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WEXFORD. COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL MEETING - 8TH JULY, 1931

M I N U T E S.

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A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, on 8th July, 1931, for the purpose of considering the following recommendation of Finance Committee from their meeting of 2nd July.

"That, in view of the fact that Messrs Collen Bros., East Wall, Dublin, whose tenders for road improvement works - Wexford-New Ross Road and Enniscorthy-Buncclody road - were accepted subject to the approval of the Local Government Department, have failed in the case of the first mentioned road to supply the undertaking required by that Department, and as regards the road Enniscorthy-Buncclody are not prepared to carry out the work within the time, viz., by 30th September, 1931, as provided by specification, we hereby recommend the Council to cancel provisional award of these contracts to Messrs Collen Bros., and accept the following tenders, subject to the approval of the Local Government Department, provided that the accepted tenderers are prepared to give the necessary undertakings as to completion of the works in specified time, viz., Pioneer Road Construction Co., East Wall, Dublin, Wexford-New Ross Road T.12, Nos. 20 and 22, amount £10,830,- 16 ft by 4 inch slab with macadam sides, and William Lee, Arklow, Enniscorthy-Buncclody road, T. 16, No. 24, amount £3,400: 1s. - 18 ft by 6 inch slab with clay margin, the acceptance of this tender being conditional on the Contractor being prepared to deal with such extended length of road as will represent the amount of saving on New Ross - Wexford Road between the figures for estimate and accepted contract on said road, and at a pro rata price according to his contract for the original work."

Present:- Mr M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs J. Clince, P. Colfer, John Colloton, J. Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, Col. Gibbon, James Hall, P. Hayes, *Jas Gaul* ~~Thos. Meyler~~, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Mr Elgee, County

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Solicitor were also in attendance.
EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2ND JULY, 1931
The following correspondence was submitted:-

Under date 26th June, 1931, (R/SGH/32) the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant intimating that the Wexford County Council have provisionally accepted the tenders of Messrs Collen Bros. Ltd., East Wall, Dublin, as follows:-

Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road - £3,259: 18: 0d for
18 ft road of 6 inch slab concrete with
clay margin.

Wexford-New Ross Road - £10,094 for
16 ft road of 4 inch slab with macadam sides.

It is to be noticed that in the latter case an addition is to be made in respect of the item tendered for at 40/- each, gateways, etc., (page 18, Bill of Quantities). An examination of the tender shows that the difference in cost between making up the sides in macadam and extending the 4 inch slab to the full width of 18 feet is only £311. Furthermore, as the tender is about £2,000 less than the estimate, the Council would do well to consider the advisability of extending the concrete work the full 18 feet.

Having regard to the observation made by Messrs Collen Bros., on their tender for the Wexford-New Ross Road that the time allowed for completion of the work is insufficient, the Council should obtain confirmation from them that they are prepared to abide by Clause 7 (Time Limit) of the General Conditions of Contract and to execute a bond accordingly. Having regard to the period that now remains for the completion of the work, it is not possible to afford much time for negotiations, and if Messrs Collen Bros. are unable to give the necessary confirmation, the Council should award

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the contract for the Wexford-New Ross road to the next lowest firm of tenderers, provided that the latter give the necessary assurance as to completion. Provided that the confirmation required from Messrs Collen Bros., is obtained, the Minister sees no objection to the Council's accepting their tender.

The several tenders received are returned herewith."

The County Surveyor held as regards the amount for gateways that as this was not brought into bill it should not be included in the tender, and the Local Government Department had been so informed.

Under date 29th June, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/SGH/32) (Roads) that the item of 40/- each in respect of gateways etc (page 18 Bill of Quantities) was clearly an extra over and above the sum of £10,094.

Under date 27th June, 1931, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to the letter from the Local Government Department (R/SGH/32) - 26th June, 1931, I beg to point out that there was an exhaustive discussion at the County Council meeting on the 23rd instant in regard to the alternative Tenders for 18 ft and 16 ft slab. I, personally, recommended adoption of 18 ft slab, but the County Council, on a division by 14 to 10 decided to adopt 16 ft slab with macadam margins. The reasons influencing the Council were that the 16 ft slab on this road would be quite as efficient as the 16 ft slab on the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road, and that the wider margin between the fences would be of more utility for cattle and animals passing along the road.

In regard to the item for making good gateways, which though priced in Messrs Collen's Bill is not brought into total, I wish to point out that in "Particulars of Work", Clause 1 of the General Conditions in Specification, on page 6, it requires that the "Tender should be at a lump

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sum", The Contractor in putting in his tender, page 19, omitted this figure, and accordingly, I did not add any item for the work ; as I take it that the **cost** would be covered under Preliminary Expenses in Bill of Quantities. Under these circumstances, I do not think it necessary to make any alteration in the Contractor's figure."

Copy of this letter was furnished the Local Government Department (Roads).

Under date 27th June, 1931, the County Solicitor wrote Messrs Collen Bros. as follows:-

"Referring to your Tender for the above work (Wexford-New Ross Road) which was submitted to and considered by the Wexford County Council at their meeting held on the 23rd inst., I have been instructed to ascertain from you, whether having regard to your note on the margin of the tender to the effect that the time allowed for the completion of the work was insufficient you are prepared to abide by Clause 7 of the Specification which provides that the work shall be completed on or before the 1st day of November, 1931, and execute the Contract and Bond accordingly.

An answer by return is imperative as it is necessary to start the work at once."

The following under date 2nd July, 1931, was also read from Mr Elgee:-

"As instructed I wrote to Messrs Collen Bros. whose Tender for the above road had been accepted by the County Council, asking them if they were prepared (having regard to the note which they had placed on their Tender that they considered the time allowed for the work too short) to abide by clause 7 of the Specification and complete the work on or before the 1st November next, and I now send you a copy of a letter received this morning from them from which you will see, that they are not prepared to abide by Clause 7 of the Specification, but would undertake to complete the work

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within six months from the signing of the Contract.

Re/ Trunk Road Enniscorthy to Bunclody

They state that they are prepared to carry out this Section of the Work in four months from the signing of the Contract, the penalty in each case to be £10 per week for delay.

As neither of these conditions come within the provisions of the Specification it is now open to the County Council to reconsider the matter, and if thought advisable accept any other Tender for the work."

The following under date 1st July, 1931, is copy of letter from Messrs Collen Bros. to Mr Elgee:-

"In reply to yours of the 27th ult., re above, we beg to say that we would not be prepared to abide by Clause 7 of the Specification, which provides that the work shall be completed on or before the 1st day of November, 1931, but we would undertake to complete this work in six months from date of signing Contract.

Re/Trunk Road Enniscorthy to Bunclody

We would be prepared to carry out this Section of the work in four months from date of signing Contract, and penalty in each case should be £10 per week for delay."

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That, in view of the fact that Messrs Collen Bros., East Wall, Dublin, whose tenders for road improvement works - Wexford New Ross Road and Enniscorthy-Bunclody road - were accepted subject to the approval of the Local Government Department, have failed in the case of the first mentioned road to supply the undertaking required by that Department, and as regards the road Enniscorthy-Bunclody are not prepared to carry out the work within the time, viz., by 30th September, 1931, as provided by Specification, we hereby recommend the Council to cancel provisional award of these contracts to Messrs Collen Bros., and accept the following Tenders, subject to the approval of the

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Local Government Department, provided that the accepted tenderers are prepared to give the necessary undertakings as to completion of the works in specified time, viz., Pioneer Road Construction Co., East Wall, Dublin, Wexford-New Ross Road T 12, Nos. 20 and 22, amount £10,830, - 16 ft by 4 inch slab with macadam sides, and William Lee, Arklow, Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road, T. 16, No. 24, amount £3,400: 1s. - 18 ft by six inch slab with clay margin, the acceptance of this tender being conditional on the Contractor being prepared to deal with such extended length of road as will represent the amount of saving on New Ross - Wexford Road between the figures for estimate and accepted contract on said road, and at a pro rata price according to his contract for the original work."

In reply to a query the Secretary stated that the figures of the lowest and second lowest of the tenders in the case of each road in question were as follows:-

Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road: Messrs Collen Bros., £3259: 18: and allowing £40 for gateways £3299: 18: Od.

W. Lee, Arklow, £3,400: 1s. Difference in favour of Collen Bros. £100: 3s.

Wexford-New Ross Road: Messrs Collen Bros. £10,094 and allowing £150 for gateways £10,244. Pioneer Road Construction Co., £10,830. Difference in favour of Collen Bros. £586.

The following after discussion was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr D'Arcy and adopted unanimously:- "That the recommendation of Finance Committee from meeting of 2nd July, as to acceptance of tender of Mr Wm. Lee for work on Enniscorthy Bunclody Road at £3,400: 1s. be accepted provided that written undertaking be received from William Lee that he will carry out the work within the time specified plus an extra 16 days - the period which elapsed between the date of meeting of County Council of 23rd June, 1931, when tenders were first considered, and the present special meeting - and also that he is prepared to carry out the work on extra length provided by the saving

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on amount of Estimate for Wexford-New Ross Road within the time specified ~~by~~ for same by County Surveyor.

"That the tender of the Pioneer Road Construction Co. East Wall, Dublin, at £10,830 for improvement work on Wexford - New Ross Road be accepted on the understanding that this Company furnishes an undertaking to complete the work within the specified time plus an extra 16 days the period which elapsed between date of meeting of County Council of 23rd June, 1931, and present special meeting."

"That Local Government Department be requested to approve these proposals, and that our Solicitor take all necessary steps to have Bond and Contract signed as soon as possible."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow extension of present overdraft accommodation to £34,000 until such time as full Agricultural Grant viz. £19,754 (for period ended 30th June, 1931) comes to hand."

