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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 1933

MINUTES

COUNTY HALL, WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE, SECRETARY. The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th July, 1933.

Present - Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, W. P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

Mr. Ml. Hickey subscribed the declaration of office as Councillor.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton, the chair was taken by Mr. Cummins, who presided during confirmation of Minutes of last meeting, after which Mr. Ml. Doyle Chairman of the Council attended, and presided for consideration of the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £34,695: 17: 6d. were examined and signed.

NEW MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Corish: - "That Mr. Cummins be appointed a member of Finance Committee in room of Mr. John Murphy, resigned."

NEW MEMBER OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon: - "That as recommended by resolution of Co. Library Committee adopted at meeting of

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24th June, 1933, the Rev. H.L. Scott, Rector, Mulrankin, be appointed a Member of County Library Committee in succession to Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Foulksmills, resigned."

NEW MEMBER CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, in view of the recommendation of Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, Rev. William Gibson, Rathaspeck, be appointed a member of this Committee vice Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, Foulksmills, resigned."

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting 22nd June, 1933: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd June, 1933, were submitted as follows:

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 22nd June, 1933.

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

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

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

The Mimites of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4908.3.10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS:- The Secretary reported that the following amounts of rates were still outstanding in respect of 1932/33 warrant:-

Collecto	r P.	Nolan	7	Eu
	M.	McCarthy£19.	0	6d
	M.	Murphy237	3	5d

" A. Dunne...... £61. 12 4d

P. Carty......£47. 9.11d

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Collectors
Nolan, McCarthy, Murphy, Dunne and Carty be informed that unless
they close their Warrants within ten days from date of this
Finance Committee meeting, the Committee will be reluctantly
obliged to call upon their Personal Sureties in each case to close
Warrant."

FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS OF COLLECTORS: - The Secretary stated that receipts for payment of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds had not been received from Collectors M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, S. Gannon,

J. Deegan and Art Dunne.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Collectors
who have not yet furnished receipts for payment of current premium
for their Fidelity Guarantee Bonds be informed they should furnish
such receipts immediately and must understand that any delay which
may arise in commencing the collection of current warrant owing to
failure of the Collectors in this respect, will not be taken into
account as regards the closing of their warrants on statutory dates."

RATE COLLECTORS RESIDING IN THEIR DISTRICTS:- At the last meeting
of the Co. Council the following resolution was referred to the
Finance Committee for consideration (in consultation with Mr. Elgee,
Co. Solicitor):- "That as all Rate Collectors were appointed on
the understanding that they should reside in their Collection
Districts, we hereby call upon all Collectors to do so; otherwise
the Council will consider the determination of their appointments."

In the course of the discussion relative to this matter it was pointed out that Collector E.J. Murphy resided in the Urban District of New Ross, which was actually in the centre of his collection District. The same applied to Collector Gannon and Enniscorthy Urban District. Collector Curtis lives in New Ross which is close to his district. Collectors J.J. O'Reilly, Wm. Doyle and Philip Doyle resided at very short distances from their Districts. Collectors P. Nolan and P. Carty lived a considerable distance from their Districts.

The Finance Committee are of opinion that it is only in the case of the two last mentioned Collectors viz. P. Nolan and P. Carty, that instructions should issue obliging them to reside in their districts. As regards the others, they feel that any change which might be made in their present residences would hinder them in the discharge of their duties. They also suggest to the Co. Council that the Finance Committee should be empowered to grant permission to a Rate Collector in special circumstances to reside outside his district, taking into consideration the convenience of the Ratepayers concerned.

RATE COLLECTOR O'BYRNE (No. 9 DISTRICT): - Under date 20th June, 1933, the Rates Inspector reported he had checked the books of Collector P. O'Byrne in No. 9 District on 13th June, 1933, when they appeared in order. The great majority of outstanding Ratepayers were duly notified and so far none of them had disputed their liability. Receipts amounting to £207.17.9d rates which had not been collected by Mr. O'Byrne had been taken up. The Rate Inspector stated there should be no trouble in the collection of this amount.

Under date 20th June, 1933, Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, acting for Patrick O'Brien, Grange Lower, Killanne, and John Caulfield, Grange Upper, Rathmure, Sureties for Patrick O'Byrne, Rate Collector (No. 9 District) wrote acknowledging the demand from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to close this Collector's warrant. The Sureties regretted that the Co. Council had found it necessary to dispense with Mr. O'Byrne's services. It was absolutely impossible for either of them to meet the demand of the Council as they were both in the unfortunate position of being insolvent. Mr. Caulfield owed numerous debts and there was a mortgage on his lands. Mr. O'Brien was only part holder of eleven statute acres and also owed a considerable sum of money. It was stated that £207 would be sufficient to close Mr. O'Byrne's warrant for the last financial year and the Sureties alleged that the amount was not uncollectable but could be very easily obtained. They suggested the Co. Council should retain any potindage due to Mr. O'Byrne and that a new Collector should be allowed to collect the rate outstanding. If this were done the County Council would not be at any loss. If there was any sum then due to the Council the Sureties would do all in their power to square the matter.

As regards the expected vacancy in No. 9 District,
Mr. J.J. Mythen, Tomfarney, Clonroche, applied to be appointed
temporary Collector pending the permanent appointment.

The Committee considered it would be injudicious to make any temporary appointment of a prospective candidate for the permanent

position of Rate Collector.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the approval of Collector O'Byrne's Sureties, Mr. Sean O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, be appointed temporary Rate Collector for No. 9 District to close Warrant for 1932/33 and that he be paid a remuneration of £10 for this additional work."

PUBLICATION LISTS RATEPAYERS IN ARREAR: - Circular 52/33 under date 12th June, 1933, from Department of Local Government and Public Health as to publication of lists of Ratepayers in arrear was submitted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne: - "In reference to suggested publication of lists of ratepayers in arrear, this Committee are of opinion that owing to abnormal conditions and economic stringency it would be more of an injury than a help to the Rate Collection to publish lists of ratepayers in arrear at the present time. The Finance Committee are satisfied that the present state of the country is responsible for the large amount of arrears outstanding. They are decidedly of opinion that no attempt is being made in Co. Wexford to hold up the payment of rates."

RATES MOUNT ST. BENEDICT:- In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to Rates on Mount St. Benedict, the following report under date 22nd June, 1933, was read from the Rates Inspector:-

"As directed I made an inspection of the buildings at Mount St. Benedict on Monday last (19th June, 1933).

"The Rev. D. Sweetman was not at home but one of the servants
put me in touch with Miss Kehoe who was in charge during his absence.

I explained to Miss Kehoe the reason of my visit.

"The £95 Valuation on house and offices includes all the buildings of the old school and farm-yard.

"Miss Kehoe informed me that there are eight persons including

"the servants living on the premises of the old school.

"Portions of the dormitories are not in use as living quarters but some of the rooms contain frames that are used in connection with process of tobacco growing. They are also used as storerooms for incubators.

"The latter were not in use on the date of my visit.

"The premises known as St. Aidan's are used as sleeping quarters for the workmen and the premises known as St. Michael's are also used partly for the same purpose."

The Committee desire to point out they have no power to recommend the remission of rates in the case of buildings which are in occupation.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of full Poundage to Collectors who have closed their warrants for 1932/33 by this date. The Committee would be in favour of penalising those Collectors who delayed in closing their warrants but recognise it was through no fault of the Collectors concerned that Warrants had not been closed in time."

