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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL
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MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY, 1934.

M I N U T E S

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

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

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th January, 1934.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £30882:7:1d were examined and signed.

REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

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

"That reply to vote of condolence to Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, in the death of his wife, be inserted on Minutes of this day's meeting."

The following is the reply:-

"I beg gratefully to acknowledge the kind expression of sympathy "passed" with me by the Wexford Co. Council in my recent sad bereavement.

"I desire also to thank you and staff for your kind sympathy."

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

Consideration of Provisional Road Works Scheme

(adjourned from meeting of the Council on 11th December, 1933), which was the special business of the meeting, was then taken up.

The Co. Surveyor stated that it was up to the Council to see what money they could afford to give him for maintenance etc. of roads, and it was up to him to state what was advisable to be spent on roads and works irrespective of the Council's financial position. He had prepared an estimate which would enable him to put all the roads of the County in a good condition. If the Council could not afford the amount of his estimate, they could let him know what figure they were prepared to spend on the provisional Road Works Scheme for the coming financial year.

Col. Gibbon said the Council would have to cut their coat according to their cloth. He could not imagine they could do more work on the roads than what would be allowed by the money available in view of the serious financial position of the ratepayers. To his mind, the farmers of the County were at least 40% worse off than at this time last year. He (Col. Gibbon) suggested that the Co. Surveyor should be told to take back his estimate and prepare it with a limit of expenditure. It would be simply waste of time to consider the present proposals submitted by the Co. Surveyor. To adopt them would be a counsel of perfection if they were all millionaires. They should discuss the limit they would be prepared to put on this head of service, and agree to have the allocation of the amount dealt with at special meeting.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. D'Arcy, said there was a considerable reduction in the Trunk Road estimated ~~estimated~~ expenditure last year, but there was not such a big

reduction in link Roads. His estimate for Trunk Roads had been £9,514 and the Council had allowed £4,954, little more than half. For the Link Roads an Estimate of £24,919 had been reduced to £19,770. The better class and more important of the County roads were deteriorating. Taking this as represented by third class Roads the Estimate of £34,007 last year had been reduced to £15,255 less than half. This year he was asking for these County Roads £34,499 a very slight increase on his estimate of last year under this head.

Mr. Keegan said that the Co. Roads were in a bad state and all possible grants should be spent on them, not alone on account of their condition but on account of the fact that they would provide much needed employment.

Miss O'Ryan held that the roads in her district were very good when the money spent on them was taken into consideration.

Col. Quin argued that within the last ten years the roads of Co. Wexford were from 50% to 60% improved.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that if possible some of the more important County roads should be moved into the Main Road Class, in view of their importance.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan the Co. Surveyor said some of the Co. Roads were certainly as important if not more important than some of those in the Main Roads Class.

The Chairman said the Agricultural Grant would probably be the same as last year or may be it would show a reduced figure. There was a vast improvement in the condition of the roads and they should now be saving ~~the~~ money in their maintenance. Some of the Trunk Roads should not require any attention for four or five years.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the figure to be

"included in Provisional Road Works Scheme for all roads and works for financial year 1934/35 by Wexford County Council be fixed at £40,000."

In moving the motion Col. Gibbon said that if the Government would not give the Grant on the amount the Council should explain to them that they were not in a position to afford a bigger sum. They should cut out tar spraying as it gave no employment and should be prepared to recognise the dire distress that existed all over the County.

Col. Quin observed that the demand of the Board of Health on the score of home assistance would show an increase of from £5,000 to £10,000 over last year.

Mr. Corish was surprised at this statement and pointed out that at the end of February next all able-bodied men would be taken off the County Board of Health Home Assistance.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. D'Arcy stated that the cost of tar for surface dressing for the coming year would be round about £2,000. It might even be a few hundred pounds less. This would be about one-third of the total cost of maintenance of tar roads.

The Chairman pointed out that the £2,000 voted at last meeting as Relief Grant would have to come out of whatever figure that would be agreed to by the Council for inclusion in the Road Works Scheme.

Mr. Kelly said that the Co. Board of Health were spending £25,000 a year for Home Assistance and he had calculated that under the new Act this figure should be reduced to £5,000 leaving a saving of £20,000.

The Chairman said he could not - even for a moment - accept the figures given by Mr. Kelly in this matter.

Mr. Corish considered there should be no difficulty in obtaining the consent of the Minister to adjourn the present meeting in order to ascertain the amount of the Demand of the

Board of Health but the Chairman held that this Demand had no relation to the maintenance of roads and some figure should be agreed to at the present meeting.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following:- "That the Council agree to provide for road maintenance the same figure as last year, viz. £55755:3:8d."

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Secretary stated that the actual amount raised from the ratepayers on the figure for last year was £44,152, as the 40% maintenance Grant from the State was £11,603.

After some further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Gaul's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Kelly, Gaul, Keegan, O'Byrne and O'Ryan - 10

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 9

Mr. McCarthy (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, but decided he would take a poll upon it as the substantive motion.

This poll resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Kelly, Gaul, Keegan, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. - 10

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 10

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

A vote was then taken on the original proposal viz. to allow £40,000 for Provisional Road Works Scheme. The following was the result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 10

AGAINST: Messrs. Cummins, Gaul, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. - 4

DECLINED VOTING: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Keegan and Kelly. - 6

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That a special meeting of this Council be held on 22nd January, 1934, at 10.30 a.m. to consider details of allocations for the various roads and works for financial year 1934/35 and to deal with any other business which may be referred to it by this meeting."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 21st DECEMBER, 1933

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st December, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st December, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, John P. Kelly (new Member of Co. Council who subscribed the usual declaration of office) and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers Advice Note for £3,188:12:0d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

	<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected</u>
1.	S. Gannon (6)	51.6
2.	E.J. Murphy	51.5
3.	S. Gannon (10)	51.1
4.	M. Kehoe	50.3
5.	J. Curtis	50.0
6.	W. Doyle	47.5
7.	J. Cummins	47.3
8.	P. Nolan	46.8
9.	P. Carty	46.0
10.	J.J. O'Reilly	45.5
11.	W. Cummins	44.8
12.	A. Dunne	43.8
13.	D. Kenny	43.5
14.	J. Deegan	42.9
15.	P. Doyle	41.6
16.	J. Flood	41.4
17.	M. McCarthy	40.9
18.	M. Murphy	40.3
19.	J.J. Sinnott	40.0
20.	J. Quirke.	38.5

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Collector Dunne (No.15 District) be directed to inform the Committee of the steps he had taken to follow up the decree obtained by him for

"Rates due on Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as regards the amount of Rates due on Mt. St. Benedict, this Committee is of opinion that Collector Dunne should apply at the Gorey District Court for an Examination Order, on the decree in his possession."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 11th December, 1933 (H.135094/1933 Loch and Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote approving of an advance of £130 to James Murphy, Greenville, Enniscorthy, under above Acts.

Christopher Doyle, 33, The Shannon, Enniscorthy, wrote asking that the loan of £130 which he applied for should be increased to £140.

The Committee decided it was not possible at this stage to make any alteration in the original amount and were reluctantly compelled to refuse Mr. Doyle's application.

PAYMENT TO ROAD WORKERS

Under date 11th December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, R/RM/32, wrote that the Minister had sanctioned the experimental arrangement decided upon by the Council on the 27th November, 1933, for payment of Road Workers.

MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

Under date 20th December, 1933, (M.T.209/32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that no objection would be raised to the employment in Motor Taxation office of two temporary clerical assistants during the period from 1st January to 3rd February next for prompt issue of Motor Tax Licences subject to the maximum amount fixed as remuneration for Supervisory and Clerical duties for the current financial year.

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EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to agree to extension of the period of overdraft of Wexford County Council at £40,000 to 31st March, 1934."

APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION

FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Peter O'Connor, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, applied for £35 damage to his motor car at Killanne.

Major Lakin, Horetown House, Foulksmills, applied for £125 compensation for the poisoning of four fox hounds.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that dogs were not included in the Malicious Injury Code.

