

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL  
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MINUTES

OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE,  
1926.  
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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.  
  
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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 14th June, 1926.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman Co. Council presided; also, Messrs William Boggan, James Clince, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, John Pender, M. M. O'Donoghue, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John Whyte, Colonel C. M. Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

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

At the opening of the meeting a telegram was read from Colonel Quin (who was coming from Scotland) that the boat had arrived late at Dunlaoghaire and in consequence he could not be present until later. Colonel Quin attended at 2 p.m.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE WITH MR. M. O'DONOGHUE.M.C.C.  
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The Chairman said that, before commencing the business of the meeting, the melancholy duty of proposing a vote of condolence with Mr. M. M. O'Donoghue on the death of his brother devolved on him. He was sure the Council sympathised deeply with Mr. O'Donoghue in the loss sustained by him, and, on behalf of the Council, he offered Mr. O'Donoghue the sympathy of the County Council.

Mr. Boggan seconded, and the resolution was adopted in silence.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 12th May, 1926, were submitted and confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clince:-



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 12th May, 1926.

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday 12th May, 1926.

Present:- Messrs W. Thorpe, P. Hayes, J. E. Walsh, and Sean O'Byrne.

On the motion of Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Chair was taken by Mr. Thorpe.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

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The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,536: 11: 2d was examined and signed.

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The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 27th May, 1926, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 27th May 1926.

Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman Co. Council, presided. Also present Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, M. Jordan and Wm. Thorpe.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3826-5-2 was examined and signed.

DR S.V. O'CONNOR V COUNTY COUNCIL

The Secretary reported that a Civil Bill had been served on the Council by Dr S.V. O'Connor, late Medical Officer of Wexford Workhouse, for £160 "arrears of statutory pension of £133-6-8 per annum granted to the plaintiff under the Superannuation Acts, and the Local Government Acts and payable by the defendants to the plaintiff thereunder and for monies had and received by the defendant for the use of plaintiff."

The Secretary stated that, on receipt of the Civil Bill, he had forwarded copy to Mr Elgee, solicitor, and had also asked for the advice of the Local Government in the matter.

Under date 20th May 1926, he had received the following letter (22922/1926 Wexford County) from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th inst on the subject of the legal proceedings proposed to be instituted by Dr S.V. O'Connor in regard to the amount of the pension payable to him in consideration of his services as Medical Officer of Wexford Workhouse, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that his Order under Seal of the 6th November, 1923, determined that Dr O'Connor was entitled to receive an annual allowance of £70 from the Wexford County Council in respect of his removal from office under the County Scheme. The Order has been validly made within



the powers conferred by Section 11(5) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

I am however to point out that, under the final paragraph of Section 11(4) of the Act of 1923, the determination of the Minister takes effect only from the date thereof, and that Dr O'Connor is entitled to be paid an allowance at the rate originally fixed by the Board of Guardians up to the date of the Minister's determination in his case.

The Minister desires me to refer you to the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of Nee v Galway County Council (1926) I.R.p 141, which would appear to be conclusive as to the meaning to be assigned to the expression "County Scheme" in Section 11(4) of the Act of 1923."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That instructions be given Mr Elgee, solicitor to the County Council, to appear on behalf of the Council to defend the Civil Bill of Dr O'Connor versus Wexford County Council, and that he be authorised to employ Counsel in the case.

MARIA KEYES V WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

In connection with the above, a letter under date 13th May, 1926, was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor, who stated he had been in correspondence with Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, solcra., with a view to a settlement of the claim of Mrs Keyes in respect of the small part of her land which was taken when Tomnahely Bridge was being constructed. As directed by the Council, he informed Messrs O'Flaherty that Mrs Keyes had agreed to leave the ~~xx~~ amount of the compensation to the arbitration of Col Quin and that he had assessed the damage at £2. He (Mr Elgee) offered this amount in full settlement of the claim. Messrs O'Flaherty had since written that she would not accept less than £15 and, if this was not agreed to, would serve Civil Bill.

