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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING 1ST JULY 1935

MINUTES

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD

N.J. FRIZELLE
Secretary County Council.

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The annual meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st July, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, (presiding) also Messrs J.J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col.C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, T.J. Meyler, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Assistant Surveyors Treanor, O'Neill, and Birthistle were also in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurers Advice Notes for ordinary payments £15174: 0: 9d and for Transfers to Public Bodies amounting to £21037: 15: 0d. were examined and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cummins said he had the privilege on the last occasion of proposing Mr. Allen as chairman of the County Council and he desired to propose him again that day to hold office until his successor has been appointed and has taken office. He did not believe any of the councillors were anxious for a change. He considered the Wexford County Council had carried on very well having regard to the trying circumstances of the past twelve months. He would like to see more harmony and more unity amongst the Councillors. There was a spirit existing today that all should be united for the common good. Cardinal MacRory, Prince of the Church, sounded that note last week when he stated that, during his

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travels through America and Australia, the people of these two great continents deplored the disunion amongst us in this country. He (Mr. Cummins) thought that, apart from all this, President de Valera, so far as he could read every speech he was making, was appealing to the people for unity, to sink their differences and to unite for the benefit of Ireland. He (Mr. Cummins) had been of this opinion for a very long time and thought that last year the Wexford people would have been able to lead the way for the rest of Ireland in that direction. He was a long time in public life in the county and he would always see that, when the people were united, they won everything, and disunited they got nothing. Going back to the time of the Irish Parliamentary Party any benefit they got for the country was when there was union amongst them, but when the split came nothing could be obtained. If it were at all possible, the people of Wexford County should unite and set an example to the rest of the country. They met in the County Council to further the interests of the people whom they represented to the best of their ability. Let them have their parties outside the County Council but at the County Council they should consider nothing only the common good. He hoped and trusted this unity would be brought about during the next twelve months.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said that Mr. Allen had used all his energy in endeavouring to further the best interests of the Council during his term of office. He has been most assiduous and most attentive to his duties and never missed a meeting for the whole year. The position of Chairman of a County Council for the moment was no sinecure. He accepted heavy responsibilities which would weigh upon the shoulders of any man. He

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would like to support the appeal of Mr. Cummins for unity and would beg the Councillors wherever it was possible to see eye to eye. If they would not agree on any particular point, they should at least respect the opinions of those who differed from them. If they endeavoured to understand each other's point of view they would do very much better in the business. As for himself, owing to the very close attendance of Mr. Allen, he had not been given an opportunity of presiding at the County Council meetings and he hoped this state of affairs would continue to prevail in the future.

Colonel Gibbon proposed the election of Mr. Doyle as Chairman, and, in doing so, said he wished to cast no reflection on Mr. Allen, but Mr. Doyle was the leader of the largest individual party in the Council and for that reason he believed they were entitled to the chair, and another thing, Mr. Doyle had great experience of the County Council's work having acted as Chairman for so many years.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result.

For Mr. Allen : Messrs Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and Miss O'Ryan - 13.

For Mr. Doyle : Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh - 9.

Messrs Doyle and the Chairman (2) did not vote while Mr. Maylor (1) was absent for the division.

The Chairman having declared himself elected, in returning thanks, said he hoped to have the support of the members of the Council in carrying on their work during the year.

Mr. Doyle also thanked those who voted for him. He was sure they had no idea they would succeed in securing the Chairmanship. However, that was all over now and he assured the Chairman that he would, with his party, assist the chair in every possible way during the year.

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The Chairman then subscribed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed that Mr. Richard Corish be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Council, to hold office until his successor has been appointed and has taken up ~~the~~ office. Mr. Corish represented a very important section of the Irish people.

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Corish returned thanks and stated that, as he had already mentioned, he did not get very much to do owing to the Chairman's close attendance and he hoped the same state of affairs would last during the coming year.

Mr. Corish then subscribed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

STRIKING OF RATE

Proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That we hereby allow and make the rates as agreed to at meeting of this Council on 8th April, ^{last} and as set out and assessed in Rate Books for each Collection District for this County, our Secretary having certified at foot of said Rate Books that the Rate in so far as the valuation of the hereditaments now in force therein, is concerned, is in conformity with the valuation supplied by General Valuation Office and in accordance with instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and that Occupiers of Agricultural Land be given such relief in respect of rates on agricultural land as has been provided by the Oireachtas for the financial year ending 31st March, 1936, such relief to be given by way of abatement as determined by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

"That the following sums ~~as~~ agreed to at meeting of

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this County Council held on 8th April, 1935, be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1935/36:-

Enniscorthy.....	£3254: 1: 6d.
New Ross.....	£2983: 0: 6d.
Wexford.....	£6445: 6: 2d.

DEATH OF DR. W.C. LAWLER, CORONER FOR
NORTH WEXFORD

Mr. Ronan proposed a vote of condolence with the family of Dr. W.C. Lawler, Coroner for North Wexford, whose death occurred on 25th June, 1935. He had been practically 28 years in the employment of the Council and had given great satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. He was a big loss to his profession .

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by the Secretary, who stated that Dr. Lawler was a fine official and carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

The motion was adopted in silence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st June, 1935, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st June, 1935.

Present Messrs. D. Allen (Chairman), presiding, P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4123:8:11 was examined and signed.

CLOSE OF RATE COLLECTION

The Secretary stated that some of the Rate Collectors' districts had been closed and others were being examined. A fully detailed statement as to the close of the warrants would be submitted to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

POUNDAGE FEES: Under date 5th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.96774/35 Loch Garman (Fa) that as a special concession the Minister was prepared to authorise payment of Poundage at 7d to each Rate Collector who had lodged by the 15th June, 1935, an amount equivalent to 87½% of the 1934/35 assessment plus the full arrears included in his warrant from the 1933/34 assessment. If the five Collectors mentioned in the letter of 11th June, 1935, from County Council to the Department, fulfilled these conditions the extra remuneration proposed could be paid to them.