A resolution was adopted that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, appear to oppose applications submitted to the meeting.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications were received for the committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:-

Peter O'Neill, Well Lane, Wexford;

Kevin Morrissey (11½ years) Wafer St., Enniscorthy;

John Corrigan, (13½ years) Drumgoold, Enniscorthy.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

VALUATION OF GRAVEYARDS

In connection with rates assessed on Rathjarney Grave-Yard, which was the subject of correspondence between the Co. Council, Valuation Department and Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote under date 16th December, 1933, that by Section 12 of the Valuation (Ireland) Act, 1852, it was provided, that for the purposes of the Act, the following Hereditaments should be presumed to be Rateable Hereditaments viz. (Inter Alia) "The profits to be taken out of any land."

In the case of Rathjarney Graveyard, charges were made for grave spaces, and according to the opinion of Mr. Elgee, this was plainly "a profit taken out of land" bringing it within the above mentioned section. This being so the lands were liable and had been correctly assessed for Rates.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Elgee's letter should be forwarded to Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P.

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee for
21st December, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 4th JANUARY, 1934

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of
meeting held on 4th January, 1934, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th January, 1934.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2408:1:8d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The following report was submitted from the Secretary:-

"I have to report it has come to my knowledge that Rates amounting to £16:5:8d were received by the Rates Inspector (Mr. Sean O'Kennedy) towards the end of November last and this amount was not handed to Michael McCarthy, Rate Collector for the district.

"Rates Inspector states that the lodgment by him to Mr. McCarthy's Account of £15:3:4d on 23rd instant is in respect of the Rates in question.

"I inspected Collector McCarthy's books on 29th instant and found that the official receipt for the amount of £16:5:8d remains in the book.

"I procured explanations from Rates Inspector and Mr. McCarthy."

The following statement made by Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector, on 29th December, 1933, was read:-

"Previous to the 26th November, 1933, when football match

"was played in New Ross the Rates of Mrs. Keating, Yoletown, Tacumshane, for £16;5:8d (178) were paid to Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector. He told me he was a bit short as he wanted the money on account of the match and that he would make it right in a few days.

"I have not received the amount to the present. I hold the official receipt in my book.

"I did not report the matter as I did not want to get him into trouble on account of his wife and family and expected he would pay me every day.

"The following Statement under date 30th December, 1933, from Rates Inspector was submitted:-

"I notified this ratepayer amongst others in this district about 13th November, 1933, as having rates outstanding.

"Somewhere at the end of November, 1933, a Reverend gentleman came into my office and said Mrs. Keating had sent him in with the rates. I told him I was not allowed to take rates and pointed out that I had no official receipt to give him. He asked me then to hand same to the Collector and I told him I would do so.

"At the next checking in Enniscorthy Collector Gannon was trying to get in 50% in his district to qualify for poundage. I told Collector Gannon that I could lend him £15 on the condition that he paid it immediately he got poundage.

"I lent him £15. I told Collector McCarthy that Keatings had paid the half year's rates and he could send them the receipt. When Collector Gannon got poundage he immediately paid me £15 which I lodged to the credit of Mr. McCarthy's District on my arrival on 23rd December, 1933, in Wexford.

"I admit the procedure was irregular but it was carried out with the best intention."

The County Secretary made the following supplemental report under date 4th January, 1934:-

"I have to report that on checking Rate Inspector O'Kennedy's explanation I have ascertained that the sum of £15:3:4d lodged by him to the credit of Collector McCarthy's district on 23rd December, 1933, was part of a cheque (M-93851) on National Bank dated 23rd November, 1933, and issued by Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, for £21:10:8d Rates due by Mrs. Westrop Dawson, in Collector Gannon's area. Out of this cheque the Rates Inspector lodged £6:7:4d to Collector Gannon's District and the balance £15:3:4d to the credit of Collector McCarthy's district. Collector Gannon to-day produced a Bank receipt for a further sum of £15:3:4 lodged by him in Enniscorthy on 30th December last which he states is in respect of Mrs. Dawson's rates."

The following Statement by Collector Gannon (No.6) on the 4th January, 1934, was submitted:-

"About the end of November Mr. O'Kennedy was going through my books and we discussed the general Rate position including the question of getting in 50% of the current Rate in order to qualify for Poundage.

"Mr. O'Kennedy told me he had a sum of money with him and that I could have it.

"He then gave me £15 (Fifteen Pounds) and that I could pay him back when I would get all my poundage. I accepted the money not knowing there was any harm in doing so. At the last checking on the Monday before Xmas I found I was able to qualify for poundage and I asked Mr. O'Kennedy would I post him on the £15. He said "No" and explained that he had a cheque from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., for Mrs. Dawson's Rates and that there was a part-payment to be made on one receipt of £15:3:4d and told me to lodge that amount by the next checking which I did about mid-day on the 30th December, 1933."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on

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the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, be censured for his action as disclosed in reports to this meeting and warned that such action on his part must not occur again. In no circumstances is he to take money for payment of rates."

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION

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

	<u>Collector's</u> <u>Name.</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>current Rate</u> <u>collected.</u>
1.	S. Gannon (6)	52.8
2.	E.J. Murphy	52.1
3.	S. Gannon (10)	51.3
4.	M. Kehoe	50.4
5.	J. Curtis	50.2
6.	P. Nolan	48.1
7.	W. Doyle	48.1
8.	J. Cummins	47.5
9.	J.J. O'Reilly	46.9
10.	P. Carty	46.5
11.	W. Cummins	45.0
12.	A. Dunne	44.6
13.	D. Kenny	44.3
14.	P. Doyle	44.1
15.	M. McCarthy	44.0
16.	J. Deegan	43.6
17.	J. Quirke	42.8
18.	M. Murphy	42.8
19.	J. Flood	42.2
20.	<u>J.J. Sinnott.</u>	<u>40.3</u>

In connection with Rates due on Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, Collector Art Dunne (No.15 District) wrote that a decree against Fr. Sweetman lodged with the Sheriff in April 1931 was returned "no Goods". In May 1932 it was again lodged with the same result. As directed by the Finance Committee at their last meeting he had started proceedings to obtain an Examination Order against Fr. Sweetman. On 2nd January the necessary affidavit was sworn and the application would be heard on 13th January, 1934.

This explanation was considered satisfactory.

APPLICANTS FOR HOUSING GRANTS

AND RATES

Under date 21st December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.117/33) that in future in connection with applications for Grants under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1932 from persons proposing to erect or reconstruct dwelling houses the rates position would be reviewed in each case and the Minister would consider the withholding or refusal of grants in instances in which the rates were in arrear.

The Secretary was requested on receipt of Approval Forms to check up the rates position and draw the Department's attention to any case in which substantial arrears are outstanding or serious unpunctuality in payment had been shown.

The Secretary stated that the instructions of the Department in this matter would be carried out.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 22nd December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.148625/1933 Loch Garman) sanctioning advances under above Acts to the following:- Christopher Doyle, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £130, and Andrew Doyle, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £130.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported under date 2nd January, 1934, that the Title of John Greene, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, was in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to advance to John Greene, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy, £130 loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

The District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote that the adjourned application for committal of Kevin Morrissey, (11½ years) Wafer St., Enniscorthy, to an Industrial School would be heard on the 4th January, 1934, at Enniscorthy Court.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

DUPLICATE PAY ORDER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That duplicate Pay Order No.1615 for £2 (Subsidiary A/c) be issued to Daniel Fenlon, Raheenahone, Bree, to replace original Order lost by him and issued on 21st December, 1933. That payment of original Order be estopped."

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with attendance at Examinations for award of above Scholarships, claims of £2:3s and £2:17:6d were received from candidates Anne Duggan and Catherine A. Roche.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne to allow £1:6s. in each case.

BINDING CO. COUNCIL MINUTES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the tender of John English & Co., at 17/6d for binding Co. Council Minutes for year 1933 be accepted."

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION
FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Patrick Fortune, Corah, Ballycarney, furnished application for £50 compensation for the removal of ten sheep and eight cattle from his lands on 26th or 27th December, 1933.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to oppose.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 4th January, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF
CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

The following recommendation was submitted from Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture:- "That Mr. E. P. Foley, Crossabeg, be recommended to the County Council for appointment as a member of this Committee vice Mr. James Shannon deceased.