Under date 20th May, 1926, Mr Elgee wrote that Messrs O'Flaherty acting for Mrs Keyes had served a Civil Bill on the Council for £15, and this would be heard at the Circuit Court



on the 28th May. Mr Elgee advised the Council to pay the amount claimed. Undoubtedly Mrs <sup>Keyes</sup> Kearne was entitled to some damages for the trespass on her land and for compensation for the part of the lands which had been taken for the purpose of diverting the stream, and although £15 was probably more than the value of the damage, still the Judge would probably give her a decree for some amount. This, with costs and witnesses' expenses, would come very close to the £15.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr Elgee be instructed to enter a defence in the case of Mrs Maria Keyes v Wexford County Council."

MATTHEW J. BRESLIN V WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that a Civil Bill had been served on the County Council by Matthew J. Breslin, Gorey, for £40 "being four years' rent due and owing by plaintiffs out of premises in the town of Gorey known as Gorey Courthouse and held by the defendants from the plaintiff under lease dated 17th day of February 1845 for the term of 99 years from the 25th day of March ~~1845~~ 1844."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, that the Council consent to a decree in this case, and point out that they had offered to purchase the interest of Mr Breslin in the premises and pay any rent outstanding some time ago.

JOHN ACTON V WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

The application of John Acton, a quarry worker who met with an accident in Carriganeagh Quarry, for arbitration was referred to Messrs McDonagh & Boland 51 Dame Street Dublin, Brokers.

PROPOSED SUPERANNUATION DR S.A. FURLONG  
LATE SURGEON COUNTY INFIRMARY.

In connection with above, Mr Elgee wrote that, in his opinion, the salary to be taken into consideration in fixing the superannuation of Dr Furlong was £94 (the actual annual amount paid by the Co. Council). The further £26 claimed by Dr Furlong



for the purposes of calculation of superannuation was paid by the Trustees of the Lady Esmonde Hospital in regard to the management of which the Joint Committee of Management of the County Infirmary had nothing to say.

Under date 28th April, 1926, Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, solicitors, on behalf of Dr Furlong, wrote that, as Dr Furlong held office under the County Infirmary Committee at a salary of £120, ~~and~~ this is the sum which should be taken into account in arriving at the amount of superannuation.

The Chairman gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the question of allowing superannuation to Dr S.A. Furlong, late Surgeon County Wexford Infirmary, be considered at meeting of County Council to be held on ~~12th~~<sup>3rd</sup> July, 1926, and, if agreed to, that amount of superannuation be fixed at said meeting."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES- ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES.

Primary Scheme.- In connection with eligibility of candidates to compete for primary scholarships, the Secretary mentioned that the application of John Kehoe, Aughmore, Ballagh, had been referred to the Finance Committee on a question of valuation. The valuation of Mr Denis Kehoe, father of applicant, set out in application, was £60 but, according to statements which had since been received from Rate Collectors W. Cummins and P. Donohoe, the valuation was £80-5-0.

The Committee considered that, in view of the amount of his valuation and from what they knew of Mr Kehoe's circumstances, ~~that~~ he was in a position to afford his son a secondary education and applicant in this case should not be allowed to compete for scholarship.

University Scheme.- Applications were received from the following for University Scholarships:- James G. Maddock Rosslare, Harbour, Michael G. Stedmond 2 Island Road Enniscorthy, John Joseph Kenny Irish Street Bunclody, (Primary Scholarship Holder) Margaret Berney Foxcover, Monaseed(do), Anastatia Dunne Ballybrannis, Enniscorthy. The meeting agreed that above candidates were eligible to compete for University Scholarships.



Miss Walsh, Librarian, County Library Service, wrote, asking for permission to sell the old Oliver Typewriter for £6-6-0 and purchase a new machine; she had been offered a slightly soiled Underwood at £12.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to agree to sale of Oliver Typewriter at Wexford County Library for £6-6-0 and allow the Librarian to purchase instead an Underwood machine offered to her. at £12."

OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES - MR ELGEE, SOLICITOR.

Out-of-pocket expenses submitted by Mr Elgee, solcr. to the Council, for year ended 31st March, 1926, and amounting to £46-13-6, were examined and recommended for payment to the County Council.

It was decided that the County Council request the Minister for Justice to have fees fixed for services of summonses in civil cases for District Court at the same amounts as apply to Civil Bills dealt with by the Circuit Court.

