorthy.

The Chairman proposed a vote of condolence to Mr. M.J. Dwyer, Co. Registrar, on the death of his brother, Mr. James Dwyer, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, Ex. T.D., who was recently killed in a motor accident.

The Chairman said they were all extremely sorry for Mr. Dwyer in the tragic death of his brother who was known to him (Chairman)



and several members of the Council. He (Chairman) had the pleasure of spending a good deal of time with Mr. Dwyer in Dublin and elsewhere and he never met a more gentlemanly or better Irishman.

Mr. Jordan who seconded the motion said that the late Mr. Dwyer was a universal favourite, anxious to do everything he could to help his friends and neighbours and the country generally.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Col. Quin, the following reply to vote of condolence on the death of his father, read from Mr. John J. Colloton, M.C.C., was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to the members of the County Council and all those who were associated with it, my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my poor Father. It is indeed consoling to have such expressions from one's fellow members in irreparable loss. I am joined in the above by my Mother and the other members of the family.

"And you Mr. Frizelle accept my thanks for your kind expression."

#### CO. SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by Co. Surveyor:-

"I submit Provisional Road Works Scheme for the coming year. The total of my Estimate is practically the same figure as I estimated last year, though the details are somewhat varied. The Scheme, as approved of by the Co. Council, made considerable reduction in my figures, and I have to report that, in many cases, complaints were made of roads which could not be maintained as they should be owing to lack of funds. The present Estimate provides approximately for an expenditure of £100 per mile on Trunk roads: £140 on Link Roads: £28 per mile on County Roads and £11 per mile on 4th class Roads. In normal times I consider these figures low.

"I have a very substantial figure in for surface dressing, and it will be advisable for the Council to give this matter full consideration. If it be decided to reduce this figure it will,



"certainly, be necessary to allow of a higher figure for the ordinary maintenance of this class of road. The repayments of Loans are practically at the same figures as last year, and, of course, must be paid. Under "Special Repair Items" there is a considerable reduction, as I have avoided bringing forward anything unless absolutely essential. There is a reduction under the "Repair and maintenance of County Bridges", and in this item I have provided for the balance required on the Ferrycarrig Bridge Contract, and also for Clerk of works to superintend the job. I ask for authority to appoint the Clerk of Works in this case.

"Following the December meeting of the County Council the Secretary forwarded, to the Board of Works, full particulars regarding the discussion and resolution of the County Council in connection with the Sow Drainage. Up to the present I have not received any Plans or Specification for the work which is now proceeding, and appears to be going on well, as far as I can judge without having the Plans. I shall be in the Board of Works Office on Wednesday next, and I shall enquire further about these Plans.

"On the 3rd instant the County Council Committee was summoned to inspect and report on the Sow River Lanes, and there were present Messrs. Culleton and Jordan, as well as Assistant Surveyor (Mr. Cullen) and a number of interested local farmers. The Committee inspected the three lanes on the right bank of the river, and the continuation of two of these on the left bank, as well as the intervening lane between these. Owing to the lateness of the hour the Committee were not able to inspect the third lane on the left bank, through Ballina, but this had already been thoroughly inspected by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, and is at present trafficable for motor cars for most of the way. The Committee were of opinion that roadways of some sort are required in this Area, but found great difficulty in deciding on one against another, and will report to the Council in detail at meeting. I shall be prepared with details of



"the cost in connection with each of the proposed ways.

"Mr. Donovan has now brought his dredger to Courtown, and is at present engaged in dredging the basin. The recent freshets in the river have now completely removed the gravel and sand banked in the entrance channel, and, with the exception, of small deposit on the corner of the North Pier, there is a good depth of water throughout including the bar.

"All the Relief Grants are now in progress, with the exception of that in the street of Monamolin, which is being held up pending completion of Monamolin Bridge.

"For some time past there has been flooding of Road No. 495 at Killurin owing to interference with the outlet from the back water channel. I directed the Assistant Surveyor to have obstruction removed, and this was done a couple of times, but was closed up again by the owner of the Farm, Mrs. Redmond. I ask ~~for~~ for authority to take proceedings to have this nuisance abated. I submit letter from Mr. Cullen on the matter.

"Mr. Birthistle reports to me of complaints regarding the flooding of the Road at the entrance to Carne Pier. In my opinion, this is due to the diversion of drainage water towards this point which properly should go out northwards. The stream that should take this water on Mr. Joyce's land has been at some time covered over, and I believe is now in a defective condition. I suggest that the matter be referred to the County Solicitor.

"I beg to apply for £30 from Contingencies Fund for Road 94, between Scarnagh and Cloneranny to make up a dangerous slip at the side!"

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Report of the Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."



PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME:- Col. Gibbon said in connection with the Provisional Road Works Scheme there was no use in making any laboured statement as to the present condition of the country. The plain fact was that the Wexford Co. Council were not in a position to spend any more money on the roads than they did last year. It would be absolutely impracticable for them to raise the Estimate of the Co. Surveyor and he proposed they should refer the scheme back to the Co. Surveyor with a request to submit in substitution one which would not exceed the expenditure of last year.

Col. Quin seconded.

The Chairman said if they were able to put forward the same road rate as last year they would not be doing badly. He agreed with Col. Gibbon that the Provisional Road Works Scheme should be referred back to the Co. Surveyor so that from the figures arrived at, the amount of rate in question could be readjusted to the same figure as was approved last year.

Mr. Gaul considered it was unfair to discuss the scheme when most of the members were not in attendance. The Council had often waited for the attendance of members for a less important matter.

Col. Gibbon said that one suggestion he wished to make to the Co. Surveyor was that when readjusting his Estimate he should as far as possible, allocate the money to be spent on labour and not on tar and machinery.

