

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING

4TH JULY 1927.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE
SECRETARYFORTVIEW
WEXFORD.

The annual meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 4th July 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs Wm Boggan, P. Byrne, James Cline, Ml. Cloney, P. Colfer, J. Connors, T. Cooney, R. Corish, Ml Doyle, James Gaul, Jas Hall, P. Hayes, Ml Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, J. Pender, Thos Rossiter, James Shannon, Wm Thorpe, James E. Walsh, Col Gibbon and Col Quin *and N.J. Murphy.*

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr Shannon said that for the third time he had the ~~pleasure~~ pleasure of proposing the election of Mr McCarthy (outgoing Chairman). He thought they would agree that Mr McCarthy held the balance at the meetings very fairly and that he had acted impartially for past two years.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded and said they could not make a better selection than Mr McCarthy.

Mr Hayes supported the proposition. Although the Chairman at all times did not vote as the Labour members would wish him, he had to admire him for the manner in which he had upheld his independence as Chairman between parties. Mr McCarthy had held the balance of power fairly and squarely.

Mr Doyle said he had great pleasure in supporting the proposition. As far as his (Mr Doyle's) side of the house was concerned, they had no regrets with regards to Mr McCarthy's chairmanship. He had steered an even keel between both parties and this was the best tribute they could pay him.

Mr Corish also supported the proposition. Everyone would agree that for the past two years Mr McCarthy had carried out the duties of his office with great distinction and ability.

Col Gibbon said he would also like to support the motion. Mr McCarthy had been extremely fair in his decisions and he had

missed very few meetings of the County Council or Committees. They would be all glad to see him continuing in the Chair for the coming year and he thought they were unanimous on the subject.

Mr McCarthy was declared unanimously re-elected.

The Chairman said he thanked the members heartily for their renewal of confidence in him by re-electing him as their Chairman by a unanimous vote. He felt under a deep debt of gratitude to the members for their loyal co-operation and help during the two years he had held the office of chairman, as without the help of the members it would be very difficult for anyone in his position to carry on. He had received every assistance from both sides of the house. The proceedings during the past year had been carried on with great harmony and although differences of opinion were expressed he found a desire on the part of everybody to respect the opinion of other members. Every member had evidenced his desire to do his best for the county and get the best results, and he hoped that next year when they retired they would be in a position to claim that they had worked as economically as conditions allowed them. He wished to express the personal view that three years was too short a lifetime for a County Council. At the expiration of three years a County Council was just beginning to become a useful body. It had then to retire from office and it might happen that a great number of the members would not seek re-election and that others would be defeated at the polls. He thought the life of a Council should be extended to five years. Formerly under the British regime, a three years' occupancy of office was, perhaps, long enough, because no power was vested in Parliament to remove a Council that was not working satisfactorily but the Irish Government had power to wipe out a County Council should it fail in its duty. The object of limiting the period of office to three years was not to give a Council the opportunity of doing anything wrong, but at the present time no Council could go very far wrong because the Government had it in its hands to dispose of them. The Government should therefore

consider the advisability of prolonging the life of Councils. The Government did not want frequent elections and the Dail was quite right in extending the membership of the Assembly to five or six Years. He hoped the present Government would remain in office for the full period as he was sure the country did not want another general election for five or six years. They had heard a lot about the appointing of County Managers, and it might happen that before many years were passed, the affairs of every county would be controlled by County Managers with local bodies acting in advisory capacities. The local bodies might get more powers than an advisory capacity would entitle them to, but County Managers might be appointed in years to come. The work of County Councils was gradually and steadily increasing. Their Council held at present monthly meetings of the general body, monthly meetings of the Roads Committee and fortnightly meetings of the Finance Committee, while some of the members also attended monthly meetings of the Mental Hospital Committee and the County Board of Health. Every year more work was put on members of public bodies, and in coming years it would be doubtful if men would be got to discharge such onerous duties voluntarily as at present. He did not think it necessary to review the work of the past year, as during the year the Press had very faithfully recorded their proceedings and he would like to thank them for their invariably accurate reports. He also wished to thank Mr Frizelle, County Secretary and Mr Barry, County Surveyor for their help and courtesy during the year. They could not have more capable officials in these positions. He also thanked the other officials all of whom he had known to have discharged their duties faithfully and well. He hoped next year when the Council retired they would have done nothing to be ashamed of, but on the contrary they would have a record they would be a little proud of.

The Chairman then subscribed his declaration of office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr Corish proposed the re-election of Col Gibbon (outgoing vice-chairman). He said that any time an opportunity presented itself to him to preside he had done so in a manner befitting

himself and the Council. He was very fair and impartial and he, (Mr Corish) could say for his side of the house that they were perfectly satisfied that Col Gibbon should be elected vice-chairman.

Mr Cloney seconding said he thought Col Gibbon had given every satisfaction when the need arose for him to conduct the business.

Mr Doyle said he wished to support the proposition. He had a good deal of information as to Col Gibbon's worth not alone on the County Council but outside it. He was an asset to the county and could hardly be replaced.

The Chairman said he also wished to support the proposition for Col Gibbon's re-election. He had been an invaluable member of the Council and his advice and assistance on all occasions had been of great worth. He took a deep interest in the country as was evidenced in his interest in the Sugar Beet Factory. There was no doubt that a man like him was a valuable asset to the country at the present time.

The motion was then put and declared carried unanimously.

Col Gibbon said the members had done him a great honour in again electing him to be vice-chairman, and all he could say was that he would do all that was in his power. It was rather a pleasure to work with the present County Council in contrast to some of the other public bodies, and one reason for that was that the attendance at the Council and Committee meetings were generally almost maximum. Very great interest had been taken in the work of the county. Both sides of the house had co-operated in reducing expenditure during the past year and he hoped that before they passed out of office they would, by their attendance and diligence to their work, be able to further reduce the heavy expenditure which was thrown on the ratepayers of their county. The difficulty facing the farmers and everyone in Ireland at present was connected with the cost of living. What cost them 100/- in pre-war times now cost them 180/-. While what the farmer sold for 100/- in pre-war times now brought, according to statistics, less than 140/-. It was 140/-

in England, and in Ireland they were under that. Consequently they had got to find the difference of £2 between 140/- and 180/- somewhere else. That was why it was essential for every member of the Council to do all he could to reduce the cost of living. It was not, he believed, by increasing the cost of the goods they produced that they would find the solution. The main problem was to reduce the cost of living and they would help to do that by working together to reduce the rates.