DISTRICTS NOS. 6 & 7:- Under date 20th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.99742/35 Loch Garman (Fa) that on the specific understanding that the Council would make permanent arrangements in respect of Collectors for Districts 6 & 7, the Minister sanctioned the temporary arrangements proposed by the Council for the collection of the warrants in these districts for the current financial year.

In reference to application made to the New Ross Rates Committee meeting by Collector J. Curtis for extra poundage fees to meet loss sustained through poundage not having been paid on Credit Notes, the Secretary reported that Collector Curtis had not yet forwarded, as requested, letter from the Rate Collector in Kilkenny who had stated that Poundage fees on Credit Notes were paid in that County.

Mr. Colfer stated that Collectors had a good deal of trouble with Credit Notes and it was only fair that they should be remunerated for this extra work. The additional agricultural Grant had resulted in a heavy "cut" in Collectors' remuneration.

The Chairman pointed out that the Local Government Department had issued a Circular to all County Councils that payment of poundage fees on Credit Notes would not be sanctioned. The Department had, however, on the application of the Local Government Officials' Union sanctioned payment to satisfactory Collectors on the basis of poundage calculated on Warrants for 1931/32. This applied to Collectors appointed before 1st April 1931. Collectors whose poundage fees for 1934/35 Warrant had been increased from 5d to 7d in the £. were in receipt of greater remuneration for 1934/35 than they obtained in 1931/32. Also any Collector whose District had been substantially enlarged since 1931/32 was now in receipt of greater remuneration for Poundage than amount paid in 1931/32.

Collector Curtis's area had been enlarged and his poundage fees for 1934/35 were considerably in excess of sum paid for 1931/32. The additional amount he received through his area being increased was more than poundage fees on Credit Notes.

Mr. Colfer said he considered that any Collector who had accounted for 89% of Warrant should be paid a bonus to help to make good the poundage fees on Credit Notes to the payment of which sanction was not granted.

It was pointed out that the following seven Collectors

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had accounted for 89% of Warrant:-

Messrs. E.J. Murphy, J.J. O'Reilly, J. Curtis,
D. Kenny, M. Kehoe, J. Deegan and P. Carty.

Collectors E.J. Murphy, J.J. O'Reilly and J. Deegan had been paid extra Poundage as a bonus to bring their remuneration to that obtained in 1931/32.

Collectors D. Kenny, M. Kehoe and P. Carty, had, owing to increase in Poundage rate from 5d. to 7d in £. received greater remuneration for 1934/35 than that applicable to their districts in 1931/32.

Collector Curtis, who had accounted for practically 93% of his gross warrant had received no extra remuneration for 1934/35 as his normal rate of Poundage was 7d in the £., and his net remuneration for 1934/35 exceeded that of 1931/32.

Mr. Colfer proposed that as the other Collectors mentioned had received extra remuneration for 1934/35 a bonus of 1d in the £. be paid to Collector Curtis for 1934/35 Warrant.

Mr. J.P. Kelly seconded.

On a vote the motion was supported by Messrs. Colfer and Kelly (2) while Messrs. Kinsella, O'Byrne and the Chairman (3) voted against.

Mr. Keegan (1) declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

In connection with loan granted Mrs. Mary J. Doyle, Monamolin, it appeared she proposed to add to her existing residence and in consequence as loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts granted by the County Council were only in respect of new houses the decision in this case was reviewed.

The Chairman stated the Appointed Officer had some doubt in this matter, but having consulted another engineer of the Department came to the conclusion in view of the extensive nature of the additions that the new structure should be regarded as a new building.

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Correspondence was read from a number of applicants or from Solicitors on their behalf relative to loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

For John Murphy, Summerhill, Enniscorthy, from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors.

John J. Holbrook, Oulart Road, Enniscorthy.

Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

Martin Redmond, Greenane, Killanne.

Mr. P. Ronan, County Councillor, wrote in respect of application of Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns, for loan of £200. This man, Mr. Ronan stated, applied under the first loan but his application was dropped as he was unable at the time to make title. He was under the impression that the application would hold good for the second loan and that when he started building the house, the money would be forthcoming. The building was begun about a month ago and the mason and merchants who supplied materials were waiting for payment. Mr. Ronan made a special appeal to the Finance Committee to endeavour to meet the application.

Under date 19th June, 1935, Mr. Michael Whitty, Tomanoule, Ballycarney, wrote asking that his application for loan of £180 be cancelled. He was not in a position to proceed with the erection of the house.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That loan of £180 agreed to in the case of Michael Whitty, Tomanoule, Ballycarney, whose application has been withdrawn, be transferred to Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns."

Passed.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, wrote applying for additional loan of £75 for Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killenagh, Gorey.

Refused.

In the case of James Doyle, St. Michael's Road, Gorey, the Secretary stated that loan in this case for £170 was approved, the

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house being then valued, from an inspection of the plans by the Assistant Surveyor, at £190.

Mr. John Elgee, County Council Solicitor, reported that the Mortgage Deed had been signed for £180.

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, for Doyle, now applied for the extra £10, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, furnished a new certificate that the building as completed with site was value for £200.

It was decided that extra £10 be allocated to James Doyle, for house at St. Michael's Road, Gorey, as certificate had been received from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that the value of this house when completed is £200.