Mr. Culleton proposed the selection of Mr. Foley.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. Cline proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the selection of Mr. John P. Kelly, Co. Councillor.

Mr. Kelly said that the late Mr. Shannon, whose death had created the vacancy, had been elected by the Labour Party and this Party put him (Mr. Kelly) forward believing he would succeed Mr. Shannon on all the boards and Committees of which the latter was a member. He was of opinion that when he was appointed in Mr. Shannon's place he succeeded automatically to all the Boards on which Mr. Shannon held a seat. His district represented a large area and Mr. Foley lived a very long distance from it. The people felt very sore over the appointment of a member from South Wexford.

Col. Gibbon said that Mr. Foley was a representative of Enniscorthy area, the area which was represented by Mr. Shannon.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. FOLEY: Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 12

FOR MR. KELLY: Messrs. Armstrong, Glince, Cölfer, Corish, Gaul, Kelly and O'Byrne. - 7

Mr. Brennan declined voting.

The Chairman declared Mr. Foley elected.

RELIEF GRANT

Under date 14th December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/33) approving of the scheme for the expenditure of the Relief Grant of £2000.

ENNISCORTHY MENTAL HOSPITAL

COMMITTEE

Under date 12th December, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.139942-33) forwarding report of their Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the above Committee for the two half years ended 31st March, 1933.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 20th December, 1933, (P.H.145668-33 Loch Garman Ae) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and I am to state that the Minister has approved of the temporary appointment of Dr. J.W. Roche, D.P.H. as substitute for Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, during the latter's absence on annual leave as from the 20th instant, with remuneration at the rate of £10:10s. per week with vouched travelling expenses."

BUILDING WORKS AND

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD'S LINES

The Department of Local Government and Public Health

wrote under date 22nd December, 1933, (118/1933) calling attention to the danger to public safety that might result from local authorities carrying out building works under or in close proximity to the Board's overhead lines.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

(COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

The following under date 30th December, 1933, (No.140850/33 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the resolution recently adopted by your Council that the amount assessed under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, be paid under protest, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it is not agreed that "the transactions under the Act are not value for the cost which it entails". There is abundant evidence that the scheme of Combined Purchasing has been a boon to local authorities and local industries and this is particularly applicable to Wexford County where there are two official contractors, Messrs. Pierce, Wexford, and Mr. Patrick Hickey, Poulmounty, New Ross, whose business has been considerably increased as a result of orders placed with them as such. The Minister is of opinion that the members of your Council, should they so desire, would have little difficulty in ascertaining to their own satisfaction the value of the scheme by inquiries from the officials of the various committees within the County as well as from the firms mentioned.

I am to add that the inauguration of the scheme was solely in the interests of economy and good service to local administration and any suggestions regarding its improvement, or complaints regarding its operation will be promptly and thoroughly investigated."

Mr. O'Byrne said that in open competition the Mental Hospital Committee, particularly in connection with a big proportion of the articles required, were able to obtain them cheaper locally than through the Combined Purchasing Act.

The Chairman said the terms under the Act for tea could not compete with local merchants. The scheme was too costly for the value they got. But if the Government are so keen on it, it should be financed out of Central Funds.

Mr. Cummins said as regards the Mental Hospital tea obtained under the Combined Purchasing Act, was only ninth amongst samples which were tested.

WORK AT BOIRA DRAINAGE

The Secretary stated that the following resolution had been adopted at the meeting of County Council on 27th November, 1933:-

"That the Office of Public Works be requested to provide the £300 set aside for improvement of Boira Drainage as a special Grant. Special representations had been made by the County T.D.s. to the Minister in this connection and it was always understood that this Grant would not be set against amount of usual Minor Relief Scheme Grants for repair of lanes etc."

In reply to this resolution the Office of Public Works wrote as follows, under date 20th December, 1933:-

"I am directed to refer to your letter of the 1st instant on the subject of a grant of £300 made out of Relief monies for drainage work on the Boira River and I am to say that it is regretted that your letter was inadvertently overlooked until now.

"I am to say that due consideration will be given to the resolution of your Council on the subject of the above Grant but, in view of the limited amount of the Relief Vote,

"it is improbable that any further grants out of Minor Relief Schemes will be made available for County Wexford."

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

"That the Board of Works be again requested to allow the amount granted for completion of improvement work at Boira Drainage to be regarded as a special grant and not set against the ordinary Minor Relief Grants for repair of lanes, easement of corners etc."

In reply to Mr. Hall, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said that he had no ganger employed at Boira Drainage Work but two charge hands, one at each end, named Keyes and Philips.

Mr. Smyth said that he understood Keyes had twenty-five acres of land and his employment was against the resolution of the Council.

The Chairman said it seemed no matter what directions they gave they were not carried out.

Mr. Treanor said he employed Keyes because he had confidence that he would have the work carried out in a proper and efficient manner. He was not aware that Keyes had land but knew he was a single man. He did not work for the County Council previously.

Mr. Keegan held it was a matter of charity to give Keyes work. The land which was obtained by him from the British Government under a Land Commission division was practically of no utility and Keyes was obliged to keep his mother, Sister, and a delicate brother.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed the following resolution:- "That Mr. Treanor be directed to carry out the resolution of the Co. Council that employment on roads etc. should not be given to any person who has any other means of livelihood."

Seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted.

SOW DRAINAGE AREA

The Chairman proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"This Council is surprised that no reply has been received from the Office of Public Works relative to the suggestions of the Council as regards Sow Drainage Improvement Work. The Council will, in a very short time, have to consider their yearly Budget and provision will have to be made for repayment of loan and maintenance of the Sow Drainage Area. In consequence, the Council would urge on the Office of Public Works to deal with the Extract from the Minutes of Co. Council meeting of the 11th December, 1933, relative to Sow Drainage without further delay."

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.150069/33 Loch Garman) sanctioning Overdraft not exceeding £40,000 up to 28th February next, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that the following Road Grants had been received since last meeting of the Council £2640 (Relief Grant), £4,671 (Road Maintenance Grant 1933/34) and £620 (Unemployment Grant).

MARRIAGE GRATUITY TO MRS. MURPHY FORMER INSTRUCTRESS IN POULTRY KEEPING

Under date 5th January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (140353/1933 Loch Garman)(Sf)) forwarding Sealed Order assenting to the award of Marriage Gratuity of £100 by the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture to Mrs. N.M. Murphy, former Instructress in Poultry-keeping, this amount to be paid by the County Council.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL

The Secretary stated that Councillors had been supplied with copies of this Bill and also the Preliminary Report of Emergency Committee of the County Councils General Council.

The Chairman said this Bill if passed would entail a tremendous amount of work and the Council were scarcely able to deal with the amount of work they had at the moment. They should ask their County T.D.s to have County Councils exempt from the scope of the measure.

Several members said they wished to consider the matter further before arriving at a decision.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That consideration of provisions of Town and Regional Planning Bill 1933 be adjourned to County Council meeting of 22nd January, 1934."

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Garda M.O'Carroll (3065) be appointed Ex-officio Inspector on behalf of this Council under Food and Drugs Acts in succession to Garda Geary (5660) transferred to Depot."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Under date 16th December, 1933, the General Manager of the Irish Tourist Association wrote applying for inclusion in Rate Estimate for next financial year of the usual contribution for tourist purposes.

Mr. Barry of the Tourist Association, who was in attendance, said that the Association wished to thank the Wexford County Council for their consistent support. The Association had put Ireland on the tourist map of the world. In spite of depression tourist traffic for last year had

shown an increase. It was now one of the most important industries of the country representing between three and four million pounds per annum. It was quite safe to say that the £400 contributed by the County Council had yielded £30,000 or £40,000 to the County. In view of the present depression he would not ask the Council to increase their contribution and the Association would be grateful for the same contribution as last year. Rosslare, Duncannon and Courtown Harbour lived out of the tourist traffic.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the equivalent of a Rate of one farthing in the £. on the County be included in Rate Estimate for financial year 1934/35 as a contribution to the Tourist Development Association."