USE OF WEXFORD TAR

Mr Gahl said it was very unfair that the Ministry for Local Government compelled them to get the tar required for the dressing of their roads from the Dublin Alliance Gas Co. when as good an article and at a lower price was available at Wexford Gas Works the Directors of which had gone to the expense of erecting a de-hydrating plant. He moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr D'Arcy and adopted:-

"That representations be made to the Minister for Local Government to allow this Council to utilise Wexford produced tar for dressing roads. It was quite as good an article as was supplied through the Trade List and could be purchased at a lower price. In view of this and the fact that its

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manufacture afforded considerable employment we ask the Minister to agree to this request."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

The County Surveyor said that in his opinion it would be dangerous to leave the abutment on the Enniscorthy side of Ferrycarrig Bridge to remain any longer in its present condition. He had been in correspondence with Mr Delap, Engineer, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton St., Dublin, who had examined and reported on the bridge generally in 1926 and had received the following letter from him under date 4th July, 1931:-

"We will be very glad to undertake the preparation of plans, specification, etc., for the work you mention on Ferrycarrig Bridge. Our fees would be the usual 5 % on cost of work, plus 1½ % for Bill of Quantities, with of course actual out of pocket expenses. As regards the latter, our practice is to charge mileage at 6d a mile or 1st Class railway fare, which ever is least.

"If you are to be in Dublin shortly, will you let us know date, and come in and discuss matters; but I think it is essential that we should study the problem afresh on the spot, so will arrange for an early visit. We could not get down for a week or ten days, and if you are not to be in Dublin before then we will give you a few days' notice and hope to see you on the bridge."

The County Surveyor said that in his previous report Mr Delap stated it would cost about £500 to repair the abutment. It would probably cost more now as the piles were damaged.

The Chairman asked if the County Surveyor could not take the matter on his own shoulders.

The County Surveyor said it was a specialist's job and he did not like to tackle it. The design of the bridge as regards the abutment was faulty.

Mr Gaul moved that the services of Mr Delap be retained to examine the abutment of Ferrycarrig Bridge on the Enniscorthy

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side and report to the Council on the terms of his letter of the 4th July, 1931.

This proposal was not seconded.

The Chairman moved and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to examine and report to next meeting the condition of abutment of Ferrycarrig Bridge (Enniscorthy side) with recommendations as to its repair. That if considered necessary the question of the employment of Mr A.D. Delap, Engineer, Dublin, to examine this Bridge be considered at meeting at which the report of County Surveyor in this matter is considered."

McGinnis
27 July 1931

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MONTHLY MEETING - 27TH JULY, 1931.

M I N U T E S .

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th July, 1931.

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Col.C.M.Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P.Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, R.J.Ennis, Thomas Cullen, Patrick O'Neill and J.F. Birthistle.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded a resolution moving Colonel Gibbon to the chair and which he occupied during the confirmation of the Minutes of ordinary meeting of the 23rd June, 1931, and of special meeting of 8th July, 1931, after which Mr Doyle (Chairman) presided for the rest of the meeting.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £13,307: 7: 11d Ordinary Account and £21,377: 15: 0d (Public Bodies Transfers) were examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION

The State of Rate Collection up to 27th July, 1931, was submitted as follows:-

Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1. James Quirke	12.4
2. John Curtis	12.1
3. Patrick Nolan	11.0
4. Sean Gannon	10.4

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<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected.</u>
5. Thos. Rowe	10.1
6. J.J.O'Reilly	9.2
7. W. Doyle	8.1
8. Joseph Cummins	8.1
9. Patrick Carty	8.0
10. M. McCarthy	7.4
11. W. Cummins	7.0
12. P. O'Byrne	7.0
13. Art Dunne	6.8
14. T. Bolger (No.14)	5.2
15. J. Deegan	5.0
16. T. Bolger (No.12)	4.6
17. Jas. Quirke (No.2)	4.6
18. P. Doyle	4.4
19. J.J.Sinnott	4.0
20. E.J. Murphy	3.3

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee: The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th June, 1931, were submitted:

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th June, 1931.

Present - Messrs James Hall, James Shannon and John J. Culleton.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,596: 16: 11d was examined and signed.

CONTRIBUTION COST OF FIDELITY GUARANTEE
BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to contribute £3 towards the cost^{of} Fidelity Guarantee Bond for period ended 31st May, 1931, of the following Rate Collectors who are paid at the rate of 5d in the £ or whose remuneration from poundage does not exceed £150:- Patrick Carty, Art Dunne, Wm. Doyle, M.M.Kelly, Sean Gannon, Thos. Rowe, P. O'Byrne, John Curtis, P. Nolan, and M. McCarthy.

~~County Hall, Wexford, in the same condition as obtains now.~~" 4

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT.

The Local Government Department wrote under date 6th June, 1931 (G.43968/1931 - Loch Garman Fa.) sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £28,000 upon the accounts of the Wexford Co. Council up to the 30th inst - and not exceeding £20,000 as from the 1st proximo to the 30th September next, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

CONTINUED ILLNESS OF MR JOHN KEHOE,
ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The question of further sick leave to Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was considered and it was decided to recommend the Council in respect of any period of leave beyond the 27th June, 1931, that Mr Kehoe should be paid at half salary, the other moiety being paid to Messrs O'Neill and Bir-thistle, Assistant Surveyors, (who are carrying out the work in Mr Kehoe's District) in proportions to be fixed by the Co. Surveyor.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

In connection with the refusal of County Council to recognise Elizabeth Mary McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal, as eligible to compete for University Scholarship on the ground that her mother who is a teacher should be in a financial position to provide University training for applicant, Mrs McAuliffe wrote forwarding her Income Tax Notice of Assessment showing that her total income was £193:10: Od. She said she had to put a goodly portion of her income aside each month to meet old debts which accumulated while she was bringing up 11 children, their father having died in 1914. Her salary then was only £51 per annum.

It was through the kindness of the Nuns she was paying a reduced pension for the secondary education of her daughter, the applicant. She was ~~near~~ the age limit for retir-

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ing and it would take her all the time she would be teaching to clear off what money she owed the Convent. A son of hers who was not strong was at home unemployed.

The Committee, after consideration, considered it inadvisable to make a recommendation to the County Council as regards altering their decision in this case.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That in view of reports of Teachers we recommend the renewal of Secondary School Scholarships to the following:- Danl. F. Butler, James M. Druhan, Jas. Donnelly and Richard McDonnell (St. Peter's College, Wexford); Johanna Cooney, Mary E. Doyle, Kathleen F. Donnelly, Katie Doyle, Margaret M. O'Neill, and Mary A. Ronan (Loreto Convent, Wexford); Mary C. Daly (Loreto Abbey, Gorey) This proposal to be subject to sanction of Department of Education."

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Letter from the Secretary to the General Council of Co. Councils as to submission of matters for consideration at annual meeting on 5th August, 1931, was adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee.

ADMINISTRATION BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

The following under date 8th June, 1931, (L.1792/31) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant relative to the resolution regarding the administration of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926 which was adopted at their last meeting by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council, I have to state that the Department for the reasons indicated in their communication of the 6th ultimo, regret they are unable to reconsider their decision in the matter."

No order.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the

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Chairman seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That the necessary benches for ex-officio Inspectors of Weights & Measures be provided in the various Courthouses, to the same pattern and at same cost as bench supplied in Enniscorthy Courthouse."

CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Culleton and adopted:-

That the seal of the County Council be attached to the agreement between Wexford Co. Council and Mr Thos. Jefferies as to supply of road material from Carrigbyrne Quarry."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Application was received from District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, as to proposed Committal to an Industrial School of William and Matthew Nolan, formerly of Yoletown, Taghmon, to an Industrial School. The mother was dead and the father was undergoing a term of imprisonment for cruelty to the children.

The District Court Clerk Wexford wrote as to proposed committal of Mary Ellen Leary of Ramsgrange to an Industrial School.

Referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th June, 1931, be received and considered."

The various items having been dealt with the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 18th June, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed, and that as regards the supply of work benches for Inspectors of Weights and Measures the County Surveyor be instructed to keep the cost as low as is possible."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd July, 1931, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd July, 1931.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, John Culleton, Thos. McCarthy, and James Shannon.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,165: 6: 6d was examined and signed.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 24th June, 1931, Messrs Hodkinson and Sons, Henry Street, Limerick, wrote that they noticed the Council was short of money for painting New Ross Bridge. They would be pleased to give an estimate for same and to accept payment over three or four or more years. They were known in Wexford as they had decorated the Friary Church, also Grantstown and Ballymitty etc.

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

"That Messrs Hodkinson and Sons, Ecclesiastical Decorators, Limerick, be requested to furnish an estimate for the painting of New Ross Bridge, and which will be presented to the County Council with copy of their letter agreeing to hold over payment for a number of years in the event of their quotation being accepted by the Council."

RATE COLLECTION.

State of the Rate Collection up to the 30th June, 1931,
was submitted as follows:-

J. Quirke.....£345: 6: 2d

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T. Rowe	£212: 15: 11d
P. Carty	£186: 13: 6d
P. O'Byrne	£113: 18: 9d
W. Cummins	£104: 16: 4d
A. Dunne	£102: 8: 2d
P. Nolan	£101: 18: 10d
J. Deegan	£97: 0: 0d
J. Curtis	£78: 6: 8d
J. Cummins	£60: 1: 7d
J.J. Sinnott	£57: 2: 5d
M.M. Kelly,	£33: 11: 3d
P. Doyle	£32: 7: 6d
Sean Gannon	£27: 9: 8d
T. Bolger	£10: 15: 5d
T. Bolger	£8: 13: 11d

Collector M.M. Kelly: In connection with the resolution of last meeting of the Committee that consideration of the action of this Collector in with-holding the sum of £33:11:3d should be adjourned to the present meeting the following letter read at the last meeting of the County Council was considered:—

"With reference to your letter of the 19th inst. re a report from me, I wish to state that in the case of John Cullen, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, the beast in question was not seized. When myself and Mr Donovan visited the place and found the heifer on the land we were going to seize it, but Miss Cullen asked Mr Donovan to purchase the animal and he did so. He had not the money available to pay for it at the time, and the warrant was closed by the time I got the money. In the case of Jas. Murphy, Tommalosset, this money was paid through Mr Donovan and not received by me until after the warrant was closed. In the other cases I had no receipts to give as they were taken up by the Rate Inspector, and carried to next year's warrant."