Mr Doyle said that Col Gibbon had declared the cost of living to be 80% over pre-war cost, but in connection with a discussion in the Dail on bonuses, the Minister of Finance put it down definitely as 90%. If that were the case, he believed that something should be done through the country to get down that cost. He did not know if the Council would hold with the figure of 90%, but that was the statement at headquarters.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

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Finance.

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

That the following be re-elected members of Finance Committee for year 1927-28 to hold office until the appointment of their successors:-

Messrs Thos McCarthy(Chairman), Col Gibbon(Vice-Chairman), Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne, Wm. Thorpe, and James E. Walsh.

Roads.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Rossiter seconded by Mr P. Byrne:- "That the following ~~members~~ be re-elected as members of Roads Committee for 1927-28 to hold office until their successors have been appointed:-

Messrs Thos McCarthy(Chairman), Col Gibbon(Vice-Chairman), William Boggan, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, James Hall, John O'Byrne, James Shannon and Col Quin.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.Finance.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 23rd June 1927 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 23rd June 1927.

Present:-Col Gibbon,Vice-Chairman(presiding),also, Messrs P. Hayes,A. Mernagh and William Thorpe.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

Under date 18th June 1927,a letter was read from Mr T. McCarthy,Chairman,apologising for his absence as he was away from home.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5758-5-2 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was considered.

It was decided that the following Collectors be summoned to next meeting of the Finance Committee to explain the condition of their collections,viz:-P. Donohoe,J. Cummins, C. McCarthy,P. O'Byrne,J.J. Kelly,T. Sutton and M.M. Kelly.

In connection with proposed advances of amounts of poundage,the Local Government Department wrote(G23949/1927/Wex. County)that for the current year the Minister would be prepared to consider quarterly proposals for advances on account of poundage fees on the lines indicated in the letter of the Department under date 4th April 1927. This communication, (G 13352/1927/Wexford County)stated that the Minister would be prepared to consider the authorisation of interim payments of poundage fees on account,in the light of the rates collected,provided satisfactory progress had been made- the balance to be dealt with at the end of the half year.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to apply to the

"Department of Local Government for sanction to the following proposal:- That quarterly payments of poundage fees on 60 per cent of the amount collected and lodged be paid to Collectors, this arrangement not to take effect until the Collectors have collected and lodged 50 per cent of the amounts of their warrants.

Under date 17th June 1927, the Local Government Department wrote (G27769/1927/Wexford County) that the Minister had noted with disapprobation that none of the Co. Council's Rate Collectors had closed the first or second moieties of their warrants. In view of the fact that two months had elapsed since the close of the financial year (31st March 1927) upon which date all Collectors should have closed to comply with the terms of their appointment, the Minister ^{recommended} ~~recommended~~ that the matter be to the Finance Committee with a view to action being taken against a few of the worst Collectors under their Bonds. In the meantime, the sureties of the Collectors should be notified of their failure to close their warrants within the proper time.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Department's letter had been furnished each Collector and his securities.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the Department of Local Government be informed that copy of their letter (G27769/1927 Wexford County) under date 17th June 1927 had been furnished Rate Collectors and their sureties. All collectors who have still 10 per cent and over of their collections outstanding have been summoned to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee for such action as may be decided upon by the County Council on recommendation by the Finance Committee after the latter have had an opportunity of investigating the circumstances in each Collector's district."

CLAIM BY COURTHOUSE KEEPER.

Application by Mrs McNally, County Courthouse keeper, for payment of salary, etc. for year ended 31st March 1927 was referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, for advice.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

In connection with permanent appointment of Miss Doyle as Assistant to Co. Librarian, which had been sanctioned by the Local Government Department for a probationary period of six months, Miss Walsh, Co. Librarian wrote under date 9th June 1927 that the letter of Secretary of Co. Council of 17th May had been submitted to the Library Committee on 8th June when she was directed to state that as the Committee were in direct communication with the Local Government Department in connection with the appointment they did not consider the position of Miss Doyle should be dealt with at present.

Under date 9th June 1927, letter was read from County Librarian submitting a list of the active members of the Library Committee with copy of Minutes of the latter in respect of their meeting of 14th May.

The Minutes of Library Committee having been read, the following recommendation was adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to appoint the following as a Library Committee for the life of present County Council :-

1. Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island: 2. T. McCarthy, Chairman, County Council: 3. E. P. Foley, Crossabeg: 4. Denis Whelan, The Deeps, Kyle: 5. Seumas Doyle, The Bungalow, Ballycarney: 6. R. F. Phillips, N.T. Duncormack: 7. J. F. Heffernan, "Free Press," Wexford: 8. Miss N. O'Ryan, Temcoole, Taghmon: 9. Col Gibbon, Sleedagh, Wexford: 10. Ald. R. Corish, St Ibar Villas, Wexford: 11. Rev. J. Sinnott Adm. Wexford: 12. Rev J. Butler, The Presbytery, Wexford: 13. Rev T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown: 14. Miss Eileen Hore, George Street, Wexford: 15. Miss Fennell, George Street, Wexford: 16. Rev Bro. Carew, Christian Schools, Wexford: 17. Sean O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey: 18. Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe, New Ross: 19. J. E. Walshe 55 South Street, New Ross: 20. J. Kelly N. T. Taghmon: 21. Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan, Bridgetown: 22. Mrs Dowse, George Street, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Treasurer of County Council be requested to agree to overdraft by County Council of £28,000 to the 30th September 1927, and that the Local Government Government Department be requested to sanction this proposal."

RATE COLLECTORS' BOOKS.