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. Barry said that 90% of the Hotels had reduced their charges.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Tourist Association should endeavour to secure Grants towards the cost of water-supplies at seaside resorts.

Mr. Barry said the Association would give any help they could in this or in any other matter regarding which local representations would be made to them.

Mr. Corish said the Association had made representations to the Government for Grants towards repair of roads leading to seaside places.

The Chairman said it would be a great matter if the Association could help in the manner suggested by Col. Gibbon. The Board of Health had before them a proposal to expend £9000 on a sewerage scheme for Rosslare which was really for the benefit of the hotel keepers and the visitors. The majority of the ratepayers in Wexford Rural District would not draw a halfpenny benefit from it. The Co. Medical Officer of Health had threatened them almost with compulsion

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in order to get the Board to adopt the scheme. The meeting which advocated the matter was attended by people who paid only a very small amount in rate. In normal times they would not mind a farthing in the £. on the Rates but the farmers this year were 40% worse off than in 1933.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Quin. - 15

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Smyth and the Chairman. - 5. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

In connection with the Report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to the Council, that Mr. P. Donovan, Contractor for the dredging of the basin at Courtown Harbour was unable (owing to lack of capital to finish the work) and the proposal that the Co. Surveyor should take up the Contract, the Co. Surveyor stated he advertised for tenders and had received two, both of which he considered too high. Since then he had been in communication with the Sureties of Mr. Donovan, Messrs. P.J. Crean and P. Whelan, who were apparently anxious to do the work, particularly as they were liable for any extra cost which might be incurred in addition to financing the work up to the present. He had received the following letter from the Sureties:-

"We the Sureties of P. Donovan the former contractor for the cleaning out of Courtown Harbour apply for the completing of the work at the amount of money - £460 - left to complete the contract subject to the following conditions:

- (1) We propose hiring the Government dredger

"Faugh a Ballagh" to do the work, if, and when, the proposed Grab Crane is erected at Courtown so that water may be made for the dredger to enter.

(2) As there are difficulties in the way of hiring the dredger to private individuals, the Office of Public Works suggest "that the County Council hire the dredger the sureties lodging with the Council a reasonable sum to cover hiring".

We are prepared to lodge with the Council £100 (one hundred Pounds) to cover this hiring fee and Insurance etc."

One of the Sureties, Mr. P.J. Crean, Riverchapel, Courtown, forwarded letter from the Office of Public Works under date 4th January, 1933, stating that there were difficulties in the way of hiring one of their dredgers to private individuals. It might be possible to induce the Wexford County Council to act for him in the matter, the idea being, if Mr. Crean in the first instance lodged a reasonable sum to cover hiring charges, the Council might be willing to accommodate him in procuring the dredger.

In connection with the proposal to dredge the channel at Courtown, the following report was read from the County Surveyor, under date 5th January, 1934:-

"As directed by the Council I submit report on this matter. I have had a number of borings and soundings taken in the approach channel to the gates, and am now quite satisfied that it may be dredged out to a depth somewhat below sill level of the Sluice Gates without, in any way, endangering the piers. The recent work carried out at the pier heads has made these perfectly safe, and no dredging work in contemplation will at all approach bottom level of the pile structure or of the solid pier.

"I have obtained quotations for the supply of steam cranes and grabs, and shall submit same to you at the meeting. Three firms have quoted for a machine of the class we require, and these firms are all of a high standing so that it may be taken that their work will be efficient. There is some difference in price, and it is difficult to make a selection between them. The lowest price obtained is that submitted by Messrs. Taylor and Hubbard, who now also represent Bedford Engineering Company. A quotation somewhat higher is submitted by Messrs. Butter Bros., but this is for a Derrick Crane running on bogeys, and I am doubtful as to the suitability of this on the narrow pier. The third quotation is submitted by Messrs. Thomas Smith and Sons, and it is at a figure that would not leave a sufficient margin for the necessary rail construction. All these firms quote price exclusive of any customs or other dues, and as I was doubtful in regard to such charges I have communicated with the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and expect to have definite particulars at the meeting.

The cost of a suitable line of rails for the crane will be in or about £200 to £250, so that the total cost of crane including grab will be not more than £1,000, unless there be customs dues also payable. All these cranes will be capable of working a small grab at a radius of 45 feet which will be ample for our requirements. They will also be capable of dealing with cargo if such use be required."

With reference to the erection of crane and grab the Co. Surveyor stated he had been informed by an official of the Department of Industry and Commerce, it might be liable to 20% duty, but of course no

definite information could be given until the type of dredger etc. was known.

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

"That the Minister for Fisheries be asked to use his influence with the Minister for Industry and Commerce as regards rebate of Customs duty on imported crane and grab for Courtown Harbour and which has been secured by the County Council principally for the benefit of the fishing industry.

"That the Minister for Fisheries be requested to extend the time for the execution of the work of dredging the basin at Courtown Harbour in order to qualify for State Grant, as the work has had to be taken out of the hands of the original Contractor."

Proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Office of Public Works be informed that this Council are prepared to use their best endeavours to provide for hiring of one of the Board's Dredgers to the Sureties of P. Donovan, in order to allow of the dredging of the basin at Courtown Harbour to be completed."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That Mr. Corish T.D., a member of this Council be requested to interview the Minister for Fisheries and Minister for Industry and Commerce and also the responsible officials at the office of Public Works in order, if possible, to implement the resolutions which have been adopted by the Wexford Co. Council at this day's meeting.

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to accompany

"Mr. Corish when interviews have been arranged."

INJURY TO CLERICAL ASSISTANT
Co. COUNCIL OFFICES

The Secretary reported that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, had injured his right hand when alighting from motor car on 6th January, 1934, and would not according to Medical Certificate be effective for some time.

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

"That leave of absence owing to injury be granted Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, from 8th January, 1934, in accordance with Medical Certificate and that the Secretary be empowered to employ a substitute for that period."

APPLICATION FROM IRISH OMNIBUS CO.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter addressed to him by the Traffic Superintendent of the Irish Omnibus Company, Dublin:-

"Averting to previous correspondence, I beg to inform you that an extensively signed petition has again reached my Company for a Service via Killurin to and from Wexford at least thrice weekly. Before replying, I shall be grateful for your observations."

The Co. Surveyor said that the Company desired to use the route which was the alternative route while Ferrycarrig Bridge was closed. He did not consider the road, particularly the portion from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross, suitable for 'Bus traffic.

Miss O'Ryan considered it would be unwise to allow 'bus traffic on the road referred to by the Co. Surveyor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That

"the application of the Irish Omnibus Company to use route from Wexford over Killurin and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross be refused as we consider this route unsuitable for 'bus traffic."

ROSSLARE ROAD ETC.

The following under date 5th January, 1934, was read from Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Strand Cumann Fianna Fail:-

"I am directed by the Rosslare Strand Cumann of Fianna Fail to again draw your attention to two matters which were first brought to your notice some months ago and to respectfully ask you to bring these matters before the next meeting of your Council.

"The first matter is the condition of the Burrow road. The pipes for the water supply were laid down in this road in the Summer and of course the road was broken up as a result, and yet no extra material was ever put on. Since the advent of the rain the condition of the road has become worse than ever, in fact it is flooded in many parts already and the unfortunate people have to wade through this mud and water on their way to and from Mass and in the pursuit of their daily duties. Their children must remain in school all day with wet feet as a result of the condition of the road. I am sure that this matter would not entail much expenditure and the longer the road is left in its present state the more expense the Council will be under to repair it later on.

"The other matter is the provision of warning signs outside Rosslare Strand School. It is of the utmost importance that these be provided without delay. The fact of the school being so near the public road and the Rosslare Golf Club makes this a matter of urgency.

"Countless numbers of motor-cars pass up and down to and from the Golf Club. Many motorists are unaware of the existence of a school at all with the result that they do not exercise the care necessary in passing a school. The Council are seemingly going to wait until some child is killed or seriously injured, before moving in the matter and the Rosslare Strand Cumann is of opinion that something ought to be done before anything serious occurs.