BURIAL OF CARCÁSE

It was decided that refund of 9/- be made to Mr J.J. Caffrey, Superintendent, Mercantile Marine, Wexford, for expenses incurred in connection with the burial of the carcass of a heifer washed ashore at Cullenstown on 3rd April 1926.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following shows the percentages of amount of rate collected by each Collector plus amount of Irrecoverable Rate:-  
J.J.O'Reilly and E.J.Murphy 99: J.J.Sinnott 98: Sean Gannon.  
J.J.Kelly and B. Cleary 97: James Quirke and J.Curtis 96: Patrick Fitzpatrick 95: T.Sutton, M.Deegan, J.Cummins and T. Rowe 94:  
W. Cummins 93: P.Walsh 89: M.Kelly 88: P.O'Byrne & P.Donohoe 87:  
C.McCarthy 84: P.Sinnott 69: J Doyle (recently appointed) actual amount, 55.

The Collectors were in attendance and the various items outstanding and set out as irrecoverable were examined



by the Committee.

No one had refused to pay and the amounts outstanding arose owing to the inability of ratepayers to pay at the moment. With the exception of very small amounts, the Collectors expected to secure payments in all other cases.

In connection with a seizure of two horses and three <sup>cows</sup> ~~calves~~ made by Mr Cleary, the animals being subsequently released from Pound, it was decided that Mr Colfer, New Ross, be asked if he could inform the Committee of the circumstances under which the animals were released.

In district of Mr J. Cummins, the latter was instructed to call the attention of the County Board of Health to the refusal to pay rates by occupants of two labourers' cottages.

In the case of Mr Rowe, it was decided that the Land Commission be requested to take over a farm which was derelict.

In the district of Mr Donohoe, a seizure and sale had been effected but no return was made.

It was decided that Mr Donohoe submit full particulars in respect of this matter.

Mr P.J. Sinnott, who had been ill for some time, stated he considered he would be able to clear up his collection in a month's time.

COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

A letter was read from a ratepayer in the district of Mr James Murphy ex-Rate Collector that he had paid the first moiety of poor rate to Mr James Murphy, ex-Rate Collector, but had not received any receipt. He was now called on to pay the rate a second time.

The Secretary explained that, as the receipt was in the collecting book, the amount would have to be paid to Mr Doyle, the new Rate Collector.

Mr James Murphy came before the meeting and stated that the ratepayer in question owed him £4 from the previous rate and the amount sent by the ratepayer was £5. The £1 which was over would be paid to the Council later.



Dr. O'Connor V. County Council.

Mr. Elgee , Solicitor, reported that the case of Dr. O'Connor v County Council had been held at the last Circuit Court. The Judge had dismissed Dr. O'Connor's claim and held that the pension , as fixed by the Minister for Local Government, was quite in order and the Council was bound by the Sealed Order issued in the case.

Maria Keys<sup>t</sup> v County Council.

With reference to the case of Maria Keys<sup>t</sup> v County Council, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported, that it had been adjourned to the next Circuit Court.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 27th May, 1926, were confirmed.

The following minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 10th June, 1926, were submitted, and were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Clince:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 10th June 1926.

Present: Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, Also : —  
Messrs P. Hayes, Sean O'Byrne, William Thorpe, and James E. Walsh.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon, apologising for his absence from the meeting as he would be away from home on business.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4810-3-6 was examined and signed.

SELF-PROTECTION LEAGUE.

Under date 2nd June 1926, the following letter was read from Mr Parker, Self Protection League:- "The Executive of above (Self Protection League) desire to know when the Committee proposed to be set up to go into the question of the rates will be complete. They are also anxious to be apprised of the date fixed (if any) as soon as possible."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of Mr Parker be directed to the resolution adopted by the County Council on the 12th April, 1926 as follows:- "That the Self-Protection League furnish concrete proposals and suggestions in writing, and after consideration of these by the County Council, a conference can be arranged as requested by the Self Protection League."

The terms of this resolution were explained to the Deputation on the 12th April by the Chairman of the Council.



Midwives (Ireland) Act 1918.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Central Midwives Board, Saorstát Éireann, that a sum of £12: 11: 7 had been assessed under Section 13 of the Midwives' (Ireland) Act 1918 on Wexford County Council as their share of £362: 2: 11d, the balance against the Central Board after the year's working to 31st December 1925.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes that the amount be paid.