It was decided that Collecting books be issued to Rate Collectors who, since last meeting of Finance Committee, have reduced the amount of rates outstanding in their districts to 10 per cent and under.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 23rd June 1927 be received and considered."

Claim by Wexford Courthouse Keeper.

Under date 1st July 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote stating he was of opinion that until the appointment of Mrs McNally as Courthouse Keeper had been terminated, the Co. Council were bound to pay her the amount to which she was entitled for salary, rent of rooms in lieu of the use of apartments she formerly enjoyed in the Courthouse, and also fire and light.

It was decided to hold over payment of amount claimed by Mrs McNally and in the meantime that the County Registrar be written to in order to ascertain who is in a position to dispense with her services should the County Council decide on taking such a step.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, ascertain what person or body is entitled to appoint Courthouse keepers."

Mr Elgee - The Co. Registrar claims that he has power to appoint them.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

In reply to Mr O'Byrne, the Secretary stated that the Library Committee had recommended the first 12 names on list submitted to the Council as appearing on Minutes of Finance Committee as the ^{active} ~~actual~~ members of the Library Committee. The Co. Council had appointed Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Horetown vice Canon Willis, Gorey resigned. The Library Committee had recommended Miss Hore, Miss Fennell and Rev Brother Carew, while the Finance Committee had recommended as the nominees of the County Council (in addition to those already on Library Committee), Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Wm. Thorpe, J.E. Walsh, Co. Councillors, Mr J. Kelly, National Teacher, Taghmon, Miss Kathleen Browne and Mrs Dowse. This would bring the full ~~sixteen~~ strength of the Committee to 22.

A long discussion took place as to the position of Miss Doyle, Assistant to Librarian, after which Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That as Miss Doyle, Assistant to County Librarian has given every satisfaction in the discharge of her duties as Assistant to Librarian we request the Department of Local Government to issue permanent sanction in her case as promised in letter from Department under date 22nd November 1926 (G50189/1926 Wexford Co)."

Mr Corish said he would not vote on the resolution as he was a member of Library Committee.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Clince:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 23rd June 1927 be and are hereby confirmed."

ROADS.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th June 1927 were submitted:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 27th June 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, W. Boggan, R. Corish, James Shannon, Col Gibbon and Col Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report for the month:-

"On the 21st inst. I attended in Dublin with a deputation from the Mount Garrett Bridge Committee to interview the Department of Local Government with reference to a further Grant towards the building of Mount Garrett Bridge, as the funds at present available do not come up to the requirements. The Department Officials will recommend the Ministry to make a Grant equal to 25 per cent of the total cost, but this will leave a further sum of £2,000 to be provided by the Wexford County Council. Full details and figures will be before you at the meeting.

I have been in communication with the Engineer, Fishery Department with reference to Carne Pier so that we may go jointly into the best method of dealing with the repair. I have not yet heard from him in reply, and therefore, cannot as yet report in detail.

The Compressor Plant recently brought to Kerlogue Quarry has been at work under the direct charge of Mr Murphy, Machinery Overseer. Up to date we have not received the further Dollies and fitment necessary to use the special drill sharpener, and accordingly the drills have to be dressed by hand with the consequent delay. With this system of work we are able to put in from 30-35 or so feet per day, and I expect with ~~the~~ the sharpener plant fully at work we will be able to reach close on 60 feet, if not fully 60 feet in

"Kerlogue Quarry, and in most of the other quarries a great deal more. Of course, we have not taken over the plant until the representative of the firm has fully demonstrated its capacity.

I have been in communication with the Insurance Company in regard to our claim for damage by blast at Carriganeagh Quarry, and submit correspondence.

As directed by the Council I notified the builder who tendered for Enniscorthy Courthouse reconstruction that his tender could not be accepted at the full amount owing to our not having funds available, and subsequently I had an interview with him. I now have acceptance of the work at the figure set out by the County Council, subject to some minor alterations in the Specification, and I consider that these should be agreed to.

On the 14th inst. I visited Cullenstown with Mr Kehoe and we interviewed the hauliers there with reference to the matter of dumping ground. This could only be obtained actually on the shore at the far end, and I have arranged with them that the mileage to be covered by the haulage pay should start from this point. I think this is a reasonable arrangement with them and ask for your approval.

On the 14th inst. also I inspected the coast road going to the Hock, which is at present in a dangerous condition, and if not immediately attended to, the road may be carried away. I estimate that the cost of making good, at the present time, will be £60 and I ask to have this amount transferred from the Contingency Fund.

On the 17th inst. the Committee appointed to deal with Rosslare Strand, Buildings, etc. visited Rosslare. There were present Col Gibbon, Messrs M. Doyle, Rossiter, Hayes and Gaul. The Co. Surveyor and Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor were also present. Subsequently the Committee went on to Ballygeary and inspected the proposed new road at Barryville and also the road subject to flooding at Ballygillane.

I have made inspection of Killabeg Quarry with Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor and arranged with him to have the fencing work

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"carried out and he is to settle details with the owner.

I have sanction from the Local Government Department for work in Wexford Urban area. One section of this is directly under the County Council and I am now preparing material for it. The other section-along the quays-is normally in charge of the Harbour Board, and accordingly I have notified the Board of the proposed work and asked for their approval to its going on. I submit correspondence in the matter.

The concrete work on the Enniscorthy-Wexford ^{Road} is now proceeding satisfactorily, and when the second concrete mixer arrives it will proceed at an increased rate. On the 24th inst. I had an interview with Mr O'Brien (Pioneer Company) and we arranged minor details of the work.

With reference to the application of the District Justice for linoleum for floor of Court at Old Jail premises, I find that it will cost up to about £10 to lay this. At the Co. Council meeting there was mention made of this, but no formal resolution passed.

I submit list of proposals for County-at-large works, and ask to have the money transferred from the General proposals against these. The sums are the usual amounts.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor reports to me that Samuel Elmes, contractor for 104R is in default, and that he has notified him that he will take up the road. I ask for your sanction to this.