Miss O'Ryan said no fault could be found with the Co. Surveyor for the present estimate which in her opinion was necessary to keep the roads in a decent state of repair. But the fact of the matter was they were unable to finance this programme for the present year.

Mr. O'Byrne asked would the reduction for improvement and new works be in the same proportion as last year.

The Chairman said that any new work unless absolutely and extraordinarily necessary should be cut out.

Mr. Gaul asked what was going to happen to the applications for



new roads. People were entitled to some consideration in the way of transit facilities.

The Chairman said it would be more appropriate to say they were entitled to a reduction in the rate and which would be necessary if they were to be left in the country at all.

Mr. Gaul - The ratepayers are entitled to a road they can pass over.

Chairman - Very few of the roads are impassable. If you were acquainted with the roads in the first of my time in public life you would have some idea of how difficult it was to travel over some of them.

The Co. Surveyor said the reason he brought forward the question of tarred roads specifically, was, in the past, grants were given by Local Government Department entirely for ~~main~~<sup>trunk</sup> roads. Recently they had agreed to 40% contribution on the maintenance of all main roads and he did not want to have anything done which would be the means of losing or curtailing the grant.

The Chairman said even if they did lose some of the percentage they should not use so much tar.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan the Co. Surveyor said that the ordinary Road Grants from the Local Government Department were only applicable to trunk and link roads, but Relief Grants were applicable to County Roads and special minor Relief Scheme Grants could be applied to roads which were not maintained by the County.

The Chairman said their instructions to the Co. Surveyor should be that he would put as much money as he possibly could into the link roads in order to secure their 40% in view of all the money which had been spent in the past on the trunk roads and the good condition up to which they had been brought.

Col. Gibbon's resolution was then put and passed, the adjusted figures to be submitted to the Council by the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Smyth proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded:- "That no tar



"spraying be carried out on the roads from Ballycanew to Gorey, and from Ballycanew to Killenagh as provided in estimate of Co. Surveyor."

The proposition was adopted.

SOW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

" That we again communicate with the Office of Public Works and ask them to furnish plans and specifications of the improvement work at the Sow Drainage Area which is now in progress, to the Co. Surveyor and also that some steps should be taken to consult the Drainage ratepayers in the matter. "

Mr. Corish stated he had seen Mr. Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, as regards the request of the Council for the plans and specifications. Mr. Flinn was to interview the Office of Public Works and see what could be done to meet the Council's wishes. However, he (Mr. Corish) would write again.

IMPROVEMENT OF LANES - SOW RIVER DRAINAGE AREA:- Mr. O'Byrne considered there was very little use in the Council spending their time discussing the merits of these three lanes. It was far more important for them to endeavour to secure a Grant and he proposed a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Col. Quin:-

The following memorial signed by 37 ratepayers, in connection with the proposal that the County Council should take over the road from Tinraheen to Middletown laneway, was read:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers and members of the general public interested in proposed road beg leave to bring to your notice a few suggestions for consideration in connection with route which said road may follow. In our opinion the most suitable route would be from present right of way (from Lower Killisk Holdings) which joins main road at Tinraheen to existing laneway at Middletown estimated distance between one and half and two miles.

"We would recommend this route for several reasons, viz.

1. That it is much more badly wanted as a connection between these



- "two points than at any other of the suggested routes as existing laneways are unable to accommodate present day traffic as neither Engine, Motor or lorry can travel them which means a serious handicap to the dwellers thereon.
2. It is a more direct route from one main road to the other with a sounder bottom in general and with fewer drains to be crossed than in the case of the other routes.
  3. This route would prove of greater service to ratepayers in general and to residents of locality in particular running as it does through a portion of Drainage Area where tillage is carried on to a larger extent than at any other point of the river.

"These points will we hope serve to recommend this route combining as they do greater necessity, directness of route, economy in construction, and greater utility when constructed, than any other of the routes suggested."

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Government would probably spend whatever money they had set aside on the lane selected by the Council.

The Chairman was in favour of Mr. O'Byrne's proposal.

Mr. McCarthy considered before applying for a grant they should decide upon the lane to be selected. There would be a great difference in the cost of the three projects.

The Chairman said they could apply for the amount that would do the most costly.

Mr. Jordan who had acted as a member of the Committee explained the position of the three lanes. Portion of each of the three lanes had been done from each side of the river. Unless a road was made for <sup>this</sup> particular area a great deal of the finest land of the County would go out of cultivation. The people concerned in what was known as the Clonmore - Ballina lane were the first in the field, and he understood were promised a Government Grant to carry out the work. The other two proposals were not thought of until the Clonmore people



moved when they thought they should make an attempt to secure all they could as well as the Clonmore - Ballina ratepayers. He (Mr. Jordan) was in favour of the selection of the lane which had been first brought to the notice of the Council - Clonmore-Ballina.

The Co. Surveyor said this would be the shortest and cheapest of the three projects.

Mr. Jordan said that in his opinion a most important matter for the guidance of the Council in future was when it was found necessary to appoint a Committee to deal with a question such as the Sow Lanes, Councillors from outside the Area should be appointed. In the present instance Councillors from Enniscorthy Area were sent amongst their own friends to decide a matter which the people concerned were unable to decide for themselves.

Mr. Culleton said the three roads were certainly wanted.

Mr. Shannon said he was appointed a member of the Committee and got notice to attend at 10.30 a.m. He lived twenty miles away and could not possibly be present unless through the aid of a motor vehicle. In similar circumstances in future he thought the Assistant Surveyors should carry the members of a Committee to the place of meeting. The Surveyors were paid mileage for their cars and for that reason should assist the Councillors to attend these special Committee meetings. As a matter of fact he was of opinion that it would be unfair to ask a Councillor to use his private car for the purpose.