Burial of Carcasses.

It was decided that 10/- be refunded Receiver of Wreck, Custom House, Dublin, amount paid by him to Mr. J. Prestage, The Park, Arklow, for the burial of the carcasses of two sheep washed ashore at Kilmichael point.

Rate Collection.

The state of Rate Collection was considered and it was decided to furnish collecting books for Rate 1926-27 to all Collectors who have collected up to 92 per cent of their collections on Rate for 1925-26.

Valuation Lists.

The various applications for revisions of valuation from Rate Collectors and others were considered and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne "That the various applications for revisions of valuation as presented by Secretary to this meeting be and are hereby approved and reported to the General Valuation Office.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROADS COMMITTEE.  
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The following Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 31st May, 1926, were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 31st May 1926.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman Co. Council (presiding) also Messrs W. Boggan, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, R Corish, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Col. Quin and Col. Gibbon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Elgee were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ADMINISTRATION TRUNK ROADS.

In connection with notice of motion by Col Gibbon to have trunk roads and steamrolling machinery placed under one Deputy Surveyor, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I beg to report that I have considered the matter of employment of Mr Treanor in a position other than as at present. A copy of the Memo prepared by me on the 23rd April last has been sent to each member of the County Council, and on further consideration, I do not see how any material change can be made with advantage.

Under the current year's Road Grant of £8,400 for Trunk Roads I purpose carrying out a great deal of tar and bitumen surfacing so as to preserve the roads we have at present improved. Mr Treanor will have under this Scheme the spraying of about 12½ miles and one mile of reconstruction work, and this should be ample for one Assistant to supervise.

Mr Ennis will have 7 1/3 miles of spraying work, and over a mile of reconstruction work; Mr Cullen will have 1½ miles of spraying work and Mr O'Neill will have 4 miles of spraying work and ½ mile of reconstruction work.

The work will extend from the County Bounds at Arklow to New Ross and branching to Newtownbarry, and I do not consider it possible for one man to properly supervise this.

Under the £2,000,000 loan Grant it is scheduled to tar macadam the road from ...



Enniscorthy to Scarawalsh Bridge, and the estimated cost will be about £50,000. At present, I do not know if the whole of this, or any part, will be allocated this year, but in any case, the Local Government Department, I understand, will make all the arrangements about the work, probably under contract, subject to my final certificate on completion. Possibly when this work is in hands, Mr Treanor could be engaged in looking after it but any change in the present system to provide for this would be merely temporary."

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That consideration of Notice of Motion relative to placing trunk roads and steamrolling machinery under charge of one Deputy Surveyor be adjourned until the proposals of the Local Government Department relative to improvement of Wexford to Enniscorthy road have been received.

REPORT OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following monthly report was received from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I transferred the fitting<sup>(s)</sup> from the old Courthouse on the Quay to the Chapel at the Old Jail, and have fitted it up as a Circuit Court which is at present sitting. The furniture from the New Ross Workhouse has been brought to Wexford and is at present in the old Jail premises. A good deal of this furniture was of great utility in fitting up the premises for a Courthouse.

Mr Raftery, Local Government Inspector, was with me from the 19th to the 21st inst, and inspected the Wexford to Enniscorthy road with a view to allocation of a large Grant. I discussed with him the allocation of the £8,400 Grant, and have forwarded the Forms to the Local Government for sanction.

I submit map of the positions where I propose erecting Road Signs, but the Schedule is not yet complete in all details. I can however furnish the Committee with any necessary information and ask for sanction to the Scheme.



"The Sluice Gates at Courtown Harbour are in a defective condition as there is a great leakage, underneath the sill apparently. Repair of this will entail heavy expenditure as it will be necessary to dam off the water at each side of the gates. I applied to the Department of Fisheries with a view to their taking up this repair and I submit copy of letter which I have received in reply.

I have put in hands the repair of the bascule of Wexford Bridge, and have at present engaged divers to retrieve the iron work and so forth of the old structure which will be utilised in great part in the reconstruction work. Later on it will be necessary to close the bridge to vehicular traffic, but I hope to be able to provide for foot passenger traffic at all times.