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER 1925

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That refunds of Rates under Rating of New Buildings Order 1925 be agreed to as follows:-

Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy£17	0	7d	
Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey 4	8	10d	
John O'Connor, Rathimney, Gusserane 6	15	94	
Catherine Bolger, Ballinatray Lr 2	2	9d	
Bridget Turner, Whitehouse, Rosslare£15	9	94	
James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare£54	. 7	1d	
Denis Byrne, Waste, Camolin	10	Od	
Richard O'Brien, Ballymoney Upper, Gorey	15	8d	
Thomas Murphy, Ballymurray, The Ballagh	11	10d	

REVISION OF VALUATIONS The various applications for revisions of valuation were considered by the Committee and it was agreed they should all be submitted to the General Valuation Department. WEXFORD BRIDGE In connection with traffic over Wexford Bridge in consequence of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge for repair, the following report of Inspector O'Neill, Garda Siochana, to the Co. Surveyor under date 12th June, 1933, was submitted:-"With reference to your letter of 16th instant in connection with weighty lorries crossing I beg to inform you that on 10/6/133 Garda John Kearney, 5702, of Wexford No. 1 Station found the following lorries crossing the Wexford Bridge:-Morris Commercial Lorry No. M.I. 3303, owned by J.J. Stafford, The Quay, Wexford, and driven on the occasion by William Kehoe. 11, Swan View, The Faythe. The unladen weight of this lorry is 2 tons, 19 cwts., and at the time was carrying a load of timber which weighed 2 tons, making a total weight of 4 tons 19 cwts. Chevrolet lorry No. M.I.3195, owned by Lizzie Meyler, Selskar St., Wexford, and driven on the occasion by D. Meyler of same address. The unladen weight of this lorry is la tons, and in addition was carrying at the time 1th tons of meal making a total weight of 2th tons. Ford Lorry and trailer No. Z.A. 31 the property of the Texaco Petrol Company, O'Connell Street, Dublin, and driven on the occasion by their employee Percy J.H. Williams, 118, Shelmartin Avenue, Dublin. The unladen weight of the lorry and trailer is 3 tons and in addition was carrying at the time 2 tons of Petrol making a total of 5 tons. Bedford Lorry No. M.I. 3989, owned by John Parle, Tacumshane, Wexford, and driven by James Sinnott, Piltown, Tacumshane, the lorry weighed 12 tons (unladen) and at the time was carrying 12 tons of cement making a total weight of 3 tons. "The drivers of each of these vehicles informed the Garda that © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

"owing to Ferrycarrig Bridge being closed they had no alternative route and were therefore obliged to cross the Wexford Bridge."

In reference to this matter the following letter under date 14th June, 1933, was submitted from Wexford Development Association:-

"My Committee have been informed by various Members that lorries have been held up crossing the New Bridge by Civic Guards and the names of owners taken.

"I am instructed to ask if two ton lorries laden with merchandise will be permitted to cross this bridge during the period that Ferrycarrig Bridge is closed, as it is a great hardship on merchants having both these bridges closed at the same time.

"I would be glad if you placed this matter before your Council at the earliest possible moment and oblige."

The Co. Surveyor stated that Messrs. L.J. Barker and T. Traynor from Wexford Development Association interviewed him a few days after he had received the report from the Garda Siochana and wanted him to agree to certain proposals as to the passing of lorries over Wexford Bridge, but he referred them to the Council. If one could be sure that the traffic would be restricted to lorries of two tons laden and if a speed limit of ten miles per hour would be observed, he would not have any objection to such traffic utilising Wexford Bridge. Under the by-laws there was no provision for mechanically propelled vehicles to cross the Bridge under their own power, they were supposed to cross the Bridge unladen. The design of the old Bridge would allow it to stand the traffic he had suggested but he could not be certain of every inch of the timbers. He would make no objection to the passage of lorries of four tons all in with a speed at the rate of ten miles per hour crossing the Wexford Bridge.

After further consideration it was decided on the recommendation of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to make no order in the matter.

A resolution was also adopted directing Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to warn the owners of heavy lorries reported by the Garda Siochana

required and he (Mr. Delap) would like to hear from the Contractor how exactly he proposed to raise the bascules and secure them and how he proposed to get the heads of the piles which carry the bearings in to correct position.

He also asked for particulars of what the Contractor proposed to do to lift the bascules and secure them and when he would be ready to lift.

The following resolution was adopted:— "That in view of the fact that the consulting Engineers have reported the Contractor for Ferrycarrig Bridge is not proceeding to carry out his Contract with due diligence and that he will certainly fail to complete same in time we hereby instruct the County Surveyor to inform him that unless he proceeds with this contract as directed the Committee must recommend the Council to act on the Terms of Clause 54 of the Specification and take up the Contract with a view to having it finished at his expense."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Report from the District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, as to the proposed committal of two children, John Fanning (4½ years) and Thomas Fanning (seven years) residing at Fairview, Gorey, to Rathdrum Industrial School, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE LTD.

From the report of the Directors of above which is to be presented to the General meeting of the Company on 28th June, 1933, it appeared the surplus realized by the operations of the company amounted to £5706.11.6d., which together with the amount carried forward from the previous Account, made a total of £19, 207.15s. for allocation.

The meeting considered that the report of the year's working of the Company was most satisfactory.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan: - "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd June, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Rate Collectors residing in their districts: Mr. McCarthy proposed confirmation of the recommendation of Finance Committee and pointed out that in the opinion of that Committee it would be hardship to the Collectors and to the ratepayers concerned to interfere with any of the Collectors except Nolan and Carty.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which passed nem con.

Rates on Mount St. Benedict: Mr. D'Arcy said that to his knowledge the larger portion of the buildings at Mount St.

Benedict had been vacant for some years. He proposed:- "That Rate Collectors Dunne be requested to furnish certificate to the Council as to the various years in which the principal portion of the buildings at Mount St. Benedict were unoccupied and for which a substantial amount of arrears of Rates are still due."

Mr. Brennan seconded the motion which was adopted.

Wexford Bridge: Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted, Mr. Keegan dissenting:

"That consideration of recommendation of Finance Committee as to Wexford Bridge and all matters arising thereon be considered in Committee."

The County Surveyor said the reason why the Finance Committee decided to take no action against offenders was that the whole procedure as to the by-laws was cumbersome, and not very satisfactory, and they believed a warning would be sufficient for the time being.

Col. Gibbon objected to the maximum speed limit being fixed at ten miles an hour for crossing the bridge. He believed it should be five miles.

The County Surveyor said that at five miles an hour a motorist would have to "change down" and this would cause more vibration to the bridge than if the higher speed were maintained.

Mr. McCarthy considered that before doing anything in connection with Wexford Bridge they should deal with the position at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Mr. Elgee recommended that as law proceedings might be instituted in connection with the Ferrycarrig Bridge contract, it would be advisable to have the discussion in Committee.

Mr. Keegan objected.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That consideration of all matters arising out of Ferrycarrig Bridge contract be taken in committee."

Mr. Keegan objected and proposed as an amendment that consideration of the matter be not held in camera.

Mr. Cooney seconded.

The Chairman was about to take a show of hands on the amendment but Mr. Keegan objected and demanded a poll, which resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Keegan's amendment: - Messrs Cooney, Gaul and Keegan (3).

Against: - Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Corish,
Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Meyler,
McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman (18)

Mr. Clince (1) did not vote and Messrs Doran, Jordan, Roche and Walsh (4) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and carried nem con.