John Hackett, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, wrote that as times were too bad he would not proceed with the erection of the house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Under date 8th June, 1935, letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, pointing out that on 31st December last, he had written to Patrick Scully, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, asking him to send in his Title Deeds to plot on which he proposed to build his house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Under date 11th June, 1935, Mr. Elgee, had received a letter from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Patrick Scully, which stated that from the 2nd February last they had been endeavouring to procure the Receivable Order for redemption of the portion of the Annuity apportioned on the plot from the Land Commission, but had not succeeded up to the present.

The Secretary reported that Johanna Fortune, Ballyoughna, Killena, who had been approved for loan of £60 under the first loan was only now in a position to proceed with the erection of the house. As the £10,000 in respect of the first loan had already been allocated the Committee decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman to allow Mrs. Fortune to proceed with the building and to allow £60 from repayment made by John Greene, Enniscorthy.

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The Secretary stated in connection with the amounts unapplied - viz, £1157 in New Ross and Wexford Districts, £600 was to have been allocated to Gorey and £557 to Enniscorthy. Since then the amount, owing to withdrawals, had been increased to £1332, and taking £600 and £557 as a percentage basis the new figure which Gorey would get would be £691 and Enniscorthy £641.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the unapplied balance under second loan obtained by Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be applied as far as possible on the basis of £691 for Gorey District and £641 for Enniscorthy District."

The following allocations were then agreed to:-

<u>ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:-</u>	Nicholas Downes, Scarawalsh, Ferns.....	£70
	John Foley, Greenville, Enniscorthy.....	£100
	Charles Hendrick, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.....	£150
	John J. Holbrook, Oulart Rd., Enniscorthy.....	£200
	Peter Murphy, Aughnagally, Enniscorthy.....	£100
<u>GOREY DISTRICT:-</u>	James Clince, Ballyscarton, Gorey.....	£187
	John Hempenstall, Island Upper, Graanford.....	£100
	Wm. O'Brien, Ballymoney, Gorey.....	£200
	James Sinnott, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour....	£225

Under date 11th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.86125/35 Loch Garman) approving of loan of £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Miss Brigid Somers, Rathturtin, Clonroche.

Under date 11th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.83303/35 Wexford) in reference to the resolution of the Co. Council as to the extension of the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to cover loans for the reconstruction of houses, that under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions)

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Act, 1932, grants were made available to agricultural labourers for the purpose of reconstructing houses in their own occupation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested in impending legislation relative to housing, to make provision to empower County Councils to grant loans for the reconstruction of dwelling houses by persons residing in rural areas."

ASSESSMENT - LOCAL AUTHORITIES
(OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the County Council be recommended to pay £146:18:1d, amount assessed on them under the above Act for the year ended 31st March last."

EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875
REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

Under date 11th June, 1935, Letter (No. I.R./45) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) relative to the responsibilities of local authorities in connection with the registration of premises under the Explosives Act 1875. This communication enclosed memorandum from the Department of Justice with sample forms etc. to be used in connection with registration.

The Secretary stated that the registration of premises with Wexford County Council was being carried out.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification from the Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, as to the proposed committal of John J. Walsh, (12 years and 8 months), and Sylvester Walsh (10 years and 8 months) of the Folly, Enniscorthy to a suitable Industrial School, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor,

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APPLICATION FOR WEIGHTS & MEASURES OFFICE
FERNS DISTRICT.

Under date 14th June, 1935, Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote on behalf of Messrs. John Bolger and Company Ltd., Ferns, as to the inconvenience caused to traders in Ferns by having to bring their weights and measures to Enniscorthy for verification. Messrs. Bolger & Co., asked that the Co. Council should consider issuing an order establishing an office in Ferns at which Weights and Measures could be verified. The matter had been before the Co. Council on a previous occasion but had not been acceded to for some reason. The local Inspector, (Sergeant Keenan) would raise no objection, provided the premises placed at his disposal were suitable. Messrs. Bolger & Co., would offer suitable premises at a charge of 5/- per week during the time Weights were being adjusted.

A short Memorial from the traders of Ferns in favour of the application was also submitted.

A recommendation was adopted asking the Chief Supt. Garda Siochana, for his observations on the application and also what additional cost (approximately) would be incurred if the application was acceded to.

ST. HELEN'S QUARRY

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J.K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, on behalf of John Carr, Ballywitch, Kilrane, offering the Co. Council an acre of land at £80 or half an acre at £40 for the purpose of developing quarry at St. Helen's. About seven years ago the Council had purchased half an acre of land in connection with this quarry for £40.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor (who was absent from the Finance Committee meeting, being engaged at an inspection with an official from the Office of Public Works at the Ford of Lyng) should furnish his observations on the matter.

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REVISIONS OF VALUATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That applications for Revision of Valuation submitted to this meeting be agreed to and forwarded to General Valuation Office, Dublin."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION.

Application for compensation for injury to motor car, amount £6:3:6d was received from Robert Codd, 4 Lower George St., Wexford, and referred to County Solicitor to oppose.

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Requisition from Garda Síochána as regards applications under above Acts included one fountain pen.

It was decided to inform the Garda Síochána that this could not be supplied. All members of the Co. Council staff procured fountain pens at their own expense.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "That we confirm the action of our Chairman in affording use of Gorey Courthouse for Feis Ceilidhe on Thursday 20th June, 1935, as through an oversight, the Hon. Sec. of Gaelic League, Gorey Branch, omitted making the usual application to the Co. Council for the use of the building."

USE OF "NOFRANGO" FOR BUILDING PURPOSES

The Co. Surveyor submitted under date 15th June, 1935, the following letter from Mr. P. Hawkins, Hon. Secretary, Wexford Trades Union Council:-

"I am instructed by above Council to inform you that in connection with job being done in Old Jail for the County Health Board, if the partition walls are not done in block or bricks the masons will refuse to work. Nofrango work cannot be entertained by the Council."

Adjourned to next meeting.