In connection with the reconstruction work on roads it is necessary to provide a large quantity of chippings, and I have had the bottom screens of the breakers altered to provide for this. The present chippings are, in my opinion, still below the proper standard and I suggest that fittings be obtained to convert the existing breakers into granulators. I suggest that one of the small Goodwin Barsby breakers be so converted permanently to travel from quarry to quarry, and that fittings be obtained for the Baxter breaker at Ballybrennan. I shall have particulars for the meeting.

In paragraph 8 of the Agenda the matter of Sparrowsland Bridge is to come up for discussion. Some time ago I met the Railway Engineer and the question of a new siding was discussed, but the Council decided that the expense would be too heavy. At present the bridge at Sparrowsland is stated to be unfit for heavy traffic and consequently we cannot haul by lorries from Ballybrennan to the existing siding. I consider that the expenditure of £86 in having this bridge made to take all the modern traffic would be well warranted.

I have discussed the matter of the change of Ganger O'Gorman to another district with the local Assistants, and am of opinion that the only satisfactory transfer would be between Mr O'Gorman and Mr Bennett and I ask for sanction to this transfer."



ROAD SIGNS .

The County Surveyor submitted particulars of the signs which he proposed to have erected—approximately 100. The Department of Local Government were providing £300 towards the cost of erection and the Automobile Association were supplying the signs.

The Schedule as submitted by County Surveyor was approved.

COURTOWN HARBOUR SLUICE-GATES

The following letter under date 27th May, 1926, was submitted from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With reference to your communication dated 15th inst addressed to Mr Hassard, Engineer to this Department, I am directed <sup>(ed</sup> by the Minister for Fisheries to state that the Department can not make a grant towards the repair to sluice gates at Courtown Harbour which is in the charge of the County Council.

The Department will contribute towards the cost of having some dredging done in the harbour in the interests of the fishermen, when the Office of Public Works has a dredger available for the work."

The County Surveyor stated he was unable to give an estimate of the cost. The actual repair would not be costly but the damming of the water would be expensive. If the gates were repaired the dredging would be effective. He would submit an estimate to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The work was approved provided cost of same meets with the approval of the Finance Committee.

ALTERATION-STONE BREAKERS.

The County Surveyor stated that the cost of new fitment for Baxter breaker would be £32-2-6 and with the actual fitting and carriage, the cost would be about £50. The cost for Goodwin Barsby fitment would be £44-7-0 and the fitting and carriage would be about another £20.

The meeting decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, to approve of adjustment of breakers with



special fitments in conformity with the statement of the County Surveyor.

SPARROWSLAND BRIDGE.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 20th May 1926 was read from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Dublin:-

"Your letter of 20th June 1925 has been handed to me, and I am directed to inform you that the Company are prepared to renew the bridge to carry the loads for which it was originally provided. The question of strengthening the bridge has been gone into and I estimate that a bridge ~~has been gone into~~ ~~is~~ designed to carry present day traffic up to the requirements of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce would involve the Company in an increased expenditure of £86, as compared with the first mentioned design.

My Directors would be willing to put in the more substantial bridge if your Council will contribute the amount of the increased cost.

If your Council agree to the proposal and if you can let me have their decision within say one month, I have no doubt the new bridge could be brought into use during the present year."

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall, that the County Council be recommended to provide £86 as a contribution towards the cost of Sparrowsland Bridge and that the County Surveyor be instructed to request the Railway Company to take steps to ease the approaches to the bridge on each side for the convenience of the public.

CHANGING GANGERS' AREAS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:- "That Ganger O'Gorman be transferred to district of Ganger Bennett and Ganger Bennett to Ganger O'Gorman's section (Enniscorthy District).



SLOB ROAD ROSSLARE-WEXFORD.

In connection with above the following letter was read from Department of Local Government under date 14th May 1926(R/RU/32) :-

"With further reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo relative to a further grant ~~in~~ in respect of the above mentioned road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that you will be good enough to furnish a copy of the agreement entered into by the Council with the Slob Company as regards the right of way through their land. Was the Council's solicitor consulted in the matter and if so, is he satisfied?