"Hoping that you will see your way to place the above before the next County Council meeting and thanking you in anticipation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we call upon the County Board of Health to restore the Burrow Road, Rosslare, in a proper manner as this road was opened by the Board for the purpose of laying waterpipes."

As regards danger-signs the Co. Surveyor said he had secured these recently and would have those necessary erected adjoining Rosslare School.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES ETC.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following applications for repair of lanes etc. be scheduled for consideration when money is available under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

- (1) Lane from Gurtins Fethard to the Strand.
- (2) Dangerous corner etc. on road near the approaches to Duncormack Railway Station.
- (3) Ballyvaloo Lane from Ballyvaloo Cross Roads to Screen Road.
- (4) Branch Campile Durmain Road to Durmain Fethard Road.
- (5) Gullet at the Ballygalvert end of Clonleigh

"Lane through land of Thomas Keating Ballygalve^{tt}.

(6) Lane from Crosshue from Main road Blackwater - Enniscorthy.

(7) Brady's Cross at Gurtin to Main Road at Drumderry.

(8) Lane Main Road Ballyphilip to main Road at Curraduff near Kiltale.

(9) Market Square and other privately owned thoroughfares in Bunclody.

(10) Dangerous Corner at Clolourish.

(11) Two dangerous corners on Monageer Road.

(12) Two dangerous corners at Ballymotey Cross.

(13) Gullet at Cooladine. "

It was decided that Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 should receive first consideration as no relief work had been arranged for this district up to the present.

NEW ROSS-FETHARD ROAD

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in the event of amount set aside for ordinary maintenance of Fethard-New Ross Road being inadequate to have it properly repaired, in view of its importance, we direct the County Surveyor to put the matter before the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to securing a State Grant. We also ask the County Surveyor to request the Tourist Development Association to make application to the Department for a Grant for repair of this road which leads to one of the most popular seaside resorts in County Wexford."

UNITED FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

A long statement from Mr. Gaffney, General Secretary of United Farmers' Association relative to an article which appeared in the "Sunday Chronicle" newspaper, Manchester, in connection with retention of Land

Annuities being described as a "flagrant breach of a contracted obligation".

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

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 22nd JANUARY, 1934.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council

A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd January, 1934.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Hickey, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

DEATH OF MISS HIGGINS

A vote of condolence to Mr. Jordan, County Councillor in the death of his Aunt, Miss Higgins, was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy.

The Chairman and Secretary offered their expressions of sympathy to Mr. Jordan.

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

Consideration of this item was the special business of the meeting.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had gone through the list of roads and works and extracted all imperative items viz. instalments of loan payments and repair of existing structures etc. These amounts subtracted from £40,000 left £27,000 and this had been divided up to the best of his ability. He found he had to strike out the entire estimates for surface dressing. The amount for fourth class roads had been cut already. The result was that the

Estimate for Main and County Roads had been reduced by about 60% and the fourth class roads by about 33%. In order to come within the money allowed it had been necessary to delete all improvement works.

Mr. Corish said that the amount allowed Wexford Urban for the maintenance of Main Roads in the district - £172 - was not at all sufficient. In fact the cleansing of the streets alone cost more, and then of course scavenging had to be taken into consideration. In view of the amount of work which the Wexford Corporation had carried out on Main Roads in the district he considered the County Council should increase the very small sum caused by the reduction of the County Surveyor's estimate, in the case of Wexford Urban. Last year this Urban district had been allocated £350 and he pointed out that if the roads were to be preserved, some spraying would have to be done. In his opinion the roads of a town differed from those in rural districts and would require more money for upkeep.

The Co. Surveyor said he was anxious to have as much money as was consistent with efficiency spent on all roads, rural and urban, but practically the whole length of main roads in Wexford had been improved, a long stretch being under concrete.

Mr. Corish said that the sandwich-concrete section of William Street was really a nuisance, and clamoured for improvement.

The Chairman suggested a sum of £250 for Wexford Urban.

Mr. Hall considered the rural ratepayers were just as much entitled to a good road as those living in the Urban Districts. The three Urban Districts of the County owed substantial amounts on foot of their demands and this should be taken into consideration.

In reply to Mr. Hall the Secretary stated that a couple of years ago Wexford Urban owed £10,000 and this had been reduced to £4,770.

Mr. Corish, after further discussion, proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That a sum of £272 be allocated to maintenance of Main Roads in Wexford Urban area being £100 more than was included in Provisional Road Works Scheme, said £100 to be taken out of Main Road Contingencies."

Mr. Culleton raised a question as to the proposal to spend £600 on Wexford Bridge. He asked if this was to be regarded as an annual charge.

The County Surveyor said that several defective beams in the bridge needed replacement and the money for the work should be provided.

In reply to Mr. Culleton the County Surveyor said he did not see what could be done to improve the slope at Wexford Bridge on town side. The section of road there had to be maintained by the Railway Company. However he would arrange to inspect the place with Mr. Culleton and report as to what might be done.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the Provisional Road Works Estimate as submitted by County Surveyor to this meeting for financial year 1934/35 be and is hereby approved."

Mr. Gaul moved the following amendment which was seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a sum of £55,000, being a similar amount to that approved by the County Council for last financial year be provided under Road Works Scheme for year 1934/35."

In moving his motion, Mr. Gaul said that in his opinion the Minister would not consider £27,000 a sufficient amount for the proper upkeep of Wexford Roads.

The Chairman said that as the Council had decided at last meeting to spend only £40,000 in all under their Road Works Scheme, Mr. Gaul's amendment was not in order. If any change was to be brought about it should be done by notice of motion.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Council should not allow the motion without a protest. Ratepayers were admittedly badly off, but the roads should not be allowed to deteriorate as this policy would cause the ratepayers in future to pay a good deal more for road maintenance. It was an expensive process to deal with a derelict road.

The motion was then put and declared adopted.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That County Surveyor's Estimate for Public Works amounting to £2150 for financial year 1934/35 be and is hereby adopted."

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th January, 1934, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th January, 1934.

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

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2371:8:4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Warrant Collected</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	53.7
2. S. Gannon (No. 6)	53.6
3. S. Gannon (No.10)	52.4
4. M. Kehoe	52.0
5. J. Curtis	51.8
6. J.J. O'Reilly	51.3
7. P. Nolan	50.6
8. J. Cummins	50.0
9. D. Kenny	48.9
10. W. Doyle	48.4
11. A. Dunne	50.9
12. P. Carty	47.8
13. W. Cummins	46.5
14. J. Deegan	45.7
15. M. McCarthy	45.4
16. P. Doyle	45.3
17. J.J. Sinnott	44.3
18. J. Quirke	44.1
19. M. Murphy	43.9
20. J. Flood.	43.3
	<u>Average....48.5</u>

The Committee considered that the state of the Collection did not call for comment.

POUNDAGE: Under date 14th January, 1934, Mr. J. Quirke, Hon. Sec., Co. Rate Collectors Association, wrote that he had been requested by Rate Collectors who had not received a payment for poundage to ask the Finance

Committee if they would obtain sanction to have Poundage paid Collectors when they had lodged 50% of their warrant excluding arrears.

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

"That, subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, poundage fees be paid on lodgments to 30th November last to the following Rate Collectors who have now lodged 50% of current Warrants excluding arrears:- J.J. O'Reilly, P. Nolan, J. Cummins and Art Dunne, and that the Minister be requested to issue early approval to this proposal.

"That the Minister be further requested to sanction payment of poundage fees on lodgments to 30th November last to other Rate Collectors as soon as they have lodged 50% of Warrant excluding arrears provided the 50% be reached by the 31st instant."

SUSPENSION OF RATE INSPECTOR: The following under date 9th January, 1934, (G.2170/1934 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant and to state that he has suspended Mr. J. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, from the performance of his duties. I am to state that the Minister will be glad to have your proposals as to the arrangements that will be necessary to ensure the checking of the collections."

