

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING - 14th JANUARY, 1935.

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 14th January, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. J.J. Bowe, P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, J. Day, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, T. McCarthy, S. O'Byrne, Miss N.O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, P. Ronan, Michael Redmond, M. Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE MR. P. J. DOYLE.

A Vote of Condolence was adopted to Mr. J.E. Walsh, Co. Councillor, on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. P. J. Doyle, Quay Street, New Ross.

Mr. Redmond in proposing the motion said that like Mr. Walsh and his family, the late Mr. Doyle and his family had been connected with the professional and commercial life of New Ross and district for generations. They offered Mr. Walsh their heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

The Secretary having expressed his regret on the death of Mr. Doyle the motion was adopted in silence.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £8969:18:9d were examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 14th DECEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 14th December, 1934.

Mr. Denis Allen, Chairman of the County Council, presided; also present, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,399:6:3d was examined and signed.

This was the only business transacted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th December, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 21st DECEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

A Special meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st December, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman Co. Council) presided, also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1061:16:4d was examined and signed.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE.

The following under date 20th December, 1934, was read from Local Taxation Officer:-

"I would be glad to be informed ~~that~~ arrangement has been made with regard to the appointment of clerical assistants for this Department during the coming month."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Local Taxation Officer be notified the Finance Committee require a written application from him for clerical assistance during the rush period in the Local Taxation Office next month.

"That the Local Taxation Officer state in his application if the two assistants, employed last year for this work, were satisfactory."

The following under date 21st December, 1934, was then read from Local Taxation Officer:- "In compliance with your direction received to-day, I beg to apply for two temporary assistants during the rush period - next January. Mr. Devereux was not suitable for the work last year."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That Messrs. Joseph Fennell, George Street, Wexford, and W.H. Ebbitt,

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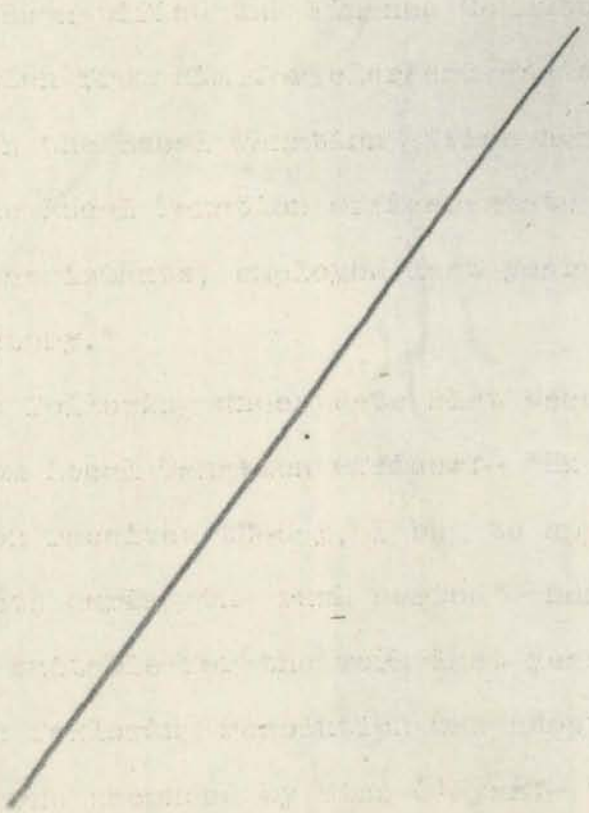
"High Street, Wexford, be employed as Temporary Clerks in Local Taxation Office for the rush period in connection with the issue of Road Fund Licences, in respect of period as from 1st January, 1935, remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour, and that total expenditure for the wages and insurance stamps of these Temporary Clerks shall not exceed £17:15:0d."

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Co. Council Offices be closed for Christmas holidays from Noon on 24th December, 1934, to 27th December, 1934, inclusive."

RATE COLLECTION

It was decided that at next meeting of the Finance Committee on 4th January, 1935, the Finance Committee examine in detail the state of the Rate Collection and summon to the succeeding meeting of the Committee to be held on 18th January, 1935, Collectors who have not carried out the instructions of the Committee as regards lodgment of equivalent of first moiety and arrears by 31st December, 1934.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st December, 1934, be and are hereby adopted."

MEETING 4th JANUARY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee for this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th January, 1935.

Present Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman Co. Council) presiding and also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, M. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The County Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Five Assistant Surveyors and Rates Inspector were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2042:11:7d was examined and signed.

RATES INSPECTOR

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Masterson, Rate Inspector, to the County, and wished him every success in his position.

The Secretary followed on similar lines.

Mr. Masterson in reply said he would do everything in his power to carry out his duties and to give satisfaction to the Council.

Under date 21st December, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.172179/34 L.G.(Fa) that no objection would be raised to the temporary employment as Rates Inspector of Mr. O'Reilly up to and including 22nd December, 1934.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The following is the state of Rate Collection in respect of 31st December, 1934, checking:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Rate lodged</u> <u>31/12/1934.</u>
J. Curtis	54.8
E.J. Murphy	51.1
M. Kehoe	49.2
S. Gannon (No. 6)	48.7
M. McCarthy	48.3
D. Kenny	47.7
P. Carty	47.4
J.J. O'Reilly	46.1
J. Flood	45.5
J. Cummins	44.9
P. Nolan	44.9
J. Deegan	44.5
S. Gannon (No.10)	43.9

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage Rate Lodged</u> <u>31/12/1934.</u>
A. Dunne	43.5
P. Doyle	42.6
W. Gummins	40.4
J.J. Sinnott	39.8
J. Quirke	39.3
W. Doyle	36.2
M. Murphy	35.4

The average percentage was 44.7 of the gross Warrant including arrears.

Collector J.M. Curtis was the only Collector reaching the equivalent of first moiety and arrears. The amount of arrears collected was £3,811 leaving £13,931 outstanding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to specify for next Finance Committee Meeting what steps they have taken in the way of Court Proceedings or seizing on their own Warrant in respect of the collection of the arrears of Poor Rate."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That the following Collectors who have less than 17% of arrears collected and lodged be summoned to meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 18th January, 1935:- W. Doyle (No.2 District), P. Nolan (No.5), S. Gannon (Nos. 6 & 10), M. Murphy (No.12) and Art Dunne (No.15)."

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS: Under date 3rd January, 1935, Rate Collector J. Quirke, Hon. Sec., County Rate Collectors' Association, wrote that he had been instructed by them to request the Finance Committee to recommend payment of poundage to date.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to sanction payment of Poundage fees in full to Rate Collectors for Wexford County Council on their lodgments up to 31st December, 1934. The Finance Committee would point out that considering the late period at

"which Warrants were taken up as compared with previous years the Collection of the current rate is not regarded as unsatisfactory, and, in view of this, the Committee urge the Minister to agree to the present proposal. The majority of the Rate Collectors have no source of income except their remuneration as Rate Collectors."

COLLECTOR M. MURPHY (No.12 DISTRICT):- The following resolution was received from what was described as a very largely attended meeting of farmers and ratepayers at Blackwater on 10th December, 1934:-

"That we the Ratepayers of this District will pay our Rates as best we can to any man, or at any place, but refuse to pay them to Matthew Murphy on account of his conduct on the night of the 28th November, 1934."

At a meeting of the Castle Ellis Ratepayers' Association held on 12th December, 1934, in connection with what was described as the action of Mr. Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector for the district, a resolution was adopted that they would not in future pay ^{him but would pay} any other official appointed by the Council.

The Secretary stated that in these letters no definite charge had been made against Mr. Murphy and he had explained to the writers it would not be possible for the Finance Committee to deal with the matter, unless some details as to Mr. Murphy's alleged action on the occasion were submitted.

Under date 13th December, 1934, Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector, wrote that exception had been taken to him in the matter of collection of rates for no reason of which he was aware. He was certain the meeting in Blackwater was misinformed and were mistaken in laying any charge against him.

Under date 27th December, 1934, letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Blackwater Ratepayers League, that they would send a deputation to the Finance Committee, and wished Rate Collector Murphy to be present, so that he would be in a position to hear what the deputation had to say against him.

Miss O'Ryan considered that the charges against Mr. Murphy

should be put before the Finance Committee in writing before they decided to receive the deputation.

Mr. Kinsella considered that as the deputation were present they should be heard.

It was then decided that three members of the deputation with Mr. Murphy should come before the Committee.

The following members of the deputation came before the meeting:- Messrs. Martin Leacy, Crosshue, James Kirwan and Aidan Corrigan.

Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector, was also present.

Mr. Leacy stated that he was sent to the Finance Committee by the Blackwater ratepayers and explained that he was struck with a bottle thrown by Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, at a demonstration on 28th November last welcoming the release of prisoners from Mountjoy. The farmers of the district objected to paying rates to any man who carried on such conduct. The incident happened about 11 o'clock at night.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella, Mr. Leacy stated that Messrs. Kirwan and Corrigan could prove that the bottle was thrown by Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector.

The Chairman said the position of the Finance Committee was that they could not sit as a Court to investigate what was really a criminal charge against Mr. Murphy. The latter was employed to collect rates and so long as he carried out his duties and was not convicted by any Court the Finance Committee had no further functions. Mr. Murphy had been appointed Rate Collector by the Co. Council, sanctioned by the Local Government Department and he (Chairman) could not see where at the present moment, the Finance Committee came into the matter. Courts had been established to deal with such cases and until the matter was decided by a Court, he considered the Finance Committee had no power to intervene.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan, Mr. Leacy said he had no fault to

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find with the manner in which Mr. Murphy carried out his duties as Rate Collector. Fortunately he (Mr. Leacy) was not injured when the bottle was thrown.