I have received a number of Road Signs from the Automobile Association, and have postponed erection pending your decision. I find that the mileages set out on these signs are not correct in a number of cases, and moreover, they are not consistent with each other. I submit correspondence with the Automobile Association."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

In connection with the proposed erection of Mountgarrett Bridge, the following letter under date 22nd June 1927 was read from Mr Drew, Secretary, Co. Council, Kilkenny who is acting as Secretary to Joint Bridge Committee:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 17th January last notifying that the contribution of Wexford County Council towards building of new bridge at Ferrymountgarrett had been fixed at £6,562, I have to state that the Bridge Committee, at meeting on the 28th ultimo, provisionally accepted the tender of Messrs John Hearn & Son, Waterford for the construction of the bridge for the sum of £18,839-0-5 subject to the necessary funds being available.

From attached list it will be noticed that the total estimated cost of the work, including Contingencies, Engineers' fees, salary of Clerk of Works and Incidental Expenses, will amount approximately to £22,748, from which should be deducted the promised contribution of the Roads Department. This latter sum was originally fixed at 25 per cent of actual expenditure up to £4500, but following Conference with that Department yesterday, it was ascertained that the limit of their contribution will be removed, and that the Department will be prepared to contribute 25 per cent of the gross expenditure. Assuming therefore, that £22748 are expended the Department's contribution will be £5687 leaving balance chargeable to the respective Councils at £8530-10-0 each.

The Kilkenny County Council has on deposit a sum exceeding £7500, and I have no reason to think that they will not be prepared to find the balance.

As your contribution has been fixed at £6562, an additional commitment of £1968-10-0 will be essential if the work is to be proceeded with.

The question of the Kilkenny contribution will have attention of the County Council on the 4th proximo and the result will be notified you in due course. I have, therefore, on behalf of the Bridge Committee to request you to kindly submit the matter for consideration at next meeting of your Council and to inform me as to what action has been taken in the matter."

The Secretary stated that the £22748-0-5 was made up as follows:-Tender of Messrs J. Hearn & Sons, Waterford £18839-0-5, Contingencies (10 per cent) £1884, Engineers' fees (7 per cent) £1450, Salary of Clerk of Works £375, Incidental Expenses £200.

Continuing the Secretary stated that as the Bank rate was at present $5\frac{1}{2}\%$, a loan of £2000 which the Co. Council would obtain would be calculated for repayment at 5%. The following would be the annual amounts of repayment, viz:- five years of £461-19-10, ten years of £259-0-2, fifteen years of £192-13-9 and twenty years of £160-9-9.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to their Treasurer, the National Bank for a loan of £2000 repayable in 15 years in order to provide for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge in accordance with new plans agreed to by the Joint Committee of the Counties of Kilkenny and Wexford entrusted with the erection of the structure." Passed.

Carne Pier.

Consideration adjourned until report of Co. Surveyor in the matter is received.

Compressor Plant.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we inform Messrs Fleming & Co, Glasgow who have supplied Compressor Plant that the Roads Committee are disappointed at the delay in supplying the full sharpening plant before now, and request Messrs Fleming & Co to supply necessary additional dollies, etc without further delay."

Carriganeagh Quarry.

The meeting approved of the reply forwarded by the County Surveyor to Insurance Brokers in this matter.

Enniscorthy Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor submitted a list of the alterations which Mr Robert C. Williamson, contractor for Enniscorthy Courthouse asked for in order to take the contract at £2881, viz:-
Spraying of concrete roof to be done by Co. Surveyor as contractor would require to hire special plant to carry out this work: Flue linings to be 8" instead of 10": Metal gutters round roof instead

of lead: Water supply to be altered to $\frac{1}{2}$ " to suit Urban Council requirements: Picture rails in rooms of caretaker's premises instead of cornice: 5 per cent retention money, say £150-to be held on completion.

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

That we agree to changes in specification relative to erection of Enniscorthy Courthouse as submitted to this meeting by the County Surveyor except that as regards retention money which we consider should be 10 per cent held for a period of six months." Hauliers Bannow District.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the hauliers concerned were satisfied with the new arrangement.

The action of the Co. Surveyor in the matter was approved.

Hock Road.

The proposal of the Co. Surveyor to expend a sum not exceeding £60 to save this road from being washed away by the sea was approved.

Rosslare Buildings.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col Gibbon:-

"That consideration of this matter be adjourned until report of the Committee appointed to deal with same has been received."

A discussion took place as to what steps should be taken in connection with the attitude of Mr Ml. Kelly, Rexall Pharmacy, Rosslare in not carrying out his agreement with the County Council as regards erection of house at Rosslare.

Col Gibbon proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That no act on be taken at present as regards erection of house at Rosslare by Mr Kelly, Rexall Pharmacy, Rosslare."

The resolution was adopted, Col Quin and Mr Hall dissenting.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until report of Committee had been received.

Wexford Urban Roads -Repair of Quays.

The Co. Surveyor read correspondence with Wexford Harbour Commissioners in reference to expenditure of £5850 Grant from Local Government Department(Roads) for repair of Wexford Quays which are under the control of the Harbour Commissioners. The Co. Surveyor under date 14th June 1927 wrote the Harbour Commissioners that the work would be done otherwise than by contract and would be under his supervision. The Town Surveyor(Mr Hanrahan) would act under the Co. Surveyor and the immediate charge of the job would be in the hands of Mr Birthistle, local Assistant Surveyor. He asked for sanction of the Harbour Board to the work which he intended putting in hands at once.

Under date 22nd ~~inst~~ June 1927, the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Board, wrote acknowledging the letter of the County Surveyor and the specification of the work. The following committee of the Harbour Commissioners had been appointed to confer with Mr Hanrahan in the matter:- Messrs W.H. McGuire, John Browne and James Billington.

The Secretary mentioned that the Co. Council had neither control of or responsibility for this work.

Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

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

"That we protest against the delay which has taken place in carrying out the reconstruction work of Wexford-Enniscorthy road. We consider the amount of work done, viz, about 300 yards of concreting to end of June absolutely disgraceful. That the ~~xxxx~~ attention of the Local Government Department(Roads) be called to this matter and that they be requested to inform the contractors they will be obliged to speed up the work."