The Secretary stated that subject to approval he had nominated Rate Collector J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 District) to act as temporary Rates Inspector. Mr. O'Reilly had nominated M.r M. Doyle, of Bruce, Clonevan, Gorey, to act as temporary Collector for No. 13 District during the

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period for which he would act as Rates Inspector. He (Secretary) had sought sanction of the Minister to these proposals.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That J.J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector for No. 13 District, be appointed temporary Rates Inspector as from 11th January, 1934, remuneration to be at the rate of £3 per week for salary and £2:17:8d per week for travelling expenses (rate of remuneration paid to Mr. O'Kennedy.).

"That we also approve of the appointment of Mr. Michael Doyle, Bruce, Clonsilla, Gorey, as Temporary Rate Collector for No. 13 District during the period for which Mr. O'Reilly will act as Temporary Rates Inspector. And that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction these proposals."

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:- "As the Finance Committee are of opinion that the censure of County Council on Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, relative to his action in respect of the rates of the late Mrs. Keating, Yolestown, Tacumshane, has been sufficient punishment having regard to the circumstances of the case, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to favourably consider the reinstatement of Mr. O'Kennedy."

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 7:- The following letter under date 9th December, 1933, (G.140952/1933, Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant in regard to the proposed permanent appointment of Collector Deegan No. 7 District. I am to state that the position should be advertised

"before a permanent appointment is made unless the area can be divided among suitable adjoining Collectors."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Council be asked to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision as to advertising for permanent Collector for No. 7 collection District, in view of the fact that the present Temporary Collector, John Deegan, has, for the past four or five years carried out his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned?"

SALE OF MACHINERY SCRAP

The Co. Surveyor reported he had offered for sale an amount of scrap, principally belonging to the old Boxter Breaker, which was out of service. If this were broken up by the Council it might be sold for £8 or £10, but they had no machinery for the purpose. He had received an offer of £12 from a man who proposed to use portion of the parts. In view of the purpose for which these parts were intended the County Surveyor said he would not be prepared to sell them for less than £20. He had received a cheque for that amount and asked for the authority of the Finance Committee to accept it. In view of their doing so he intended to apply the amount towards the purchase of a second-hand crane, block and tackle for Machinery Yard, Anniscorthy, and which were urgently required.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to accept the offer of £20 for scrap at the Machinery Yard, Anniscorthy, this amount to be applied to purchase of second-hand crane, block and tackle for Anniscorthy Machinery Yard."

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th January, 1934, and as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

POSITION OF RATES INSPECTOR

Mr. Corish stated as regards the suspension of Mr. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, he thought the Council would be well advised to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to provide alternative employment for Mr. O'Kennedy. From inquiries which he had personally made at the Department of Local Government and Public Health he did not consider that Department would agree to allow Mr. O'Kennedy to continue in his present office. He proposed the following resolution which he pointed out would not mean any increased cost to the County Council:-

"That we dissent from the resolution of Finance Committee of the 18th January, 1934, asking for the reinstatement of Mr. S. O'Kennedy, as Rate Inspector.

"That Mr. T. Moore, Chief Clerk, Co. Surveyor's Department, be transferred to Secretary's office and appointed Rates Inspector at his present salary of £196 per annum, with the addition of travelling expenses calculated at £150 per annum. This transfer is not in any way to operate against the rights to increments of salary which Mr. Moore at present holds.

"That Mr. S. O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, be transferred from his present position to the County Surveyor's Department to replace Mr. T. Moore at a salary of £3 per week.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public

"Health be requested to sanction these proposals, and, if considered necessary, to remove suspension from office imposed upon Mr. O'Kennedy."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Passed nem. con.

TEMPORARY RATES INSPECTOR

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 18th January, 1934, (G.4445/1934 Loch Garman Fa) approving of the temporary arrangements proposed for the checking of the Rate Collection by Rate Collector O'Reilly and raised no objection to the appointment of Mr. Ml. Doyle, Bruce, Clonevan, as Deputy Rate Collector for No. 13 District, provided the Sureties of Mr. O'Reilly consent.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY RATE STAFF

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the usual temporary clerical staff for preparation of Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Note Books of Rate Collectors be employed and that the selection of staff be made by the Committee which acted for 1933, Mr. John P. Kelly to replace Mr. Shannon deceased as a member of said Committee.

"That the Secretary be empowered to employ Patrick Beary (who acts as charge hand in this matter) as from this date to make preliminary arrangements etc. in connection with this work remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour.

VACANCIES ON COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Letter was read from Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, that the following had been recommended as members of this Committee to fill

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vacancies created by the death of Mr. Shannon and the resignations of Rev. Mr. Gibson and Mr. C. Culleton:-
Rev. John O'Connor, C.C., Duncannon, Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, and Mr. M. Kehoe, N.T., Glynn.

Mr. Cummins proposed the appointment of Father John O'Connor.

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. Hall stated that the name of Mr. James J. Bowe, Kiltaly, had been before the Vocational Committee, and he proposed his appointment.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Clince proposed the appointment of Mr. J.P. Kelly, Co. Councillor and Mr. Corish seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the recommendations of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee as regards filling the three vacancies which the Committee had approved.

Col. Gibbon proposed the appointment of Col. Quin.

The Chairman stated that at the meeting of the County Vocational Education Committee he had given notice of motion that Mr. J.J. Bowe, Kiltaly, should be appointed to one of the three vacancies, and he held that until this notice of motion had been disposed of, it was premature to consider the recommendations of the County Vocational Committee.

All proposals were then withdrawn in favour of the following, which was proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Brennan, and adopted:- "That consideration of the filling of the three vacancies on County Vocational Committee be adjourned pending disposal of notice of motion to that Committee by Mr. Ml. Doyle, as to appointment of Mr. Bowe."

ROAD GRANT

Under date 13th January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (S.G.L.-32) that a payment of £180 had been made in respect of Improvement Grant 1933/34.

SUPERANNUATION OF MR. JAMES McNALLY

LATE MANUAL INSTRUCTOR

Under date 16th January, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.142707-1933 Loch Garman Se) forwarding copy of Order under seal assenting to a superannuation allowance of £87:16:3d per annum with appropriate cost of living bonus thereon to Mr. James McNally, late Manual Instructor to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, amount to be paid by Wexford County Council.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT COMPULSORY INSURANCE

Circular letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) M.T.194 under date 7th December, 1933, as to compulsory insurance under above Act was read.

Mr. O'Byrne said that when the Government decided that motorists should adopt compulsory insurance the Insurance Companies increased their tariff by 25%. They should protest against this and ask the Government to protect the interests of motorists in this matter. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the attention of the Government be called to the increase by 25% of insurance of motor cars and, as in our opinion, the Road Traffic Act should have secured a reduction, and not an increase in Motor Insurance, we request the Government to take all necessary steps to protect motorists in this connection.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted

SOW DRAINAGE AREA

The following under date 16th January, 1934
(26369-1933) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We have considered the report of the Committee appointed by your Council to discuss with the Drainage Ratepayers the position in the above named District, and we note that while it recounts a number of complaints made to the Committee it does not contain any expression of opinion by the Committee as to the results of the works which have been executed.

"As your Council is aware, an inspection of the completed works was made by the County Surveyor and Assistant County Surveyor accompanied by our Engineer on the 11th October last. The County Surveyor then expressed to our Engineer his satisfaction with the manner in which the works were done, and the condition of the District, and we understand that at a meeting of your Council held early in December, he reported that the works had been carried out in a highly efficient manner.

"Having regard to the opinions given by our Engineer, by the County Surveyor and by others well qualified to appraise the results of drainage operations, we are satisfied that the complaints made to the Committee do not merit serious consideration. Moreover we are satisfied from reports and statements made to our Engineer by occupiers in the district that they do not represent the attitude of the main body of the drainage ratepayers. Taking them in the order in which they are mentioned in the Committee's report, we wish to state that

- "(1) in order to drain the land, it was essential that all the drains should have been deepened. Widening alone would have been little use;
- (2) The usual method of disposal of the spoil excavated was adopted. The spoil was trimmed and tidied and sown with grass seed. When this grass seed has grown the loss of land will be found to have been inconsiderable;
- (3) the banks were made at the slopes usual for works of this nature. If they had been made less steep considerable encroachment on the lands would have been necessary;
- (4) it is very unlikely that the stakes holding the banks could have fallen out. We believe, however, that some of them have been removed, presumably for use elsewhere as fence posts;
- (5) all the drains shown on the Final Award Maps of the District and, in addition, a considerable extent of side drains were cleaned. It was never intended that all the drains in the neighbourhood of the District would be cleaned.
- (6) Some trees along the banks were removed as they were regarded as obstacles to the flow of the river. Many bad obstructions caused by trees which had fallen into the river had to be taken away during our works.