After the discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by Mr Shannon:—

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"That the Finance Committee view with grave disapproval the conduct of Collector M.M. Kelly (No. 6 District) in withholding £33: 11: 3d of rate money collected by him on the ground that official receipts were not available at the time this sum was collected. In the circumstances we request the Local Government Department to allow him to continue in office provided he can furnish a fidelity guarantee bond from an approved Insurance Company or a renewal receipt for present Bond by next meeting of the Finance Committee."

The following under date 23rd June, 1931, (G.49282/1931 Fa Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., and to state that he sanctions the appointment of Mr Sean Cannon as temporary Collector in the No. 6 District subject to adequate security being provided.

As regards Collector Kelly, I am to state that the Minister will await the outcome of the Council's further consideration of the case and the procedure indicated in this Department's letter of the 20th instant."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That in the event of Collector M.M. Kelly, not being continued in office after the next meeting of this Committee we appoint Collector Cannon as temporary collector in No. 6 District for the collection of warrant for financial year 1931-32 provided he furnishes additional security from Guarantee Society in the sum of £450 with additional ^{personal} security in Bond of £100.

Supervision of Collectors of Local Revenue: The following under date 26th June, 1931 (G61-31) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has been concerned to learn

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that a number of cases of misconduct on the part of collectors of rates, &c., have recently been reported - in some actual embezzlement having occurred. The circumstances point to ineffective checking and I am to request that you will be good enough to prepare for submission to the next meeting of the Council and the Minister a report on the existing arrangements for this purpose in the County together with your personal observations as to the effectiveness or otherwise of these arrangements.

In this connection special attention should be given to the terms of my circular of 24th August, 1928 (copy enclosed) and also to the terms of Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order. From the terms of this Article it will be noted that County Councils are required to appoint one or more Rate Inspectors for each health district. Selected centres for the attendance of collectors and fixed dates for the purpose should be arranged. The Rate Inspector will of course be allowed reasonable locomotion expenses for visiting outlying centres and as his duties if properly carried out may involve occasional visits to ratepayers appearing as in arrear he should be allowed travelling expenses for such purposes. In my Circular of 7th October, 1925, it was recommended that by arrangement with the Board of Health the Rate Inspector should also be entrusted with the checking of rent collection for the Board and the obvious economy of this course requires no stress. The duties of Rate Inspectors are outlined in Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order. In the event of a Rate Inspector being at any time incapacitated the duty of ensuring that checking is properly carried out will devolve on the County Secretary as chief executive officer. Some Councils have appointed a number of part-time Inspectors but the Minister doubts that such arrangements have proved effective and experience indicates the appointment of whole-time officers to be preferable as well as an ultimate economy. In this connection moreover the terms of the Bonds by which most Rate Collectors are now secured

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should not be overlooked - the danger of vitiating such bonds through lack of efficient rate inspection being considerable.

The Minister directs me to take this opportunity of impressing upon County Secretaries that their responsibilities as chief executive officers imposes upon them the duty of advising their Councils to the best of their abilities as to the character and suitability of any new collectors it may from time to time be found necessary to engage."

Circular letter from Local Government Department of 24th August, 1928, (G 59042/1928 Ilgh (S.) was also read for the meeting.

The Secretary reported as follows:-

"A Rate Inspector is in charge of the checking of the accounts of the Rate Collectors of this Council. Fixed dates for checking for each fortnight have been arranged, and the checking is carried out at the stations selected by the Council, viz., four courthouses of the county. Under the present system it is difficult to suggest improvement: it would greatly minimise the risk of fraud if Ratepayers would co-operate with the Council and insist, on all occasions, in receiving the official receipt for all rate payments."

This report was approved.

Collector J. Cummins and Irish Discount Co: The following under date 23rd June, 1931 (G 48992/1931/Fa Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the Minute of the Wexford County Council of the 8th instant regarding the institution of proceedings in the Dublin District Court against the Irish Discount Co. Ltd. for poor rates, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council should satisfy themselves by consultation with their legal adviser if necessary that any rates in respect of which it is proposed to institute court

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proceedings are in fact recoverable - due regard being given to the terms of Section 19 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act 1849.

If the Council's position in this matter is clear the Court will presumably charge the costs to the defaulting ratepayer but in the event of an adverse decision due to causes outside the control of the collector the question or costs might receive further consideration."

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

"That copy of letter from L.G.D. under date 23rd June, 1931 (G.48992/1931 Fa Loch Garman) be furnished Messrs J.A. Sinnott and Co., Solicitors, for Collector J. Cummins for their observations."

Rate of Poundage of Rate Collectors for current warrant: The following under date 20th June, 1931, (G.47369/1931/ Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. regarding the poundage of the Rate Collectors in respect of their warrants for the current financial year, and to state that he considers that the Council's proposal should be reconsidered and that they would do well at this stage to announce that they would not grant any increased poundage to any Collector who does not fully account for his warrant by the 31st March, 1932. The reduced assessment will obviously facilitate the work of the Collectors who, (granted diligence of effort) should experience little difficulty in collecting the rates within the financial year."

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

"That as regards the proposal to allow Collectors poundage on the amount of last year's warrant, we consider the Council should point out to the Local Government Department, that

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so far as Wexford County is concerned the date for the closing of the Collector's accounts viz., 31st March and 30th September in each year are most unsuitable, and the collection would be dealt with more expeditiously if closing dates in each case were extended to 31st May and 30th November. Having regard to this fact we request the Local Government Department to allow full poundage in accordance with the proposal of the Council to be paid Collectors who lodge full warrant by the 30th April, 1932."

FIRE EXTINGUISHING APPARATUS FOR
COUNTY HALL.

The County Surveyor submitted a number of quotations for fire extinguishing apparatus, and pointed out that these varied so much and the designs were so diverse that it would not be possible to give comparative figures.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by the Chairman - Mr O'Byrne dissenting:- "That the Council be recommended to accept the quotation of Messrs Simonis Ltd., 32 Alfred Place, London, for supply of fire extinguishing apparatus as recommended by Mr J.C. Hutson, late Captain Pembroke Township Fire Brigade at £20: 12: 0d."

REPORT ARBITRATION COUNTY COUNCIL AND PIONEER
ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

The following report of arbitration proceedings in the above was read from the Arbitrator, Mr J. C. Courtney, B.E.M.Inst.C.E.I. County Surveyor, North Tipperary, under date 19th June, 1931:-

"As requested I held a Court of Arbitration in Gorey on 21st May 1931 into the dispute between the Pioneer Road Construction Limited and the Wexford County Council as to the quantity of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " stone which was produced during the resurfacing of the Gorey-Courtown Road in cement-bound macadam and which the County Council should take over from

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the Contractor @ ^s7/- per cubic yard in accordance with Clause 22 of the specification for the work.

Evidence was submitted by both sides in a very fair manner. The Contractor's claim against the Council is for 3,145 cubic yards @ ^s7/- per cubic yard, while the Council's representatives estimated the quantity at 1,224 cubic yards.

It became obvious very early in the proceedings that the County Council's representatives would not accept the Contractor's method of measurements, and that the Contractor refused to accept the County Surveyor's estimate of the stone in the Quarry at the commencement of the work, or of the quantity drawn away during the progress of the work as there was no agreed measurement of the stone in the Quarry at the commencement of the work nor of the stone taken away during the progress of the work. Since both parties submitted their figures in all good faith I cannot accept one set of figures as against the other and accordingly I propose to examine the whole position in the light of my experience of such work and determine what quantity of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $3/4$ " stone would ordinarily be produced in this type of work.

I base my calculations on the following facts which are not in dispute:-

- (1) The length of the road is 4971 yards
- (2) The width of the road is 16 feet
- (3) The average thickness is 5". The County Surveyor agreed that this was a reasonable figure based on a thickness of 6" at the sides, and 4" at the centre.
- (4) The area of the work is 26,512 sq. yards.

On examination I find the specific gravity of the stone to be 2.7 giving a weight of 168.6 lbs per cubic foot in the solid, and a weight of 24.3 cwt. per cubic yard loose

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assuming 40 % voids.

My experience of other works has shown that, in general, 1 ton of stone will cover approximately 5.8 square yards of road 4" thick and on that basis 1 ton of stone would cover 4.64 square yards at 5" thick.

The evidence submitted by the County Surveyor showed that the Contractor was using small stone contrary to specification up to the 3rd September 1930 and that the length of road loaded with this mixed stone was 2,000 lineal yards. The Contractor disputed this figure of 2,000 lineal yards, but did not submit evidence of any definite length. Accordingly I accept the County Surveyor's figure for this and I find that it agrees very approximately with the figure found by taking the number of days crushing up to the 3rd of September and the number of days after. The County Surveyor, however, when making deduction for this stone estimates that all the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " stone was used while the Contractor's return shows that his output of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " stone during this period was approximately one half of his output during the remainder of the work. I will therefore take it that half of the small stones produced before the 3rd of September were allowed to go into the first 2,000 lineal yards of the road and that only $2\frac{1}{2}$ " stone was used for the remainder.

As regards the percentage of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " stone my experience is that approximately 40 % of the stone passing through the crusher would be less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and of this 5% would be dust leaving 35 % of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " stone. This agrees approximately with the County Surveyor's evidence of his experience and with the statement from the Balleece Quarries Company handed in by the Contractor.

Dealing then separately with the two portions of the road I estimate that for the 2,000 lineal yards of road 2,300 tons of stone would be required and allowing that in

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THE production of this there was $17\frac{1}{2}\%$ of $1\frac{1}{2}"$ and $3/4"$ stone left over to the County Council I find that 520 tons of 428 cubic yards of $1\frac{1}{2}"$ and $3/4"$ stone was left over on this portion. In the remaining portion of the road, 2,971, lineal yards, the quantity of stone required would be 3415 tons and in the production of this 35% of $1\frac{1}{2}"$ and $3/4"$ stone amounting to 1992 tons would be produced yielding 1640 cubic yards. This makes a total of 2,068 cubic yards of $1\frac{1}{2}"$ and $3/4"$ stone.