Mr Corish considered the contractor should put on two shifts of workmen.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that it might be possible for the contractor to have this done at the Enniscorthy end, but it was not feasible at Wexford end as it would not be possible to have sufficient haulage carried out.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the contractors for reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy road be approached with a view to putting on a second shift of workmen when in a position to do so."

Col Quin proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor procure expert advice in connection with "mix" used for concrete work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road and that proper tests of this "mix", particularly as regards finishing, be carried out by the County Surveyor in future."

Mr Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted
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Road 104R.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That the Roads Committee approve of the suggestion of the County Surveyor to place this road in his charge."

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following amendment:- "That Samuel Elmes, contractor for Road No. 104R and his sureties, Peter Murphy and James Doyle, both of Cushinstown be proceeded against for failure to maintain this road."

A show of hands was taken with the result that four voted for and five against the amendment.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem. con.

Linoleum for Courthouse.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That in view of the proposed reconstruction of Courthouse, no action be taken as regards purchase of linoleum for present Courthouse." Passed.

Proposals County-at-large.

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

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, we approve of the following allocations to County-at-Large:-

Maintenance Roadway over Wexford Bridge	£ 100
Repairs Wexford Bridge	20
Maintenance Roadway over Ferrycarrig Bridge	30
Repairs to Ferrycarrig Bridge	20
Maintenance Roadway over Deeps Bridge	30
Repairs Edermine Bridge	20
Caretaking New Ross Bridge 31/3/27-31/3/28	40
Repairs to New Ross Bridge	100
Maintenance Roadway over New Ross Bridge	40
Caretaking Mountgarrett Bridge 31/3/27-31/3/28	12
Repairs to Kilmore Pier	100
Repairs to Fethard Harbour	10
Repairs to Slade Harbour	15
Repairs to Duncannon Harbour	15
Repairs to Arthurstown Harbour	15
Repairs to County Council Offices	50
Repairs to Courtown Harbour	100
Repairs to Ballyhack Harbour	10.

Sign Posts.

In connection with this matter, the following under date 17th June 1927 from the Co. Surveyor to the Secretary of the Co. Council was read:-

"I have now received a number of Road Signs for the County from the Automobile Association. We have in hands for a long time the posts for the erection of these, and I now find that the signs are not satisfactory. As far back as 2nd August 1926, I wrote to the Automobile Association in connection with this matter, as they proposed altering my figures, etc. I enclose you copy of my letter, and I took it that the Automobile Association would have attended to my recommendations. The signs now sent are not in accordance with my figures, and before erecting them I should have special directions from the Co. Council, as I do not want to be

"held responsible for what I consider inaccurate mileages, and signs inconsistent with each other. Will you please bring up this matter at next meeting of the Roads Committee."

The letter of 2nd August 1926 referred to by the County Surveyor to the Secretary, Automobile Association, pointed out discrepancies of mileages in the signs supplied by the Association

The Co. Surveyor also submitted the following letter under date 20th June 1927 from the Secretary, Automobile Association

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst with reference to the inconsistencies in the mileages. It is evident our mileage is wrong on No. 25 from New Ross to Wexford.

With reference to the others, the order does not permit the mileage to be in eighths, and it would appear that a quarter mile discrepancy has crept in.

Would you kindly erect all the signs that it is possible to do, and if this inconsistency does not show up badly, I am sure it will be agreed to by your Council.

With reference to No. 25, if you will send us this sign back, we will renew it with the correct mileage."

The Chairman proposed:- "That we accept the explanation of the Secretary, Automobile Association in connection with sign posts supplied to this County. That the Co. Surveyor make the best arrangements he can as regards amendment of incorrect figures on these sign-posts." Passed.

ERECTION OF TELEGRAPH LINES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That we consent to the erection of ~~over~~ ^{under} ground telegraphic lines along the road from Ashton House to Talbot Hall, New Ross and from the Post Office to the Civic Guard Station at Campile, the placing of poles in each case to receive the approval of the County Surveyor."

LICENCES FOR PETROL PUMPS.

Under date 13th June 1927, list of persons having petrol pumps installed with position of same was submitted by the Chief

Superintendent, Garda Siothchana.

It was decided that list be submitted to Co. Surveyor for report as to whether all pumps are actually erected on public roads and that his report be considered at next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Applications for erection of petrol pumps were received from the following:- Herbert T. Cocks, 83 & 84 Main Street, Gorey; E.W. Bates, St. Michael's Road, Gorey; Matthew Harte, Campile.

Report in each case stating that the erection of the ~~the~~ pump would not cause any obstruction to traffic was read from the Assistant Surveyors concerned.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That licences for petrol pumps be issued to Messrs Herbert T. Cocks, 83 & 84 Main Street, Gorey, E. W. Bates, St. Michael's Road Gorey and Matthew Harte, Campile in accordance with applications submitted to this meeting and the plans accompanying same. Tanks must not be placed on the public road but must be placed on the applicant's premises. That licences issue when appropriate fee has been paid, and when applicants submit evidence that they have entered into policies of Insurance to cover third party risks."

Col Quin dissented on the grounds that pumps should not be allowed to be erected on public highways.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT - INSPECTORS.

Under date 23rd June 1927, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana reported that Sergeant Scanlan had now been placed in charge of Ballycullane sub-district and Sergeant Murphy in charge of Campile sub-district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Sergeant M. Scanlan(3262) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Ballycullane and Sergeant Arthur Murphy(3430) Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Campile

ERECTION OF HOUSES, ETC.

Under date 11th June 1927, the Co. Surveyor forwarded report from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor with reference to application of J. Walsh as to erection of dwelling house at St. Leonards, Gusserane.