Ferrycarrig Brodge: The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then read after which the following letter under date 8th July, 1933, from the Co. Surveyor, was submitted:-

"On the 5th instant in company with Messrs Delap and Waller and the Contractor, I made a thorough inspection and examination of the work in progress at Ferrycarrig Bridge and it was arranged that Messrs Delap and Waller should furnish a detailed report for the Council meeting on 10th instant. Up to date I have not received this report, and I have called up Messrs Delap and Waller on 'phone requesting that the report should, without fail, reach

my office on Monday morning. In the meantime I may state that we decided that it would be necessary to apply for authority to keep the road closed for a very extended period. Though it is hoped it will not be necessary to close the road for date set out hereunder we consider it will be advisable to ask for authority to that date. We estimated it would not be advisable to fix an earlier date than 15th November, 1933, though I may note that the Contractor has informed me he will look for extension of time up to 30th September next only.

"I shall be prepared to give further information at the meeting on Monday, but I hope that Messrs Delap and Waller's report will deal with every point, and that it will reach me in time for the meeting."

The County Surveyor stated that since his letter was written he had received the following under date 7th July,1933, from Messrs Delap and Waller, the Consulting Engineers:-

"We visited the bridge again on 5th instant, and from what we have seen, we advise that arrangements be made for an extension of the time during which the bridge may be closed to traffic.

In our opinion a further three months should be arranged for in case of necessity.

"A large amount of extra work has resulted from the unusually erratic form of the rock under river bed which was not disclosed by the borings, and the Contractor will certainly claim for an extension of time under this head when his original time expires. In our opinion the Contractor's claim if reasonable must be conceded.

"As to your query regarding delays at the commencement, the facts are that work was carried out for five weeks before the bridge was closed to traffic, and after this date the Contractor frequently opened the bridge for local traffic in order to oblige the local residents, although he was in no way obliged to do so. We cannot advise, therefore, that there are any adequate grounds for complaint on this score.

"We do not think it possible at this stage to name a © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

reliable date as to when the bridge may be ready for opening but when the difficulties that have arisen over the foundations have been overcome, we will be able to estimate the remaining time necessary to complete the work."

"You will realise that, under his contract, the Contractor is legally entitled to a reasonable extension of time owing to the difficulties which have arisen and for which he cannot be held responsible."

At this stage a wire was received from the Contractor requesting the Council to extend the time for completion of his contract to 30th September, 1933.

Mr. Culleton proposed:- "That Contractor for repair work at Ferrycarrig Bridge be given all the time he requires for the completion of his contract provided he erects a temporary bridge capable of carrying five tons."

In moving this Mr. Culleton said he understood a temporary bridge could be erected at a reasonable cost and if the Contractor would not comply with the terms of the resolution the Committee should erect the temporary bridge at his expense. If Ferrycarrig Bridge was to remain open till the winter they might calculate upon having to do very extensive repairs on Wexford Bridge which the continued traffic especially during the winter on Castlebridge - Artramon roads would cause injury to the extent of hundreds of pounds.

Mr. McCarthy seconded and said that any extension of time should be contingent on the Contractor erecting a temporary bridge which would carry such traffic as the County Surveyor considered reasonable.

Mr. Corish asked who was to be responsible for payment of Clerk of Works from the period when the Contract was supposed to be finished until the work was actually completed. It was fory serious for the people and for the town of Wexford to have Ferrycarrig Bridge closed at any time but it was disastrous to have it closed for nine months. The great delay in proceeding

Col. Gibbon said he was not satisfied with the Contractor from the first and he was less satisfied with him now. The position at the moment presented a very black outlook for the farmers concerned. The Finance Committee should have a special meeting to go fully into the matter with the Consulting Engineers. It was nonsense to allow the matter to hang as it was and the Finance Committee should go into the position minutely and ascertain if the Contractor was employing all possible men and if he procured the necessary technical advice to assist him as he

The County Surveyor said the Contractor had now secured the necessary technical advise.

(Col. Gibbon) had suggested a considerable time back.

Col. Gibbon - It is three months ago since I mentioned it.

If the bridge is to remain closed during the winter months the

Castlebridge road will require very considerable repair and

possibly Wexford Bridge also.

The County Surveyor said the erection of a temporary bridge at Ferrycarrig for heavy lorries or buses was out of the question but for light vehicles and for motor lorries, say, two ton trucks "all in", a temporary structure could be erected for about £300. The previous figure given for a temporary bridge was £1000 but that was for a bridge that would carry all traffic, the Council having decided it would be "all or none".

Mr. Corish suggested that the Contractor should have a double shift of men.

The County Surveyor thought that the Contractor was employing

all men necessary for the work. Since the Contractor had obtained the services of a qualified Engineer one bascule had been successfully lifted.

Miss O'Ryan said that the County Council should not suffer because the Contractor in the first instance did not secure proper technical advice and it was admitted that the want of this advice up to now had been responsible for delaying the work. The people of the district and the shopkeepers of Wexford and Enniscorthy could not be expected to held out for another three months. If the Council had been informed in the beginning that a fairly satisfactory temporary bridge could have been erected for £300 the whole Council would have been in favour of it. The road to Killurin had to bear bus traffic and this was doing injury. If they had definite detailed representations from the Consulting Engineers under which the bridge would have to be closed for a further three months they should consider the advisability of putting up a temporary bridge.

The Chairman pointed out that if in the opinion of the Consulting Engineers the Contractor had met with unforseen difficulties he would be entitled to extra time to close his Contract. They could empower the Finance Committee to agree to a temporary bridge at a specified cost if they found it was necessary.

Col. Gibbon suggested that as the Finance Committee meeting would not be held until the 20th July it might be better to set up a special Committee to deal with the matter. They could be empowered after hearing the views of the Consulting Engineers to take all steps they considered desirable, including and the erection of a temporary bridge.

After further discussion Gol. Gibbon put forward his suggestion in the form of a resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:

Mr. O'Byrne supported Mr. Culleton's proposal. The Contractor was responsible for the delay as it was only last

week he had employed a properly qualified Engineer.

Col. Gibbon's motion was then put and adopted, Mr. Culleton withdrawing his motion for the present.

The following special Committee were appointed:-

Enniscorthy Co. Electoral Area: Messrs McCarthy and Culleton.

Gorey do. do. do.: Messrs D'Arcy and O'Byrne.

New Ross do. do. do: Messrs Hickey and Walsh.

Wexford do. do. do: Col. Gibbon and Mr. Corish.

Industrial School Cases: Mr. Cooney protested against poor children being sent to Industrial Schools because they had failed to attend ordinary school, while the children of the well-to-do escaped scot free though they were away from school for longer periods. It was pitiable to see poor children trudging long distances to school wet to the skin and starving.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said it was only in very exceptional circumstances that children went to Industrial Schools for non-attendance at an elementary school. As a rule in cases of this sort repeated warnings had been sent to the parents.

Mr. Cooney said he would move a resolution that the Council refuse in future to pay for any children in Industrial Schools Who were the property because they had failed to attend Elementary school.

Chairman - The Council cannot go against the law.

Mr. Keegan questioned the statement that the Fanning children Fairfield, Gorey, recently committed, were destitute and it was decided that the Secretary communicate with the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in this matter.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 22nd June,
1933, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed
except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution
adopted at this meeting."

Meeting 6th July, 1933: The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 6th July, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

District) had not yet closed his warrant for 1932/33, the amount uncollected being £47: 9: 11d.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, call on Mr. Carty's sureties to lodge the amount outstanding. Rate Collectors' Poundage Fees: The following letter under date 29th June, 1933, (No.G.68977/1933) Loch Garman Fa. was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and to state that he sanctions payment of poundage as proposed in the cases of Messrs J.J. O'Reilly, J.J. Sinnott, and T. Rowe who closed their collections before the end of May. It is with some hesitation that the Minister agrees in Mr. Sinnott's case in view of the large proportion of his warrant carried forward.