I therefore consider that the Contractor should be paid for this amount of stone @ $7\frac{1}{2}$ /- per cubic yard."

The report gave the Contractors £376: 19: less than they claimed and decided that the Council should pay £295: 8: 0d more than they offered.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "We recommend the Council to pay to the Pioneer Road Construction Company the sum of £723: 16s. on the findings of the Arbitrator in the arbitration proceedings relative to the dispute as to the value of the stone left in Gorey Hill Quarry and taken over on behalf of the Council on the termination of improvement work on Gorey-Courtown Road.

"Also that the Council pay Mr Courtney half arbitration fee, viz., £10: 10s. the Pioneer Road Construction Company to be responsible for the other moiety."

TENDERS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

The following under date 26th June, 1931, (R/SCH/32) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant intimating that the Wexford County Council have provisionally accepted the tenders of Messrs Collen Bros. Ltd., East Wall, Dublin, as follows:-

Enniscorthy -Buncloody Road - £3259: 18: 0d for
18 ft. road of 6 inch slab concrete with
clay margin.

Wexford-New Ross Road - £10,094 for
16 ft. road of 4 inch slab with macadam sides.

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It is to be noticed that in the latter case an addition is to be made in respect of the item tendered for at 40/- each, gateways, etc., (page 18, Bill of Quantities). An examination of the tender shows that the difference in cost between making up the sides in macadam and extending the 4 inch slab to the full width of 18 feet is only £311. Furthermore, as the tender is about £2,000 less than the estimate, the Council would do well to consider the advisability of extending the concrete work the full 18 feet.

Having regard to the observation made by Messrs Collen Bros. on their tender for the Wexford-New Ross road that the time allowed for completion of the work is insufficient, the Council should obtain confirmation from them that they are prepared to abide by Clause 7 (Time Limit) of the General Conditions of Contract and to execute a bond accordingly. Having regard to the period that now remains for the completion of the work, it is not possible to afford much time for negotiations, and if Messrs Collen Bros. are unable to give the necessary confirmation, the Council should award the contract for the Wexford-New Ross road to the next lowest firm of tenderers, provided that the latter give the necessary assurance as to completion. Provided that the confirmation required from Messrs Collen Bros. is obtained, the Minister sees no objection to the Council accepting their tender.

The several tenders received are returned herewith."

The County Surveyor held as regards the amount for gateways that as this was not brought into bill it should not be included in the tender, and the Local Government Department had been so informed.

Under date 29th June, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/SGH/32) (Roads) that the item of 40/- each in respect of gateways etc (page 18 Bill of Quantities) was clearly an extra over and above the sum of £10,094.

Under date 27th June, 1931, the following was read from

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the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to the letter from the Local Government Department (R/SGH/32) - 26th June, 1931, I beg to point out that there was an exhaustive discussion at the County Council meeting on the 23rd instant in regard to the alternative Tenders for 18ft and 16 ft. slab. I, personally, recommended adoption of 18 ft. slab, but the County Council, on a division by 14 to 10 decided to adopt 16 ft slab with macadam margins. The reasons influencing the Council were that the 16 ft. slab on this road would be quite as efficient as the 16 ft. slab on the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road, and that the wider margin between the fences would be of more utility for cattle and animals passing along the road.

In regard to the item for making good gateways, which though priced in Messrs Collens' Bill is not brought into total, I wish to point out that in "Particulars of Work", Clause 1 of the General Conditions in Specification, on page 6, it requires that the "Tender should be at a lump sum", The Contractor in putting in his Tender, Page 19, omitted this figure, and accordingly, I did not add any item for the work; as I take it that the cost would be covered under Preliminary Expenses in Bill of Quantities. Under these circumstances I do not think it necessary to make any alteration in the Contractor's figure."

Copy of this letter was furnished the Local Government Department (Roads).

Under date 27th June, 1931, The County Solicitor wrote Messrs Collen Bros. as follows:-

"Referring to your Tender for the above work (Wexford-New Ross Road) which was submitted to and considered by the Wexford County Council at their meeting held on the 23rd inst., I have been instructed to ascertain from you, whether having regard to your note on the margin of the tender to the effect that the time allowed for the completion of the

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work was insufficient you are prepared to abide by Clause 7 of the Specification which provides that the work shall be completed on or before the 1st day of November, 1931, and execute the Contract and Bond accordingly.

An answer by return is imperative as it is necessary to start the work at once."

The following under date 2nd July, 1931, was also read from Mr Elgee:-

"As instructed I wrote to Messrs Collen Bros. whose Tender for the above road had been accepted by the County Council, asking them if they were prepared (having regard to the note which they had placed on their Tender that they considered the time allowed for the work too short) to abide by Clause 7 of the Specification and complete the work on or before the 1st November next, and I now send you a copy of a letter received this morning from them from which you will see, that they are not prepared to abide by Clause 7 of the Specification, but would undertake to complete the work within six months from the signing of the Contract."

RE/ TRUNK ROAD ENNISCORTHY TO BUNCLODY.

They state that they are prepared to carry out this Section of the work in four months from the signing of the Contract, the Penalty in each case to be £10 per week for delay.

As neither of these conditions come within the provisions of the Specification it is now open to the County Council to reconsider the matter, and if thought advisable accept any other Tender for the work."

The following under date 1st July, 1931, is copy of letter from Messrs Collen Bros. to Mr Elgee:-

"In reply to yours of the 27th ult., re above, we beg to say that we would not be prepared to abide by Clause 7 of the Specification, which provides that the work shall be completed on or before the 1st day of November 1931, but we would undertake to complete this work in six months from date of signing

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Contract.

Re/ Trunk Road Enniscorthy to Bunclody

We would be prepared to carry out this Section of the work in four months from date of signing Contract, and Penalty in each case should be £10 per week for delay."

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Mr ~~St~~ O'Byrne:-

"That, in view of the fact that Messrs Collen Bros., East Wall, Dublin, whose tenders for road improvement works - Wexford-New Ross Road and Enniscorthy-Bunclody road - were accepted subject to the approval of the Local Government Department, have failed in the case of the first mentioned road to supply the undertaking required by that Department, and as regards the road Enniscorthy-Bunclody are not prepared to carry out the work within the time, viz., by 30th September, 1931, as provided by specification, we hereby recommend the Council to cancel provisional award of these contracts to Messrs Collen Bros., and accept the following tenders, subject to the approval of the Local Government Department, provided that the accepted tenderers are prepared to give the necessary undertakings as to completion of the works in specified time, viz., Pioneer Road Construction Co., East Wall, Dublin, Wexford-New Ross Road T 12, Nos. 20 and 22, amount £10,830, - 16 ft by 4 inch slab with macadam sides, and William Lee, Arklow, Enniscorthy-Bunclody road, T. 16, No. 24, amount £3,400. 1s. - 18 ft. by six inch slab with clay margin, the acceptance of the ~~the~~ tender being conditional on the Contractor being prepared to deal with such extended length of road as will represent the amount of saving on New Ross - Wexford Road between the figures for estimate and accepted contract on said road, and at a pro rata price according to his contract for the original work."

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

Under date 25th June, 1931 (IR/107/1) the Department of Local Government (Roads) forwarded Order of the Minister as to the closing of the following roads from the 25th June to the 15th December, 1931, (Both days inclusive):-

No. 1. The portion of the road from Wexford to New Ross situate between Tomcoole Cross Roads and the Old Rural District bounds at Poulpeasty.

No.2 - The portion of the road from Wexford to New Ross situate between Cushinstown and Ballymacar bridge,

And from the 25th June to the 15th day of November, 1931, (both days inclusive) of the following road:-

The portion of the road from Enniscorthy to Bunclody situate between Tomgarrow cross roads and Tombrick bridge.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The following under date 1st July, 1931, was read from the County Surveyor :-

"On several occasions I drew the attention of the Council to the continued movement of the structure at Ferrycarrig Bridge, and I have had the work under constant observation . On yesterday, 30th ultimo, I had the opportunity of inspecting the piles at very low tide, and I found that the "thrust" of the moving abutment is starting fracture of the piles supporting the bascule. The danger of this is if the wet percolates to the reinforcement the action on the steel will burst up the concrete, and I am now satisfied that it is absolutely essential to take the steps recommended by Mr Delap, who reported on this matter some time ago."

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with Mr Delap, Engineer, with a view to securing a report, as to what was best to be done in order to permanently secure the abutment.

EASEMENT OF KAVANAGH'S CORNER - CURRACLOE.

The following under date 20th June, 1931, was read from Mrs Owen Morris, Barnahask, Curracloe:-

"In connection with the cutting of Kavanagh's Corner in Curracloe I agreed with Mr Birthistle in cutting my fruit trees if it was necessary to do so, but I did not think my summer house would have to be cut down. It was the pride of my cottage. I am sure it will be a big drawback to me in letting my cottage now for the Summer months as the bathers always looked forward to it in good order as it was a grand shade for the children and people to sit out of the glaring sun. But when I seen it blocked ~~up~~ the sight of the corner I did agree with Mr Fortune to cut it down. So I hope, and would be very thankful, if you will treat me fair, as it may^{be}/the means now of me not getting as much rent for my cottage."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor and pending his report that Mr Culleton would interview Mr Morris and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

INJURY TO TAR SPRAYER

Under date 2nd July, 1931, the County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have to report that yesterday, 30th June, 1931, a lorry owned, and driven by Edward Carley, 26, Duffry Street, Enniscorthy, struck one of the tar boilers on the Wells Road, and did a certain amount of damage. Apparently it got out of control through a front spring breaking, and dashed across the road. The boiler was standing at the moment well on the proper side. Carley admits liability, and offers to pay for any damage done. He has, I believe, already settled with the owner of the horse which was slightly injured. I have asked Mr Murphy to get the boil-

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er put right to-day, and to note cost of repairs, with a view to sending Carley an account. He is not insured, I believe, Fortunately no one was seriously hurt though one of our men had a really extraordinary escape.