Mr Kehoe considered that the application might be agreed to. The wall of the house would be about 30 feet from the centre of the road and would not obstruct the view. The house would be eight feet further in from the road than the present dwelling house which it was to replace.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

Mr James Connolly, Builder, Priory Street, New Ross wrote on behalf of Mr M. Furlong, Proprietor of Globe Hotel, New Ross for permission to erect a small advertisement on a board or on sheet iron on a short pole on a green patch at the junction of old and new roads from Wexford to New Ross.

It was decided to refuse the application.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD - ROSSLARE STRAND.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 25th June 1927 from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways:-

"Replying to your letter of the 24th June. Before arriving at any decision the Directors obtained a report from their Engineer and very fully considered the circumstances. There is no probability of their agreeing to modify their decision.

It was decided to take no further action in the matter.

ROAD FROM POULMOUNTY TO BALLINABANOUE.

Under date 25th May 1927, the Town Clerk, New Ross wrote:-

"I am directed by my Council to draw the serious attention of the County Council to the condition of the road from Poulmounty to Ballinabanogue- better known as Ballywilliam turn - and to ask them to kindly have it attended to as soon as possible. Owing to its present condition it is feared that vehicular and motor traffic is being diverted to other towns, thereby seriously affecting the trade of New Ross."

The following report under date 24th June 1927 was submitted from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I inspected the above road on the 23rd inst. The surface is very rough and will continue so until a sufficient quantity of good grade material has been put into the surface. I am at present hauling material to the road from Ballynabola Quarry and have made arrangements to improve the worst parts as soon as the haulage is completed."

It was decided that copy of Mr O'Neill's report be furnished New Ross Urban Council.

TAGHMON FOOTPATHS.

A letter under date 23rd May 1927 was read from seven residents of Back Street, Taghmon asking to have new footpaths laid down as had been done in other parts of the village.

The County Surveyor stated that the paths would be laid down as money became available.

GUSSEERANE LANE.

After discussion as regards repair of this lane, it was decided that Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor should inform the parties concerned that the County Council will carry out their promise to supply a certain amount of material if the persons interested will spread this and carry out any further necessary work of repair.

ROAD 152E - CLAIM FOR PAYMENT.

James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, contractor, wrote complaining of the amount of payments which had been made to him for his work on this road.

Having heard the County Surveyor, the Committee decided that Mr Kenny be informed that in their opinion the Co. Surveyor had dealt in a proper manner with the payments on foot of this work.

CLAIM FOR HAULAGE.

Mr T. B. Dunbar, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 17th June 1927 claiming £7-10-0 alleged by him to be due by the Co. Council to Michael Foley, Killanne, Enniscorthy for haulage

from Ballyhyland to Glenglass and stating that he would issue a Civil Bill in the matter unless the money was paid forthwith.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he had written to Mr Dunbar for particulars of claim but these had not yet come to hand.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor stated that he had called on Mr Dunbar for the particulars but they were not available.

It was decided that the matter be adjourned until the necessary particulars had been received by the Co. Surveyor.

SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Under date 24th June 1927, Mr John Murphy, Coolaknickbeg, Oylegate, Hon. Sec. to Sow Drainage Trustees wrote asking that the County Surveyor should inspect the River Sow as soon as possible. The river was in a wretched condition at present. The weeds were actually filling up the whole bed of the stream with the result that the whole district between Ballinkeele Bridge and the Ballagh was flooded. They hoped the Co. Council would see its way to do something to remedy the present wretched state of the place.

It was decided to inform Mr Murphy that as this Drainage Scheme was still under the control of the Board of Works, the County Council were not in a position to interfere.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 27th June 1927 be received and considered."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

Considerable criticism arose in regard to the fact that the tender for the work was £3937 above the Estimate.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Engineers could not be held responsible for the tender which was considerably higher than ~~the~~ was expected but was much below others which had been before the Joint Bridge Committee. The latter were obliged to have the authority of the Councils concerned for covering all possible expenditure and that was why contingencies and other expenditure were put at a high figure. If the Joint Committee expended even £100 beyond the allocations of the Council they would find themselves in a very awkward position.

Mr Doyle considered there had been considerable bungling in connection with the matter.

Mr Hall proposed:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads Committee as regards additional loan for Mountgarrett Bridge. That the matter be referred back to the

Joint Bridge Committee with a recommendation to readvertise for fresh tenders."

Col Quin seconded.

Before a poll was taken on the amendment the Co. Surveyor said it was his duty to point out to the Council that the present bridge was in an absolutely unsafe condition, but as soon as bond for new bridge had been signed by the contractors they would be responsible for the maintenance of the present bridge to deal with existing traffic.

A vote was then taken on the amendment with the following result:- For, - Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, O'Donoghue, Quin, and Thorpe -- 9.

Against, - Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Cloney, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 16.

Mr Murphy was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Compressor Plant.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the requisite additional equipment had arrived last week. The representative of the firm was in attendance at Kerlogue on Saturday 2nd July. They had put down 21 feet in two hours and a quarter at that quarry. Of course this record could not be maintained hour in and hour out, but it showed the capacity of the plant.

Enniscorthy-Wexford Road.

The Co. Surveyor stated that a second concrete mixer would be on the job this day fortnight and a third one within three weeks.

Col Gibbon asked if the Council would be able to keep a third mixer going with the amount of haulage they were able to provide. He also asked what steps the Co. Surveyor had taken to meet that situation and what steps he had taken to test the material which was being put into the road.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the County Council was supplying haulage in connection with one mixer only. The other

two would come directly under the contractors from Brownswood Quarry and the Council had nothing to do with them. They had sufficient material to keep one mixer going: in fact they were ahead of the contractors in that direction. The material on the road was well ahead of where the contractor was laying down the concrete.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Doyle seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Roads Committee, the County Surveyor ask the contractors for the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy road to put on a double shift of men if necessary and that the Co. Surveyor put in a double shift at Kerlogue Quarry in order to provide sufficient material to keep mixers fully ~~employ~~ employed."

Col Gibbon- What steps have been taken to test the concrete?

The Co. Surveyor stated that the cement was tested as was the sand and stone and he did not see what further tests could be made.