Mr. Murphy, Rate Collector, stated that he remembered the night of 28th November last when he attended a Concert at 8 p.m. and which finished at 11 o'clock p.m. He came out of the hall with several others. There was a procession passing by and when he got as far as the bridge the meeting had started, but he never saw or had a bottle in his hand that night and he had several witnesses to prove this.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards complaint against Matthew Murphy (No. 12 District) by Blackwater and Castle Ellis ratepayers, no action be taken."

Passed.

PROPOSED PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- Under date 13th December, 1934, the following was read from Rate Collector Wm. Doyle (No. 2 District):

"Mr. Wm. Dooley, Ballyeaton, E.D. Glynn, owes arrears of rates amounting to £54:13:5d (3 years) plus current year £24:10:10d. Mr. Corish, Auctioneer, proposes setting portion of lands and has offered to pay half year's rates £12:5:5d if I can give him an undertaking that the lands will be safe for year. He will not be in a position to make any further payment until next September.

"Under the circumstances I would be glad if you put the matter before the Finance Committee for instructions in the matter.

"If I cannot accept this offer as far as I can see I will be unable to recover any Rates off this holding for year."

Mr. O'Byrne considered they should take a half year's rates with 10% of the arrears and the same amount at the end of September next.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:- "That the matter of Rates of Mr. Wm. Dooley, Ballyeaton, Killurin, be left in the hands of the Rate Collector."

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution:- "That the Rate Collector be empowered to accept half of the current year's rates and 10% of the arrears."

A Poll was taken on this motion with the following result:-
FOR: Messrs. Doyle, Kinsella and O'Byrne. (3)
AGAINST: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne
and the Chairman. (7).

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Mr. Colfer was then put and passed
without dissent.

APPLICATION FOR REFUNDS: Application for refund of £1 additional
abatment for year ending March 1934 was received from
Dominick Walsh, Gurteen, Inch. The holding had been divided by the
Land Commission between Dominick and Mary Walsh after the Rate
Books had been prepared and the Rates in course of collection.
The allowance authorised by the circumstances existing at the
time had been made.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That no action be taken as
regards application of Dominick Walsh, Gurteen, Inch, for refund
of £1 rates."

John Sullivan, Ballinclay Upper, Killurin, claimed 10/-
abatment for year ended March 1934, for holding at Ballinclay
He had been allocated £1 for holding rated in his name at
Shanahona but claimed he had nothing to do with this farm which
he stated he had given over to the Land Commission, but appeared
that the Land Commission had never officially taken possession.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly the
following resolution was adopted:- "That as regards application
of John Sullivan, Ballinclay, Killurin, for refund of 10/-
abatment of rates, the Finance Committee cannot see their way
to recommend this application in view of the fact that no
evidence has been produced to prove the holding at Shanahona
was taken over by the Land Commission.

CREDIT NOTES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion
of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That recognition of
Credit Notes in respect of first moiety of Rates be extended to
9th February, 1935."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation of £40,000 to Wexford Co. Council up to 31st March 1935."

ISSUE OF PAY ORDERS TO ROAD WORKERS ETC

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the same amount as last year, viz. £50, be allocated for clerical assistance owing to extra work involved by the issue of paying orders to individual workmen as required by Local Government Department. That Patrick Beary, Joseph Street, Wexford, be employed for this work of filling Paying Orders as heretofore. That the Secretary be authorised to assign any other duties to Mr. Beary provided the £50 allocation be not exceeded."

AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 20th December, 1934, Circular letter was read from the Department, forwarding instalment of the Agricultural Grant of £8,222. Owing to draws upon the guarantee Fund relative to arrears of land Purchase Annuities, no further issues of the Grant would be made until March next. The circular letter concluded: "The Council should in the meantime, press forward the collection of rates. They should also consider the advisability of making it known through the Press that the Finances of the County and the maintenance of the County services are being seriously affected where there is failure of land Purchase Annuitants to meet the half yearly payments due by them to the Irish Land Commission".

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution:- "That Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to arrange with Department of Finance for a further issue of the Agricultural Grant. Allowing for the

"£28222 received in December there would still be due to Wexford County Council £28,172 to end of that month. Owing to the payment of the Grant being in arrear the County Council are responsible for consequential increase in respect of interest on overdraft."

ILLNESS OF MR.R. MALONE,M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 28th December,1934, the following letter No.L.3554/34, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, assuming that your Local Authority concur with the proposal of the Finance Committee he approves of the continuance of the employment of Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in the Wexford District for a further period of three months as from the 22nd ultimo, with remuneration at the same rate as that previously paid to Mr. Malone.

"It will, of course, be understood that no payment can be made to Mr. Malone in respect of any period of sick leave beyond the period of sick leave specified in this Department's letter of the 24th August last."

The Secretary stated that no payment had been made in respect of sick leave to Mr. Malone beyond that specified in the Department's letter of 24th August last.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minister for Agriculture be requested to approach the Department of Finance with regard to securing the sanction of that Department to the payment of £100, ex-gratia Grant to Mr.R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., in accordance with the wishes of the Co. Council, as expressed in their resolution of 14th December, 1934."

LOANS SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

It was pointed out that the £10,000 new loan had been allocated equally between the four rural districts of the County, viz., £2,500 to each. It had also been decided that 25% of this amount viz. £ 625, would be allocated in the month of January, 1935. If the Committee accepted applications up to this amount at the present meeting, they would not be in a position to consider any further applications which might be lodged up to

18th January, 1935, date of next meeting of the Committee.

Enniscorthy District: Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 17th December, 1934, reported that on 15th December, 1934, the Committee appointed by the County Council to inspect houses in course of erection in Enniscorthy district met, the following attending:- Messrs. J.P. Kelly, T. McCarthy and M. Sweetman.

Mr. Ennis and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyors were also present.

The following gives the names of Urban Dwellers who had preparatory work done in anticipation of new loan and particulars of amount of work done:-

- (1) Thomas Reilly, Island Road, Enniscorthy.
Foundations in, and 300 yds. of Gravel on Site.
- (2) Patrick Byrne, Market Square, Enniscorthy.
Walls built up to Wall Plate.
- (3) Patrick Pender, Ross Road, Enniscorthy.
Foundations dug out and 20 c.yds. gravel on site.
- (4) Victor Johnson, Duffry Gate, Enniscorthy.
Foundation dug out and 30 c.yds gravel on site.
- (5) Joseph Leary, John Street, Enniscorthy.
No work done. 15 c. yds. gravel on site.
- (6) Henry Goff, Shannon, Enniscorthy.
Foundations in. 15 c.yds. gravel on site. Window and door frames made.
- (7) Patrick Kehoe, Shannon, Enniscorthy.
Foundations in. 20 c.yds. gravel and stones on site. Window and door frames made.

Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 are in Blackstoops area and numbers 5, 6 and 7 are in Old Church area.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That loans of £180 be agreed to in the cases of Thomas Reilly, Island Road, Enniscorthy, Patrick Byrne, Market Square, Enniscorthy, Henry Goff, Shannon, Enniscorthy, and Patrick Kehoe, Shannon, Enniscorthy, as from report of Mr. Cullen these four applicants have substantial amount of work carried out."

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Kinsella and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That applications of Patrick Byrne,

"Henry Goff and Patrick Kehoe only be accepted."

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Messrs. Doyle, Kinsella and O'Byrne. (3)

AGAINST: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan and the Chairman. (7)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the proposal of Miss O'Ryan agreeing to loans to Messrs. Byrne, Goff, Kehoe and O'Reilly was then put and passed nem.con.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That loan of £80 be granted under first Loan Scheme to James Sheil, Bree."

In this case the loan under the Scheme of 1934 was provisionally granted by the Co. Council, but Sheil had been unable to make title until now.

New Ross District: On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That loan of £100 be granted to Wm. Doherty, Great Island, Campile. (Farmer)."

Wexford District: On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan a resolution was adopted agreeing to loan of £180 to Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, Railway employee.

It was then agreed that all other applications from all districts submitted to the present meeting be adjourned for consideration to Finance Committee meeting of 18th January, 1935.

ABSENCE OF WORKMEN - RYLAND QUARRY

In connection with the correspondence as to the absence of Owen Doyle (Ganger) and Peter Doyle from Ryland Quarry in September, 1934, letter was read from Mr. Ronan, Co. Councillor, under date 8th December, 1934, that the dates given in his first letter had been miscalculated. They should have been September 4th and September 13th instead of 11th and 20th.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, submitted letter from Michael Jackman that the date of threshing at John Doyle's (Farmer) was the 13th September, 1934.

It appeared from all the correspondence and statements that Owen Doyle, Ganger, and his son Peter Doyle, had on the 3rd September, 1934, drawn in their corn for one and a half hours and for which day they were paid a full day's wages by the County Council. As regards the 13th September, 1934, a date on which it was alleged Peter Doyle was absent, no payment had been made to him by the Co. Council. On the 24th September, 1934, he attended the threshing at James Murphy's and had been paid for that day by the County Council.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, pointed out as regards the absence of Owen Doyle on 3rd September, 1934, this man had carried out a very considerable amount of work in Bunclody for the County Council on several Saturday evenings after working hours.