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

"That the County Surveyor furnish cost of repair of tar sprayer of the Council to Edward Carley, 26 Duffry Street, Enniscorthy."

GENERAL COUNCIL OF CO. COUNCILS - ANNUAL MEETING

Under date 4th June, 1931, letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils General Council stating that the annual meeting would be held on 5th August, and asking the Council to forward notice of any matters which they wished to have discussed thereat by the 24th July, 1931,

It was decided that the General Council be asked to consider the advisability of submitting to the L.G.D. a resolution asking for the payment of the Agricultural Grant at the beginning and not at the end of each quarter.

SHEEP SCAB - MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS

Under date 30th June, 1931, Mr F.S. Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector reported as follows:-

"Re Sheep scab at Graiguemore, Clohamon. Thos. Byrne the owner of the diseased sheep moved seven sheep on to this farm during the month, the Detention notice being still in force."

A resolution was adopted that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr Ringwood, Veterinary Surgeon, and obtain a more detailed report in this matter, Mr Elgee to proceed against Thos. Byrne should he consider the evidence warrants prosecution.

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SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That renewal of bursary under Secondary Scholarship Scheme be recommended to Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey."

REPAIRS TO HOUSE OF MR.M. FURLONG, SPANELL ROAD,
WEXFORD.

The County Surveyor reported that the lavatory at the house of Mr Michael Furlong, a tenant of the Council, was in a bad condition, and was offensive in its present position. Mr Furlong had complained of it a considerable time back, and there was no doubt the matter (if only from a sanitary point of view) required attention.

It was decided that as the Council were about to sell this property the County Surveyor would for the present only repair the lavatory pan.

WEXFORD HARBOUR BOAT CLUB - TENNIS SECTION.

Under date 2nd July, 1931, the County Surveyor submitted application from the Committee of above for the loan of tar sprayer in order to spread a sealing coat of bitumen on a newly laid tennis court in the Club grounds. It would be used by experienced workmen who had been in the service of the Council, and would be returned after one day in perfect order.

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

"That the application of Wexford Harbour Boat Club Committee (Tennis Section) for loan of tar sprayer for one day be acceded to, the Committee to guarantee that the machine will be returned to the Council in perfect order.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Notification was received for the committal to

Industrial Schools of the following children:-

Mary Gallagher, Curracloe,

Margaret Doyle, Enniscorthy and

Mary Ellen Flynn, Ballinkeelee, Cylegate.

Particulars in each case had been forwarded to Mr
Elgee, Solicitor, for his information.

Mr Clince proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting for 2nd July, 1931, be received and considered."

Painting New Ross Bridge: It was decided to await decision of Kilkenny County Council in the matter and if they agree to the proposed expenditure that tenders for the work be invited through advertisement.

Collectors' Poundage: The following under date 18th July, 1931 (G55189/1931 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to the recommendation of the Finance Committee of their meeting on the 2nd instant in the matter of poundage in respect of the current collection, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he must remind the Council that the uniform accounting basis prescribed for Local Authorities is the financial year and the stipulations contained in the Public Bodies Orders concerning rate collections depend for their effectiveness on the warrants being accounted for by the 31st March. The Minister cannot agree to any extension of this period for County Wexford and desires that this be specially understood by the Rate Collectors.

As regards any variation in poundage consequent upon the additional relief to agricultural ratepayers the Minister does not propose to come to a final decision until towards the end of the financial year when he will be in a position to judge the progress of the collections and will have received the views of all the County Councils."

It was decided to postpone further action in this matter until the collection was nearing a close.

Fire Extinguishing Apparatus: It was decided on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr O'Byrne that the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter be adjourned until

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the County Surveyor submits a report as to the suitability of new apparatus which was experimented with in the County recently.

Easement of Kavanagh's Corner: It was stated that Mrs Morris claimed £10 compensation for land taken for easement.

Mr McCarthy proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That Mrs Owen Morris, Barnahask, Curraclloe, be offered a sum of £3 (Three Pounds) for land taken in order to ease dangerous corner on road adjacent to her premises."

Injury to Tar Sprayer: The County Surveyor said that he had supplied a statement of Cost of repairing the damage to County Council lorry to Mr Carley. He would report further in the matter when the occasion arose.

General Council of County Councils: The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Cline:-

"That the General Council of County Councils be requested to discuss the question of derelict farms on which in this County considerable arrears of Rates are due, with a view to approaching the Land Commission to have these farms allocated to adjoining occupiers if possible."

"If this proposal could be carried out, the present arrears of rent and rates would be very considerably reduced.

"That the General Council of County Councils be asked to take steps to induce the Government to introduce legislation for the repeal of the provisions of the Statute which makes ratepayers responsible for unpaid Land Commission annuities through stoppage of Government grants to meet the deficit under this head."

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

"That, in the opinion of this County Council, the General Council of County Councils has lost recently a good

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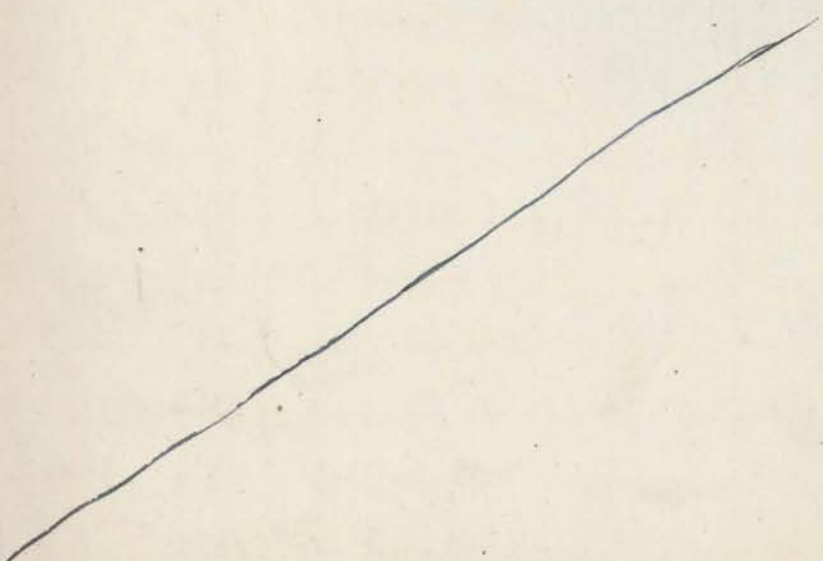
deal of its effectiveness with the Executive Council of the Government, and we feel that the Executive Council should be prepared to pay more attention to the recommendations of so representative a body.

"We are dissatisfied with the results obtained by the General Council for the past few years and would be glad to have report as to how their recommendations commended themselves to the Government during, say, the past twelve months."

Wexford Harbour Boat Club - Tennis Section: Col. Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Wexford Harbour Boat Club be charged a sum of 2/6d for use of tar sprayer for one day - in order to establish the precedent that the Council's machinery whenever hired must be paid for even at a nominal figure."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd July, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed unless where otherwise altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on 16th July, 1931, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th July, 1931.

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

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

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4121: 15: 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

State of the Rate Collection: was submitted as follows:-

	Name of Collector.	Percentage of '32 Warrant collected.
1.	J. Quirke	10.9 %
2.	Sean Gannon	8.6%
3.	Thos. Rowe	7.4 %
4.	J. Curtis	7.0 %
5.	P. Carty	6.5 %
6.	Wm. Doyle	6.1 %
7.	P. O'Byrne	6.0 %
8.	M. McCarthy	5.6 %
9.	J.J.O'Reilly	5.5 %
10 .	P. Nolan	4.9 %
11.	A. Dunne	4.1 %
12.	P. Doyle	3.9 %
13.	J.J. Sinnott	3.8 %
14.	W. Cummins	3.7 %
15.	J. Deegan	2.9 %
16.	T. Bolger	2.9 %
17.	J. Cummins	2.5 %
18.	T. Bolger	1.5 %

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Name of Collector.	Percentage of '32 Warrant collected.
19. J. Quirke	1.1 %
20. M. Kelly	.9 %
21. E.J. Murphy	.7 %

It was decided that Rate Collectors be communicated with that the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with the progress of the Rate Collection, which ~~the~~ is in a worse position than at the corresponding period last year. The Committee trust that by the date of the next meeting substantial progress in the Collection will have been made.

Rate Collector M.M. Kelly: Mr P. Lennon, Resident Inspector, New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., forwarded receipt for £5: 12: 6d, premium on Fidelity Guarantee Bond paid by Collector M.M. Kelly.

Mr Lennon stated he had forwarded the amount to his Head office in Dublin.

A letter was received from the Head Office, New Ireland Assurance Co., that they would not accept renewal of Mr Kelly's Bond and that they had notified their Resident Inspector to this effect.

It was decided to report failure of Collector to produce Bond or renewal receipt to next meeting of County Council on 27th July, 1931, by which date it was anticipated ruling of the L.G.D. would be received regarding Mr Kelly's position.

Sanction of Rates Inspector: Letter under date 7th July, 1931, (No.G.52156/1931 Loch Garman Fa.) was read, stating that the Minister for Local Government & Public Health sanctioned the appointment on a permanent basis of Mr O'Kennedy as Rates Inspector.

Agricultural Grant 1931/32: Notification was received from the Department of Local Government & Public Health that £1359: 9: 2d had been deducted from Agricultural Grant in

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pursuance of Order made by Minister for Finance owing to non-payment of Instalment of Loan under the Labourers' Acts by the Board of Health. The portion of the Agricultural Grant authorised for payment amounted to £9630 and Bank Draft for the balance amounting to £8,270: 10: 10d had been received.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, that Directors declined to sanction the extension of overdraft by £14,000.

It was pointed out that since the application was made portion of the Agricultural Grant had been received leaving £9,874 due in respect of the period ended 30th June.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall that it be pointed out to the Directors of the National Bank that application for additional overdraft is necessary in consequence of the backward state of Rate Collection, and owing to the balance of Agricultural Grant not being available as legislation in connection therewith had not been finally passed. The extension now required was £10,000 and would not extend beyond a period of six weeks. The present sanctioned overdraft was £20,000.