DAMAGE TO TAR CASKS ON ROAD 43M

Under date 20th June, 1935, the following report was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

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"It was reported to me Sunday 16th instant that tar casks on Craanford Road had been damaged, and I had same attended to Monday morning. I made an inspection Monday and reported the matter to Gardai giving particulars of information I received. I went out with Sergeant McGee on Tuesday and as a result of inquiries made it is quite possible that arrests will shortly be made.

There are 19 casks holed, two so badly as to be quite empty - remainder from half to three quarters of contents gone."

The Finance Committee decided to request the Co.Council to represent to the Co.Surveyor the advisability of arranging for the distribution of tar casks on roads only when material is available and when tar will be utilised without undue delay.

SOW DRAINAGE RATE

Messrs. Michael Ryan, Coolnaboy and John Sutton, Tinraheen, The Ballagh, attended as a deputation in connection with Sow Drainage rates. They stated they had seen officials of the Office of Public Works who could hold out no hope of any further concession beyond that already agreed to viz:- the spreading of the arrears over a four years' period. The deputation pointed out it was absolutely impossible for the majority of the drainage ratepayers to meet this amount.

After discussion it was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Corish T.D. should consult with officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to ascertain if the following suggestions made by the Co.Council could be carried out:- viz. Sow Drainage Ratepayers to pay a year's rate as per original Charging Order with Maintenance Charges for the current financial year, and in succeeding years until the amount of loan repaid to Office of Public Works by the Co.Council has been discharged by the Drainage Ratepayers. The difficulty with which the Council would be faced was as to their authority to collect money from Drainage Ratepayers for the periods after which the Loan from the Office of Public Works had been paid off by the County Council.

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Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st June, 1935, be received and considered."

Rate Collection - Poundage Fees: In connection with the application of Rate Collector John M. Curtis, District No.19, the Secretary stated that the New Ross representatives at Rates meeting owing to the fact that their collection was better than in other districts, considered the Collectors of this district should get a special concession in the shape of being allowed poundage on Credit Notes as Mr. Curtis said this had been agreed to in the neighbouring county of Kilkenny. It was ascertained that the Department of Local Government and Public Health have not agreed in any county to this proposal. Wexford County Council were so informed by the Ministry and in order to help the Collectors the Finance Committee with the sanction of the Department and on representations by Local Government Officials' Union induced the County Council to pay certain Collectors, whose collections were considered satisfactory, a bonus on last year's warrant so as to bring their poundage to the level of that applicable to 1931-32 warrant. In addition the County Council with the approval of the Minister approved of increased poundage to satisfactory collectors from 5d to 7d. In the case of Mr. Curtis the loss of poundage on credit notes would be about £15 while his increased poundage in consequence of his district having being enlarged was £30, the difference between £103 poundage for '31-32 and £133: 13: 7d poundage on his last warrant. There are three Collectors who have as satisfactory a collection as the four New Ross men, the payments to the seven being E.J. Murphy £6: 6: 2d; J.J. O'Reilly (Gorey) £8: 19: 1d; J.M. Curtis increased district; D. Kemy (Gorey) increased poundage 6d to 7d; M. Kehoe increased poundage 5d to 7d and P. Carty increased poundage rate 5d to 7d.

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A penny in the £ on Mr. Curtis' district would be about £21.

After discussion Mr. T. Redmond gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that Mr. Curtis receive the same amount of bonus as Mr. E. J. Murphy viz., £6: 6: 2d.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Mr. Doyle - Have we any supervision for the building of these houses?

Secretary - Yes; the money is only paid on the Certificate of the Assistant Surveyor and he inspects the houses three times during the course of erection, and the plans have already received the sanction of the Housing Officer of the Local Government Department.

Mr. Doyle - A certain house, built by a person other than a tradesman, was brought under my attention and I must say the house is badly done. I do not know anything else about the matter - the house is not very close to me, and I am informed no tradesman whatever was employed on the job. I do not want to prevent the owner getting his house as cheap as possible, but I would like to know if it is built to order.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he was very glad the point cropped up. When this matter came up in the first instance arrangements were made for a compromise between the County Council and the Assistant Surveyors. At that time, on behalf of the Surveyors, it was pointed out that the fee of one guinea would not remunerate them to give close supervision in the construction of the houses, and they were told at the time by the Council they were simply acting as valuers. They explained to the Council that they did not wish to oppose the plan for the building of small houses, but that the fee would not cover such inspections as needed, and they were informed such inspection by them was not necessary, and that they would not be held accountable for the construction. The point Mr.

Doyle raised was perfectly correct, and there were cases where houses were not properly built. He did not wish to throw any difficulty in the way of anybody building houses, but he came across one recently - a house not yet built - where no damp course was put in. He drew the man's attention to it - though he did not regard it as his business - and it was for the man's own sake he mentioned it. He told him it was very foolish not to put in a damp course, and he said he would put it in the rest of the walls. He (Mr. Birthistle) visited the place later and the man on the job was putting in concrete. He looked around and said to him, "You didn't put in the damp course". He replied - "No sir, I did not get it." That sort of thing was happening and for the sake of the Council there should be closer inspection.

Ald. Corish said that very serious.

Mr. Culleton said he believed any engineer or Local Government Board Inspector would be contravening the Act in issuing a certificate for a house built by people who never served their time to any particular trade.

Mr. Lawler - Are these men building their own houses, or is it handymen who are building them ?

Mr. Birthistle - Assistant Surveyor - It is mixed up. In some cases you will find tradesmen, in more cases handymen and ordinary labourers. I am only saying things are happening, and we are not able to see to it. There should be closer inspection. We cannot undertake it apart from our work. The case Mr. Doyle quoted is absolutely true.