"As regards Collectors J. Quirke, W. Doyle, P. Doyle, S. Gannon, J. Deegan and A. Dunne where the delay in closing has been more pronounced, the Minister cannot see his way to remit all penalty and must ask for a reconsidered proposal.

Special attention should be given in those cases where the proportions of the warrants carried forward exceed the average."

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

"That, in view of the fact that our Rate Collectors have had to advance from their own resources the sums required to close warrants for 1932/33, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to consent to full poundage fees being paid to the following Collectors who have closed:-

No. 1 District - J. Quirke; No. 2 - W. Doyle; No. 3 Phil.

Doyle; No. 4 - M. McCarthy; No. 5 - P. Nolan; No. 6 - S. Gannon;

No. 7 - J. Deegan; No. 10 - S. Gannon; No. 12 - M. Murphy; No. 14
Art Dunne and T. Bolger.

"The arrears carried forward in each Collection District have been closely examined and Finance Committee are satisfied that the Collectors in question are not to blame for the non-payment of these amounts."

No. 9 Collection District - Ex-Collector P. O'Byrne: The following letter under date 28th June, 1933 (No.68976/33 Loch Garman Fa.) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, regarding the collection of the balance of rates outstanding in No. 9 Collection District, I am directed by the Minister for Losal Government and Public Health to state that he appreciates the desirability of having this matter disposed of without delay. The Minister will not object to any suitable arrangements come to with the late Collector's Sureties. While not objecting as a purely emergency measure to the suggested employment, for the purpose, of Mr. O'Kennedy it should be understood that the Minister does not regard this work as suitable for an officer of Mr. O'Kennedy's position and he would prefer, if possible, that the services of some other Collector should be secured."

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In view of the opinion of the Minister it was decided that the outstanding amount in this district viz., £299: 18: 5d. should be collected by the new Collector to be appointed at County Council meeting on 10th July, 1933.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Notifications regarding applications for committals of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee. Solicitor.

Albert Slye, Rossard, Killanne (122 years).

Patrick Kearns, Tobergal, Boolavogue (101)

John Kearns, do. do. (9yrs).

James Kearns do. do. (5yrs).

John Corrigan, Shannon, Enniscorthy (13 yrs.)

Kevin Morrissey, Wafer St. Enniscorthy.

Elizabeth Byrne, Gobbinstown, New Ross (4).

Margaret Byrne do. do. (3).

Brigid Byrne do. do. (2).

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Inspector O'Neill, Garda Siochana, Wexford, recommended prosecutions against the following for breaches of the Food and Drugs Acts viz., deficiency of fats in samples of milk.

John Kavanagh, Old Pound, Wexford, (21 % deficiency in weight of fats).

John McDonald, Ballindinas, Barntown (14.66 %)

Wm. G. Scarr, Coolcotts, Wexford, (23 %)

Mr. Elgee stated he had already issued summonses in these cases.

Percentage of water in Butter: The following letter under date 28th June, 1933, (No. L.2412/33) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that an officer of the Department, Mr.Edward Kenny, acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs @WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVEST

premises occupied by Gregory J. Lancaster, in Newtownbarry,
Co. Wexford, a sample of butter which was submitted for analysis
and was found to contain 17.25 per cent of water - 16 per cent
being the maximum proportion of water allowable in a sample of
gemuine butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations,
1902 (copy enclosed). A copy of a statement received from Mr.
Kenny in regard to the purchase is enclosed, together with the
Analyst's certificate and copy thereof.

In this case an offence would appear to have been committed against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Wood and Drugs Act, 1875, and the Department are, therefore, desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of your Local Authority, be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained (Vide Sections 2(2) and 19, Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899)."

It was decided that in view of the excess percentage of water being only 1.25 %, that no prosecution be instituted against Mr. Lancaster.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

On the motion of Mr. O'Bythe seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we protest against the delay in the issue of Loans of £2,000 and £8,000, approved by Minister for Local Government and Public Health, for the making of advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. In consequence of the great delay in the issue of these Loans, building operations all over the County have been suspended; grave inconvenience in consequence, being caused to Tradesmen, to Builders' Providers, and selected applicants for Loans. The County Council absolute been placed in a false position in connection with the matter and the Finance Committee request that this further application for payment of the Loans be given immediate attention."

NEW LORRY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Surveyor stated that the Morris Light Ton
Truck, which the Council purchased five years ago, required
repair. It would cost about £20. As the lorry had been
five years in use, he thought the Council should consider the
advisability of procuring a new lorry chassis. He thought
the Council would be able to secure about £50 for the existing
old lorry. The price of a new chassis would be £189. The
body would be fitted by the County Council workmen in the
Machinery Yard and would cost about £20.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor stated the tax on the new lorry would be £30, as against £16 on the old Morris Lorry. The latter model is not now manufactured.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, that the County Council be recommended to purchase a Ford lorry chassis at a cost of £189, the body to be fitted in the County Machinery Yard, the County Surveyor to secure £50 if possible for the old Morris Lorry.

The County Surveyor stated that if the proposal to purchase a new lorry was approved, he intended to effect the sale through the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society.

HIRE OF CAR

The County Surveyor stated that until the new lorry was ready for the road, it would be necessary to hire a car for the conveyance of machinery parts etc for about a fortnight.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, be granted 6d per mile for the use of his car until the new lorry was available. 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 6th July, 1933, be received and considered."

Rate Collection: The Secretary reported that P. Carty, Collection District No. 20. had closed his warrant that day, and it was decided that application for payment of his poundage be included with the resolution of Finance Committee on behalf of ten other Collectors.

Food and Drugs Acts: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That we approve of the action of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, in instituting proceedings against John Kavanagh, Old Pound, Wexford, John McDonald, Ballindinas, Barntown, and Wm.G. Scarr, Coolcotts, Wexford, for alleged breaches of Food and Drugs Acts in regard to sale of milk.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Under date 13th June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.62124/33 Loch Garman) asking what steps the County Council had taken to obtain the loans of £8,000 and £2,000 sanctioned by the Department, from their Treasurer or in the open market.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Department on 14th June, 1933, that application had been made to the Treasurer, as it had been with difficulty the latter had agreed to the recommended extension of Overdraft on the ordinary account of the Council, and it would not have been possible to secure a long term loan otherwise than from Local Loans Fund.

Mr. Corish said that on 5th July, 1933, he went to the Department of Local Government to see what could be done to speed up the matter of securing the money. He had pointed out it was ridiculous to think the money could be obtained either from the Treasurer or in the open market. From the interview he had had with the Local Government he was satisfied that everything possible had been done by them. Then he got

in touch with the Office of Public Works on two occasions with the result that they promised the County Council would have the draft mortgage for the loans on the morning of the 11th July, 1933,

Mr. O'Byrne then proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered, on receipt of mortgage for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to be advanced from Local Loans Fund, to advance amount of loans to applicants whose titles to land etc have been found in order by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, whose applications have been approved by the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government & Public Health and who have executed the mortgage to repay loan and Interest thereon to the County Council."