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor stated if the three lanes were to be put into repair they would add six miles to the road maintenance. The repair of the Clonmore Lane would cost £2000, the Middletown Lane £2,400 and the Oulartleigh Lane £2,800. Unfortunately the people concerned with each of these lanes would not derive much benefit from the other two. As he had stated on a previous occasion there was no doubt but the three lanes were wanted and the area with the exception of the Mountain was the largest in



the County without a road. The Government Grant for repair of course would be conditional on the Council maintaining the lanes in future. This would run to £15 or £20 annually for any of them.

The Chairman stated he had been informed that the Middle lane would facilitate 22 land holders.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that to reconstruct the three lanes and join them at either end and provide the necessary bridge in each case would cost £7,200, and it was very doubtful if they would get that amount from the Government.

Mr. O'Byrne was of opinion that by pressing forward the three they would lose everything.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that he had been informed the Land Commission had stated they would furnish a grant for one of the lanes only.

Mr. Walter Mernagh who came before the Council to urge the claims of the Clonmore-Ballina land said that 12 or 14 families would be inconvenienced by the construction of the road which would also be a short cut for the people of Ballina to Enniscorthy.

Mr. Owen Kavanagh, Killisk, urged the claims of the lane from Killisk to Oulartleigh. The length of this lane when reconstructed would be four miles and its situation was in the middle of the area. It was the most favourable for selection from the point of view of serving most people - 20 families - who were using and living on it and besides a large number of other people would use it.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Council select the lanes in order of merit and carry out the work in accordance with the amount of grant received from the Government.

After considerable discussion Col. Gibbon proposed that the three lanes in question be repaired if the Government Grant be forthcoming.

Mr. Shannon seconded the motion which was adopted.



COURTOWN HARBOUR:- Mr. Keegan said the Report of the Co. Surveyor was quite correct as regards the channel but there was still a bank outside the entrance to the harbour.

At the request of Mr. Keegan the Co. Surveyor read the specification of the work to be carried out by Mr. Donovan at Courtown Harbour basin, and under which he has to maintain the channel up to the 30th June, 1933.

Mr. Keegan said if there was any question of extension of time etc. the Councillors would remember the terms of the specification which had been read that day.

FLOODING OF ROAD NO.495 - KILLURIN:- The following report under date 7th January, 1933, was read from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"In accordance with your instructions I directed Ganger Broaders to open way for water into Mrs. Redmond's field at Killurin. This work was done on 23rd December, and was again closed up by sides having been filled in on 26th ult. On 27th ult., Ganger and a workman proceeded to let way off road again, but were prevented from doing so by Mrs. Redmond.

"The road is again flooded."

The Co. Surveyor stated there was a substantial drain at the place at one time but the Redmonds improved the entrance and blocked the outlet on the roadway into this drain with the result the water ponded on the road to a depth of about 12 inches. Someone connected with the Redmonds had mentioned that the water went another way but as this was uphill it could not be the case.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin. "That the question of flooding of Road No. 495 be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor to institute proceedings against Mrs. Redmond, Killurin."

FLOODING OF ROAD AT CARNE PIER:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded that the question of the flooding of the road at the entrance to Carne Pier be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to



institute proceedings in order to have this nuisance abated."

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

"That a sum of £30 be withdrawn from the appropriate contingency fund to cover cost of making up the dangerous slip on Road No. 54 between Scarnagh and Cloneranny."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Report of Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved unless in so far as same may have been altered by resolution."

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Tenders Committees - Co. Councillors for each Electoral Area - to deal with road and haulage tenders meet as follows:-

GOREY COURTHOUSE, Saturday, 18th February, 1933. 12 noon.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE, Tuesday, 21st February, 1933. 12 noon.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE, Thursday, 23rd February, 1933. 12.30 p.m.

WEXFORD COUNCIL CHAMBER, Saturday, 25th February, 1933, at 11 o'clock.

"That Messrs. Armstrong and Hall be appointed extra members of the Enniscorthy Tenders Committee as a number of road and haulage contracts to be considered at Enniscorthy are situate close to the residences of these Councillors."

#### DAIL ELECTIONS.

Proposed by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted unanimously:-

"That leave of absence be granted to members of the Co. Council staff acting at Dail Elections, the period of absence to be deducted from annual holiday."

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th December, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th December, 1932.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3640.7.3d. was examined and signed.

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It was decided that the special meeting of the Finance Committee to pay road and quarry workers a week's wages to 17th December, 1932, be held on 21st December, 1932, immediately after the conclusion of the business of the Co. Committee of Agriculture.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

| <u>COLLECTOR'S NAME.</u> | <u>Percentage of<br/>Warrant collected<br/>1932.</u> | <u>Percentage of<br/>Warrant collected<br/>1931.</u> |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| 1. J. Curtis             | 53.8   | 52.7   |
| 2. E.J. Murphy           | 53.7   | 53.6   |
| 3. S. Gannon (6)         | 52.2   | 47.3   |
| 4. T. Rowe               | 49.3   | 51.7   |
| 5. J.J. O'Reilly         | 49.0   | 53.3   |
| 6. Art Dunne             | 48.8   | 52.0   |
| 7. J. Quirke             | 48.0   | 53.7   |
| 8. P. Carty              | 47.8   | 50.8   |
| 9. S. Gannon (10)        | 47.0   | 49.2   |
| 10. T. Bolger            | 45.3   | 49.8   |
| 11. J. Cummins           | 44.9   | 48.4   |
| 12. J. Deegan            | 44.7   | 50.0   |
| 13. P. Nolan             | 43.6   | 47.9   |
| 14. M. Murphy            | 42.6   | 40.7   |
| 15. M. McCarthy          | 41.0   | 47.7   |
| 16. W. Doyle             | 39.0   | 38.8   |
| 17. J.J. Sinnott         | 39.0   | 45.0   |
| 18. W. Cummins           | 39.0   | 43.5   |
| 19. P. Doyle             | 36.5   | 45.9   |
| 20. P. O'Byrne           | 36.5   | 48.1   |
|                          | <u>45.0</u>  | <u>48.5</u>  |



COLLECTOR O'BYRNE:- The following under date 7th December, 1932, was read from the Rates Inspector:-

"I beg to report that Collector Patrick O'Byrne (No. 9 District) has not made any lodgment since 26th November."