Peter Doyle was working in the quarry when the Ganger marked the attendance book in the morning of the 24th September 1934. It was some time later in the day he went to Murphy's threshing.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee should set an example in this case and accordingly proposed:- "That Owen Doyle and Peter Doyle be directed to refund apportioned payments for 1½ hours on the 3rd September, 1934, and that Peter Doyle be directed to refund a full day's pay for his absence on 24th September, 1934."

"That Co. Council workers be informed they cannot absent themselves from work without reporting to the ganger and that gangers cannot absent themselves without reporting as soon as possible to the Assistant Surveyor. In the event of this direction being violated the Committee will take drastic action."

Mr. Corish seconded.

Passed.

Miss O'Ryan asked if all the gangers were working gangers, as she understood there was a ganger in Clonroche district who did no work.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the District, stated that all gangers were working gangers but of course where a ganger had a number of men scattered all over his district and had to see them constantly it was very difficult for him to do very much ordinary work.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS

For the printing of Rate Books for financial year 1934/35 the following tenders were received:-

- (1) Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....£33:10:0
- (2) Messrs. John English & Co., Wexford.....£38: 0:0
- (3) "The People" Newspapers, Wexford.....£38: 8:6

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, - the lowest tender - was accepted.

Mr. Corish objected to any further quotations for work being considered from Messrs. Redmond Bros. as he was informed they did not employ Trade Union Labour.

Mr. Kelly said he would make enquiries in this matter and report to next meeting of Finance Committee.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE APPLICATION FROM CARETAKER.

Consideration of application of Richard Whelan, Caretaker, Courthouse, Enniscorthy, for coal and light for his apartments had been adjourned for reports from Messrs. Treanor and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors for Gorey and New Ross Districts respectively, as to allowances made to the caretakers of these Courthouses.

Mr. Treanor reported that Gorey Courthouse caretaker had no allowance for fuel but had light free.

Mr. O'Neill reported that the same arrangements obtained as regards New Ross Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That light be supplied for the Caretaker's apartments in Enniscorthy Courthouse, but

"not fuel, as this is the arrangement which obtains in Gorey and New-Ross Courthouses."

EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That we recommend the Co.Council to fix the fee for registration of premises under Section 21 of the Explosives Act 1875 at 1/- and that the following premises be registered:-

Walter Boggan, Kilmuckridge. (Cartridges Mixed)
 John Bolger & Co., Ltd., Ferns. (Mixed Explosives)
 Denis Lennon, Bunclody. (Sporting Cartridges)
 Mrs. Mary E. Dunne, Ferns. (Mixed Explosives)
 Edward Rochford, Taghmon. (Gunpowder & Safety Cartridges)

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector, Wexford District, reported that a number of sheep owners in his district had not dipped their sheep for the Autumn Period.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That the list of persons who are reported by the Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District as not having carried out the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order 1915 be referred to the Garda Síochána for their observations."

APPLICATION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Under date 28th December, 1934, Inspector M.R. Whelan, Dept. of Education (Industrial Schools Branch) wrote that in reference to the enquiries of the Wexford Co.Council regarding parental contributions suitable action was taken when necessary to ensure that payments were made by parents against whom maintenance Orders are in force in respect of children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools. Applications are made to have the Orders varied should such a course be warranted. If no maintenance order was made at committal and should the

Parent be considered to be in a position afterwards to contribute towards the child's support in the school, application was made to have the Order varied and to ensure payment of contribution.

Applications were received as to the proposed committal of the following children and which were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:

Mary Ellen Redmond, St. John's, Enniscorthy. (Orphan)

Anne Kehoe, Courtown Harbour.

Peggy Kehoe, Courtown Harbour.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for compensation for criminal injury were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to oppose:-

1. Henry L. Meadows, Coolougher, Ballycogley. £15 (Motor-car)
2. Mary E. Ross, Killinick. £75 (Outhouse, Horse and Straw).
3. Killinick Hall. £220 (Second Notice).

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be empowered to procure estimate of cost for the restoration of Killinick Hall."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in regard to the application for compensation for Killinick Hall, attention of the Departments of Local Government and Public Health and of Justice be called by County Council Solicitor to the necessity for making provision in any award of compensation for this hall, for its reinstatement."

In connection with the application of Mr. J. P. Collins, Solicitor, 23, Suffolk Street, Dublin, on behalf of Mr. Hanna, for injury to his motor-car in the town of Wexford on main road from Wexford to Rosslare, due to two cuttings which had been made across the road a few yards apart, the Co. Surveyor said that the injury took place just at the Urban bounds in Maudlintown and

the cuttings which were stated to have caused the accident were made by workmen of Wexford Corporation who were laying down a sewage *pipes*

TRANSFERS OF ROAD MONEY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by the Chairman:- "That the following transfers in connection with road a/cs be made subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health:-

From Account	18M	to	17M.....	£30:0:0
"	68M	to	67M.....	£30:0:0
"	20M	to	16M.....	£40:0:0
"	34C	to	33C.....	£20:0:0
"	42C	to	43C.....	£30:0:0
"	44C	to	45C.....	£30:0:0
"	40C	to	32C.....	£40:0:0
"	36C	to	31C.....	£10:0:0
"	37C	to	38C.....	£10:0:0.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:- "That £66:4s. be transferred from Main Road Contingency Fund to Road 23M. (Bunclody Street) to cover cost of necessary work carried out on the footpaths at Bunclody."

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

A recommendation was received from Courtown Harbour Committee asking the Co. Council to erect a Notice Board with a view to prevent further banking of gravel and sand on the square opposite Harbour Master's House, as the Committee were of opinion that this ground could be used for the parking of cars in the Summer so as to relieve congestion in the street of Courtown.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to refer recommendation for report to the Members of the Co. Council representing Gorey Electoral Area, at meeting to be held on 15th January, 1935, at Courtown Harbour.

REPAIR OF LANES ETC. - APPLICATION FOR.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan that Croghan Lane be listed under Minor Relief

Schemes Vote and also the following lanes subject to favourable report from County Surveyor:-

Ballybeg Lane, Ferns. Tincurra Lane, Tara Hill.

Lane Newbridge and Ballintim Bridge. Brownstown Lane, Newbawn.

Moneygarrow Lane (E.D. Kilgorman). Ring Lane, Carne.

Annagh Lane, Killenagh. Clonsilla Lane, Gorey.

Goatstown Lane, Foulksmills, Barraglan Lane, Monamolin.

OTHER ROAD MATTERS:- In connection with Memorial as to repair of lane at Ballyprecus (Buncloody), Mr. Ennis reported that a minor Relief allocation had been made in connection with this lane last year. The principal landowner concerned would not sign the indenture so that nothing could be done.

With regard to dangerous turn at Motabeg Mill, and Brownswood quarry, and on road leading from New Bridge to Sleadagh, it was decided that the Co. Surveyor be asked to furnish report.

It was also decided to refer to the Co. Surveyor a request from ratepayers to carry out repairs on the road leading to Bridgetown from Newcastle, which, it was stated, was in a bad condition owing to the vast amount of beet to be hauled over it.

In reference to Coragh Lane, Buncloody, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the Co. Council under Relief Scheme had spent £250 on the Section which was done, and the remaining portion would cost at least £350. The memorial did not give an accurate statement of the case as there would be hardly any through traffic on the lane, while the three or four houses on it were all on the finished part.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of repairs to this lane to a further meeting.

In connection with the application of Mrs. Susan Byrne, asking that the Mill Race leading to her Mill at Askamore, Carnew, which had become choked should be cleaned by the Co. Council, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that the matter did not concern the Co. Council.

It was decided to take no action.

In connection with piece of waste ground at Ballymoney near Gorey which Dr. W.A.Cooke proposed to enclose, a protest was received from a number of ratepayers, which pointed out that for the past sixty or seventy years this ground had been utilised by the fishermen of the district for the purpose of repairing their boats and fishing nets and more recently as a camping ground and motor park for visitors during the Summer months.

Mr. Treanor reported that Dr.Cooke contended that he had purchased this piece of vacant ground, but owing to local opinion he would remove the fencing.

It was decided to take no action in this matter.

Regarding report of John Browne, Carra Cottage, Broadway, as to the banking of sea-weed at his gate interfering with the use of his holding, Mr.Birchistle said it was almost impossible to avoid putting Mr.Browne to some inconvenience for some little time at particular seasons of the year, but so far as was possible they would see that every facility was given to him.

As regards flooding at Clonroche, Mr.Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, reported that to remedy the flooding at Mrs. Malone's in Clonroche Street, it would be possible to lay a wide shallow channel to carry away the water, and to deliver it into Board of Health Sewer adjacent.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Co.Surveyor to have this recommendation carried out.

Thomas Dowd, Horetown, Killinick, applied for permission to erect a building to be used as a store room adjoining public road at Montfield, Killinick.

Mr. Birchistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that the building would not be an obstruction to traffic.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr.O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as regards application by Thomas Dowd, as to erection of building, no action be taken."

The Chairman said that the Government had been asking for suggestions as to carrying out useful works and he was of opinion that the Co. Surveyor might furnish proposals as to repairing all lanes leading to farmers' houses in this County.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be a wonderful addition to the farmers if this could be done. They could bring larger loads into their places and would be saved a great deal of inconvenience.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES:- Mr. Keegan said it would be well if it were brought to the notice of the public that as regards repair of lanes under Minor Relief Schemes the Council were only in a position to recommend as the works on which money was to be spent were selected by the Office of Public Works. After examination of the various places suggested, by their Inspector, it did not at all follow that because the Co. Council were very anxious a particular lane should be repaired under Minor Relief Scheme, that the Inspector of the Board of Works would select it.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th January, 1935, be received and considered."