It is noted from the County Surveyor's letter of the 29th March last that no agreement had up to that date been reached with the Railway Company as regards the right of way at Drinagh accommodation crossing. The whole question of this right of way appears to have been dealt with in an unsatisfactory manner from the start and apparently the matter is no nearer settlement to-day than when the question was first raised by the Railway Company in August last.

It should be clearly understood that no further payment ~~should~~ will be made in respect of this work until the right of way is assured and a definite assurance is forthcoming that the road is a public one."

Under date 20th April 1926, the following letter from the solicitor of Great Southern Railways to Mr Elgee, solicitor to the Council, and which had been referred from last Co. Council meeting to Roads Committee, was read:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst, and note that the work on the proposed road is now practically completed, and that it is proposed to open it for public ~~use~~ <sup>use</sup> shortly.

It appears to me that in proceeding with the construction of the roadway your Council is acting without due regard to the legal position of the Company in connection with the level



crossing in question.

It is hardly necessary for me to point out that Section 68 of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act of 1845, under which the Company are obliged to provide such accommodation works as level crossings, imposes on the Company a duty towards a limited class only, viz, the owners and occupiers of the land adjoining the railway, and that the persons for whose benefit the Company have made an accommodation level crossing may not substantially increase the burden of the easement by altering or enlarging the character of the user.

It appears quite clear that the crossing in question was provided for the accommodation of the portion of the South Slob lands in the occupation of Messrs Meldon, and I do not think it can be seriously contended that persons other than the successors in title of these particular people are entitled to the use of the crossing.

The Company appear to be quite within their rights in preventing all other persons from using the crossing and thereby increasing the burden on them.

In making the suggestion that a public right of way over the crossing has been acquired, you appear to be ignoring the fact that where a right is created by Statute the easement is limited to the purpose for ~~xx~~ which it is so created.

If, notwithstanding this intimation, your Council proceed further with the proposed roadway, they will do so on their own responsibility, and the Company will take any steps necessary to protect their interests when the occasion arises."

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Ccl Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That before taking further action in connection with the position of Slob Road, the Co. Surveyor be instructed to ascertain cost of reinforced skeleton concrete bridge same as at Rosslare Pier to carry loads not exceeding two tons."



FLOODING AT NEWTOWN, CAHORE.

Col Gibbon asked if anything had been done to clear the drain under the road at Newtown Cahore, so as to obviate the flooding of road. The County Council are responsible for cleaning up this drain.

The County Surveyor said there was no use in cleaning up this side drain unless the tail end of the drain over which the County Council had no control was cleaned up.

Col Gibbon said that in his opinion the flooding of the road was largely due to the fact that the County Council drain was not cleaned up.

No order.

ENNISCORTHY AND GOREY COURTHOUSES.

Under date 13th May 1926 the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor:-

"As instructed I now beg to report as to the position in regards to the above Courthouses as follows:-

Enniscorthy Courthouse- In this case I have now heard from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Agents for Lady Portsmouth, the Landlord of the premises, that she is prepared to allow the County Council to resume possession of the premises, which they held under lease at the yearly rent of £15, provided all arrears of rent due to date be paid, or, in the alternative, she will sell the premises to the Council at 26 years purchase or £390.

In view of this I am now serving the Notices in connection with the claim for Compensation for the burning of the premises.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.-In this case as directed by the Council I offered Messrs Huggard & Brennan, solicitors for the owner, the sum of £200 for the purchase of the premises, and they have informed me that the owner considers this sum entirely inadequate and that same could not be accepted. I then asked them to let me know the least sum that the owner would accept, and up to this I have not heard further from them. So there the matter stands at present.

Until some arrangement can be come to between the Council and the owner as to price I am not in a position to



serve the Notices in connection with a claim for Compensation for the burning."

Mr Elgee said that a process had been served on behalf of Mr Breslin who bought the ground landlord's interest in Gorey, for four years' rent. The Finance Committee had agreed that he (Mr Elgee) should consent to a decree which would put the County Council in a position of going ahead with the application for compensation.

Mr O'Byrne said the former landlord had paid rates up to the time of sale. As Mr Breslin was getting the same rent out of the premises as the previous landlord he should be held responsible for the rates also.