The following (H.61343/1933 (pc)Wexford Co.Cl.) under date 4th July, 1933, was read from Housing Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:

"With reference to your communication of the 6th ultimo,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public
Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford
County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Name of borrower.	House.	Amount of
James Mythen, Joseph Darcy,	Mount Alexander, Gorey.	advance.
James Murphy,	Railway Road, Gorey. New Road, Gorey.	150. 135. 60.
Miss Johanna Fortune, Ellen Casey,	Ballyoughna, Killena. Ballinamona, Foulksmills.	60. 50.
Patrick Doyle, Matthew Hanlon,	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	
James Doyle,	St. Michael's Road, Gorey	170.

Under date 4th July, 1933, the following letter (H.71996/ 1933. Wexford Co. Cl.) was read from the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"With reference to your communication of the 30th ultimo,
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health
to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford Co.
Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings
Acquisition Acquisition

Name of Borrower.	House	Amount of advance
John Power	Latimerstown, Wexford.	£100
Richard Hendrick	Ballyeden, Clonroche.	70.
John Hackett,	Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge	175.
Myles Byrne,	Ballynahillen, Gorey.	105.
James Molloy,	Ballykerogue, Campile.	130.

New Lorry: Mr. Gaul proposed confirmation of recommendation of Finance Committee, Mr. Shannon seconded, and the motion was passed, Mr. D'Arcy dissenting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th July, 1933, be hereby adopted."

ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTORS.

No 9 District.

The Secretary reported that the following candidates applied for appointment as Rate Collector for No 9 District, comprising the following District Electoral Divisions, viz., Castleboro, Clonroche, Killanne, and Kiltealy:-

- 1. Matthew Crean, Rathnure, Enniscorthy. Passed Examination held on 25th May, 1932, securing 267 marks out of a possible 300.
- 2. John Flood, Clonroche, Enniscorthy. Passed examination held on 8th July, 1933, with 199 marks out of a possible 300.
- 3. Thomas Dunne, Borrmount Road, Enniscorthy. (Failed at Examination held on 8th July, 1933).

It was decided to take a vote as between the two eligible candidates, Crean and Flood.

This resulted as follows:-

For Crean: - Messrs Brennan, Cooney, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Shannon, Smyth, and Miss O'Ryan. 20.

For Flood: - Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbons, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, O'Byrne, Roche, Walsh, and the Chairman. 16.

The Chairman declared Flood elected and congratulated him on the result.

Mr Flood returned thanks and said he would do his utmost to give every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Clince, and adopted:-

"That John Flood, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No 9 District of the County on the terms of advertisement and conditions of appointment supplied candidates: remuneration to be 5d in 2 on amount of Rates collected and lodged with fees under Franchise Acts, the position to be temporary and non-pensionable, and appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local

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Government and Public Health and to the successful candidate entering into the necessary personal and fidelity guarantee _____bonds".

No 18 District.

For the vacancy in No 18 Rate Collection District, comprising the District Electoral Divisions of Carnagh, Dunmain, Inch, Kilmokea, Oldcourt and Whitechurch, applications were received from the following:-

- 1. Patrick J Bennett, Cushinstown, Ballynabola. Passed Examination held on 10th June, 1933, with 230 marks out of a possible 300.
- 2. William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane. Failed at Examination held on 8th July, 1933.
- 3. Thomas J Devereux, Boley, Ballycullane. Passed Examination held on 8th July, 1933, with 219 marks out of a possible 300.
- 4. Thomas Dunne, Borrmount Road, Enniscorthy. Failed at Examination held on 8th July, 1933.
- 5. Maurice Kehoe, Lacken, New Ross. Passed Examination held on 2nd April, 1929, with 200 marks out of a possible 300.

A poll was taken between Messrs Bennett, Devereux and Kehoe (the eligible candidates) with the following result:-

For Bennett: - Messrs Corish, Doran, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Shannon, and Walsh. 11.

For Devereux: - Mr Cummins and the Chairman. 2.

For Kehoe: - Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, and Miss O'Ryan. 13.

Devereux fell out and the poll between Bennett and Kehoe resulted as follows:-

For Bennett: - Messrs Corish, Doran, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Shannon, and Walsh. 11.

For Kehoe: - Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Cummins, xxx the Chairman, and Miss O'Ryan. 15.

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trimules - 10th July 1933 on his appointment. Mr Kehoe thanked the members of the Council who had voted for and against his appointment and promised to do all in his power to give satisfaction as Rate Collector. The following resolution was then proposed by Mr Brennan, seconded by Mr Colfer, and adopted:-"That Maurice Kehoe, Lacken, New Ross, be appointed Rate Collector for No 18 Rate Vollection District of the County on the terms of advertisement and conditions of appointment supplied candidates: remuneration to be 50 in £ on amount of Rates collected and lodged with fees under Franchise Acts, the position to be temporary and non-pensionable, and appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the successful candidate entering into the necessary personal and fidelity guarantee bonds". QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SURVEYOR. The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, stood in the name of Mr Culleton: -"That the resolution, adopted at meeting of Wexford County Council on 12th June, 1933, to appoint an Assistant Surveyor at a salary of 23 per week with locomotion expenses at 23 per week, be rescinded, and that the vacant district for Assistant Surveyor be divided among the existing five Surveyors at a remuneration of £40 each to cover salary and travelling expenses". (In accordance with Standing Orders, the motion was signed by Mr Culleton and four other members). In moving his motion Mr Culleton said the matter had been fully discussed at last County Council meeting. If his motion was adopted, it would mean a very substantial saving of the rates while not impairing the efficieny of the work. The roads would be as well looked after as at present. Mr Hall seconded. © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

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Colonel Gibbon said if the resolution was adopted they would have difficulty with the Assistant Surveyors who did not think £40 each per annum sufficient to cover expenses. He proposed that £45 each to the four Surveyors, leaving out Mr Treanor who was furthest away from the vacant district and who had stated that he did not mind being left out of the matter.

Mr Cooney opposed the motion which would create unemployment. The County Council should be the last to take such a step. They gave University Scholarships for young men to qualify as Engineers and, in face of that, why should they amalgamate jobs. He looked on it as a scandal and very unfair for the officials to take up this job.

Mr O'Byrne said the Council could not have the same supervision from five Surveyors as from six, and they were asked to sacrifice the services of an Engineer for a saving of £112 per annum, an amount which they were paying to a ganger. It was certainly not economical to reduce the Survey staff for the saving of £112.

Mr D'Arcy said he could not, as the mover of the motion to appoint a new Surveyor, see anything in the present proposals to change his mind; in fact, he was more firmly rooted in the attitude he had taken in view of the collusion between Colonel Gibbon and the Assistant Surveyors.

Mr Roche said this was an unfair statement of Colonel Gibbon's attitude.

Mr D'Arcy. - He comes in to tell the Council we will have only four Surveyors if we pay each of them £5 more. He thought this was very small on the part of Colonel Gibbon.

Colonel Gibbon said he had brought before the Council five or six years ago the reduction of the Survey Staff as opportunity presented. He asked the question of Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, who stated that they could not make any change in the employment of the Assistant Surveyors without their consent. Then the County Surveyor was asked to prepare a scheme as to the amalgamation of the vacant district. He reported that the Assistant Surveyors

would take £50 each and he (Colonel Gibbon) put up a proposition to give this amount but it was turned down. He asked the County Surveyor what was the lowest the Surveyors would accept and he was told they would not take £40 each, that the lowest the four would take was £45 each. On that basis, there would be a saving to the rates of £138 per annum as compared with Mr D'Arcy's proposition. If they agreed to the latter, it would not be long until strong representations would be made to bring up the salary to the amount paid the other Surveyors.