Mr. Doyle - I don't want to throw cold water on the building of anybody's house; it was brought to my notice by more than one. I just mentioned the matter about supervision and I was not aware that Mr. Birthistle had visited the house so often, and if I were I would not mention the matter at all. Proceeding, Mr. Doyle said that if a house, in the circumstances

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fell, and the owner was not in a strong financial position to rebuild, he thought the Council would suffer the loss.

Chairman - That is quite true. It is an important point from the Council's point of view. These loans extend for 35 years and the Council should see in their own interest that reasonable precautions are taken for the building of these houses, as it might happen they would lose on the transaction. Mr. Birthistle had given them very valuable information on the matter. The Surveyor's duty ended in certifying the value of the work done, and the value of the whole premises, and it was a matter for the Council to see their interests properly safeguarded in the erection of these houses.

Miss O'Ryan - There is a grant given to people to build their own houses under this Act, and they can only get a grant on the inspection of the Housing Officer of the district. I think the attention of the Housing Officer and the Department should be drawn to this. You have money given as a free grant to build a house and nine-tenths of the remainder is lent by the ratepayers. It is a serious thing if public money given to a man to build a house is not going to be a return for the money advanced. If a man is going to build a house and build it in his own way, let him build it out of his own money, but if he is to build it from money lent by the ratepayers, he should build it to the satisfaction of the people who lent the money. It struck me before that there was no supervision in the building of the houses.

Mr. Corish said the Council should be grateful to Mr. Doyle for raising this important matter. He submitted in advancing loans some stipulation should be made for the proper building of the houses. Mr. Birthistle had pointed out that it would be impossible for the Surveyors to give the necessary attention to the construction of the houses apart altogether from the question of their fees. As far as he (Mr. Corish) knew the Appointed Officer of the district got two guineas

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Secretary - One guinea.

Mr. Corish - One guinea for the rural district for the preparation of plan and specification submitted before the house is built, and then he comes along, when the house is completed and gives a certificate or otherwise. That is the serious part of the matter. Supposing a person proceeded to build a house in jerry built fashion, where does the responsibility come in? Mr. Birthistle says that is not his responsibility and the way the matter presents itself to me, the Council does not expect the Surveyors to take any responsibility. If the house is built in jerry built fashion and, when completed, the appointed Officer refuses to certify for the grant, it would leave the Council in a serious position. Of course the house might be left there, and our money would be in jeopardy. Until the period of 35 years was up the Council owned a certain amount of a house built under the Act. He suggested that the Finance Committee go into the matter carefully before going into any further loans. He thought they were entitled to assume, taking the basis of the amount asked for by most of those applying, that the houses should be built by competent men. They were entitled to find out what it cost to build a house, and whether some put any of the money into their pocket. They found things a bit lax, and it was time to tighten them up. The matter about the damp course was serious and that house might deteriorate very rapidly. The floors would have to be renewed very constantly and he suggested that the Finance Committee devote special attention to this.

Mr. Bowe said he thought Mr. Birthistle's point was not so much criticism of the men employed as the people who were getting the houses built. If they do not get the material for the houses it did not matter who built them.

Mr. Culleton - My contention is if you don't get competent men to build them the material won't matter.

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Mr. Keegan said it was false economy to put handy men to building houses, because they would waste more material.

Col. Gibbon proposed that full powers be given to the Finance Committee to take such action as they found advisable in the interests of the Council.

The Secretary said if they made a departure from the present procedure they must get sanction. He suggested referring Mr. Corish's proposition to the Finance Committee for a report.

This was agreed to.

Proposed Office at Ferns for Verification Weights & Measures:

Mr. Cummins mentioned that if it was decided to have a Weights & Measures Office established in Ferns, there were several other villages which would ask for the same facilities. From Duncannon and Arthurstown and around there, people had to go 9 or 10 miles into New Ross to have their weights and measures verified.

The Chairman said the trouble about agreeing to the application would be that several other places would have to be catered for and the Council should realise that a very big outlay might be necessary.

Mr. Cummins said it was a terrible thing that a man would have to travel ten or twelve miles to have the weights and measures used by him verified. In his opinion the people should be inconvenienced in every way and wherever there was a demand, a Weights & Measures Office should be provided.

It was decided to postpone further consideration of this matter until the views of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, had been received.

St. Helen's Quarry: The County Surveyor stated that the present quarry at St. Helen's was worked out and the proposal was to establish a new quarry at the other side of the road. They could not deal with the matter owing to Mr. Carr residing in a dangerous position if the new quarry were worked. Mr. Carr, was however building a new house and intends to let his present

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premises in the danger zone remain unoccupied. He (County Surveyor) suggested they should offer Mr. Carr £60 for an acre of his land on the understanding that his present house when vacated would not be occupied.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded a resolution approving of the suggestion of the County Surveyor.

This was adopted.

Damage to Tar Casks: Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that recently it was impossible to leave drums of tar on the roads.

The County Surveyor said there was not a great deal of interference with these tar drums in this county but in some other counties it was a very serious matter.

The Chairman proposed that the County Council call the special attention of the Garda Authorities to the interference with drums of tar by puncturing which wasted their contents and ask the Garda to keep a close eye in this matter in order to protect the property of the ratepayers.

Mr. Corish seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne thought that the tar should be stored in Wexford.

County Surveyor - That procedure could be adopted if they had a big job on hands, but it would not be possible with isolated barrels of tar to mix with three or four yards of chippings.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the tar casks were thrown in the ditches by the people.

Mr. Doyle suggested that it might be possible to have tar drums stored at some farm yard. He did not think any farmer would refuse to give facilities to the County Council in this matter.

The County Surveyor said he would see if Mr. Doyle's suggestion could be carried out.