PROVISION OF OFFICE FOR EX-officio INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Superintendent M. Walsh submitted application from Sergeant Scanlon for properly fitted apartment in the Old Jail for use as Weights and Measures Office.

It was decided that application be adjourned to next meeting of the Committee and that it be ascertained in the meantime if Sergeant Scanlon carries out verifications for Wexford Urban District in addition to the Rural areas in the one office, and also as to the allocation of the equipment supplied Sgt. Scanlon as between County Council and Urban

Council work.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Order made by Minister in pursuance of Section 12 of the above Act and assessing the amount payable thereunder by Wexford County Council at £145: 12: 7d. was read.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following application was read from Mr John Leacy, Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. :-

"George Merriman born 7th June, 1926. An inmate of St. Terese' Home, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, since 3rd August, 1929. Mother Bridget Merriman aged 23 years, an inmate of Good Shepherd Convent, Waterford, since July, 1929. Father --? It is proposed to make application for committal to District Justice sitting at Blackrock, Co. Dublin, and the Council's sanction to contribute is respectfully sought."

Mr Leacy came before the meeting and explained the circumstances of the case.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, stated that as the child was domiciled in Dublin application should be made by the Society to the Dublin County Council as Wexford County Council had no legal responsibility for the maintenance of the child, as it was not at present domiciled in their area.

Mr Leacy stated he did not believe the Dublin Council would take responsibility for the maintenance of the child in an Industrial School, as it was born in County Wexford.

It was pointed out that the child would be eligible for admission by the Poor Law Authorities to the Dublin Union.

It was decided that National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children be informed that Wexford County Council cannot accept responsibility for maintenance of child George Merriman in an Industrial School as he is domiciled in County

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Dublin.

Mr Leacy said he would report the Committee's decision to his authorities as he would not without further instructions, make an application to the Dublin County Council. It was most unlikely the latter would accept any responsibility in the matter.

TEMPORARY VETERINARY INSPECTOR

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture that they had no objection to the temporary employment of Mr Taylor V.S. New Ross as a substitute Local Authority Veterinary Inspector for portion of New Ross District during the absence of Mr Lynch V.S. on fortnight's leave as from 16th instant.

CAHORE PIER

The following Report by Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor to the County Surveyor, was read:-

"When I reported in November last on work to be done at above I calculated that to cover portion of rock interfering with fishing it would only require an extension of floor for a length of 53 feet by six feet at widest and nine feet deep, consequently I estimated that a sum of £50 would suffice to do the work. However when putting work in hands it was found that rock extension was more than anticipated, and in order to do the work properly length of addition had to be increased to 83 feet with a further increase of 8' 6" at widest, and nine feet deep which added considerably to work to be done.

I find now that job is finished that a sum of £21: 14: 0d will be required to complete the cost of work."

It was decided that the extra amount required - £21: 14: 0d be allocated to complete the work.

COURTOWN HARBOUR PIER.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr Lee, Contractor, Arklow:-

"In reference to the necessary repairs, I cannot quote you a lump sum for this job. The only way I could do this work is to quote a price per cubic yard of concrete in the underpinning or bag work, and also a price per cubic yard concrete in mass for the inside filling. If this would be suitable I will quote you for the work."

It was decided that the County Surveyor summon a meeting of the Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area for inspection of Pier Head and submit report for next meeting.

HIRE OF BREAKER

The County Surveyor said he had received an application from the Pioneer Road Construction Co., for hire of breaker.

It was decided to allow breaker on hire at £3: 10: 0d. per day, same rate as obtained in the case of previous contracts.

DISCHARGING BOAT AT COURTTOWN

The following was read from Mr R. Garland, Chairman of the Courttown Harbour Committee:-

"We wish to bring before the next meeting of your Council the unseaworthy condition of the discharging boat which is more or less in constant use.

"The boat is too old and her timbers are rotten and the repair of her would be useless.

"We recommend that a new boat be built."

It was decided that discharging boat be inspected by County Surveyor and Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area when inspecting the Pier at Courttown, and that estimate be submitted to next meeting as to cost of a new boat.

MILL RACE AT MOHURRY

In reference to complaint by Mr Shannon as to culvert being broken down, the County Surveyor stated he would have the place inspected by Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, and

also ask him to communicate with the owner as to date
when course will be dry with a view to making a complete
inspection.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th July, 1931, be received and considered."

Ex-Collector M.M. Kelly: Under date 3rd July, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.52269-31 Loch Garman) forwarding copy of letter (G.52269/31 - 3rd July, 1931) addressed to Mr Kelly stating that as regards his suspension from office the Minister for Local Government would be prepared, before deciding whether or not to confirm the suspension imposed, to consider any explanation Mr Kelly might desire to submit on or before the 12th July, 1931.

Under date 16th July, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.53938/31 Fa Loch Garman) transmitting copy of sealed order removing Mr Kelly from office which course had been adopted after full consideration of the explanation received from him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Armstrong:- "That we approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee appointing Collector Gannon as temporary Collector for No. 6 District for the collection of warrant for financial year 1931-32."

Sanction of Rate Inspector:- The L.G.D. wrote under date 7th July, 1931 (G.52156 - 1931 Loch Garman Fa.) sanctioning the appointment on a permanent basis of Mr Sean O'Kennedy as Rates Inspector.

Agricultural Grant: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Armstrong:-

"That the Department of Finance be requested to forward as soon as possible balance of Agricultural Grant due to 30th June, 1931,"

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

"That Treasurer of County Council be requested to arrange

for the overdraft of the County Council standing at £30,000 from 1st July to 31st August and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

Office in Wexford for Inspector of Weights and Measures: The Secretary stated that the present office was adjoining the Wexford Town Hall and the Corporation were paying for it the ground rent. The Inspector had a set of standards etc for the Corporation. The County Council made no contribution to the Corporation towards the rent.

The County Surveyor stated there was an apartment in the Old Jail which could be converted for a Weights and Measures office at a moderate cost.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr Hall that an estimate as to conversion of apartment in Old Jail, Wexford, for Weights & Measures Office be submitted to next meeting of Finance Committee by County Surveyor.

Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That the sum of £145: 12: 7d contribution of Wexford County Council under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 be paid, Pay Order to issue as soon as the finances of the Council show improvement."

Courtown Harbour Pier: The following report was submitted:

"On Friday, 24th July, 1931, the Committee met at Courtown Harbour at 3 o'clock p.m. There were in attendance only two members, Messrs S. O'Byrne and Wm. P. Keegan. The County Surveyor, Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor and the Harbour Master were also present.

The Committee inspected the Pier Head and noted its very defective condition, and report that immediate steps must be taken to deal with it. The County Surveyor informed the Committee that he was at present in communication with

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a Firm who specialise in concrete piling and underpinning work, and hoped to have an expert visit the site shortly.

The Committee discussed the matter of cutting away defective Pier Head as had been suggested, and in connection with this matter interviewed all the local fishermen to obtain their views in regard to the effect this would have on the safety of the entrance, and the shoaling around the South Pier Head. All the local fishermen were unanimous in stating that the shortening of the North Pier would increase the danger of the entrance in bad weather, and that it would cause further shoaling alongside the South Pier. Also that this shoaling would not be capable of being scoured out by the action of the sluices if the North Pier was shortened. The Committee accordingly recommend that immediate steps be taken for the repair of the Pier in its existing position.

The application for provision of a new discharging boat was considered by the Committee. From particulars, obtained from the Harbour Master it would appear that there is now comparatively little work of this nature. The receipts annually for the use of the discharging boat do not vary very much from about 26/-, and as there would be little use for the boat during the Autumn the Committee recommend that consideration of the matter be adjourned to next Spring."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that £250 had been allowed for the work. Mr Lee, Contractor for the sluice gates offered to do the work in concrete bags at a piece work rate but it was not advisable to do anything in the matter until he (County Surveyor) had the report of an Expert who was concerned in the erection of a sea wall at Cork and with whom he would go into details, fully. So far as he could see the cost would run into £500 or £600.

Mr Keegan held that the North Pier was dangerous and ready to collapse at any moment.

The County Surveyor said that notices had been placed

at the entrance calling attention to the condition of the Pier. After the first allocation had been agreed to a big storm did further damage.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Keegan seconded the following:- resolution which was adopted:- "That report of expert as to necessary repair work at Courtown Harbour be submitted to next meeting. That the County Surveyor furnish a preliminary report to the Department of Lands & Fisheries showing the present condition of the Pier and asking them to contribute half cost of the work. Unless ^{repair} ~~this~~ be carried out at an early date the fishing industry at Courtown must close down. That this Department be also supplied by County Surveyor with copy of report and recommendations of Expert when same are available."

With reference to sluice gates at Courtown Harbour the Department of Lands & Fisheries wrote (D/5/2) that it had been noted the County Council were prepared to accept the conditions under which the contribution of £350 from State Funds would be available towards the cost of providing new sluice gates at Courtown Harbour. Payment of the Grant would be made when the work had been completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Public Works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th July, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

CONTRACTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the seal of the County Council be affixed to contracts with Pioneer Road Construction Co. East Wall, Dublin, for improvement work on Road Wexford-New Ross and with William Lee of Arklow, Co. Wicklow, for improvement work on Road Enniscorthy-Bunclogh."

Under date 9th July 1931, the Pioneer Road Construction

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Co. East Wall, Dublin, wrote giving undertaking that they would carry out the work on Wexford-New Ross Road in accordance with the terms of the specification and according to the time limit allowing an extra 16 days for the postponement of the acceptance of their contract.

Under date 28th June, 1931, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote the County Surveyor that no objection would be raised to utilising the saving on the Wexford-New Ross Road to extending the proposed length of slab on the Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road. If the Contractor agreed to carry out an extra length at rates which were not in excess of those tendered by him for the original length he should be required to execute a bond to cover the increased length.

Under date 10th July, 1931, Mr William Lee, Arklow, wrote giving undertaking to carry out the improvement work on Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road in accordance with the specification in every detail and to carry out any extension of the work at a pro rata price according to the original tender.