After further discussion, the Chairman asked Mr D'Arcy to withdraw the remark he had made as to collusion between Codonel Gibbon and the Assistant Surveyors though he (Chairman) considered Colonel Gibbon should not have approached the Assistant Surveyors in the matter. That should have been done by the whole Council or by a Committee acting on their behalf.

Mr D'Arcy agreed to withdraw his statement.

In reply to Mr D'Arcy, Mr Ennis said his salary from the County Council was 2230 per annum with 2170 travelling expenses. He received 2100 from Enniscorthy Urban Council and, if the 245 referred to by Colonel Gibbon was agreed to, he would have a total of 2545 per annum.

Mr D'Arcy. - So long as I am a member of this Council, I will not agree to increasing any official's salary.

After further discussion, the Chairman decided to take a vote only on the rescinding of Mr D'Arcy's motion, leaving the second portion of the motion, as to the apportionment of vacant Assistant Surveyor's district, to remain over for future consideration.

This vote resulted as follows:-

For: - Messrs Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, and Walsh. 12.

Against: - Messrs Brennan, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy,
Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, and the Chairman. 11.

Mr Clince (1) did not vote and Messrs Armstrong and Colfer (2)

were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr Gaul proposed:-

"That the County Council arrange for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor for district rendered vacant by resignation of Mr John Kehoe at a salary of £230 per annum with £170 per annum travelling expenses".

Mr Corish seconded.

Mr Culleton said he would withdraw the second portion of his motion to divide the vacant district between five Surveyors at £40 each.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, in reply to the Chairman, said he was not in favour of the division of the district from the beginning on the principle of live and let live. The district would provide a position for an eligible unemployed man.

Mr Cooney said he admired the attitude which Mr Treanor had taken up.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, Wexford District, said the position was looking rather muddy for the Assistant Surveyors. He wished to point out that the Surveyors as a body never sought for the division of the district. The matter was moved years ago by Colonel Gibbon who held that five Surveyors should suffice. The Assistant Surveyors would much rather have the sub-division than see a person appointed at half salary as was put up by Mr D'Arcy. The County Council had suggested the amalgamation without any suggestion from the Surveyors and had asked the County Surveyor to prepare a statement as to what the division should be. The Surveyors accepted this as the next best thing to a man being appointed at a reasonable salary but not at the paltry figure put up by Mr D'Arcy. Mr Treanor had not given them any information as to whether he wished to remain in or to be excluded from the division. If a proper salary was put up the Assistant Surveyors would agree to it.

After further discussion, Mr Culleton withdrew the second portion of his motion.

Colonel Gibbon then proposed:-

"That a sum of £45 each be voted to the four Assistant Surveyors, viz., Messrs Birthistle, Ennis, Cullen, and O'Neill, for the work in vacant Assistant Surveyor's district according to the mileage submitted to County Council meeting of 12th June, 1933, by County Surveyor".

Mr Mayler seconded.

Subsequently, Colonel Gibbon withdrew this motion, but it was then proposed by Mr Mayler and seconded by Mr Hall.

Mr D'Arcy, as a further amendment, proposed:-

"That a sum of £25 each be paid the existing five Surveyors to cover salary and travelling expenses for the work in vacant Assistant Surveyor's district".

Mr Brennan seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr D'Arcy's amendment with the following result:-

For: - Messrs Brennan, Cooney, D'Arcy, Hickey, and the Chairman. 5.

Against: - Messrs Clince, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, and Miss O'Ryan. 16.

Messrs Gaul, Keegan, and Hayes (3) did not vote and Messrs Armstrong and Colfer (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A poll was then taken on Mr Gaul's motion for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £230 with £170 travelling expenses. The following is the result:-

For: - Messrs Clince, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Hickey, Keegan, O'Byrne, and Shannon. 10.

Against: - Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, Mayler, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan, and the Chairman. 14.

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A poll was then taken on Mr Maylers to divide the district allotting £45 each per annum to cover salary and travelling expenses to Assistant Surveyors Birthistle, Ennis, Cullen and O'Neill.

The following is the result:-

For: - Messrs Culleton, Doran, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Roche, Smyth, and Walsh. 10.

Against: - Messrs Brennan, Cummins, Keegan, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, and the Chairman. 6.

Declined Voting: - Messrs Clince, Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Hayes, Gaul, Gibbon, and Shannon. 8.

Messrs Armstrong and Colfer (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF ROAD AND QUARRY MEN

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

"That the Council consider generally the system of employment of men for road and quarry work and, if considered desirable, make any necessary changes to ensure that all unemployed men will get a fair share of the work."

In moving his motion, Mr Keegan said that numbers of men employed by the County Council worked nine months of the year and then went on the "dole", so that one might say they had regular employment all the year round while others were starving. Foremen had been recruited from men who had been employed in His Majesty's ships and His Majesty's army. He moved that, in future, a Committee of three County Councillors from Gorey County Electoral Area be responsible for the employment of road workers in the area. That they meet once a month or oftener as occasion required, and that they go into the matter with the Assistant Surveyor.

Mr Hall seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said they should bear in mind the karge number of cases in which unemployed men had an acre or half an acre attached to their cottages and refused to put a spade into it to grow vegetables for their families.

After further discussion, a poll was taken on Mr Keegan's motion with the following result:-

For: - Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Mayler, Smyth, and the Chairman. 11.

Against: - Messrs Gaul and O'Byrne. 2.

Declined Voting: - Messrs Corish, Culleton, Doran, Hayes, Jordan, Shannon, and Miss O'Ryan. 7.

The following were not present when poll was taken:Messrs Armstrong, Gibbon, Hickey, McCarthy, Roche,
and Walsh. 6.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following Committee was appointed on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Brennan:-

Messrs D'Arcy, Keegan, and O'Byrne.

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

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

"That the usual annual summer holidays be granted to County Secretary and County Surveyor, and that these officers be empowered to fix dates of holidays of their staffs in conformity with the exigency of the work of the Council".

SANCTION OF RATE COLLECTOR - NO 14 DISTRICT.

Under date 7th July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 73534-1933, Loch Garman), sanctioning the part-time appointment of Mr Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford, for No 14 District, the appointment to be on probation for the current year.

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF RATE COLLECTOR O'BYRNE.

Under date 22nd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 65968-1933, Loch Garman), that the Minister consented to the removal from office of Collector P O'Byrne (District No 9), pursuant to Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 3rd July, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L 2422-33) that an officer of the Department had taken up eleven samples of butter in the County as follows:-

Enniscorthy, 4; New Ross, 4; Bunclody, 3; which were found by the County Analyst to be genquine.

CONVERSION OF WEST WING, COUNTY HALL, WEXFORD.

Under date 22nd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S 56221-33), approving of the plans for proposed conversion of County Hall West Wing into offices for the Vocational Education Committee and for the accommodation of the County Library, and stating that the Minister had sanctioned the loan of £2,900 to meet the expenditure on the work, the loan to be obtained from the County Treasurer and to be repayable with Interest at the usual rate over such period not exceeding 15 years as might be arranged with County Treasurer.

Ina further letter (S 61,386-33, Coch Garman Pa), the Department of Local Government and Public Health pointed out that no application for an advance from the Local Loans Fund for this work could be entertained.

Under date 24th June, 1933, Mr M Coghlan, Manager to Wexford Branch, National Bank, County Council Treasurer, wrote that the Directors of the Bank could not agree to the loan being advanced for a period of 30 years.

Under date 4th July, 1933, Mr Coghlan wrote that the

Directors of the Bank had sanctioned the loan of £2,900 for

conversion of West Wing of County Hall Warfit ARCHIVESices,

loan to extend over a period of 10 years instead of fifteen as applied for.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we agree to repay loan of £2,900 from National Bank, Ltd., for conversion of West Wing of County Hall, Wexford, into Offices, in a ten-year period as agreed to by Bank Directors".