"We should perhaps draw attention to an inaccuracy contained in the penultimate paragraph of the report. The loan was not arranged by the Trustees; they had no function in the matter as the works executed in 1925/26 were carried out under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924. The Council were empowered under Section 4 (1) (b) of

"that Act to make a contribution towards the cost of the works. They declined to do so and consequently the cost less the Government Grant of 25% becomes, in accordance with Section 8 of the Act, a charge on the county funds, which has to be recovered from the drainage ratepayers.

"The extra works now completed were, as the Council and the ratepayers are aware, financed out of a free grant made upon the conditions specified in our letter of 16th July 1932, and accepted by your Council, and no charge falls upon the occupiers in respect of this expenditure.

"Having regard to the foregoing we are of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by sending a representative from this office to attend the next meeting of your Council's Committee."

Mr. Corish said that the Drainage ratepayers got the money for the second job free and he considered they had adopted an unreasonable attitude.

Col. Gibbon stated the position of the Office of Public Works according to their letter seemed to be that the Co. Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor had taken over the matter on behalf of the Council. He pointed out on a previous occasion that drainage works should not be taken over by officials of the Council without members of the Council being present to see what had been done. The Council were now ordered to take over this drainage and to strike the rate and collect it. There were some people, whether rightly or wrongly, he could not say, who objected to paying. The last meeting held in the area was called in opposition to his wishes at 3.30 p.m. when there was no possibility of an inspection of the drainage.

He suggested that the Council should appoint a Committee which, when it made their inspection, could make up its mind definitely whether there were any genuine grievances. If there were no such grievances the Council had got to go ahead and collect the money. The primary question was whether the officials of the Council, by their action in meeting the engineer of the Office of Public Works had definitely taken over the drainage area from that Department.

Chairman-It is not ^{too} late yet to appoint a Committee.

Mr. O'Byrne moved that the matter be taken as ended now as he believed the Council had done everything possible to get a satisfactory job done. The people living in the drainage area had got a free grant of £5000 and the Council had the evidence of their engineers, of members of the Council and outside people that a good job had been done and that the money was well spent.

Secretary - The Act of Parliament provides that when the Board of Works carry out any drainage works they can pass it on to you whether you like it or not.

County Surveyor alluded to what had been done, which included consultations with the Board of Works engineer, Mr. Phillips, inspections by himself and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, and added that he was satisfied a good job had been done.

Mr. Culleton - All reasonably-minded people accept the job as a good one. Continuing Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we call the attention of the Office of Public Works to the following request of the Wexford Co. Council in their

"resolution of the 11th December, 1933.

"That the Board of Works and Department of Finance be requested, in view of the inability of the drainage ratepayers to make money, to arrange that the further payment of instalment of loan and arrears should be spread over ten years. And that if this arrangement cannot be made applicable to the present Rate in course of collection we consider the "spread over" should be applied to the balance due until the arrears have been paid by the drainage ratepayers."

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He had just handed to the Co. Surveyor a list of forty-two people in the vicinity of one harbour alone who could not find employment.

The Chairman suggested to Mr. Cummins that it might be advisable to send from his district, a small deputation to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries in connection with the whole matter.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The Co. Surveyor stated that on the 16th January, 1934, he had received letter from the Office of Public Works saying that owing to the limited sum available for Minor Relief Works it was not proposed to include for this Winter at least, works at Corah, Ballygullen, Clonmines etc., which had been sent on by the County Surveyor. The amount which had been mentioned by the Office of Public Works as available for Minor Relief Schemes in the County was £4,200 and they had received approval for £2,230 plus the £300 for the Boira Drainage.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor prepare for next meeting of the Council a list showing the various applications made to the Office of Public Works for grants under Minor Relief Schemes Vote with amounts in each case. Also the various applications approved with the amount to be spent in each case."

Mr. O'Byrne said it was unfair to ask the County Council to allocate £4,200 and then only give them half. It would create discontent in some districts.

In connection with the Boira Drainage improvement work the following under date 19th January, 1934 was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to acknowledge your letter of 13th instant covering a resolution of your Council on the above subject, and to inform you that, as all Relief Grants for the rural areas of a County are taken from a common fund, the allocation for each County is based on the consideration of the grants made through all Departments."

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 19th January, 1934, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I accompanied the Mayor, Alderman Corish, M.C.C., T.D., to Dublin (on 10th instant) to interview the several Departments in connection with the purchase of a crane and the dredging of the basin at Courtown.

In the first instance we called at the Office in Lord Edward Street, of the Department of Industry and Commerce, and had interview with Official regarding the Customs duty on importation from England of a Crane. We were informed that there was duty of 20% payable, and as this was an "Emergency Duty" there was no likelihood of remittance of the duty. We were informed also that the Minister had already refused remission in several similar cases. It was suggested that the County Council obtain quotations from Continental Firms, and it was promised that we should be supplied with names of such Firms. Since our visit I have been informed that the Department of Industry and Commerce has intimated to the German Legation as to our inquiry. I now have letters from representatives of some Firms, and am forwarding them particulars of our requirements.

"Later we called on Dr. Ryan, Minister for Lands and Fisheries, and explained to him our position regarding the dredging of basin. Without a crane we cannot provide an entrance channel for the dredger, and, moreover, there will be delay in completing the work, as we must wait for settled fine weather. We asked Dr. Ryan to obtain extension of time for completion so that there may be no fear of losing the Grant of 50% of the cost of work. This Dr. Ryan promised to attend to.

"We then called at the Office of Works, and interviewed Officials there regarding the hireage of the Fag-An-Bealach Dredger. I have particulars of charges etc., which I shall submit to the County Council.

"On the 17th instant I visited Arklow where Fag-An-Bealach now is, and interviewed the Master, Captain Manifold to ascertain his views regarding the advisability of bringing the dredger to Courtown. There is no doubt the dredger can go in if a proper channel be prepared and satisfactory work can be done inside. Owing to the draft of dredger it will be necessary to modify the original scheme which provided that a depth of 4' 6" at Low Water should be obtained, over the whole area. Under a new Scheme a greater depth would be provided over only the lower half of basin. This will be rather an advantage than otherwise as it will enable large vessels to swing in the lower end of basin and will leave a shallow at upper end, useful for cleaning fishing boats etc."

Mr. Corish said that it would not be possible to procure a licence for importation of machinery from England without Customs Duty unless the Council could prove they could not procure it elsewhere.

The County Surveyor said he had received the names of a number of firms on the Continent and in America and he was supplying each of them with a list of his requirements as regards crane and grab. As the exchange was against Ireland he asked for quotations on the £. sterling. In addition to the names of firms supplied by the Government he had also obtained from Major Waller a further list of Continental firms from whom machinery had been purchased by Major Waller in connection with a big job in Spain.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the best thanks of the County Council be afforded to Mr. Corish and the Co. Surveyor for their efforts on behalf of the Council to provide machinery for the development of Courtown Harbour."

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That no further action be taken in connection with dredging of Courtown Harbour pending replies to the County Surveyor's applications for tenders for supply of crane and grab."

Passed.

It was suggested to the Co. Surveyor that he might inquire from the Electricity Supply Board if they had a second hand crane for disposal.

FORESHORE AT CULLENSTOWN

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. J.B. Boyd, Estate Office, Bannow, agent for Major Boyse:-

"I am instructed by Major Boyse to inform you that he is willing to give the County Council sufficient gravel from foreshore of Cullenstown to put road in order from Mr. Hayes' end to road at Galavans, but he is

"not prepared to give up his rights from the corner at Pillar Box to the Foreshore.