Under date 14th July, 1931, the Local Government Department wrote (R/SGH/32) acknowledging receipt of copies of forms of agreement from Pioneer Road Construction Co. and ^{from} Mr William Lee in respect of Road Improvement work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That stonebreaker be hired to William Lee, Arklow, Contractor for improvement work on Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road at £3: 10s. per day."

FLOODING AT ASKAMORE.

The following was read from County Surveyor under date 25th July, 1931:-

"As directed by the Council, I made inspection on 15th instant, of the premises of Mr Edward Doran, Askamore, with reference to the alleged flooding.

"I met Mr Doran at the place, and he pointed out to me the cause of his complaint. There is a bend on the road

immediately opposite his gateway, and his yard is considerably below road level. The road slopes down towards his gateway, and the water channel alongside same is carried through his yard. He has a private water supply brought in, in another direction, lower down, and he contends that the road water contaminates his supply. At the present time, independently of the road water, his supply passes through a duck pond, and therefore cannot be in any way contaminated by the road water. This state of affairs has been in existence for a very long time, and as Mr Doran has only been about four years in the premises he could give me no information as to former circumstances. Recently the County Medical Officer has complained of the water supply used by Mr Doran. He proposes, I understand, making some alteration in piping the water across yard. If this be done I cannot see how the road water could be injurious from a health point of view, though it is, to a certain extent, a nuisance running along an open drain in the yard. If any alteration be made by the County Council I consider it should be by taking the road water across road in a gullet, and then for some distance through a new water channel on the opposite side, and again through a new gullet back to the lower side of the road. Mr Doran informed me that he would be prepared to form a new water channel along the road side if the County Council would put in two gullets. The new gullets will cost in or about £9, but it is really a legal matter as to the Council's liability."

Mr Culleton proposed that the matter be adjourned until the County Council could note the effect of the improvements which Mr Doran proposed to carry out.

The Chairman said the whole thing was a legal matter.

They should refer it to Mr Elgee and obtain his advice in time for consideration at next meeting. He proposed a resolution to this effect.

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This was seconded by Mr McCarthy and adopted.

LOANS.

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

"That pursuant to letter of sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date 31st October, 1930 (No.S.79,643/30 Loch gCarman (pg.) the sum of £3,649 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited Wexford for the purpose of redemption of ground rents arising out of the former Wexford Courthouse to be repaid within 10 years with interest at the rate of a half per cent under Irish Banks' rate varying subject to a minimum of 4 % per annum as in said letter of sanction provided and it is further resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary mortgage over the rates to secure said Loan."

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

"That as regards proposed loan of £800 for provision of maternity accommodation etc at County Hospital this County Council consents to portion of said loan being applied to provision of office accommodation at Co. Hospital and to the application of the balance for provision of Maternity accommodation."

FLOODING AT KILMICHAEL, HOLLYFORT

The following under date 22nd June, 1931, was read from Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co.:-

"Mr John Byrne of Kilmichael, Hollyfort, Gorey, has instructed us to write to you complaining that two fields of his at Kilmichael have been for a considerable time past constantly flooded by reason of a defective gullet on the public road from Kilmichael to Craanford. The gullet is not sufficient to take the water, and it seems to have got broken in the centre. The gullet would be required to be enlarged. The

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damage to our client's lands has been going on for the past three years, and he will not allow it to continue any longer. He has asked us to take proceedings against the County Council for damages, but we think it right, in the first instance, to write to you so that the defective gullet may be made right.

We shall thank you to let us know if this will be done without further delay."

/ The County Surveyor stated that this work had been included in Provisional Road Works Scheme at £10 but it had been cut out by the Council.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the District said it was a very necessary work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That gullet at Kil-michael, adjoining the premises of Mr John Byrne be enlarged cost not to exceed £10, amount to be withdrawn from County Contingencies Fund."

MOTEYBOWER LANE

The following memorial from ten Ratepayers as regards repair and maintenance of Moteybower Lane was submitted:-

"We the undersigned respectfully request the Council to have the Moteybower Lane repaired, with a view to having it put under contract. This road leads from the County Road at Ballyellis to the County Wicklow bounds at Parkmore, and apart from serving a number of Ratepayers living on or adjoining it also opens up a big District on either side for Schools, Chapel and the market towns of Tinahely, Carnew and Gorey.

The importance of this road may be judged from the fact that the Wicklow County Council, through whose area 3/4 of the Road runs - have already passed a sum of money to have their portion of the Road repaired, and the work is already in progress. The Representatives from the Wick-

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low District, have further informed us that their Council will put the Co. Wicklow portion under Contract, provided the Wexford Council have their portion repaired.

We trust the Council will see their way to meet the wishes of the large number of Ratepayers and others concerned."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:- "That the members of this County Council representing Gorey County Electoral Area, with Mr Jordan T.D., be appointed to inspect Moteybower Lane, and report to the Council, inspection to be carried out on Tuesday 11th August, 1931, County Surveyor to summon Committee and arrange hour of meeting and to accompany the Committee."

ERECTION OF SHED WITHIN 30 FEET OF CENTRE
OF ROAD.

The County Surveyor submitted from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor the following report:-

"I wish to report that Mr James Kavanagh, Old Ross, Ballinaboola, has erected a galvanised iron shed, as a motor house, within 30 feet of the centre of the road."

In reply to query Mr O'Neill said the shed was within 17 feet of the centre of the road: . it was not an obstruction to traffic.

Colonel Quin said it was illegal to have this building in its present position and the Council should not agree to allowing it to remain.

Mr Hall proposed the following:- "That no action be taken by this Council as regards removal of shed of James Kavanagh, Old Ross."

Mr Colfer seconded and the resolution was adopted, Col. Quin and Messrs Culleton and Corish dissenting.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Writing under date 18th July, 1931, Mr Elgee, Solicitor,

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gave it as his opinion that the County Council were under no obligation to place navigation lights on New Ross Bridge and he could not find any provision as to same in any of the Acts dealing with the structure.

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF WALL AT HOPELANDS
ROSSLARE.

The following under date 23rd June, 1931, was read from Mr P. Bent, Burrow, Rosslare:-

"In the report of the meeting of the County Council we were very disappointed to have seen that our request for a wall or barrier was rejected. Your legal adviser stated that you had no authority to protect people's houses. But we beg to refresh your memories that in our Memorial we asked for a wall or barrier that we might have an unobstructed way or road to and from our homes; and in support of our plea we gave as a reason that we paid rates which entitled us to such a way or road. Being ratepayers we have a right and a claim to a road to and from our homes like the rest of the community; we pay for the social services which the ordinary citizen expects and demands. We do not own wealth or riches, we are poor people striving to live and rear our families decently. Nevertheless we are entitled to receive from you the consideration that is shown to the big man with the motor car. You make sure to cater for him and his needs and conveniences by expending thousands of pounds on roads for his use and benefit. A few hundred pounds will cover the expenses of the wall we ask. But it seems that because we cannot afford the luxury of a motor car - because we are poor people - the County Council do not consider our rights when there is a question of giving us a proportion of the public services which involves a few hundred pounds. Where is the justice or fair play in that attitude? You collect rates from us and although you say that they do not amount to a large sum of money, yet in the aggregate over a period of twenty or twenty-

five years, the rates paid by us would be sufficient to build the wall we are looking for. Surely then we have a claim to a road which cannot be effected without erecting a wall. We have already pointed out to you that we and our families are compelled to walk through mud and water two and three feet deep, for a great part of the year. Is that fair to us? Is it fair to our children who are obliged to suffer those hardships and difficulties when going to, and returning from school ~~and~~ church? You know that these conditions are inhuman and unfair, yet you refuse to spend a few hundred pounds on the building of a wall to remove them.

We are led to believe that amongst the members of the Council, there are ~~any~~ ^{many} who pose as democrats and whose concern for and interest in, the worker and poor man, is such that when those so-called democrats see him unfairly treated and unjustly burthened, their very hearts are rent. But strange to say not one of their voices was raised against the injustice and unfairness of refusing us the means of providing a road. Occasionally we hear and read of their jeremiads anent the conditions of the poor worker. At the time of an election those democrats are most voluble in their denunciation of the conditions under which ~~many~~ a worker is condemned to live. It would seem that the poor man is just a cat's paw in the game. Now, Gentleman, we have a grievance and we ask you to redress our grievance by providing us with an unobstructed road to and from our homes. As we pay rates to the County Council, we claim a road. For long have we been forced to travel through slime and water. A few hundred pounds which will build the wall is not to be compared with the health and lives of us and our children, who should not be compelled to wade through water for the greater part of the year. You have the remedy at your disposal, and it is your duty as representatives of the people to see that every part of the community gets a fair proportion of the public services."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Col. Quin:- "That a Committee consisting of Co. Councillors representing Wexford County Electoral Area inspect Hopeland Bank relative to application of Mr. P. Bent and report to next meeting of the Council, the Committee to meet on Friday, 31st July, 1931, at 10.30 a.m. ~~xx~~ and to be accompanied by the County Surveyor."

PETROL PUMP LICENCE.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted:- "That licence for Petrol Pump issue to Michael Browne, Clonroche, provided site etc meets with the approval of the County Surveyor."

DEPUTATION WORKMEN TARA HILL QUARRY

Messrs John Walsh, Lce. Doherty and Ml. Wafer, workmen at Tara Hill Quarry, attended in connection with their employment.

Ml. Walsh, who acted as spokesman, said they had been working in Tara Hill Quarry for the past 24 years and they were turned down now on account of being single men. None of them had any dependents.

The County Surveyor pointed out that since the big work on Gorey-Arklow road had been carried out there had been restricted employment at Tara Hill Quarry.