In connection with this work, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S 69294-33, Loch Garman Pg), wrote that there was no objection to the County Council acting on the advice of the County Surveyor in connection with the appointment of Mr George Sinnott as Foreman in charge of the work of reconstructing the West Wing of the County Hall.

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE GRANT.

Under date 26th June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads (I.R.G.14)) stated that 2109. 6. 0, balance of special grant of £1,090, for Mountgarrett Bridge, had been paid to the County Council's Treasurer.

CLERKS OF WORKS.

Circular letter (No 50/33, Ilgh.- 17th June, 1933) from

Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the

appointment of Clerks of Works by Architects and Engineers with the sanction of the Minister was read.

The Secretary stated he had furnished copy of this letter to the County Surveyor for his information.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933.

Circular letter, under date 21st June, 1933, as to the provisions of the above Act, was read for the meeting.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) forwarded Sealed Order (No IR/107/1/1933), under date 15th June, 1933, agreeing as to the closing of Link Road (L 30, No 39) from Enniscorthy Urban boundary to Clonhaston Cross from 30th June, 1933, to the 31st August, 1933, both days inclusive, and Link Road (L 33, No 47) from Ryland turn over Clohamon Bridge to Clohamon from 19th June, 1933, to 31st July, 1933, both days inclusive.

Under date 8th July, 1933, the County Surveyor wrote that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it had been found impossible to commence work on these roads on the dates contemplated and, consequently, it would be necessary to apply for an extension of time for keeping them closed. It would be necessary to have the road, Enniscorthy - Clonhaston Cross, closed until 31st October, 1933 and Road (Ryland - Clohamon) closed to 30th September, 1933. He had had difficulty in arranging for the early attendance of the machinery in connection with both these jobs and, moreover, a more important point still, he had found that the sand from the River Slaney, which he contemplated using, was not now up to the standard on test, and he was having great trouble in obtaining a substitute.

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order, extending the period of keeping closed the roads from Enniscorthy to Clonhaston and Ryland - Clohamon to 31st October, 1933, and 30th September, 1933, respectively, in accordance with letter from County Surveyor, under date 8th July, 1933."

GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion Dr. Colfer, seconded by Mr Cooney:-

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"That the Government be requested to make available, as soon as possible, all Government Grants to help the Council.

to relieve the great unemployment all over the County".

MAIN ROAD UP-KEEP GRANT.

Under date 6th July, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RGM/201/33) that the grant for upkeep of main roads in County Wexford for current financial year had been fixed at £11,603 - being 40 per cent of the proposed expenditure. The same conditions attached to payment of grant as obtained in previous financial years.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

Under date 23rd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S 43781-33, Ilgh. Sc) for payment of £138. 5. 4., amount assessed on Wexford County, being their share of £4,106. 8. 0, the total expenditure under above Act for financial year, 1932-33.

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

"That Pay Order for £138. 5. 4, amount assessed on Wexford County for expenditure under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, issue at next meeting of Wexford County Council".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR LYNCH, V.S.

Under date 1st July, 1933, the Department of Local
Government and Public Health wrote (F H 70218-1933-Loch Garman
Sd) that the Minister had been informed that Mr J Lynch,
Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, had leave of absence from duty from
7th to 14th June, 1933, but the Minister would raise no objection
to the appointment of Mr F W Taylor as Veterinary Inspector
under Diseases of Animals Acts in New Ross area during Mr
Lynch's absence provided the Wexford County Council concurred.

A similar communication, under date 27th June, 1933, (L 2116-33), was received from the Department of Agriculture.

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O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That this Council approves of Mr F W Taylor, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, having acted as substitute for Mr J Lynch, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, during the absence of the latter from duty under Diseases of Animals Acts from 7th to 14th June, 1933, both days inclusive".

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

The following, under date 30th June, 1933, was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We are instructed by Miss Harriett E Palmer of Gorey Hill, Gorey, that on Saturday, the 3rd instant, there was terrific blasting in Gorey Hill quarry going on practically continuously from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., during which period our client and her sister had to abandon what they were doing and run for shelter to an out-office which was the first protection they could find.

"This particular out-office was struck by flying stones from the quarry and considerable damage was done to three fields belonging to our client, one of which is sown with oats, another being used for a meadow and the third a grass field.

Our Client instructs us to ask you in the first place for an Undertaking that this quarry will not be used for blasting purposes in future, as every time blasting is carried out there our client and her family, her workmen and stock run grave risks of injury, and her property always suffers damage, and in the second place for a promise of a satisfactory sum in compensation for the damage done to her property, and for the fright and shock which herself and her sister suffered on the occasion of the blasting on the 3rd instant.

Will you please let us hear as soon as possible with regard to these matters, as in default of a satisfactory settlement, our instructions are to institute proceedings for damages, and also for an injunction".

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The County Surveyor stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to the Insurance Brokers of the County Council to be dealt with.

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

"That we confirm the action of County Surveyor in forwarding claim, on behalf of Miss Palmer, for alleged injury to her premises by blasting from Gorey Hill Quarry, to Insurance Brokers for their attention".

PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER.

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

"That consideration of memorial as to erection of Bridge over Clody river be adjourned to meeting of County Council to be held on 14th August, 1933."

FLOODING AT MODUBEG, TAGHMON.

Memorial, signed by a large number of ratepayers in the district of Taghmon, was received from Taghmon Branch of the Irish Labour Party, asking that immediate steps should be taken to remove the increasing menace of flooding at Modubeg. This flooding caused great inconvenience and was a source of great danger to school going children, especially during the winter months.

The County Surveyo said this was a job he would carry out under a relief grant if one were available.

CUMMER QUARRY.

Six workers in Cummer Quarry wrote, appealing to the County Council to have stones in Cummer Quarry hand broken. They would be idle in about a week and could get no further work until the stonebreaking next year.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said this matter had been arranged satisfactorily.

STEAMROLLING KILLANNE-CAIM ROAD.

A number of ratepayers wrote, calling attention to the poor condition of the road between Killanne and Caim. If not seen to, it would soon be impassible.

The County Surveyor said what the memorial asked for was a continuance of the steamrolling on this particular road and the matter would be dealt with as soon as possible.

WATER SUPPLY AT ROSSLARE STRAND.

A complaint was received that 12 families on the Burrow at Rosslare Strand wished to know why they were not receiving the benefit of the public water supply the same as the other residents in Rosslare.

It was decided to forward the complaint to the County Board of Health.

MINE RIVER, ASKAMORE.

Memorial, signed by seven ratepayers of Munny, Killtilahane, and Askamore, was read, asking the Council to carry out some drainage and straightening on the Mine river between Askamore Bridge and Mine Bridge. This was necessary for the safety of the public.

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

"That the application as to drainage, etc., of Mine River be scheduled for repair under Relief grant when obtainable".

DAMAGE BY BUS.

The following report was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 1st July, 1933:-

"Some time on the night of 30th June, a passenger-carrying bus, No. E.O.4314, having the name of T Fitzpatrick, Local Services, 139 Stephen's Green, Dublin, on name plate, crashed through wall at Ballydaniel Bridge when travelling from Camolin towards Gorey. The repair would cost £28. 10. 0."

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

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to communicate with owner of 'Bus E.O.4314 and apply for £28. 10. 0, cost of repair of wall of Ballydaniel Bridge, injured by this vehicle on the night of 30th June, 1933. That, should owner refuse to pay, Mr Elgee be directed to institute legal proceedings for recovery of amount in question".