The Rates Inspector said that O'Byrne was not discharging his duties in a satisfactory manner. He had made no lodgment of rates between 26th November and the 15th December, on which date he lodged £24.

When Collector O'Byrne came before the meeting the Chairman pointed out to him that he was not carrying out his duty according to the Public Bodies Order. He appeared to be neglecting the collection generally and was now at the bottom of the list.

Mr. O'Byrne said he had been in bad health for some time and had been unable to travel his district.

The Chairman said in that case a medical certificate should have been furnished and a temporary collector appointed. Collector O'Byrne's sureties would get into trouble unless he made a big effort to put his collection on a much better basis. Drastic action would have to be taken by the Finance Committee unless there was an immediate improvement of the position. If Mr. O'Byrne was not in sufficient health to carry on his duties he knew what to do.

Mr. O'Byrne admitted that he had not called on a certain ratepayer in Clonroche district.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Collector O'Byrne be directed to have at least 50 per cent of his warrant lodged by Thursday, 5th January, 1933, the date of next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee."

COLLECTOR M. MCCARTHY:- Under date 14th December, 1932, Collector M. McCarthy (No. 4 District) wrote that he was doing his best as regards the collection. Owing to some revision, cases in the hands of his Solicitor, and with the Sheriff, and amounts promised for payment, there was a large amount outstanding. He had received letters from many ratepayers asking for time to pay until they got money for sugar



beet on 15th instant or dispose of some of the cattle they had on hands. By the end of January, he hoped to have reached as high a percentage as last January.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Collector M. McCarthy be directed to lodge 50% of his warrant excluding arrears by the end of December, 1932."

CLAIM FOR REFUND OF RATES:- Mrs. Bridget Turner, Rosslare, applied for refund of £15.9.9d over paid on house at Whitehouse, Rosslare, which had not been included in the New Buildings List.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That application of Mrs. Turner for refund of rates on her holding at Whitehouse, Rosslare, be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor."

#### LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be made to the following in accordance with advertisement issued by Co. Council relative to said loans and to the terms and conditions set out in form of application for loan:-

Edward Dwyer, Senior, Ballyoughna, Killena, Gorey. Amount of Loan £50  
Value of house £220: Government Grant £.....

John Ryan, Aughathlappa, Caim. Loan £70. Cost of house £200:  
Government Grant £70.

JAMES Murphy, Market Square, Gorey. Loan £125. Cost of house £250:  
Government Grant £70.

John Lawlor, Ballyhighland, Caim. Loan £100. Cost of house £200:  
Government Grant £70.

#### EMPLOYMENT AT BROWNSWOOD QUARRY.

Matthew Kelly, Tinnahask, and John Power, Oylegate, came before the meeting to refute statements made by a deputation from Oylegate which was before the Finance Committee meeting of the 1st December, 1932 and which stated that Kelly and Power had left their work with farmers



to take employment at Brownswood Quarry.

Matthew Kelly stated that he was living with his father-in-law and did odd jobs for him without remuneration, while Power stated that for a considerable time past he had secured one day's work only at the Sanatorium.

The two men stated they had received notice of the termination of their employment and held they were more entitled to employment than those who composed the previous deputation as they had more dependants. They considered it unfair that their services should be dispensed with and their places taken by other men.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had been informed that by Saturday they would have procured all the material required from Brownswood quarry. They might be taking men for road work but the work at the quarry was completed and no men would be going back to it.

Mr. Kelly said when work was resumed in Brownswood quarry they asked to have their claim to employment favourably considered.

The Co. Surveyor said that the claims of the men objected to by the first deputation had not been in any way prejudiced by the statements which had been made. He would employ the men who had been objected to if their names were furnished him by the Unemployment Exchange.

#### CONTINUANCE OF OVERDRAFT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That application be made to Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to continuance of overdraft of £40,000 from 1st January, 1933 to 31st March, 1933, and that application be also made to the Co. Treasurer for same."

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The following report of Local Government Auditor in reference to his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council was read (115701/32 - 6th December, 1932)

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford



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"County Council (inclusive of the Library Committee) for the two half-years ended 31/3/31, and 31/9/1931. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1929/30; 1930/31; and 1931/32:-

|                                  | <u>1929/30</u>                   | <u>1930/31</u>                   | <u>1931/32.</u>                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                  | S. D.                            | S. D.                            | S. D.                               |
| In respect of Roads.             | 2. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$               | 2. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$               | 2. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$                  |
| " " " County Services            | 2. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$               | 2. 2                             | 2. 9                                |
| " " " Poor Relief                | 3. 0.                            | 3. 0.                            | 2. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$                 |
| " " " Health District Charges... | <u>1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u> | <u>1<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></u> | <u>4</u>                            |
|                                  | <u>8. 0</u>                      | <u>8. 1</u>                      | <u>8. 4<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></u> |

Apart from annual fluctuations due to balances for or against at the commencement of each financial year the increased rate in respect of County Services for 1931/32 was due mainly to (1) Increased contribution to County Committee of Agriculture; (2) Increased contribution for Vocational Education; (3) Provision for salary and expenses of the County Medical Officer of Health; and (4) An increased allocation for Public Works, as against which however there was more than an equivalent reduction in the amount allocated for Road maintenance.