Walsh said he had worked only 4 weeks and 2 days since last September. The married men who were working in the quarry were from the district.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said that acting on the instructions of the Council he had given preference to married men. The whole work in the quarry would terminate on Saturday next. Work on the roads would not be available until Winter.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Keegan seconded by Mr D'Arcy:-

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"That the members of Gorey Co. Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to consider the question of the employment of workmen in this area. That the County Surveyor attend with the Committee and produce any necessary records as to Insurance Stamps etc. That the Committee meet on Tuesday 11th August, 1931, at 10.30.a.m. and visit Moteybower Lane on conclusion of their work at Gorey."

SALE OF FORTVIEW

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the premises at Fortview recently occupied as County Council offices be offered for sale by public auction by Messrs Kehoe & Sons, Auctioneers, Wexford. That reserve figure be arranged by County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and the Auctioneers."

GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR MAIN ROAD UPKEEP

Under date 8th July, 1931, the L.G.D. (Roads) wrote (RGM/201-31) that a provisional allocation of 40 per cent of the cost of the upkeep of the Main Roads in Co. Wexford for 1931-32, and which amounted to £10,162, had been fixed.

TOURIST TRAFFIC (DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1931

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr McCarthy:- "That letter from Department of L.G. (Circ.59/31 - Ilgh - 13th July 1931) with copy of Tourist Traffic Development Act, 1931, be referred to the Finance Committee for report."

In connection with resolution passed by the Corporation of Dublin on 18th June, 1931, to help the Tourist Campaign and Tourist Association, Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted: unanimously:- "That the Wexford County Council are prepared to support the Irish Tourist Association in its efforts to attract Tourists to Ireland. We concur with the resolution of Dublin Corporation passed on 1st June, 1931, that

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Irish people should make acquaintance with the beauty spots of their own land before wandering afield."

CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The L.G.D. wrote under date 8th July, 1931, (A.53331 - 31) forwarding Copy of Report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for two half years ended 30th September 1930, and period from 30th September, 1930, to 12th November, 1930, the date of abolition of the Committee under the Vocational Education Act 1930. Certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts were also forwarded.

BUTTER AND MARGARINE ACT 1907

Under date 17th July, 1931, the Department of Agriculture forwarded (L.31/31) copies of thirty-ninth list of names approved by the Department for use in connection with margarine.

BUTTER EXPORTING (EXAMINATION) ORDER 1931

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That letter from Department of Agriculture under date 20th July, 1931, (E.7508/30 - C.67.31) with copy of Butter Exporting (Examination) Order 1931, be referred to County Committee of Agriculture for consideration."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Under date 3rd July, 1931, the Department of Lands & Fisheries wrote (D/14/5) that the Commissioners of Public Works would communicate directly with the County Surveyor as to a suitable date for the visit of their Engineer for the proposed survey of St. Helen's Harbour.

NEW SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That in accordance with letter from Office of National Education under date 20th July, 1931,

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and results of Examination for Secondary Scholarships we award Scholarships under Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships to James Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn (703 marks); Edmond P. Rossiter, Rathmore, Broadway (616) and Ellen Sinnott, Broadway (504) and bursary to Jas. A. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey (546) as he resides within a short distance of a recognised Secondary School."

Eight candidates failed in the Examination.

CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr John Culleton, The Raven, Curracloe, County Councillor, be appointed a member of Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee vice Mr M. Jordan T.D. Co. Councillor resigned."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr McCarthy:- "That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns, and Daniel Keating (P.Tierney) Quay Street, New Ross."

STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTY BODIES UNDER
RELIEF VOTE.

The following under date 3rd July, 1931, was read from the Acting Secretary, Co. Wexford Board of Health:-

"In reply to yours of the 1st inst. I wish to inform you that the amount received by my Board out of Relief Vote was as follows:-

For Bunclody Sewerage Scheme - £900

" Coolgreany " " - £300

" Work at Ferns Burial Ground £50

The amounts raised on loan by my Board for these works were ; Bunclody £3,300; Coolgreany £770. A sum of £84 was spent from Revenue for the work at Ferns Burial Ground."

The following under date 2nd July, 1931, was read from Mr N. Bolger, Town Clerk, Wexford:-

"In December last the Wexford Corporation were allocated £1,200 from the Relief of Unemployment Grant for the purpose of opening a new road between St. John's Road and Wygram place in order to develop a housing site there, on condition that the Corporation would provide the balance of the £1,500 which it was estimated the road would cost.

— Up to the present, a sum of £1,261: 17: 9d has been expended on the work, and of this amount £1,009: 10: 0d has been received on foot of the Grant, and the balance of £252: 7: 9d has been contributed by the Corporation.

It is expected when the roadway is completely finished the entire Grant of £1,200 will have been utilised as well as the total contribution from the Rates, viz.:— £300.

As will be seen from the above, the Government is contributing four-fifths of the entire cost of making the roadway."

DRAINAGE WORK

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

"That we call on the Department of Lands & Fisheries to inform this County Council what contributions are proposed to be made by them in connection with proposed drainage improvement work at Cahore, Boira and Kilmore."

RETENTION OF LAND ANNUITIES

The following resolution was submitted from Tipperary (S.R.) County Council:-

"That in view of the fact that six leading Senior Counsel have publicly proclaimed that it is an illegal procedure to send the Land Annuities to England, we hereby call upon the Government to retain them for De-Rating purposes, and that copies of this resolution be sent to

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each County Council and the County Councils General Council."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the adoption of the resolution but after discussion it was decided to adjourn its consideration to ascertain what steps the General Council of County Councils propose taking in the matter.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES.

The following resolution was submitted from Sligo County Council:-

"That we the Sligo County Council, at Annual Meeting assembled, desire to mark our disapproval and enter our strongest protest against the proposed legislation having for its object the further cutting down of popularly elected representatives of the people. We call on all T.D.'s to strenuously oppose any such legislation, and that copies of this resolution be sent for adoption to the General Council of County Councils and the other County and Urban Councils in the Free State, the T.D.'s of the County and to the president of the Executive Council as also to the Leaders of Fianna Fail and Labour Parties in the Dail."

Mr Corish proposed the adoption of the resolution.

Mr Hayes seconded.

As an amendment Mr Murphy proposed and Mr McCarthy seconded the following:- "That no action be taken in respect of resolution from Sligo County Council as to reduction of numbers in elected Local Authorities."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment - Messrs Breman, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, McCarthy, Murphy & Smyth - 8.

Against - Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 14.

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(Messrs Clince, Gibbon, Keegan and Quin (4) were not present when poll was taken).

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original resolution was then put and passed nem con.

CURTAILMENT OF POWERS OF COUNTY COUNCILS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Gaul:- "That we protest against any curtailment of the powers of County Councils which may be included in any measure brought before Dail Eireann."

THE HOUSING PROBLEM

The following resolution from the Civics Institute of Ireland, William Street, Dublin, was adopted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr McCarthy:- "Being convinced of the urgency of adequate and well conceived measures being taken to deal with the slum problem in Dublin and other centres of population in the Irish Free State the signatories call on the Government to press forward the promotion of such legislation as is necessary for this purpose.

They consider that the adoption of a Town Planning Bill on the lines of that already passed by the Senate, is a matter of immediate importance and that powers should be acquired without delay to provide for the acquisition and demolition of slum properties without undue cost and the erection of proper modern dwellings at rentals suitable to the means of the tenants."

THE USE OF WEXFORD MANUFACTURED Tar

Mr Gaul called attention to the resolution of the Council at a recent meeting asking the Department of Local Government (Roads) to allow the County Council to use Wexford manufactured tar.

The County Surveyor said that for a permanent job the Dublin Tar of the Trade List was the better but it took ~~more~~

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twice as long to mix as the Wexford article and in cold weather it was almost impossible to mix.

Mr Corish said that in some centres in which Gas Companies had put up de-hydrating plant no objection had been made to use their tar but it went through the Dublin Alliance Gas Co., the official Contractors . If the local Gas Co. made application it might be possible to have such an arrangement for Wexford.

The County Surveyor said that Wexford tar was cheaper.

HEARING PROPERTIES OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Colonel Gibbon asked if anything would be done to improve the acoustic properties of the Council Chamber. At present it was impossible to hear more than a few words now and then.

The County Surveyor said he was about to cover the steel girders which to his mind were responsible for the echo with beaver board which gave no reverberation. This would cost about £25 or £26.

Col. Gibbon suggested the use of Thistle Brand Board and proposed that the County Surveyor should consider its efficiency along with the Beaver Board.

The Chairman seconded the resolution which was adopted.

ROAD CAMPILE TO BALLYSTALLAGH CROSS

Mr Cooney said he had had complaints from Mr Ml.Cloney and Mr P.O'Brien, Dungulph, and the Manager of the Creamery as to the awful condition of the road from Campile to Ballysallagh Cross. People supplying the Creamery said they could not bring their lorries any longer to the Creamery - owing to the condition of this road. The road had been cut up when used as an alternative route while the Campile-New Ross road was under reconstruction.

The County Surveyor said they spent some money on it last year, and their efforts were very successful. They had

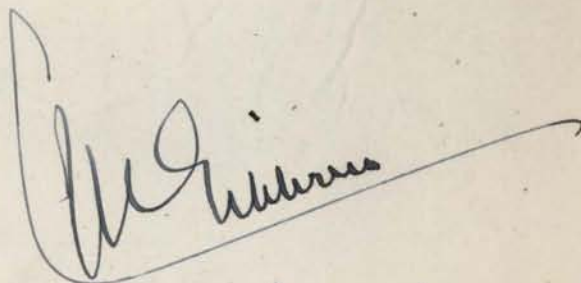
a proposal in this year to continue the improvement but it had to go out when the Road Estimate was cut.

Mr Murphy said the money last year was spent on a small portion of the road leaving the balance as bad as it ever was.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to next meeting the County Surveyor to supply full particulars as to the amount expended on road since improvement work was carried out on adjoining main road and his recommendations for future maintenance.

AN UNDESIRABLE STRUCTURE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, direct Jas. Brookes to remove hut which he has erected by the side of the road at Ballyprecus, Ballycarney and if he fails to do so within 14 days that Mr Elgee proceed by law to compel him to remove said hut which is an obstruction to traffic."

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to a council member or official, written over the date.

10 August 1931