Col Gibbon said that the question of accepting a contract for this road had been taken out of the hands of the Council by the Local Government Department with whom the whole responsibility for the work rested. But if the road broke up or anything went wrong it was the Council who would be held responsible. For that reason, he proposed:- "That a Committee be appointed at this meeting for the purpose of inspecting Wexford-Enniscorthy Road and that they report to next meeting of the Roads Committee."

Mr Cloney seconded the motion which was adopted.

It was decided to appoint the following Committee:-
The Chairman (Mr McCarthy), Vice-Chairman (Col Gibbon), Messrs R. Corish, M. Doyle and J. Gaul to meet at Redmond Monument, Wexford on Saturday 9th July 1927 at 10 a.m.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:- "That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 27th July 1927 be, and are hereby approved."

Mr Boggan said that a discussion had taken place at a recent Roads Committee as to roads the sides of which were unduly high, owing to which fact it would never be possible to secure a proper camber. The Co. Surveyor at the time promised he would give attention to the subject, and he (Mr Boggan) wished to know if anything had been done in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor stated that attention was being given so far as was possible and in some cases the sides had been scarified.

Mr Boggan said that in many instances if the stuff taken from the sides was put into the centre of the road a very good job could be done. At Redmondstown (near Wexford), the water was being diverted into the centre of the road owing to the height of the sides. Until his suggestion was carried out they would never have a proper road at this and similar places.

EMPLOYMENT OF MACHINERY.

Mr Hayes complained of what he described as the excessive use of machinery for stone breaking. Some of their permanent staff were put out of employment and he did not think machinery should have been used to that extent and displacing labour. Some consideration should have been given to provide hand-breaking by men of the permanent staff.

The Co. Surveyor stated it was necessary to have machine broken material to a considerable extent, and without the use of machinery in the quarries it would not be possible to obtain the year's material.

FORD OF LYNG.

Mr Doyle asked what was being done in regard of clearing up the question of the liability for cleaning the Sloblands at the Ford of Lyng.

Mr Elgee said he was still in correspondence with Messrs Meldon, Solicitors in the matter of ascertaining the names of the Trustees. He thought he would have been able to obtain the information from the Board of Works but was not successful.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT OF £28,000.

Under date 29th June 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 30595/1927 Wexford County) stating that the Minister sanctioned overdraft not exceeding £28,000 to the 30th. September next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

Under date 30th June 1927 (I.R./107/1) the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote enclosing copy of Order made under Section 29 of Local Government Act 1925, authorising the Council to close to public traffic from 4th July 1927 to the 16th July 1927 (both dates inclusive) the portion of the road between the turn at Moyeady Bridge and the turn at Coolattin for the purpose of repairing Moyeady Bridge.

LIABILITY FOR RATES ON LANDS.

Under date 21st June 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (No.G. 29628/27) (Ilghn-(Gen) forwarding for the information of the Council and their Rate Collectors copy of Section 18 of the Land Act 1927 which passed into law on the 21st May 1927.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of the Section in question to the Rate Collectors for their information.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OFMR PHILIP FURLONG, RATE COLLECTOR.

Under date 24th June 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 29863/1927 Wexford County) that the Minister sanctioned the permanent appointment of Mr Philip J. Furlong as "part time" non-pensionable Rate Collector for the No. 5 Collection District.

Under date 29th June 1927, Mr Furlong wrote that he was satisfied to accept the appointment as "part time" and non-pensionable at Sevenpence in the £ for poundage.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 2nd July 1927, Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor wrote asking for instructions as to the following letter which he had received from Mr M. J. Fim, Town Clerk, New Ross under date 30th June 1927:-

"Referring to previous correspondence relative to the

"maintenance of New Ross Bridge, I shall be glad to know if a separate contract will have to be entered into between the two Councils for this work, as I understand from the Town Surveyor that this was not included in his Estimate of £518 for maintenance of main roads in the Urban District.

You will remember that a contract existed between the Council for its maintenance for financial year ended 31st March 1926.

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

"That the work in connection with the maintenance of New Ross Bridge be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

GRAVEL FROM ROSSLARE FORESHORE.

Under date 29th June 1927, the following letter (MS1447) was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch):-

"I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to state that arising out of a complaint received from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as ~~to~~ to interference with the foreshore in the neighbourhood of Rosslare Fort, it has been brought to the notice of this Department (which is responsible for the control and management of foreshore in Saorstát Éireann) that sand and shingle is being removed in large quantities from the shore at Rosslare, that already an injury is being done to the coast by such removals and that if removals are allowed to continue, much more serious injuries are likely to result. It is understood that at one point there is possibility of injury to a public road.

From enquiries that have been made by the Department it would appear that material is being drawn from this foreshore for roadwork, and on the assumption that this is correct, I am to request that your Council will be good enough to take the necessary steps to ensure that persons engaged on the work of making or maintaining roads will cease to make any further removals of the kind.

I am to add for the information of your Council that in any case where injury is being caused by the removal of materials from the seashore, the Department will be prepared to consider an

"application for the issue of an Order under the Harbours Act, 1814 to prohibit such removals, on the applicants giving an undertaking to enforce the Order. Such an Order was issued some time ago at the request of the Waterford County Council in respect of the shore at Tramote."

The Co. Surveyor said if the County Council was prohibited from taking gravel from Rosslare, road work in the district would be upset. At the present time they had provided for using the shingle from Rosslare strand in connection with the work of widening the Strand Road "Station Lane", as it was called. That work would be held up if they were prohibited from taking the stuff from the strand. He did not believe that what the Council was doing was causing any injury, as they were only taking about 1,000 cubic yards in the year.

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

"That in view of the opinion of our Co. Surveyor, the action of the County Council in procuring material from Rosslare is in no way injurious to the foreshore and we believe this practice of the Co. Council should not be interfered with."

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the road referred to in the letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce was not injured owing to the gravel being taken away. There was a marl bank there with clay on top and there was a tendency to slip in such situations.

PROPOSED FAIRGREEN AT WELLINGTONBRIDGE.