The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 31/3/1930, 30/9/1930; 31/3/1931; and 30/9/'31 were respectively £27,394; £28,412; £26,341; and £22,822.

The Balances due from the Urban District Councils in respect of the County Council demands at 30th September, 1931, were:- Enniscorthy £1,382; New Ross £1,898; and Wexford £4,354.

All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date."



SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

1933.

The following under date 14th December, 1932 (F.31352) was read from the Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 23rd ultimo, submitting for approval the draft scheme of scholarships under above for 1933, I am to say that the matter has received the consideration of the Department, and provided that the undermentioned alterations are made by your Council, the scheme may be approved:-

1. Title should read "Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools, 1933."
2. Page 3, paragraph 1. Attention is drawn to the portion of the Department's letter of 23rd July, 1932, which states that should any case arise in connection with the award of a scholarship to a pupil teacher or preparatory college student, it will be open to full consideration by the Department.
3. Page 3, paragraph 4. Entrance forms should be received not later than 1st February, 1933, in order to enable Council to submit full particulars in each case to this Department on or before 14th February.
4. Appendix 1. "Of the primary Scholarship examination should read "of the examination for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools."

I am to add that the syllabus for 1933 is the same as that approved for last year, a copy of which is enclosed, and I am to request that your Council will forward, for the information of this Department, six copies of the amended scheme when printed for circulation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "In reference to the letter of Department of Education under date 14th December, 1932 (F.31352) the Finance Committee cannot recommend the Co. Council to include in Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarship Scheme a provision by which the



"Ratepayers of the County would be held responsible for the education of pupil teachers or preparatory college students. These scholarships should be confined to pupils who would otherwise be debarred from receiving a secondary education.

"That our Secretary advertise in the three local papers that the syllabus for these scholarships is the same as that approved for last year.

"That this Committee agree to have the other small amendments recommended by the Department of Education included in next year's scheme."

#### INCOME TAX ON COUNTY HALL.

The following under date 14th December, 1932, (PT/MG) relative to deduction of income tax from payment for rent of Co. Hall was read from Income Tax Inspector:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to state that my letter of the 29th June referred only to assessment No. 2661 which is in respect of a proportion of a half-annual rent of £20.5s. payable to Mr. Johns out of the Court house and offices. Mr. Johns paid on this himself and I advised him to request you not to deduct tax when paying him this rent.

"As regards assessment Nos. 263BA and 2639. Tax £14.17.6d you are within your rights in deducting this tax from the rents of the holdings assessed at these numbers. These holdings appeared in the list of new ratings as at the 1st March 1931. Mr. Johns' name did not appear as owner on the list supplied to me by the Valuation Department. If Mr. Johns' name had appeared as the owner I should not have raised any assessments upon these holdings as he is entitled to exemption by reason of not being resident in the Irish Free State. If Mr. Johns wishes to obtain a refund of the tax deducted by you for the year 1931/32 he should apply to the Revenue Commissioners, Claims Branch, Dublin Castle.

"As regards the current year, 1932/33, I have instructed the



"Collector not to make any application to you as I am communicating with the Revenue Commissioners with a view to having the assessment for this year vacated."

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

Under date 7th December, 1932, Sergeant Connor, Garda Siochana, Ballycullane, Ex-officio Inspector, Weights and Measures Acts, made application for stationery, pens, sealing wax, etc.

Under date 10th December, 1932, the Chief Superintendent (Div.Ref.2646/32) wrote that requisition was in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be requested to furnish, if possible, a requisition for a full year for stationery etc. for all Inspectors under Weights and Measures, etc.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

Sergeant Walker, Garda Siochana, Carnew, wrote that application would be made at Shillelagh District Court on 3rd January, 1933, for the committal of four illegitimate children of Margaret White, Bolinrush, Ferns, viz:- Patrick White, 9 years; James White, 2 years, Mary White 10 years; and Maggie White, 6 years old.

Under date 12th December, 1932, Mr. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of four children of Mary Browne, widow, Garrycullen, Ballycullane, aged  $8\frac{1}{3}$ , 7,  $5\frac{1}{3}$  and  $4\frac{1}{3}$  years respectively, would be made at Ballycullane District Court, on 19th December, 1932.

Both communications were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

#### THE BALLAGH UNEMPLOYED.

The following letter from a number of unemployed men in the Ballagh area was referred from Co. Council meeting of 12th instant to the Finance Committee:-

"We the undersigned representing the unemployed in The Ballagh



"half Parish respectfully request you to bring our appeal before the next meeting of the County Council to have some of the relief Grant allotted to this area in order to create some much needed employment, there are several jobs which require doing in the locality a few of which I set out for present consideration:- (1) To have the main road running through the village, steamrolled for a distance of say, five or six hundred yards. This requires doing badly as during the Winter months it is impassable. (2) To have something done at Castle Ellis to prevent flooding of main road which occurs frequently after heavy rains. Now we consider these two works could be carried out immediately as the material is ready in the quarry at Ballymurry, and further we think it only fair that we should be given a chance to earn a few shillings to tide us and our families over the winter months.

"There are several other works requiring to be done but we leave them for future consideration."

The Co. Surveyor said it might be possible to help these men by some minor relief scheme under the Board of Works.

Mr. Hall said that there was considerable traffic on Ballymotey lane which was about five furlongs long, and Mr. O'Byrne referred to the necessity for a road at Ballyregan quarry to Rockspring.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would look into the matter and see if he could arrange for some scheme of employment.

#### MOTOR HIRE.

The Co. Surveyor said that during the time the Co. Council lorry was under overhaul the machinery overseer used his own motor car and for which he was charging a mileage rate of 5d the total account being £4.4.2d. This included two visits to Dublin (for which 7/6d subsistence allowance for each visit was charged) one to release a number of hammers held up in the Customs.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be paid £4.4.2d amount for motor hire etc. in connection with road work of Co. Council."



TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

MOTOR TAXATION DEPARTMENT.

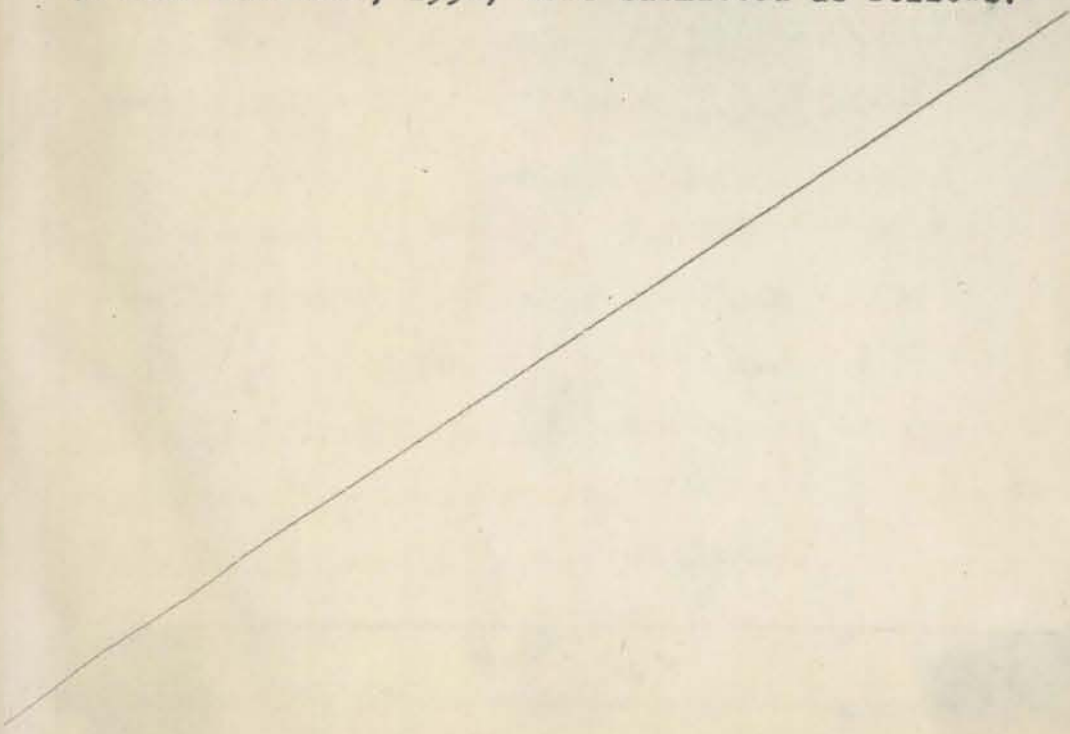
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That three temporary clerical Assistants be employed in Motor Taxation Department for a period of five weeks to deal with licences under Motor Car Acts for year 1933. That Joseph Fennell, George St., Wexford and James Devereux, South Main Street, Wexford, be employed - remuneration to be 1/- per hour, and that third name be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 15th December, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st December, 1932, were submitted as follows:-





A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st December, 1932, for the purpose of paying wages to workmen.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman Co. Council) presiding, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, James Hall and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,937. 13. 4d. was examined and signed.

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On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Clince the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 21st December, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."



DANGEROUS CORNERS ETC.- CAMPILE.

The following memorial signed by 43 ratepayers was submitted:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers and unemployed workers, desire to draw your attention to the two dangerous corners on road No.701 leading from Campile to Horeswood Church.

"A vast amount of traffic passes over this road and a great number of accidents have happened at these two corners, including one last year in which a young married man with a big family lost his life.

"The surface of this road is in a very bad condition and it also requires to be widened in some places, and in order to relieve the appalling distress of the great number of unemployed (62) in this area, we strongly appeal to your Council to have this very necessary work carried out.

"We also desire to draw your attention to road No. 789., from cross at Ballyvalig to cross at Grange (about quarter mile) which is also very dangerous. It was on this road that the late Dr. Anglim and his family met with a very serious accident and a great number of other accidents have also occurred on this road. There is a deep trench running beside this road, and the road itself is so very narrow that no two cars can pass. This is the only road by which the people from the villages of Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon can get to Campile Railway Station and it is quite a usual sight to have traffic held up, and parties sometimes miss their trains owing to the delay. We appeal to you to have the trench on this road filled, and the road widened and straightened, which work will be the means of further relieving the distress of the unemployed.

"We also appeal to you to approach the G.S. Railway Company to remove corner at the entrance of Campile Railway Station, as there is no view whatever of traffic entering or leaving the station and the corner is most dangerous."



The Chairman said that the Council had no money to deal with these corners.

Mr. Murphy hoped that when money would be available the matter would be brought to the notice of the Council, and something done. As regards the approach to the Railway station it was one of the most dangerous places in the County. Two lorries were always using this very short bit of road and in order to see a person in a car, had to swerve over to his wrong side.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to approach the Great Southern Railway Co. with a view to removal of corner at the entrance to Campile Railway Station, as in its present condition it is most dangerous to traffic."

The Co. Surveyor said that some suggestions were asked by General Council of Co. Councils as to alterations in the Main Road Scheme, and amongst others he considered the road from Campile to Horeswood should be a main road and he was so recommending.

#### COMPLAINT OF CONDITION OF ROADS IN FETHARD.

The following memorial which was signed by 55 ratepayers was submitted:-

"We the undersigned being ratepayers and house-holders in Fethard hereby complain of the shocking state of the road and footpath from the Bridge at Fethard to Poulfur and from Templetown to Fethard, and we respectfully ask you to get something done to improve them."