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

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected.</u>
J. Curtis	53.7
E.J. Murphy	52.8
M. Kehoe	49.2
S. Gannon (No. 6)	49.1
D. Kenny	48.6
M. McCarthy	48.3
J.J. O'Reilly	47.9
P. Carty	47.4
A. Dunne	46.6
J. Flood	46.3
J. Cummins	46.1
J. Deegan	46.1
P. Nolan	45.1
P. Doyle	44.9
S. Gannon (No.10)	44.2
W. Cummins	41.4
J.J. Sinnott	41.1
J. Quirke	39.4
W. Doyle	36.1
M. Murphy	35.5
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Average... 45.2	

The collection was 4% better than at the corresponding period last year.

RATE COLLECTOR M. MURPHY:- Mr. Redmond proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kinsella said that the Council should take very serious notice of this transaction. Mr. Murphy had been before the Finance Committee on two previous occasions for using dirty language to ratepayers.

Col. Quin said that a criminal charge had been made against the Rate Collector and the Co. Council had nothing to do with it. If he had thrown a bottle why did not the aggrieved party "run him in".

Mr. Culleton supported Col. Quin.

The Chairman said he was sure on consideration Mr. Kinsella would recognise how actually wrong it would be for the Council to act on the present evidence. If it could be proved the Rate Collector threw a bottle (which he positively denied) he would be convicted and sent to prison and it was the duty of the people who made the allegation to go to the Court and prove it.

Col. Quin proposed they should proceed to next business.

Mr. McCarthy held that Mr. Kinsella was quite right in having the charge against their official investigated; in fact it was the bounden duty of the Finance Committee to investigate such complaints. The Finance Committee from time to time dealt so far as was in their power with such complaints.

After further discussion the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted.

PROPOSED PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- Mr. Doyle said they should alter the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the proposal; otherwise they might get nothing.

Col. Quin - Possibly some people told this man he was a hero if he would not pay his rates and as he was afraid now his cattle would be seized he was only a fool.

Mr. Doyle moved and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following:- "That as regards proposed "part" payment of rates in the case of Wm. Dooley, the recommendation of the Finance Committee be rejected and the offer as outlined in the letter of the Rate Collector be accepted.

The Secretary stated that the Rate Collector would apply any payment received in this case to the reduction of the arrears, and the motion of Mr. Doyle was withdrawn.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then confirmed.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That the Land Commission be requested to furnish a list of defaulting annuitants under Land Purchase Acts for year 1934, to Wexford

"County Council as was done in the past."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton it was decided that an advertisement be issued in the three local papers calling attention to the fact that the finances of the County and the efficiency of the local services were seriously affected by failure of Land Purchase Annuitants to meet their half-yearly payments to the Land Commission.

ILLNESS OF MR. MALONE, V.S.:- Under date 10th January, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.3554/34) enquiring whether the Co. Council had reason to believe that Mr. Malone's retirement was imminent.

The Secretary stated he had replied that so far as the Council were aware, Mr. Malone was prepared to retire if he received the proposed Grant.

Mr. Kinsella believed Mr. Malone was disappointed at the Grant being only £100. He understood that ~~owing to~~ the fact that Mr. Malone was Veterinary Inspector at Rosslare Harbour was responsible for his present state of health.

The Secretary pointed out that as Mr. Malone was a "part" time official only he was not entitled to anything on his retirement.

Mr. Culleton said that a farmer expressed to him surprise at the action of the Council in passing the grant.

Mr. M. Doyle regretted that Mr. Malone was not entitled to a pension and he would be glad if the Council could make the ex gratia grant larger.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was, after further discussion, approved on the motion of Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Meyler.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- Mr. Doyle objected to the recommendation agreeing to a loan of £180 to Joseph F. Swords, Bayview Terrace, Rosslare Harbour, Railway Employee. The Railway Company had any number of houses for their employees and the

County Council should not interfere. The Railway people would not dream of providing houses for agricultural labourers and he would like to see the reply they would make if an agricultural labourer applied for one of their vacant houses. He then proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Council dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to provide a loan of £180 to Joseph F. Swords, Railway Employee, Rosslare Harbour."

On a show of hands the motion was lost by 14 to 9 and the recommendation of the Finance Committee agreed to.

EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following be registered under Explosives Act 1875 in addition to those agreed to at Finance Committee Meeting:-

James Carroll, Taghmon. (Cartridges only)
 John Bolger & Co. Ltd., Joseph Crangle, Manager, Church Street,
 Gorey. (Mixed explosives).
 Thomas Williams, Main Street, Gorey. (Cartridges and
 ammunition)
 Doyle Bros., Bridgetown. (Shot Gun and .22 Rifle ammunition)

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That copy of claim by Mr. P.J. Collins, Solicitor, 23, Suffolk St., Dublin, on behalf of Mr. Hanna, Dublin, for injury to motor-car in town of Wexford be furnished the Town Clerk, Wexford."

TRANSFERS OF MONEY ON ROAD ACCOUNTS:- The County Surveyor said that a number of roads had suffered owing principally to beet traffic and he suggested that the necessary amounts as follows be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency funds viz. £60 for each of the five Assistant Surveyor's Districts for main roads and £100 for each of the five Assistant's areas for County Roads in accordance with the schedule he submitted.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in accordance with Schedule submitted by Co. Surveyor a sum of £300 be transferred from Main Road Contingency Fund to Roads as specified in said

"Schedule and a sum of £500 from the County Road Contingency Fund as specified in Schedule, to repair damage to these roads by beet and other unexpected traffic. These proposals to be subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads)."

Under date 11th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that subject to the adoption by the Co. Council no objection would be raised to the transfer of the various amounts from one Road Section to another as agreed to by Finance Committee meeting of 4th January, 1935."

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE:- The Co. Surveyor said he would submit a report of the meeting of Special Committee to be held on 15th January, 1935, to the next meeting of the Co. Council.

Under date 7th January, 1935, letter was read from Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, that the Watchman and himself had not received any remuneration for the working of crane and grab as agreed to by the Co. Council a considerable time back.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction remuneration of 15/- per week and of 7/6d per week to the Harbour Master and Watchman respectively at Courtown Harbour as agreed to by the County Council for working of crane and grab, these sums to be in addition to their ordinary wages."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Redmond:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 4th January, 1935, be and are hereby approved."

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

In connection with the further consideration of above Scheme the following under date 11th January, 1935, was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I have forwarded each County Councillor a printed copy of the Provisional Road Works Scheme with amendments of figures to comply with direction of the County Council. As the Scheme is not finally approved I have not had the form printed, but have given in detail all the works recommended under Part 11 (Improvement). These latter will be considered by the Council, and further amendments may be made. As regards Part 1. of the Scheme I have retained on Main Roads, excluding "Loans", the same figure as for the current year, so that the 40% Maintenance Grant may be as formerly. The sum allocated for County Roads is reduced, and I consider it will be impossible to properly maintain them at the figure. For renewal of fourth class roads I have set out the same amount as they were contracted for last time. I have not written in these figures except as regards totals, but shall have details for the Council if required.

"Since sending out the Scheme to the Councillors, I have to report that there has been a dangerous collapse of the retaining walls of Pollmounty Bridge, at the Carlow County Bounds on Link Road No. 26, to the North of New Ross. On the 10th instant I met the Carlow County Surveyor by appointment at the Bridge, and we have arranged for the immediate necessary repair, half cost of which will be on County Wexford. It may be necessary to close the road completely to traffic and, accordingly, I ask that sanction be asked from the Minister. Later there will be further extensive repairs required, and to provide for these I recommend that the sum in Column 5 at bottom of page 21 on Road 70 be amended to read £100. The balance £150 should be placed in "Contingencies" and "earmarked" for this, or any other Improvement work in New Ross Area."

Col. Gibbon proposed: "That the sum in Column 5 of Provisional Road Works Scheme at bottom of page 21 be amended to read £100 and that the sum of £150 taken therefrom be transferred to Contingency Fund and "earmarked" for the repair of Pollmounty Bridge or any other improvement work in New Ross area."

Mr. Bowe seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Col. Gibbon held they should apply to the Government for a Grant to help to carry out the further extensive repairs to this bridge to which the Co. Surveyor had referred. He hoped the County T.Ds. would put the matter before the Government and would ask the T.Ds. of Carlow and Kilkenny to help.

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor said that no grant was made on the Contingency Accounts.

Col. Gibbon said that the damage was caused by heavy lorry traffic which the bridge had not been built to carry. It was unfair that the County should have to pay for this abnormal traffic and it was only reasonable that the Government should make a contribution towards the cost. He then proposed a resolution to this effect and embodied therein a request that the T.Ds. of the Counties of Wexford, Carlow and Kilkenny be asked to approach the Government in the matter.

Mr. Bowe seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for order to close Pollmounty bridge road.

"That the Co. Surveyor arrange the period for closing and the alternative route with the Finance Committee who are hereby empowered to make the application for closing to the Minister."