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The Chairman said it was regrettable to see public property, such as pumps, tar casks, and parapets of road bridges wantonly interfered with by children and young persons. There was no reason why Wexford people should not show some respect for public property as the residents of other counties. He hoped the Gardai would be able to bring some of those guilty of this conduct to justice.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 21st June, 1935, as submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby confirmed."

ROAD WORKERS AND IMPREST ACCOUNT

Under date 28th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (R/RM//32) that the Minister did not favour the extension of the County Surveyor's Imprest Account of £50 for payment of certain road workers.

Mr. Culleton referred to the handicaps put on men in waiting for payment.

The Chairman suggested that it might be possible for the County Surveyor to devise a plan whereby as few men as possible would be taken on at a period when there was a delay of more than a fortnight in making payment to them. Weekly payments had been proposed to the Council but it was found that these had not been adopted in any other county. He could not believe the hardship on workers was so great as Mr. Culleton appeared to think, and, as a matter of fact, all the other workers in the county were jealous of the men employed by the Council.

Mr. Doyle considered there was no real hardship in the matter. They found people too ready to leave their employment to work on the roads. It was true that some people were paid every week, but in plenty of places they were paid only fortnightly.

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Mr. Culleton said he would give notice of motion to ask the Minister to reconsider his refusal to allow the Council to raise the Imprest Account of the County Surveyor from £50 to £100.

LINGSTOWN ROAD

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Sub-Committee of the County Council saw this road only on Friday last and their report was not yet to hand. An application had been made for repair of this road, portion only of which was in charge of the County Council. An engineer of the Office of Public Works had made an inspection of the place with a view to a State Grant being provided for its repair.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should submit report in writing embodying the Sub-Committee's views on this road and also on the road Tagoat and Carne.

CURRACLOE ROAD

Attention was drawn by Mr. Corish to the condition of Curracloe Road, two miles of which were absolutely impassable. He mentioned that efforts were being made to develop Curracloe and the disused coastguard station was taken over by a business lady, who was running a hotel there, and the Council got a certain amount of rates out of it. There were houses being erected there also and the place was beginning to look up. He asked if anything could be done for the part of the road between Fahy's Cross and Johnstown. It was deteriorating rapidly and would cost the Council a good deal of money if something was not done.

Mr. Kinsella said there was a dangerous turn and some serious accidents there. There were a good many people coming to Curracloe and he supported Ald. Corish as to the necessity of improving the stretch of road referred to.

The County Surveyor said he applied to the Tourist Development Association to put that road in order and they informed him that they had the matter before the Local Govern-

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ment Department to include it as a Tourist road. As regards temporary renovation if they applied £100 from the Contingency Fund it would keep it from getting worse.

Mr. Kinsella - You ought to make it better instead of keeping it from getting worse.

County Surveyor - Where is the money to come from ?
Proceeding the County Surveyor said it would cost £500 to carry out the repairs from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown.

Mr. Cummins - Have you got the money to do it.

County Surveyor - No.

Mr. Cummins - What is the use of talking about it then ?

The Chairman proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to spend £100 out of the Contingency Fund on the ^{road} *road*." [^]

Passed unanimously.

KILTEALY ROAD

Mr. Bowe drew attention to the condition of the Kiltelaly road and on the Chairman's suggestion the matter was referred to Mr. Ennis for a report.

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following were appointed as members of the Courtown Harbour Committee to hold office until annual meeting of the Council to be held in 1938, or until their successors have been appointed:-

Earl of Courtown, Kiernan McNeill, Central Bar, Courtown Harbour; Rev. John O'Grady C.C. Riverchapel; Rev Mr. Verschoyle, The Rectory, Ardamine; Messrs Thomas McGarry, Courtown Hotel, Dudley Butler, Ounavarra Hotel; Richard Garland, Courtown Harbour; Michael Fitzpatrick, Courtown Harbour; Michael Wafer, Middletown, Courtown Harbour; William Kearon, Kilbride, Courtown Harbour; W.P. Keegan M.C.C., Esmonde Street, Gorey; Sean O'Byrne M.C.C., The Avenue, Gorey; Myles Smyth M.C.C., Glasscarrig House, Clonevan.

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DEPUTATION FROM FISHERMEN

Under date 25th June, 1935, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Butler, Rosbercon, New Ross, Secretary to Barrow and Nore Fishermens' Association:-

"We are advised by Mr. J. Walsh and Mr. T. Redmond, two members of your Council, to apply to you for an appointment for a deputation from this Association to go before your Council at their next meeting to request their support in this Association's protest to the Government against Fishery Commission's finding to abolish all netting in Irish Rivers. The Urban Council and Development Association have passed resolutions and promised us their unstinted support. Capt.A.D. Place, Chairman, and two members intend to go before your Council. Hoping you will see your way to grant our request as it is of the utmost importance to Co. Wexford fishermen and public at large."

The following attended as the deputation:- Capt.A.D. Place, Messrs Richard Power and Laurence Dooley.

Capt. Place, who acted as spokesman, stated they came before the Council for their support in opposing the recommendation of the Fishery Commission to abolish all forms of netting for fish in tidal waters. On the Nore and Barrow there were 400 men with at least 1200 dependants engaged in the fishing industry, and members of their association, and whose earnings ran to £10,000 a year at a low estimate. It would be a matter of very considerable hardship if all these men were thrown out of employment. Compensation had been mentioned but this was a very uncertain quantity, and it would be difficult to see that compensation went to the right people. Great numbers of men who had been fishing all their lives never held a licence themselves though year after year they had contributed portion of its cost. But it was recognised that compensation would never fully make up to a man for the loss of his livelihood. The right of fishing was vested in the public and in bad times many

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people turned to fishing to tide them over. If all the fishermen in the County were considered their earnings would certainly amount at £40,000 or £50,000 and the loss of this to the county would be deplorable. The fishermen asked the support of the County Council in protesting against the abolition of net fishing and to appoint a couple of councillors to act on the deputation proposed to be sent to the Ministry of Fisheries. They would admit that the establishment of the Commission was very necessary and he was very sorry they could not approve of all their findings.