The following report was read from Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:

"With regard to the complaint made about the condition of the road from Fethard to Poulfur and also from Templetown to Fethard I beg to state that the Road from Fethard to Poulfur is in fair condition and quite as good now as at any time for the last four or five years. With regard to Templetown - Fethard Road the surface



"in most parts of this road is undoubtedly getting poorer owing to the fact that the amount of material used is not sufficient to keep it in order. The amount of money allowed for this section for year 1926 was £600 and this last year it was only £210.

"It will be impossible to keep the roads properly in this section if there is not more money allowed to do so."

The Co. Surveyor said one part of the road was a main road and they might be able to get an increased price for this.

Mr. Cummins said all the roads in that district were in a very bad condition. He did not blame the County Surveyor since the Council had consistently cut down his Estimate for a number of years. There was more traffic on some of the roads in his district than on some of the trunk roads.

Mr. Murphy - Practically the whole of our money is going on main roads and local roads are starved.

Chairman - We ought to have a bit of a lull in main road expenditure now as most of them are in a very fair condition and local roads should receive more consideration.

No order.

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

Under date 8th January, 1933, Mr. Eugene Lacey, for the Irish Omnibus Company wrote that the specified alternative route for heavy lorries on account of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge for repair would be entirely unsuitable to the Company. It would mean cutting out Oylegate and all other traffic on the eastern side of the Slaney and in addition services would have to be duplicated between Enniscorthy and Ballymackessy Cross. He (Mr. Lacey) had been over the road via Castlebridge to Kyle Cross which was in a good condition. He would be glad if the Council could see its way to allow the I.O.C. to travel over ~~this~~ road and he would guarantee on behalf of the Company that the speed over the New Bridge would not exceed four miles per hour.



The Co. Surveyor stated he was very sorry he could not see his way to allow buses to cross Wexford Bridge.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to inform Mr. Lacey the Council could not agree to his application as regards the use of road via Castlebridge to Kyle Cross during the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge.

#### COMPLAINTS FROM KILMORE.

Mr. Roche said that with regard to stone-breaking at Kilmore, there was a lot of dissatisfaction. In the first place there seemed to be dissatisfaction as to how employment was being carried out, and that men were not being taken in rotation in regard to signing on at the Employment Exchange. He wanted that rectified if possible.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor stated he knew nothing about the complaint.

Mr. Roche said he also understood that the carters could not draw the stones for the money given to them - 2/- a cubic yard. At present payment was working out for some at about 1/- for three miles. He wanted to know if payment could be increased in some way.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said they were not very far from being finished at the place. Those who were drawing did not work the whole day - only part-time.

Mr. Roche - Some of them do, anyhow.

Mr. Kehoe, - But those earn more than the others.

Mr. Roche - But I believe that 2/6d or 3/- a day for man and horse is their best.

Mr. Kehoe - A man working all day would earn at least 5/- a day.

Mr. Roche said he thought that about half a cubic yard per load was as much as they were able to take, and they could not take ten loads a day. He thought that three or four loads a day would be as much as they could do. It was poverty that was making them do the work, but he did not agree that 2/- or 3/- a day was fair payment for



a man and horse.

Mr. Kehoe said they were getting very good material on this road for 2/3d per cubic yard and the men Mr. Roche referred to were delivering stuff which was not at all as suitable and receiving 2/- per yard.

Miss O'Ryan said that some of the men from the area mentioned had called on her, and she asked for their complaints in writing and had got them.

It was decided that Mr. Kehoe should confer with Mr. Roche with regard to the questions raised and that the complaints received by Miss O'Ryan should be also referred to Mr. Kehoe.

#### WALLS AT CLOHAMON BRIDGE

Mr. Armstrong called attention to the flooding of the road at Clohamon on account of which people were unable to get from the main road to the village. While the walls remained there, pedestrians were able to walk along the wall tops. Now the walls were gone and people were not allowed to cross the fields.

Col. Quin proposed that the Co. Surveyor be requested to furnish report as to the position relative to flooding of road at Clohamon Bridge.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed.

The Chairman said it appeared the only remedy would be to raise the road.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that this was a link road and it might be possible to get money out of one of the Improvement Grants. The average flood was about 18 inches and ran for more than 50 yards.

Mr. Ennis said he had seen over four feet of water on this particular road.

#### CO. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mrs. M. O'Connor, 4, North Main Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of the



"Co. Library Committee in room of the late Miss E. Hore."

WHITEMILL ROAD, WEXFORD.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that the Co. Surveyor furnish report as to this road with suggestions for its improvement.

LANES ETC. IN GOREY DISTRICT.

Applications were received from a number of persons for repair of the following lanes, memorials extensively signed being submitted in each case:-

Aughnamaulmeen Lane, Moankeen Lane, Millquarter Lane and Knockbrandon Lane.

Messrs. Patrick Morris and Thomas Loughlin came before the meeting with regard to the repair of Knockbrandon Lane from Moteybower to Ballyconran. Ten families would be inconvenienced if the repair was effected.

The Co. Surveyor stated they had put down eleven of these small lanes for repair but Knockbrandon was not on the list as the application was received late. It might be done under the Minor Relief Grant which would not bind the Co. Council to maintain it in the future.

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Keegan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That applications for repair of lanes in Gorey Area presented to this meeting be referred to Committee of the members of the Gorey Co. Electoral Area, with the Co. and Assistant Surveyor to inspect and report."

RIVERCHAPEL RIVER.

Mr. Michael Keyes, Riverchapel, wrote that the ratepayers of Riverchapel at a recent meeting decided to ask the Council to have the river at Riverchapel cleared up, and widened. Some years ago the river had been cleared and great satisfaction was derived from it. It had now filled up again and was in flood during the recent heavy rains causing great hardship to the people living adjacent.



It was decided that this application be also dealt with by the Committee which is to inspect the lanes in Gorey district.