Col. Gibbon then proposed the following:- "That the total allocation under Road Works Scheme for financial year 1935/36 be £55755:6:11d made up as follows:-

£31889 Main Roads:

£14237 Third Class County Roads:

£4779:6:11d Contract Roads - (Fourth Class);

for Improvement Works:-

£1341 Main Roads

£2509 County Roads

and for Contingencies:-

£500 Main Roads

£500 County Roads.

And that the expenditure on Public Works (other than roads) at £825 be also approved.

Col. Quin seconded.

It was then decided to consider any matters which had been held over in connection with the Road Works Scheme before dealing with Col. Gibbon's resolution.

In connection with proposed new road through Camolin Park referred to Road Works meeting from Co.Council meeting of 10th September, 1934, letter was read from the Land Commission that they were prepared to contribute £500 towards the reconstruction of this road provided it was made and maintained by the Co.Council and a sum of not less than £1000 spent on its reconstruction. They refused to alter these terms.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Cummins seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That as the proposed new road at Camolin Park would be largely availed of by the Forestry Department, and that the Co.Council, if road be reconstructed, would be responsible for its future maintenance, we again urge the Land Commission to contribute £750 towards the reconstruction of this road, the Co.Council contributing £250 and hold themselves responsible for its future maintenance."

The Co.Surveyor said the existing road went out at the street of Camolin and turned to the left on to Ballyduff. The proposed road through Camolin Park would be almost parrallel to the existing road but going to the North of Ballyduff it shortened the distance considerably. The main part of the road was on the land of the Forestry Department.

In connection with the proposal of Mr.Lawler to make a new road at Curraduff past the quarry and on through Clorogue and part of Kiltaly, Mr. Lawlor said the lane was in a bad condition on account of Co.Council traffic from the quarry.

The Chairman said that if the Co.Surveyor had injured the lane by traffic from the quarry he should repair it. If they allowed in one of those proposed new roads they would have to let in at least a dozen and they could not afford to saddle the County with their maintenance. He proposed:- "That for financial year 1935/36 this County Council will not take over any new roads."

Col. Quin seconded.

Mr. Kelly who had served notice of motion that Ballymotey Lane be taken over by the Council pointed out that a minor relief Grant of £150 for the repair of this lane had been secured but because one tenant would not sign the indenture the lane could not be repaired and the money had to be applied to another work. Owing to the action of this man his neighbours and the general public were penalised. Half of the lane had been already taken over by the Council and was maintained by contract. He (Mr. Kelly) understood that if the Co. Council took over the other portion of the lane they could compel this man to surrender what land would be necessary for reconstruction.

The Co. Surveyor stated that owing to the great expense the Council had not availed of the provisions of the Statute which enabled them to acquire land compulsorily.

After further discussion on a show of hands 18 voted in favour of not taking over any new roads for the coming financial year.

Mr. Bowe dissented.

In connection with a request from Cottage Tenants Association, Ferns Branch, as to the re-opening of Doran's Hill Quarry it was pointed out that owing to a right of way the quarry had been closed. This difficulty no longer existed and it was hoped, in the altered circumstances the Council would resume the working of the quarry.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 10th January, 1935, that the Council had been waiting to get into this quarry from the opposite side of the road for a long time but this could not be done as there was a dwelling house in the quarry. This was now vacant and would be removed. He did not think they could ever work this quarry in an extensive way. The original quarry on the other side of the road was worked out but he would do what he could to work the new section to the best of his ability.

The meeting regarded this statement as satisfactory.

Dealing with the general Scheme Col. Gibbon said he had gone through the scheme very carefully and could not see how it could be altered materially. He also proposed that if a member wished to put forward an amendment to the scheme he should go further than merely saying he wanted a certain road improved or a corner removed - he should at the same time propose that a reduction should be made in regard to some other road in his own district to provide the money for the improvement. He thought that the Co.Surveyor had allocated the money between the districts in a very very fair manner, and he suggested that additions to it would be very impracticable.

Col. Quin seconded.

Co. Gibbon - The money has already been limited by the Council, and the Co.Surveyor has revised his Scheme in accordance with our instructions. If anyone wants to put forward an amendment to include a certain road he should at the same time propose that a corresponding reduction be made in some other road or roads in his own district to provide the money. The Co.Surveyor had treated the whole county in a very fair manner and it would be impracticable to tear the scheme, as now submitted, to pieces.

Mr. Kinsella said the Co.Surveyor had framed the scheme in accordance with the wishes of the Council.

Mr. Connors asked could something be done to have road material broken by hand.

Mr. Ennis said that for a large part of their work hand-broken material would not be suitable.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co.Surveyor said there were 559 perches of main roads in Enniscorthy, 563 perches in New Ross and 855 perches in Wexford, The total County Road mileage was 1980. He (Co.Surveyor) had apportioned the money according to mileage allowing 50% more for the Urban districts as they had to pay higher wages.

Mr. Corish complained that the reduction for the Urban Districts of Wexford and Enniscorthy was 66% and in New Ross Urban District 50%.

The Co.Surveyor said that he considered Wexford had an inflated price compared with the other areas. There was no concreting on main roads in New Ross but there was in Wexford and Enniscorthy.

Mr. Corish said he would ask for an allocation for the improvement of the footpath on the land side of Redmond Road in Wexford Urban.

The County Surveyor said that last year Wexford Urban had £377, and this year £390 was allocated. Last year Enniscorthy had £480, but there was spraying. This year the amount was £250, and it was also £250 in New Ross.

Mr. Kelly said that one stretch in Enniscorthy - from the Bridge to St.John's Mill - was in a desperate way.

The Co.Surveyor said that that was to be done and they had it scheduled for a grant as early as they could get it. It was a bad road, and no maintenance money would make a job of it.

In reply to a query the Co.Surveyor said the reduction on the County Roads was 10%.

Mr. Doyle said that a lot of money was being spent on tar spraying, and he would like to know from the Co.Surveyor if the tar spraying was going to be carried out as heretofore, which would have the surface of the roads so that there would be no possibility of using anything on them except motor traffic. He suggested there should be some plan to have the surface of roads coarser than before, as otherwise they would be impassable for anything but motor cars or lorries.

The Co.Surveyor said that his original estimate did provide for a very large amount of spraying work, but that was cut down now. As he mentioned at a former Co.Council meeting, what he proposed to do in a number of cases ^{was} to have a rough

surfaced side, and in other cases, on the recommendation of the Department of Local Government & Public Health, he proposed to use a tar-bitumen mixture instead of pure bitumen.

Mr. Culleton said the roads were too slippery and they had accidents. They had a road from Wexford to Ashfield that was like a sheet of glass in some places, and then from Ashfield to Rosslare Harbour they had a splendid job - a specimen of the class of road that would be useful for either motorists or horse traffic.

The Co. Surveyor said they were putting rough sides on the Rosslare road already.

Mr. Culleton said he had been asked to request that in the case of roads that had been done, the Co. Surveyor do all possible to provide a margin for horse traffic.

The Chairman said he thought the Co. Surveyor understood the needs of the County and that there should be a reversal of the policy in regard to slippery roads. He thought that in future the Co. Surveyor and the Assistants should from this forward, set out to provide roads that would have rougher surfaces than formerly on which horses could travel with safety. He said that the diagonal corrugations made on Main Roads in Co. Wicklow enabled a motorist to keep on his own side of the road and he advised the Co. Surveyor to follow the example of Wicklow in the matter at some bad corners.

Col. Quin remarked that the grass margins on the roads had the effect of making the roads very much narrower. If they had not those margins there would be quite room enough for horses.

Mr. Keegan suggested that on roads on which tarring and chippings were to be done the chippings should be coarser.

Mr. Cummins said he could not understand why margins were not left on the sides of the roads for horse traffic. He could not understand why spraying was done over the whole road, and

in his opinion money would be saved if it were not done.

Mr. Smyth said that a great many people were complaining of the amount of money spent on the main roads in comparison with the expenditure on County Roads. In his district the town of Gorey was getting nearly half the amount allocated.

The Co. Surveyor said he personally would prefer if they could take some money off the main roads which had been considerably improved and utilise it for County Roads but if they did this they would lose the 40% Grant.

Mr. O'Byrne said that some considerable time ago the County Council had requested the Government to include in the Main Roads Section, the road from Gorey to Tinahely and five or six other roads. He moved that a list of these roads be supplied to the Department of Local Government and Public Health by the Co. Surveyor and that the latter supply the Department in each case with the reasons given by the Council for their request. And that the Department be requested to include these roads in the Main Road Section when next revision is carried out.

The Chairman seconded the motion which was adopted.

After further discussion Mr. Corish proposed that an allocation of £250 be made for improvement of footpath on land side of Redmond road Wexford.

Mr. Kinsella seconded and said both footpaths on this road were very bad.

Chairman - If you put down a tar macadam footpath the people will still walk on the road. I ask Mr. Corish not to press the matter because he is putting it up to everybody in the room to want something extra.

The Co. Surveyor said that if the Council were satisfied they could put, say another £100 to ordinary maintenance in Wexford Urban but it would have to come in sums of £5 off other amounts in Wexford Rural District.

Mr. Corish said he was satisfied with this and proposed that an extra £100 be added to the amount allocated for the

maintenance of main roads in Wexford Urban on the lines suggested by the Co.Surveyor.

Mr. Kinsella seconded and the motion was adopted.

The Chairman said he appealed to the Surveyors in the future to look after roads in areas in which there was extra traffic. They had people from Fethard and Hook districts before them that day and there were other districts also suffering. These areas should be the Co.Surveyor's first consideration. He wished to know was there a fixed amount of tonnage for each road.