FORD OF LYNG.

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

"That Mr Elegee, County Solicitor, be directed to continue the law proceedings in connection with Ford of Lyng".

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr C Clince, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That, provided no objection be made by Garda Siochana authorities, licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to the following: - John Murphy, Arhubstown; Laurence Power, Campile, and Peter Smyth, To Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, (new licences); John Mythen (Buttle Bros & Co., Blackwater); Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane; Daniel Keating (P Tierney & Co), Quay Street, New Ross; Henry Hill, Ballycanew; and Laurence Harpur, Wexford, (renewals of licences)".

WORKING OF CARRIGEEN QUARRY

Messrs Mark Kearns and Danl. McClean came before the Council in connection with the working of Carrigeen Quarry.

Kearns acted as spokesman and said that the unemployed men in the district were not getting a fair show. They had been given an assurance by the County Council some time ago that the local men would be employed and particularly that married men should get the preference. That assurance was not carried out as last winter two men who lived four miles outside the district were brought in and given employment.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said it was only three weeks back since blasting started, in this quarry. He had employed a Ganger and eight men all of the regular staff of the Council. Two of these men were living four miles away. One of them had been working with the Council since 1914 and the second since 1918. All the others lived within a distance of two and a half miles. The two men referred to were working last winter on the roads upon which their houses were situate. Kearns lived about a mile from the quarry. As regards the statement of Kearns that men were employed who had an accumulation of Insurance stamps the men he (Mr. Ennis) had re-employed had run out of stamps three weeks ago.

Mr. Hall said that one of the men who had been reemployed had a good deal of means. McClean, the second member of the deputation, lived "up against" the quarry and was a very good worker. He admitted that it was not very easy for Mr. Ennis to get rid of men who had worked for years in a satisfactory way but this did not lessen the grievance of men such as Kearns and McClean who were not able to find any employment.

Mr. Cooney said that the statements made by Kearns as to men with an accumulation of Insurance stamps being employed applied to the whole County - though there was a resolution of the Council that such men should be disemployed for a period to

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allow of unemployed men securing some share of the work.

Mr. Ennis said he did not believe there were more than ten or twelve of the men employed in his whole district with an accumulation of stamps. And they had these stamps because they were the best workers.

The Chairman said if they made an order that no road or quarry worker with a certain number of stamps on his insurance card should be employed the Council should see that the order was carried out. He held there should be a change about in the employment of the men. In his district some men were able to get five or six years' constant work while others could not get employed for a day.

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That any County Council Worker who has an accumulation of twelve months' stamps on his Insurance card should be disemployed and his place taken by an unemployed man until stamps have been exhausted."

The County Surveyor considered the resolution a great mistake. They were asked to get rid of good and tried workers and take on men who had never been engaged in road work. No ordinary employer would do this.

Kearns said there were 10 men unemployed in his district.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he could not take on
any more men than those he had.

Kearns again repeated the statement that men were working in Carrigeen quarry who had an accumulation of stamps for five or six years.

Mr. Ennis - That statement is not true. These men did not do any work from 11th February to a forthight ago, when their stamps were exhausted.

Mr. Gaul said that a man should have three years' stamps before he would be entitled to six months benefit.

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Cooney's motion would involve a vicious principle and would only affect about 20 men. It would be far better if the Council would arrange to obtain a

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census of the unemployed in the Rural areas.

Mr. Colfer said that he was in close touch with the conditions of employment in his district and gave instances in which numbers of the men described as the regular staff of the Council had been employed for eight or ten weeks only, during the year.

Mr. Corish said the Government would soon allocate relief grants probably on the number of men registered at Unemployment Exchanges in each County. The Council knew that all the men in the Rural areas were not signing on at the Exchange now — in fact numbers of them had given up in despair. But if they could get a real census of the unemployed in Rural areas it would be a great help to secure the higher amount of relief grants and also a guide to the Council as to the localities which most needed the expenditure of the money. He proposed a resolution on these lines as an alternative to the motion of Mr. Cooney and which he regarded as a retrograde step.

The Chairman decided to take a poll on Mr. Cooney's motion:-

This resulted as follows:

For: Messrs Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Hickey, Keegan, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman (10)

Against: Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Meyler, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh (8).

Messrs Brennan, Hall and Hayes (3) did Not vote and Messrs Armstrong, Gibbon, Jordan, McCarthy and Roche (5) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cooney's motion carried.

CULLENSTOWN ROADS

The following applications for relief grant and maintenance of estate roads of Bannow district signed by a very large number of ratepayers was submitted:

"The Cullenstown Road serves an important area inasmuch as it leads to Cullenstown Sea-Side Resort, and is extensively

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used by visitors during the summer season. There are two hotels, a motor garage, shop and several residential cottages served only by said road.

The County Council haulage averages over 1000 cubic yards per annum, and the transport of hundreds of tons of Concrete blocks for the Health Board Housing Scheme will entail heavy additional wear and tear on this sector.

Roads (b) and (c) are extensively used by local residents while roads of lesser importance are maintained at the Public expense.

All the aforementioned roads have up to the present been maintained by local voluntary labour, but the vastly increased motor and lorry traffic has placed such a strain on the road surfaces that it is no longer possible for the local residents to maintain them in anything approaching proper condition.

We the undersigned beg to apply for portion of Minor Relief Grant for maintenance of the above mentioned roads."

The following deputation attended in connection with the matter: Messrs John Stafford, Jasper Hayes, John Maddock, and James Harpur.

Mr. Stafford who acted as spokesman stated that the roads in question were private roads of the Boyse Estate.

The Cullenstown road served an important area as it led to Cullenstown seaside resort and was extensively used by visitors during the summer season. The County Council hauled 1000 cubic yards of gravel annually over it. Forty acres of beet crops had to be hauled over it. There was an appreciable amount of tourist traffic over these roads. The Board of Health were carrying out block making in Cullenstown Strand and it was stated that they were making 100,000 concrete blocks for cottages there and which would entail heavy haulage. There was further a Coast Life Saving service on the road and if a wreck ofcurred it was important to have a good road. The vastly increased mo @rwexford Countyacouncil archives, on

the road surfaces that they could no longer be maintained by voluntary labour in anything like proper condition.

The County Surveyor said that before any work could be undertaken on these roads they should be dedicated to the public. They were on the Boyse Estate and Major Boyse claimed he had manorial rights to the foreshore and that the gravel thereon was his property the people paying so much a year. This question of a payment of royalty for the gravel taken and a dedication of the roads to the public would have to be considered before action could be taken by the Council.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:— "That as regards application to the County Council for repair of Bannow Estate roads etc we direct our Co. Surveyor to communicate with Major Boyse and any others concerned and report to the Council if it be possible to secure a dedication of these roads to the public, also to consult with Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, as to the responsibility (if any) of Major Boyse, for their repair and further to the sale of gravel from foreshore.

Passed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon: - "That the application of Ratepayers in Bannow District for repair of Estate Roads etc be adjourned pending consideration of report of Co. Surveyor."

APPLICATIONS LANES ETC ADJOURNED

It was decided to adjourn to meeting of County Councilin August consideration of the following:-

- 1. Larkins Lane.
- 2. Mount Misery Lane.
 - 3. Dangerous Corners Horeswood District.

Also resolutions from Longford Co. Council - reduction in capitation grants to Industrial Schools. Kildare Co. Council - unemployment in Rural areas. Limerick Co. Council - "outlawing" Communist Party.

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