TINACREE - DUNDRUM QUARRY.

The following memorial was submitted from a large number of ratepayers asking for the opening of the above quarry:-

"We the undersigned ratepayers and residents of the Kilmuckridge district hereby make application to Wexford Co. Council to have the quarry at Tinacree - Dundrum opened for the purpose of obtaining road material for the roads of the whole surrounding district.

"Our reasons for forwarding this memorial are:-

(1) The relief of unemployment which prevails in the district, no part of the county is as badly hit as the Macamore district at the present time.

(2) We believe that roads now done with sea-gravel are not lasting due to motor traffic tearing up the gravel in the summer months and that roads done with quarry material are better and more economical."

Mr. Smyth said the Surveyor was bringing material from Ballyregan quarry to Ruane.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said it was impossible to secure sea gravel which had failed entirely opposite Kilmuckridge.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor inspect the quarry at Tinacree - Dundrum, and if he considers it feasible to work same that he take action immediately.

OVERHEAD TELEGRAPH LINE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Wexford Co. Council consents to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along Edenvale Road to new Garda barracks, Castlebridge, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."



SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The following motion which he gave on 1st December, 1932, and which was circulated to Co. Councillors on the same day was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund the sum of £2000 (Two thousand pounds) to be repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899."

In moving his motion Mr. O'Byrne said he was pleased to see that the people were taking advantage of the Act, and were building houses for themselves and giving employment.

Col. Quin - It isn't a penny on the rates, is it?

Secretary - If everyone pays up the instalments it will not.

Mr. O'Byrne - It is not on the rates. The Council are allowed a percentage on the money for administration.

Col. Quin - We have already given leave for the borrowing of £125,000 for cottages.

Chairman - That is a different thing altogether.

Mr. Corish - Have any loans been granted?

Secretary - A number have been agreed to by the Finance Committee.

In reply to Mr. Cline, the Secretary said he could not tell exactly when the money would be available.

Col. Quin seconded Mr. O'Byrne's motion which was carried.

Mr. Gaul raised the question of payment in respect of the erection of houses.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that they should ask the Department to allow payments to be made in the same way as they allowed the Health Board to make payments on the building of cottages. Some people who were building houses themselves were badly hit by not being in a position to get money until a house was roofed. They should ask the Department to agree to the making of a portion of



the payment sooner than that.

Mr. Corish - I agree. I think it is an impossible proposition to put before a man that he must have a roof on a house before he gets any money, a man ought to get an advance as soon as his foundations are in.

Col. Quin - Another thing is that there is nothing to prevent a man putting in a little foundation, and playing about, and then spending the money on cattle. A man can always get credit from a contractor.

The Chairman said the possibility was that not many contractors were engaged.

Mr. Keegan - Col. Quin must have a very bad opinion of his neighbours. He always had.

Col. Quin - Of some neighbours, yes.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince, it was decided that the Department be asked to allow payment in the same way as the Board of Health paid with regard to cottages.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

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

"That the six Rate Collectors who are paid at present, poundage fees of 5d. in the £. receive in future, subject to the sanction of Local Government Department 7d. in the £. as is paid to the other 14 Rate Collectors, employed by the Co. Council."

In moving his motion Mr. Keegan said that it was more or less to put the matter in order that he handed in his motion, though he agreed that the men were hit fairly hard. Since they fixed the rate of 5d. in the £ a rule had been made that the collectors lodge every forty-eight hours and that meant travelling to Wexford three times a week. There had also been a reduction in the rates, and some collectors lost a considerable amount of money. It looked rather funny to be paying fourteen collectors 7d. in the £. while they were only paying 5d. to others. He did not think



they could have contentment while that was going on. He believed they would be justified in putting all the collectors on the same level, because, undoubtedly, they had suffered owing to increased railleage and a reduction in rates. They also had to admit that it was more difficult to collect rates now than when the 5d was fixed.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The Chairman said the motion was a proposition for increasing the salaries of the rate collectors concerned. It was all very fine to talk about putting them on the same basis as the others but they did not come in on the same basis, and he thought the feeling of the Council was to reduce every new man down to the same level - and that every new collector be paid at the rate of 5d. in the £. They had lots of applicants at that rate, and never any difficulty about getting collectors, and, at the moment was it a time to raise salaries? Really that was what it meant.

Col. Quin said it had been the opinion of the Council that the collectors who had 7d had too much, but they wanted to be fair to them, and did not reduce them, but everyone else who came in was to have 5d. in the £.

Mr. Keegan - I would like you to remember that those who have 7d. are pensionable, but those who have 5d are not.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (11)

AGAINST THE MOTION: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (11)

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion which was declared lost.

#### INCREMENTS OF SALARY TO CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

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

"That the resolution of County Council refusing to allow



"increments of salary to Mr. S. Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office because he had not signed declaration under Section 71. of Local Government Act, 1925, be rescinded, and that in the event of this motion being adopted, increments of salary accruing to Mr. Hayes be paid."

Mr. Gaul in moving his motion said that every man was entitled to his political opinions and should be respected for holding them even though monetary considerations were at stake. The Wexford County Council should not victimise their officials.

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Co. Solicitor stated that as the law stood at present the declaration under Local Government Act 1925 had to be made. There was a promise that a new Bill would be introduced to repeal the statutory provision obliging the declaration to be made but so far this had not been done and in law the declaration was still effective.

Miss O'Ryan said if the Council agreed to pay, the Department's sanction would be forthcoming.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Ryan, Roche and Smyth. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colloton, Gibbon, O'Byrne and Quin. (5)

Did not vote: Messrs. Hall, Shannon and the Chairman (3)

Messrs. Jordan, McCarthy and Murphy (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to 13th February, at 10.30 a.m.

----- Michael Doyle