The Co.Surveyor said the money was divided up amongst labour and tonnage as far as it would go.

The Chairman said that one weakness in a direct labour scheme was to give all the work possible with the result that the tonnage on particular roads was reduced. Unless there was a fixed tonnage some of the roads might be starved.

The Co.Surveyor said that the cost of labour was about 60% and of tonnage and haulage 40%.

The Chairman said he considered the actual amount of tonnage to be put on each road should be shown.

The Co.Surveyor said that the tonnage for each individual road would be ascertained when haulage contracts were dealt with by the Tenders Committees.

Miss O'Ryan said that many of the main roads were quite good enough, and proposed that, in view of the changes in the agricultural industry in the country, they put it up to the Department that roads leading to railway stations be counted main roads in future because on account of beet traffic, etc., such roads could not be maintained out of ordinary county road allocation.

Mr. Redmond seconded and the proposition was passed.

Col. Gibbon's motion for the adoption of the Co.Surveyor's proposals was then put and declared carried.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEME GRANT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:- "That when intimation is received from Government that the Grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available the Co.Council Representatives for the four County Electoral Areas select for recommendation to the Office of Public Works the particular works which are to benefit under the Scheme in accordance with the amount allocated to each area by the Co.Council."

TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That dates of meetings of Tenders Committees be fixed as follows:-

GOREY COURTHOUSE - Saturday, 16th February, 1935, at 12 o'clock.

ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE - Tuesday, 19th February, 1935 at 11 o'clock.

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE - Thursday, 21st February, 1935, at 12.30.

WEXFORD COUNTY HALL - Saturday, 23rd February, 1935, at 11 o'clock.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1934.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Corish:- "That owing to ambiguity of provision of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, 1934, as regards allocation of Scholarships and bursaries a modified scholarship of £30 per annum be awarded Gerald W. Fenelon, Taghat."

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

The Secretary submitted the following extract from letter of Department of Education under date 30th November, 1934:-

"In view of the difficulty which arose in connection with the 1934 awards in the interpretation of the opening paragraphs the Department considers that the ambiguity of the present clauses should be removed."

Mr. Corish said he thought it was rather a hardship that the boy did not get the Scholarship.

Mr. Doyle said he was most anxious that the boy would get the Scholarship at the time, and they had it from legal authority that he was entitled to the Scholarship. No one could be more pleased that the boy was getting a scholarship than he (Mr. Doyle) but the ambiguity referred to on the agenda should have been cleared up before the scholarships were awarded or before the bursaries were awarded. The Department never sanctioned what the Council did. They hedged behind the Council, for what reason he did not know. The granting of the scholarship would mean an extra Scholarship for four years.

The Secretary said if the Council wished it was perfectly legal for them to refuse Mr. Corish's motion.

After further discussion the motion was passed nem.con.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACT 1934.

Under date 8th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.177118/34 Wexford CC) that the Minister saw no objection to the proposal to procure copies of the above Act, Summary of its provisions and the Statutory Rules made in pursuance of the Act, for the use of the County Councillors.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the necessary copies be ordered.

Under date 8th January, 1935, the Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote that the Wexford Corporation had decided to participate in the Conference proposed by the Co. Council in connection with this Act and had appointed the following delegates:- Mr. Corish (Mayor) Alderman Flusk and Councillor Billington.

No reply had been received to date from the two other Urban district Councils of the County.

SANCTION ALLOWANCE TO MR. CULLEN, ASSISTANT
SURVEYOR - SOW DRAINAGE AREA

Under date 7th January, 1935, the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Roads) wrote (R.RS/32) that the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council to include in the Maintenance Rate for the Sow Drainage District an annual allowance of £10 for Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor in connection with the maintenance of the District as from 1st January, 1935, had been sanctioned.

CONVICTIONS BY SPECIAL POWERS TRIBUNAL

Under date 31st December, 1934, (Circ. No. 126/34) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that under Section 31 of Article 2A of the Constitution, an officer or employee paid out of money raised by local taxation or a paid member of a Board or Body established by or under an Act of the Oireachtas and who was convicted by the Constitution (Special Powers) Tribunal of an offence mentioned in Appendix to Article 2A forfeits his office or employment, or if retired with superannuation, his pension or superannuation allowance ceased to be payable. The period of disqualification was seven years.

The Chairman said he hoped the Press would give publicity to this matter.

SECTION 49 OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACT
1878

Sealed Order under date 12th December, 1934, (No. 154992/34) applying Section 49 of the above Act in force in certain Urban Districts to be in force in the Bridgetown Dispensary District, was received from Department of Local Govt. & Public Health.

It was stated that the Order had been issued to enable the Board of Health to provide lavatory accommodation at Kilmore Pier.

TURF DEVELOPMENT - KILTEALY DISTRICT

Under date 3rd January, 1935, the Secretary, Turf Development Board Ltd., 10 Hume Street, Dublin, acknowledged the resolution of the Co. Council requesting the construction of accommodation bog roads in Kiltely district. The Board would be prepared to recommend the construction of such roads where deemed necessary for the commercial development of turf but ~~only~~ ^{only} schemes could be submitted by a Co-operative Turf Society.

The Board would arrange for an Organiser of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, with one of the Board's Engineers, to visit the district, in order to ascertain whether the formation of a Co-operative Turf Society was desirable and necessary. Such societies were established only in districts in which large quantities of turf were available and where the needs of the residents would not be jeopardized for a period of at least fifty years and where adequate transport facilities for the marketing of turf were available. It would - owing to the fact that the Organiser and Engineer were busily engaged on the marketing of turf for the present season - be some time before they could visit Kiltely.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That we request the Turf Development Board to arrange for the visit of Organiser and Engineer to Kiltely district as soon as possible and that they give the local people concerned a few days' notice of the visit of these officials to have suitable arrangements made in the matter."

FORD OF LYNG

The following report of meeting of special Committee was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council was summoned to meet on the 7th January, 1935, but owing to illness and other circumstances, only one Member, Col. Gibbon, was able to attend.

"The Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor were present, and pointed out what had already been done, and what still remained to be done in connection with the channel from Rathdowney to the Spillway.

"A County Council employee, Mr. Nick Brennan, mason, Rosslare, stated that on the morning after the heavy rainfall early in December last, he walked along the canal embankment to the Spillway. He found the water level at such a height that there was an overflow into the sloblands to a depth of about 4 inches. Now this Spillway has been raised by the Slob Commissioners by one foot over its original level, and it is, therefore, quite obvious that the flooding at Ballybro on this date was greatly augmented thereby. The Spillway should at once be restored to its original level.

The Slob Commissioners are directly responsible for the channels above Rathdowney, as far as the original high tide mark. Also, owing to neglect to maintain these, and the channel below the Bridge to the Spillway, as well as the raising of the Spillway itself, they are "consequently" responsible for the excessive silting of the upper channels, and consequent flooding.

The Slob Commissioners should be required to allow the expenditure of the balance of their commitment of £200 in cleaning the channels above Rathdowney Bridge, and any further sum required should be sought as a Grant under Minor Relief.

The length of the main channel from Rathdowney Bridge to Ballybro Bridge is about 1190 yards, but it will be necessary also to clean up three tributaries, and also the main stream above Ballybro to join up with the work already done on the upper reach.

It is estimated that a good job can be done for about £400 in all."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the report of Ford of Lyng Special Committee be received and adopted." In moving his motion Col. Gibbon said there would be no flooding of any account if the spillway was put into the original position in which it was when the "Slobs" were formed. As regarded the block above the bridge the drainage recently carried out drained a few fields. Owing to the blockage of the stream above the bridge it was now solid ground and during the dry weather one could walk over it. The flooding would remain until a drain had been cut through and they should press for that, and have it carried out at the earliest possible date.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish said they would have attended the Committee meeting but had to attend a meeting of the Health Board.

Mr. Culleton said as he had another engagement for the day he could not attend.

Mr. Doyle said he was confined to bed on the day of the Committee meeting. He agreed with what Col. Gibbon had said and with the report in general. Until that report was put into practice flooding would still go on. He wished to know if the flooding at Ballygeary had been abated?

The Co. Surveyor said he had arranged to lay down a gullet which would obviate the flooding.

Col. Gibbon's resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Co. Surveyor apply for a Minor Relief Scheme Grant of £200 in connection with flooding at Ford of Lyng; that the Slob Commissioners be requested to expend the balance of their £200 contribution for the same purpose and be further required to put spillway into its original position.

"That a copy of the report of the Committee be furnished the Office of Public Works and the Slob Commissioners."

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

The following report under date 11th January, 1935, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I beg to report on the present condition of Ballyhack Boat Harbour.

"From time to time I have already inspected this Harbour and reported on its unsatisfactory condition. Application has been made by the County Council for a Grant, and the Council was informed there were no funds available.

"In 1914 this Harbour was made under agreement between the Co. Council and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and the work was carried out by the Department's Engineer, Mr. Oliver, in consultation with the Co. Surveyor. At the time, consideration was given to the advisability, or otherwise,

"of leaving an opening at the North West end of the new breakwater, and it was decided to construct such an opening. It was considered that if this opening was found objectionable it would be a comparatively easy matter to build it up, whereas, if no opening were left, and afterwards deemed advisable there would be considerable expense in making it. I have now come to the conclusion that the opening should be closed, in a temporary manner, in the first instance, and, later permanently, if my views are borne out.