Under date 1st July 1927, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L 2060/27) as follows:-

"The Department desire to draw the attention of your Local Authority to the necessity that exists for the provision of a Fair Green at Wellingtonbridge, one of the new fairs in County Wexford, which promises to be of considerable importance.

A report from one of the Department's ~~Transport~~ Transit Inspectors who inspected the Animal Transit arrangements there in connection with the Fair on the 27th May indicates the necessity

"for the provision of a Fair Green. It is stated that at present the fair is held on the narrow roads, where animals are likely to suffer injury from passing vehicles, etc.

One of the recommendations of the Transit Conference which met at these Offices in the Spring of 1925 was that "animals should not be exposed for sale in the public street," and that "where fair greens do not exist, steps should be taken to have them provided."

The matter is, therefore, one to which the Department attach considerable importance, and they are of opinion that steps should be taken by your Local Authority in the matter of providing a suitable fair green.

It is learned from the Report of the Inspector concerned that a suitable field, the property of Mrs Forrest, Wellingtonbridge would be available in certain circumstances, and perhaps your Local Authority might see their way to take the initial steps to secure the necessary accommodation."

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following:-

"That no action be taken in the matter of providing a fair green at Wellingtonbridge."

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Cooney seconded as an amendment:- "That the question of providing a fair green at Wellingtonbridge be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to advise the Council as to their liability in the circumstances."

On a show of hands, seven voted for and three against Mr Colfer's amendment which on being put as the substantive motion was declared carried.

SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Under date 29th June 1927, the following (L2296/28) was read from the Department of Agriculture :-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd inst, I have hereby to convey the Department's approval to the employment of the undermentioned persons as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the Dipping Periods of the current year, with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week to cover locomotion expenses: the amount spent for

"incidental expenses, viz., postage, to be allowed by the Council:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns: Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy:
Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew: Thomas Prendergast, Knockskemolin,
Oulart: M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure and James Hayden
Corlican, Killurin.

The Department hope, however, that the question of enforcing the Scheme formulated in 1925 will be reconsidered by your Council at an early date."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Michael J. Doyle 70 Main Street, Gorey: Peter Kehoe (James J. Stafford & Sons) South Main Street, Wexford: Frank Daly (Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society), and renewals of licences under said Act to Henry H. Hill, Ballycanew and John Roche, Camolin."

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

Renewal of Cinema Licence was agreed to issue to Patrick Walsh, Cinema, Campile on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

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

"That Garda C. Driscoll (5433) be appointed Inspector of Wexford County Council under Food & Drugs Acts vice Garda Cecil Geary (4660) transferred."

R.D.C. NEW ROSS LABOURERS ACT LAW COSTS.

Under date 22nd June 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that he found the costs of Mr Colfer, Solicitor, New Ross R.D. Council had been lodged for taxation as far back as June 1923 and were awaiting taxation ever since, the Rural District Council having asked Mr Colfer to defer the taxation. He wished for directions in the matter.

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

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor be directed to have the costs ~~taxed~~ of Mr Colfer, Solicitor to late New Ross R.D. Council relative to Labourers' Acts ^{taxed} as soon as possible and that Mr Elgee represent the Council at the taxation."

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME. EXAMINATION.

The following report was presented by the Secretary:-

"The examination for award of three Scholarships and three Bursaries under the Primary Scholarship Scheme of the Co. Council was held on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June 1927 in Christian Schools, Joseph Street, Wexford, kindly placed at the disposal of the Council by Rev. Bro. Markey, Superior, Christian Brothers.

Fifteen candidates sat - thirteen boys and two girls, the Superintendents being Mr J. Topping and Mrs Lyons of the Department of Education.

Two applicants - Nicholas Parle, Duncannon, and Ellen Mary Devereux, Danescastle, Bannow were unable to sit for examination owing to illness.

The results will be furnished by the Department of Education in due course.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Doyle and adopted unanimously:-

"That we express our grateful thanks to Rev. Brother Markey, Superior, Christian Schools, Wexford, for his kindness in placing at the disposal of the Council the Schools at Joseph Street, Wexford, for the purpose of Primary Scholarship Examination."

Under date 15th June 1927, the following (F 13080) was read from the Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of the 13th inst. regarding the question of the admission of Miss E. Bennett, Newtown, Castlebridge to the forthcoming examination under above, I am directed to state that it does not appear to this Department that it is open to your Council to nominate for admission to examination any candidate who does not comply with the conditions of par 2 of your approved Scheme."

COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY.

Under date 17th June 1927, Mr T. J. Kelly, Solicitor, New Ross forwarded letter from Mr R. Richards, Juliamount, Wexford relative to award to him of £5672 for burning of mansion house at Artramon. Mr Kelly pointed out that the Minister of Finance invited the County Council to consider the proposal made by Mr Richards.

In his letter Mr Richards pointed out that as regards the reinstatement clause of the award, if he ~~restored~~ restored the old building it would be altogether too large for his requirements and in the present depressed state of agriculture, it was a ~~propex~~ proposition he would not for a moment entertain. He proposed to expend between £2000 and £3000 on a building suitable for his requirements on the old site and the balance in the erection of suitable ~~mk~~ houses in the neighbourhood of Wexford town. He understood there was a great demand for housing accommodation in the Wexford District and that the provision of such houses would be a great boon to the locality.

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

"That we strongly approve of the proposal of Mr Richard Richards, Juliamount, Wexford as to expenditure of amount of Decree granted for the burning of Artramon mansion house as per the terms of his letter of 5th November 1927 to the Ministry of Finance."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

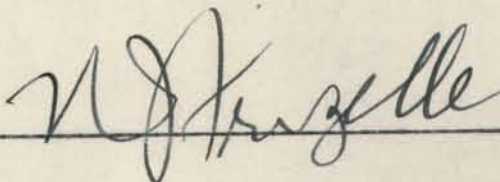
It was decided that next meeting of the County Council shall be held on Monday 8th August 1927.

Adm. Carter
Aug 8th 1927

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford Co.
Council in respect of Annual Meeting held on 4th July,
1927.

(Signed)



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1927.

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