Mr. Richard Power said it was difficult to understand the grounds on which the recommendation of the Commission to abolish net fishing had been made, as this was an old and remunerative industry. They agreed with some of the findings of the Commission such as for instance, the abolition of Conservators but no suggestion so far as he was aware, had ever been made to the Commission that it would be an advantage to the country if net fishing were abolished and all fish caught by weirs instead. The recommendation to abolish netting would deprive a very considerable section of the people of their means of livelihood and he did not believe this was ever contemplated by the Government. The deputation asked the Council to support the resolution of protest and to ask the Commission to reconsider their decision as to net fishing, and for the Government not to adopt this particular recommendation.

Mr. Dooley endorsed the views of Capt. Place and Mr. Power.

Mr. Walsh said the recommendation in question was before the New Ross Urban Council and New Ross Development Association both of which took a very serious view of the proposal which would have a most injurious effect on the trade of New Ross and both adopted a strong resolution of protest. He then proposed the following:- "That this Council protests in the strongest possible manner against the recommendation of the Fishery Commission to abolish net fishing in tidal waters, and request the Government not to give effect to this proposal."

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Mr. Thomas Redmond in seconding the motion, said that every figure given by Captain Place was capable of verification.

Mr. Michael Redmond also spoke in favour of the resolution.

Mr. Doyle in support of the resolution said he could not for the life of him understand why the Commission should hit at the poor man and allow the rod men and the rich men - owners of fishing waters - to go ahead as they wished.

Mr. Cummins in supporting the resolution, said he thoroughly agreed with all that Captain Place had said. The same thing could be said of the fishermen on the Suir, from the Tower of Hook to Clonmel. He thought it was an extraordinary step for the Commission to attempt such a thing as to deprive thousands of men of their livelihood.

Mr. Sweetman considered the resolution premature. The report of the Commission was not yet published and its recommendations might not be carried out for 40 or 50 years. The whole idea of the Commission was to make the industry not less but more remunerative. It would take years to change over from private net fishing to an organisation dealing with the industry catching the largest number of fish possible. The Government had no responsibility for the findings of the Commission.

Mr. Corish agreed that the Commission had not published ~~in~~ any report. Any reference to the proposed abolition of net fishing had been made in an injudicious statement of the Chairman of the Commission. It was expected that the report would be published next month. He believed there should be a certain amount of restriction as regards net fishing and every Tom, Dick and Harry should not be allowed when they had no work on the land for their men to send them out to fish and interfere with those who had to fish for a livelihood. So far as he could gather a recommendation such as this would be made and not a proposal to abolish net fishing wholesale. When the report was issued and when the exact recommendations of the Commission were available the Council could discuss the matter in detail. He strongly supported the resolution but believed that the Minister

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for Fisheries would not receive any deputation until the report had been published.

Capt. Place said he had been told by the Minister for Fisheries he was waiting for the Commission's recommendations to embody them in a Bill.

Mr. Walsh said that when it was stated in the Press that the Commission were recommending the abolition of net fishing the Fishermen's Association naturally thought it time to move.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said there was no evidence before them to show that the Government might not deal with the findings of the Commission in a year from now.

Mr. Culleton agreed with ~~the~~ Mr. Thos. Redmond that there was nothing to prevent the Government in a single year adopting the recommendations of the Commission.

The Chairman said the Commission was set up by the Government to advise on the improvement of fisheries in the country. When the report was issued it would go before the Executive Council, and it was a matter for the Government then to give effect to the findings of the Commission by legislation or not, and nothing could happen until legislation was passed. He agreed with the resolution proposed by Mr. Walsh though in raising the matter here today they might be a bit premature, for as Mr. Corish pointed out the report is not issued at all yet.

Capt. Place said he would like to explain one matter arising out of Mr. Sweetman's statement. The proposal to abolish net fishing was not contradicted and they felt, after it had been published, there must have been something in the report and that therefore they must organise in time. He had the Minister for Fisheries' own words that they were waiting for the report before formulating a new bill. He told him that himself, that he could not do anything until he had

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the findings of the Commission, and very likely the findings of the Commission will be embodied in the new bill in autumn. He (Capt. Place) thought Mr. Sweetman was therefore wrong in assuming that the findings of the Commission might be put off for fifty years. As to the improvement of fishing, did Mr. Sweetman suggest it was going to improve the individual fishermen? The proposal of the Commission was to put weirs across the rivers to catch every single fish going up. Those weirs only employed twenty men - He had some experience of them in Limerick.

The resolution was then put and adopted.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Walsh and adopted:- "That a small committee of the Council be appointed to consider the findings of the Fishery Commission when available."

The following Committee was appointed:- Messrs Cummins, Doyle, Kelly, Col. Quin, Murphy, T. Redmond and Walsh.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND
RESIDENCE.

Under date 13th June, 1935, the following letter was read from the County Wexford Board of Health:-

"At the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 3rd inst. an application was received from Dr. C. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health for a field adjoining Farnogue, which is part of the Rosepark property, for the purpose of building a residence for himself.

"Members of the Board felt that it would be convenient to have the Co. Medical Officer of Health resident in proximity to the Board's offices. The members were generally of opinion that the County Medical Officer of Health's application should be granted, and they directed me to write the County Council informing them that they were prepared to recommend the leasing of the plot applied for to Dr. Bastible. They, at the same time, directed me to write to Dr. O'Brien, who at present enjoys

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the use of the field asking for his agreement to the recommendation."