"At the present time the Harbour is badly silted up, and this, I think, is partly due to the above-mentioned opening, and partly to the fact that the breakwater does not project far enough beyond the slipway. Moreover, local fishermen complain that the limited length of breakwater entails lack of proper shelter with South West Winds. It will be a troublesome and expensive job to extend this wall, and, therefore, at the present time I do not recommend it. However, I consider the closing of the North West ope and the removal of the silting is now necessary. Also I recommend that the retaining wall to the dumping ground - of loose rubble - be made good with concrete, so as to provide a safe passage to the breakwater at all states of tide. I estimate this work will cost £300."

Col. Gibbon said that as the Department of Fisheries had initiated the work they should be consulted about the matter, and asked for a grant.

The Chairman asked where was the £300 to come from and the Co. Surveyor said they should endeavour to secure a grant from the Office of Public Works.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor's report re Ballyhack Harbour be received and approved and that application be made to the Government for a Relief Grant for the improvement of this Harbour."

In reply to Mr. Cummins the Co. Surveyor said that the Co. Council had not expended any money on Ballyhack as it was not a scheduled harbour. The work had been carried out by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Mr. Cummins - They made a bad job of it. Something was always being done for the farming community, although they were always complaining but nothing done for the fishermen, although this is a maritime County. Since the work was done the fishermen were finding it more difficult than before to get their boats in and out. The Chairman of the Co. Council had seen the harbour

two years ago and he then thought that a Government Grant might be secured for its improvement. The Chairman might see his way to **approach** the Minister for Agriculture and also the Minister for Education as when the silt was removed from the place it would make a splendend playground for the children of the adjoining school.

The Chairman considered that as regards the establishment of playground the matter should come from the local school manager.

Mr. Corish stated his attention had been directed frequently by Mr. Cummins and others to the state of the harbour, and he had made representations in connection with it. The passing of a resolution such as proposed by Mr. Colfer was very desirable, but a great deal more would, in his opinion, have to be done. The first thing that the Minister would ask for would be statistics as to the number of families dependent on fishing, and the returns from the fishing within a year or two. The place was not navigable for fishermen at the moment.

Mr. Cummins - There are at least twenty families, and I might say there would be more if facilities were provided for them.

Mr. Colfer's resolution was then put and passed.

The Secretary said he would endeavour to secure the necessary statistics for presentation to the Government.

MARKET SQUARE, GOREY.

Under date 29th December, 1934, letter was read from Town Clerk, Gorey, that his Commissioners proposed erecting a wall around enclosed area immediately in front of the Weighbridge in Market Square, Gorey, which was their property and on which they proposed erecting pig pens. As the outer wall would be adjacent to the road they requested the permission of the Co. Council for its erection.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he did not consider the proposed work would interfere with

the use of the adjoining road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the application of Gorey Town Commissioners for permission to erect wall around enclosed area in front of Weighbridge in Market Square, Gorey, be approved subject to the wall being erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

CO. REGISTRAR AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Under date 6th December, 1934, the Co. Registrar wrote that on 16th April, 1934, he had applied for further office accommodation, and again on 22nd May, 1934, and 11th October, 1934. Nothing had been done. He wished for an immediate and definite reply from the Council. He had refrained from bringing the matter before his own department but he would have to do so unless the accommodation was provided.

A communication on similar lines under date 4th January, 1935, was also read from the Co. Registrar.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted Counsel's opinion in this matter and which was considered in Committee.

Counsel advised that the Co. Registrar was not correct in his contention that he had full control over the entire County Buildings in part of which the Court premises and offices were situate and that his authority was confined to the latter. He (Co. Registrar) could not compel the Council to vacate any apartment or premises which were used for County Offices. The Council were compelled to provide extra suitable accommodation for the Co. Registrar if he proved it was necessary.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That Counsel's opinion in regard to the demands of Co. Registrar for further accommodation in the County Buildings be considered by the members for Wexford Co. Electoral Area after the meeting of Finance Committee on 18th January, 1935, and they be empowered to decide, if the

"Co. Registrar is entitled to further office accommodation, what rooms they will give him."

TOURIST RATE

Under date 31st December, 1934, the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, wrote applying for the inclusion as in previous years of a Rate or Contribution for Tourist advertising. The letter pointed out that the Tourist Industry had grown from small beginnings to a yearly turn-over of at least £3,000,000 and probably more. More than half of this represented labour and at least a quarter went to farmers. The policy of the Tourist Association had been responsible for increased attention to Road and other public works.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That the equivalent of a rate of one farthing in the £1 on the County at large be included in Rate Estimates of Wexford Co. Council for financial year 1935/36."

Mr. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Association, thanked the Council for their unanimous decision, and for the courtesy which they and the Secretary extended to him every year since they first agreed to a tourist rate ten years ago. Since the Council agreed first to the rate the revenue to the country from tourist traffic had been increased from one and a half millions to four millions. The Council would realise that the expenditure of that large sum went a long way towards the relief of unemployment.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to request the Association to use its influence towards obtaining a State grant for the improvement of the sea-road from Courtown Harbour to Wexford via Blackwater and the Curracloe road.

Mr. Corish said Curracloe road needed attention, and he had brought it before the Executive of the Association.

Mr. Barry stated that the association had brought before the Local Government Department the claims of such roads throughout the country generally, and so far no decision had been arrived at.

On the suggestion of Mr. Cummins, it was, decided to include in Mr. O'Byrne's resolution the roads from New Ross to Fethard.

COMPLAINT BY MOTORISTS

A large^{ly} signed memorial was received from motorists of Fethard, Hook, Ballycullane etc. protesting against what they described as the disgraceful state of the roads in their area and demanding that these roads be attended to in the immediate future.

Mr. J.J. Ryan, Fethard, and M.J. Fortune, Slade, attended as a deputation in the matter.

Mr. Ryan stated that the two roads about which the deputation attended were that from Fethard to Poulfur and that from Campile to The Hook. The first named road led to Poulfur Church, and ^{was} the only one which could be used. But at the present time owing to its bad condition unfortunate people going to Mass had to clear into the ditches like crows from guns in order to avoid being bespattered with mud from passing motors. The road was not fit to put cattle on. Both roads were also too narrow.

Mr. Fortune said the deputation was appointed to bring before the Council the scandalous condition of the roads. They realised the responsibilities of the Council in regard to expenditure of public money, but the ratepayers felt that they had not been treated fairly by the Council in their efforts to maintain the roads in New Ross area. They had been badly neglected for the last ten or twelve years. With the increased activity in tillage and the volume of beet traffic they had become worse, and positively dangerous. Unless something were done with them they would become nearly impassable in a short time. In connection with the Campile road they considered that

fine sea gravel should be used and not rough material, as was being done. It was the considered opinion of the ratepayers that it would be waste of money to steamroll the roads. What they wanted done was re-surfacing. The people were not satisfied with the condition of the material being used on them. Footpaths were also scandalous and completely neglected. Unless something were done the people would leave the roads altogether ~~with~~ ⁱⁿ New Ross District. They heard the Council talking about third class roads, and a lot of people were suggesting that they be made third class ratepayers. They would be quite satisfied if that were done.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer that the County Surveyor should investigate the complaints of the deputation and do all he could to remedy the complaints which had been made.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME

A deputation attended from above Drainage area comprising Major Barnewall, Messrs. N.J. Murphy, O'Neill and Doherty, with reference to establishing a local Committee for the administration of the area under Section 23 (1) of the Arterial Drainage Act 1925.

Mr. Murphy said no matter how sympathetic the Co. Council as a whole would be towards the Drainage ratepayers, local representatives would be more conversant with the needs of the locality. In 1925 the Board of Works spent £1,100 on the drainage without consulting a single ratepayer. The money was practically wasted and squandered. Men who never did a day's work on the land were brought in from Waterford and Kilkenny and as ^{was} natural the results were very poor. He (Mr. Murphy) Mr. O'Neill and Capt. Henehan waited on the Board of Works' Engineer, Mr. St. John, and pointed out to him how little was being done for the money, but they were told to mind their own business. The land was highly valued at 30/- an Irish acre and

it was out of reason to saddle it with any further drainage rate.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Redmond seconded by Mr.Corish:- "That,subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a local Committee consisting of the following be formed under Section 23 (1) of the Arterial Drainage Act 1925:-

County Councillors:- Messrs. Cummins, Colfer, Meyler, Murphy and Walsh, with

Non-Councillors:- Messrs. N.J. Murphy, O'Neill, Doherty, Major Barnewall and Captain Henehan, (The Chairman to be a County Councillor) to administer the Kilmannock Drainage Area."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Applications for use of Gorey Courthouse for a Ceilidhe on the night of the 27th January, 1935, and for annual Dance promoted by Gorey Agricultural Society on the night of 29th January, 1935, were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman on condition that the Committees in each case will be responsible for the building etc. while in their custody and that the premises be delivered up in a clean and tidy condition.

BURGLARY AT LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following under date 14th January, 1935, was read from Mr.C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to report that my Department was entered between Saturday, 12th January, 1935, and morning of January 14th, 1935, and the Safe opened and Cheques to the amount of £127:10s. and Cash amounting to £105:6s. stolen therefrom."

The meeting decided to make no order pending result of investigation by the Garda Síochána and which was proceeding.