"He expects the County Council will repair that portion from time to time.

"He will charge one penny per yard for the material for these roads."

The Co. Surveyor said he had had an interview with Major Boyse about the estate roads in Cullenstown district, but it was not very satisfactory. He asked Major Boyse to write to the Council but he had not done so.

The Chairman said that in view of the statement of the Co. Surveyor they should let the matter drop and this was agreed to.

TRANSFERS OF ROAD MONEY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following transfers of Road money in district of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be agreed to:-"

From Account No. 53 M to Account No. 51 M.....	£16
From Account No. 21 C to Account No. 22 C.....	£25
From Account No. 24 C to Account No. 23 C.....	£50.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following transfers of road money in district of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, be agreed to:-"

From Account 34 C to 45 C.....	£40
From Account 42 C to 39 C.....	£30
From Account 34 C to 40 C.....	£20.

LOCAL LOANS COMMITMENTS

In connection with the proposal of the General Council of County Councils to interview Ministers of the Government relative to the proposal to secure reduction in local loans, either by reduction of the rate of interest on existing loans to a maximum of 4% or by the issue of a general National loan, letter was read from the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils that the matter was receiving consideration by the Departments of Local Government and Public Health and of Finance.

ANALYST'S REPORT

The report of Co. Analyst for quarter ended 31st December, 1933, was submitted. There were 193 foods, 49 drugs and 7 waters - Total 249 analysed during the period. Three samples of whiskey and four of milk were adulterated.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following Committee be appointed to consider the provisions of the Town & Regional Planning Bill with report of Committee of General Council of Co. Councils to meet after disposal of business at next Finance Committee meeting:-

The Chairman, vice Chairman, Messrs. Corish, Kelly and O'Byrne with Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the County Solicitor be instructed to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the duties and responsibilities of Co. Councils under Town and Regional Planning Bill.

PROPOSED SALE OF MATERIAL FROM QUARRIES

It was pointed out by Mr. O'Byrne that a number of ratepayers were endeavouring to purchase material for the repair of their lanes, from County Council quarries.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, pointed out that the County Council had no power to embark on private trade of this description.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to allow the County Council to dispose of surplus material at County Council quarries. As practically all suitable quarries in this County are in the hands of the Council ratepayers have considerable difficulty in obtaining any material for repair of their lanes from any other source.

CAHORE PIER

Mr. Smyth said that some time back he had handed in a memorial on behalf of the fishermen at Cahore Pier for extension of the structure. An acknowledgment of the Council's resolution had been received from the Government and he now proposed "That the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries be requested to inform this County Council when it is expected action will be taken on memorial, in connection with extension of Cahore Pier."

This was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted.

APPLICATIONS FOR REPAIR OF LANES ETC.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Glince the following applications for repair of lanes etc. were scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money is available:-

- (1) Waddingsland Lane, Kilrane.
- (2) Ballybeg Lane from Ferns-Carnew Road to Oldtown.
- (3) Millquarter Lane.
- (4) Windgap Hill, Grange, Fethard.
- (5) Lanes and Road from Aughmore to Village of Broadway, one of which was flooded for months in the Winter.
- (6) Lane between Lewistown and Booley, Fethard.
- (7) Lane from Ballylannon to Ballyowen.

COMPLAINTS RE ROADS

The following under date 18th January, 1934, was read from Mr. Philip Wall, Hon. Sec., United Ireland Party, Lady's Island Branch:-

"At a meeting of the above Branch the following resolution was unanimously passed:- "That we, being representative of the farming, labouring, and business people of the District call the attention of the Council to the deplorable condition of the road leading from Broadway P.O. to Carne School also the branch road from Ballyfane to Carne Pier.

"We wish to point out that the methods being used in repairing the roads here are antiquated, and out of date, and totally inadequate to serve modern power traffic, and are a waste of public money.

"We ask the Council to have this matter looked into at once."

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said this was a usual case. The Co. Surveyor had asked for £150 for the maintenance of the road referred to but

the County Council had allowed only £60. The £150 would do no more than keep the road in fair condition. He was endeavouring to maintain it by transfers of money for other roads; it would be worse next year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That complaint of Lady's Island Branch of United Ireland Party as to condition of road from Broadway Post Office to Carne School with branch from Ballyfane to Carne Pier be referred to the County Surveyor."

A letter addressed to the Chairman by a number of users of Shanoule lane (Foulksmills) pointed out that it was in very bad condition. There were only six yards of material provided for a lane a mile long and this would not metal one hundred yards. There were eight houses and farms on it.

The Co. Surveyor said he had included an extra £5 in his estimate for maintenance of this lane.

DE-RATING OF LAND

The following resolution was read from Waterford Co. Council:-

"That, having in view the present inability of the agricultural ratepayers to pay their Commitments, we appeal to the Government to grant full derating on all agricultural property for year ending March, 1935."

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Col. Quin said the money was required worse for other things than derating, for instance people in receipt of home help.

Miss O'Ryan said if the resolution was to be adopted it should be made clear where the money was to come from. They should use their intellects.

The Chairman said that other countries were getting derating and it was promised to the farmers of the Saorstat.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that there was no promise of full derating of land but the remission of half the land annuities by the Government was a much bigger benefit to the farmers than full derating.

After further discussion the resolution was put and declared passed.

EVICTED TENANTS AND LAND COMMISSION

The following resolution submitted from Cork County Council and was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That we the Cork County Council are of opinion, that although the Land Bill is favourable to the cause of the evicted tenants, it requires, in order to do justice to their claims to re-instatement, a more lenient administration on the part of the Land Commission than has been in the past, and that the restrictions which seem to have been placed over them should be removed. We now call on the Government to issue instructions to the Land Commission to use the additional powers now being given them to acquire land, for the reinstatement of Evicted Tenants, to do justice to all, including those who have been turned down by them in the past, and we hope that the spirit displayed by those who participated in the debate on the Amendment to the Land Bill relating to the reinstatement of evicted tenants will animate the Land Commission when they have again under consideration the righteous claims of the comparatively few who are still in fetters in a free Ireland."

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the resolution from Cork County Council relative to evicted tenants and Land

"Commission be marked "Read". "

The proposition was not seconded.

"JAZZ" DANCING

The following resolution was received from the Gaelic League, Dublin:-

"That we approve of the declarations of the Archbishop of Tuam and Rev. P. Convery, P.P., condemning foreign dances and that we agree with Father Eoghan concerning Broadcasting (2Rn). It is a great shame for this Station to be broadcasting "jazz". We request the Church every Teachers' Association, every Public Board and every Public Association to inform the Government of the Saorstát not to put up with such from 2Rn - that it is against christianity, culture and national spirit. Also that we ask every Gael to boycott these foreign dances."

Col. Quin said he never heard of a more narrow minded or idiotic proposal and proposed that the resolution should be marked read.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. Clince proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Cooney asked for a definition of "jazz" dancing and Mr. Kelly replied it was dancing gone Bolshevik.

After further discussion a vote was taken on Col. Quin's proposal with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Cooney, Gibbon, Hickey, Meyler, Quin and Walsh. (7)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Kelly, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

Mr. Gaul (1) did not vote. Messrs. Colfer and Keegan (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The proposal for the adoption of the resolution was then put and declared carried by the Chairman.

IMPRISONED JOURNALIST

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

"That as we consider his action in the circumstances was only in accordance with a basic principle of his profession we endorse the representations made by various sections of influential interest in the country to the Executive Council of The Free State to release from prison Mr. Joseph Dennigan, "The Irish Press" now undergoing sentence imposed by the Military Tribunal."

UNITED FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

A statement was read from Mr. Gaffney, General Secretary of United Farmers' Association relative to an article which appeared in the "Sunday Chronicle" newspaper, Manchester, in connection with retention of Land Annuities being described as a "flagrant breach of a contracted obligation".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the statement from United Farmers' Association relative to article in "Sunday Chronicle" newspaper be marked "Read".

Michael Doyle

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