Dr. O'Brien, Resident Surgeon, County Hospital, Wexford, wrote under date 1st July, 1935, as follows:-

"On the 13th ult. I had a letter from Mr. Sinnott re an application from Dr. Bastible to build a residence for himself in a field on the Rose Park property.

"Acting on a resolution passed on 5/5/24 the Wexford County Council purchased Rose Park residence - which includes the field in question - as a residence for the Surgeon of the County Hospital.

"In the circumstances I am not prepared to agree to the application as I regard the field as part of the property."

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that the premises at Rosepark were purchased for the use of the Surgeon of the Co. Hospital and handed over to him. He would hold them as his property so long as he occupied the position of Resident Surgeon.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the County Council had power to place any property on the field in question.

Mr. Elgee replied in the negative.

Mr. Mayler said that, if the Council owned the property the best thing would be for the County Board of Health to erect a house for Dr. Bastible on agreed terms.

The Chairman said it appeared to him as of very little use to be discussing the question in view of Dr. O'Brien's refusal. If Dr. Bastible and Dr. O'Brien could come to some agreement in the matter, the Council would then be in a position to have the question brought before them for further consideration. He suggested that the County Board of Health should be so informed and this was agreed to.

LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 20th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.95171/35 - Loch Garman)

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stating that the Minister had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue to the Wexford County Council the sum of £5,000, as the first instalment of the Loan of £10,000 sanctioned for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Under date 11th June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A92200/35) forwarding copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1935, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

PROPOSED JETTY AT ROSSLARE STRAND

Under date 20th June, 1935, the following letter No. W.I./168/35, was read from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries Branch:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that representations have been made to the Sea Fisheries Association of Saorstát Éireann Ltd., through Mr. Nicholas Duggan, The White House, Rosslare Strand, as to the need for landing accommodation by way of a jetty there which, it is claimed, would greatly facilitate summer visitors and also the local fishermen during the winter season. The Minister would be glad to learn the views of the Wexford County Council in the matter; and, should they be favourably disposed towards the project, he will await hearing what they would propose to do towards having such a work carried out. The present value of the winter herring fishing at Rosslare is not very great."

The County Surveyor stated he would present a report on this matter at next meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Doyle favoured the appointment of a local committee

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to deal with the matter.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that, whatever committee was appointed, there should be some investigation into the question as to whether this jetty would affect the silt, as had happened by the erection of the pier at Ballygeary.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That a Committee of the Councillors of the County Wexford Electoral Area be appointed to examine and report with the County Surveyor on the proposal to erect a jetty at Rosslare strand. That this Committee be empowered to co-opt three local representatives."

WEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS (IRELAND)
ACT 1909

Under date 20th June, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (P.2094-35) requesting that the County Surveyor be asked to take such necessary steps as would ensure that roads and lands in the control of the County Council would as far as practicable be kept clear of noxious weeds (thistle, ragwort and dock) throughout the present season.

The Secretary stated that he had, on the 21st June, furnished copy of the Department's letter to the County Surveyor for his information.

Mr. Sweetman referred to the fact that it would be advisable if some scheme could be devised by which the services of men, who were in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, could be utilised for this extra work on the roads, clearing away weeds, trimming hedges etc. He gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting a resolution on this matter and pointed out that his proposals would not mean any financial liability on the part of the Council.

Mr. Culleton considered that the weeds should be cut by hand.

The County Surveyor said that taking the road from

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Ferry carrig to Enniscorthy, the full money allowed for its maintenance would not be sufficient to pay for the employment of men to cut weeds on this particular section. Discussions for the employment of men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance as suggested by Mr. Sweetman, had taken place at several meetings of the County Surveyor's Association and an attempt was being made to arrive at some scheme in that direction.

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Under date 7th June, 1935, letter (No. 9358/35) was read from the Office of Public Works, stating that before considering the Wexford County Council's application for a State Grant, they would be glad to have an assurance that the harbour or the portion of the harbour to which the proposal referred is the property of the Council and that the Council is responsible for its maintenance.

Under date 8th June, 1935, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that on 3rd October, 1914, the County Council purchased from Lord Templemore, a plot of foreshore adjoining the Pier at Duncannon, together with a plot of ground which is described on the map in the Conveyance of the 3rd October, 1914, as "Dumping Ground", but this is a distinct plot from the plot adjoining the Pier which formed the bed of the Harbour of Ballyhack and this being so, he was of opinion that the Council owned the above Harbour.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING

Under date 20th June, 1935, Mr. A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary, County Councils' General Council, wrote that the Annual meeting of his Council would take place during Horse Show Week (6th to 10th August).

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908

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issue to Laurence Doyle, General Merchant, Ferns, and renewals of licences under same Act to H. Hill, Ballycanew; Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford; Daniel Keating, New Ross; Edward Connolly, Market Square, Newtownbarry; Myles Byrne, Market House, Main street, Gorey; Robert Hanan, Hardware Merchant, North Main Street, Wexford.

DEPUTY CORONER - SOUTH WEXFORD.

Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Coroner for South Wexford, wrote that he had appointed Mr. Laurence Kirwan, Solicitor, Wexford, to act as his deputy in his absence or the absence of Mr. Kavanagh who had already been appointed Deputy Coroner by him.

CORONER FOR NORTH WEXFORD

The question of filling vacancy in the office of Coroner for North Wexford was referred to the Finance Committee for report as to salary, conditions etc.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, Mr. R. Corish was re-nominated as the representative of the Council on the Board of Directors of the Irish Tourist Association for the year ending March, 1936.

REPAIR OF LANES

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

"That the following lanes be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes when money under same becomes available:-

Raheenaska Lane, Oulart; Ballyleigh Lane, Ballywilliam; Ballagh Lane."

Denis Kelly
12th Aug 35