DUNCORMACK FLOODING

A resolution was read from Duncormack Fianna Fáil Club suggesting that steps be taken to improve the street in Duncormack village, which became like a strand during a rain-fall. Attention was also directed to the flooding in five

places on the road from Duncormack to Rathangan through which the people and school children had to wade knee-deep.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated he did not see anything wrong with the street or village. Something might be done on the road leading from the village to Rathangan. Some years ago the Council made a small grant with which 1,200 yards of drainage at Gibberwell was done. If that were finished it might cure the grievance.

Mr. Redmond - Could anything be done to abate the flooding. It is very hard on children to have to wade through floods.

Mr. Birthistle stated the road ganger for the area had been instructed to take full particulars of the next flooding.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish to apply for grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote to be applied to obviate the flooding.

BRANCH ROAD KILPATRICK TO CLONES,
CASTLETOWN.

A application for repair of above was received from eight ratepayers. It ran over the sea and was extremely dangerous to travel over as there was only the width of a car provided for travelling surface.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money was available.

BALLYNA LANE, BALLYMURRIN.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan that application for repair of this lane be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes Vote to be considered when money is available.

GRANGE LANE, ROSSLARE STRAND.

A memorial with six signatories was received requesting repairs to the lane at Grange, Rosslare, and pointing out that no material could now be obtained from the foreshore.

Mr. Doyle stated that none of the signatories resided in the lane. They might have bits of land on it. As far as he knew there were only two houses on the lane.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Doyle, it was decided to include the lane in Minor Relief Schemes' List.

BALLYWALTER LANE,
KILMUCKRIDGE.

Three ratepayers wrote calling attention to the bad condition of above lane and asking the Council to have it put into proper repair.

The Co. Surveyor said he always thought this was a private avenue to Ballywalter House.

Mr. Keegan - As far as I know it is. I would not recommend it; it is private property.

Mr. Smyth stated that though the road was a private one a good many ratepayers had land adjoining it.

On the proposition of Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to recommend it for minor Relief Scheme Grant.

BALLYKILLAIN LANE,
PIERCESTOWN

An application from a number of ratepayers to have the above Lane repaired under Minor Relief Scheme pointed out that it was in very bad condition and after heavy rain, children were particularly handicapped in getting to and from school.

Mr. Culleton stated that Very Rev. Father O'Byrne, P.P., asked him to bring the matter before the Council. Father O'Byrne would be very glad if the Council do something with it. There were five or six families concerned and the principal grievance was that children could not get to school in bad weather.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Kelly that the application be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote became available.

COOLAMAIN LANE, OYLEGATE.

Seven ratepayers wrote asking to have this lane, which was about a statute mile in length and used by a large number as well as by those residing on it, put in repair through Minor Relief Scheme Vote.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman it was decided to schedule the application and have the lane considered for repair when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available.

RIGHT OF WAY, KILLENA

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that application for repair of right of way through a lane running from the Main Road at Killena across their farms to Mr. Stephen Doyle's residence at BallinaKill, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

ROAD GOREY TO WICKLOW GAP -
LACKEN HILL

A very largely signed memorial requested the Co. Council to carry out some repairs and improvements on the part of above road called Lacken Hill which was the steepest and most dangerous in the County in addition to being very narrow and with three bad bends.

The Co. Surveyor said it was out of the question to think to cutting the hill but it might be possible to ease the corners when the money would be available.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said that considerable improvement could be effected for about £90.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan to refer the matter to the Co. Surveyor

COOLNALEEN LANE - CAMOLIN.

An application was received for forty cubic yards of material for repair of above lane which was in a very bad condition. They would draw the stones and spread. The lane was used as a Mass path by the people of Monasootha.

The Chairman said it was not legal for the Co.Council to supply material for private lanes.

It was decided to make no order on the application.

TOBERBEG LANE

An application for repair of above lane leading from Cooney's Cross to Gaby's Cross and main road at the turn at the Unyoke, Ballyhought, was on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton, scheduled for consideration for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money becomes available.

OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the officials in Co.Council Offices be informed that all reports and representations which they desire to make must be addressed to our Secretary, as Chief Executive Officer, and must pass through his hands before they will be entertained by the Council

RELIEF SCHEMES WORKS AT KILRANE

The following resolution was received from Tagcoat and Kilrane Cottage Tenants Association adopted at a meeting of that body on 6th January, 1935:-

"That we call on our local Deputies to take up the matter of the appointment of a competent authority other than the Co.Council officials to deal with future grants. The Co.Council was called upon to refuse to permit the services of Co.Council officials."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the resolution of Tagcoat and Kilrane Cottage Tenants' Association asking that the administration of Minor Relief Schemes be taken out of the hands of the officials of the Co.Council be marked "read"."

LADY'S ISLAND COMPLAINT.

Lady's Island Branch, Labour Party and Cottage Tenants' Association, forwarded a resolution condemning the manner in which the Minor Relief Scheme was being administered at Waddingsland Lane. Owing to the very bad state of the lane carters had to halve their loads and therefore could not make a living wage. An increase was refused and a farmer's son was started on the work and the carters in the district were left idle. They asked for a share of the work. They asked the Council to see that the work was distributed properly. The communication also made references to Mr. Birthistle.

The five carters concerned viz. P. Doyle, J. Jackman, W. Tobin, J. Murphy and John Power, complained that a full report of the explanation given by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, had not been published and that it should not have been accepted until the Carters' side had been heard. They supposed that the Carters were thought nothing about only for a few weeks before an Election. They were asked to haul on an old lane on which it was impossible to take more than half a load for ordinary mileage rate. And when they refused a farmer's son who could put three horses and carts on the job and who could afford to work at a cheap rate as he had all his own fodder, was employed.

Mr. Ronan proposed that the communication be marked "read". Such correspondence should not be read.

Mr. Doyle stated he had considerable experience of the manner in which Mr. Birthistle discharged his duties and he should say that he always treated the workers fairly, in fact in some places "petted" them.

Mr. Keegan said letters of that kind should be treated with contempt.

Mr. Culleton, who urged that if an explanation were made again by Mr. Birthistle and it was published it would perhaps

meet the situation. In advancing that suggestion he was not making any accusation against Mr. Birthistle but when a complaint was received by the Council the parties complaining should be considered.

Mr. Corish said that he also found Mr. Birthistle very reasonable. He did not like the language in which the letter was written and certainly would not countenance such a communication. He also suggested that Mr. Birthistle give an explanation in reply to the letter.

Mr. Bowe - On a couple of occasions deputations came here and Mr. Birthistle met them face to face and wiped the floor with them.

Mr. Walsh said the Council would be setting a bad precedent if they take notice of letters couched in such terms.

Miss O'Ryan - There should be some finality. We asked Mr. Birthistle the last meeting for an explanation and the Council unanimously accepted it. If there were a fresh grievance we would investigate it.

Mr. Birthistle - Assistant Surveyor, said Doyle had only a Jennet and could not bring half a load on his cart. He refused a job on the road at 24/- a week although he registered at the Labour Exchange as a Carter and labourer. He (Mr. Birthistle) sent for Jackman but he did not turn up. James Murphy, Milltown, Tagoat, a very good haulier would not go so far away from his home and yet he was one of the Signatories to the complaint. John Power who did a considerable amount of haulage was sent for but he did not turn up. Tobin was generally employed in drawing coal from vessels at the Pier and if he had any of this work he would probably leave the Co. Council job for it as it would pay him better. These men would not work or wanted to work on their own terms.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the explanation made

"by Mr. Birthistle as regards employment of carters, and generally in regard to the manner in which he carried out Minor Relief Work in Kilrane District be considered satisfactory."

ILLNESS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER.

Under date 28th December, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health, wrote (R.RM/32) that any payment the Co. Council made to Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, in respect of his absence on Medical Certificate would be reviewed by the Auditor in due course.

BINDING MINUTES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That quotation from Messrs. John English & Co., Quay, Wexford, at 17/6d. for binding County Council Minutes for year 1934 be accepted."

CATTLE BOUNTIES

The following resolution was submitted from Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture:-

"That now is an opportune time for the Government to reconsider the whole question of the payment of Bounties on cattle exported from An Saorstát with a view to ensuring that the farmers of the Country who raise the cattle get full benefits from such Bounties."
 "And that the total Bounties be increased from £3,000,000 to £4,500,000, that is, the equivalent of the product of the British penal tariffs."
 "Copies to be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, all County Committees of Agriculture and all Co. Councils in An Saorstát."

Mr. Kinsella moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Doyle seconding, said it looked rather peculiar that when licences were given to the dealers the Government gave a bounty of 30/- and now that the licences were to be given to the producers the bounty was being reduced by 10/-. He could not understand why such an alteration was being made. He held the opinion that the producers should be entitled to as much as the dealers. He could not see any justification for the reduction.

The Chairman said he believed there was justification for the reduction. There was a certain amount of money earmarked for bounties, and the number of cattle to be exported was being increased.

Mr. Doyle - It was decided to reduce the bounties before the pact was made. Do not be hedging.

Chairman - There is no hedging; I am always blunt and straight.

Mr. Kinsella - They did away with the bounties on cattle under two years and they increased the levy on pigs. That is not a fair crack of the whip.

The Chairman asked the meeting to reject the motion.

A poll was taken on the proposal with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Doyle, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne and Smyth. (7)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, Ronan and the Chairman. (8)

The following members were not in attendance when the poll was taken:- Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, Day, Gibbon, Lawlor, McCarthy, Quin, Michael Redmond and Walsh. (9).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

D. Allen
11th Jan Feb. 35