It was decided that Mr Elgee be instructed to apply to Mr Breslin for payment of rates for the four years during which he was in possession.

It was also agreed that the County Council be recommended to pay the rent due in respect of the Enniscorthy Courthouse.

#### QUARRIES.

Cherryorchard.- The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr F. H. Hawkins owner of Cherryorchard Quarry:-

"Your Assistant, Mr Ennis, invited me to sign a Contract 25 per cent under pre-war price. This I refuse to do as I think the existing paltry sum of 4d per cubic yard too small, more especially in my case as most of the quarry owners-if not all-are living at a comfortable distance from their quarries. You know the position of my houses. All the compensation I got after the last blasting was merely my houses patched. As Mr Ennis said to me after the last blasting-"It can't be helped. All we can do is to patch them up." Does the latter compensate me for the damage?

I am not out for trouble but I must have fair play and I will bring my case to Dublin if necessary. Why are some of the quarry owners getting 5d and 6d per cubic yard?"

It was decided on the motion of Col Quin seconded by



Mr Hall that the County Council be recommended to pay 4d per cubic yard for material at Cherryorchard Quarry owing to exceptional situation of the quarry.

Ballybuckley and Dunanore.- The following was submitted from Mr Elgee:- "If Capt Alcock declines to sign the quarry leases unless his solicitors' costs in the matter are paid you cannot compel him to do so, and it is ~~the~~ usual if the question is raised for the Council to pay the costs and this has been done in several cases. Of course it is open to you to apply to the Court for an Order to enter the quarry."

It was decided that the County Surveyor take Court proceedings with a view to obtaining an Order to enter Ballybuckley and Dunanore Quarries.

Curraduff- Under date 25th May 1926 the following was read from Mr James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin:-

"I am requested by Ballindaggin Branch Self-Protection League to ask you to lay the following facts regarding Curraduff (Kiltealy) Quarry before the Co. Council at their next meeting.

That a deputation was appointed in the Spring of 1925 by the then County Council or Enniscorthy District Council (I cannot say which) to visit Kiltealy area to see if a suitable quarry existed there. This deputation consisted of Messrs J. Shannon M.C.C., J. Lawlor M.C.C., J. Cline M.C.C. with Mr Barry, County Surveyor, and Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. They visited McCarthy's and Curraduff Quarries. They believed the quarry in McCarthy's field was inaccessible as there was too much earth over the stone but they believed that Curraduff could be worked. They recommended that the stones already quarried there be immediately broken and used on the adjacent roads, and that the quarry be re-opened further down the lane as they believed that it was first opened in the wrong end and against the grain of the quarry. Those recommendations came before the County Council who unanimously approved of them and directed Mr Barry to proceed with the work immediately, but with the exception of a small quantity of the stones being



broken, nothing further is done, with the result that stones are carted from Ballybrennan, Cherryorchard, Ryland, Ballycarney and Kiltrea to Ballindaggin and Kiltaly areas involving a large outlay for haulage and damaging the roads over which it is hauled while this very good stone in the midst of the district is left untouched. A deputation from the Branch recently visited Curraduff and they are convinced that the stone here is a very good one. This deputation consisted of farmers and labourers and they were unanimous as regards asking the County Council to re-open this quarry and they would like to know what explanation Mr Barry has to give as to why he did not carry out the Council's Order in 1925.

In conclusion I must remark that the people of this district is very anxious to see this quarry in working order. It was purchased by the County Council some years ago and of course before this was done the stone was approved of by the Council's Surveyor."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I got down last year about half the stones from this quarry and got them broken, some of them being used and some still on hands. I will be shortly getting down the remainder. I do not draw any stones from Ballybrennan. Even if there were plenty of stones in Curraduff at present, they would be competing not with the stones from the quarries but with field stones. I can get the latter of a better quality than Curraduff and at a less price on the road. I <sup>consequently</sup> ~~constantly~~ use them on the bye-roads. Curraduff is absolutely the worst stone of any County Council quarry, consequently I would never use it on the main roads. I can get from 70% to 35% as much stones from Cherryorchard, etc. even on roads fairly near the quarry for the same amount of money. This results in better and cleaner roads and less spreading, etc, to be done.

As for the damage done by engine haulage, if used at the right period of the year this rather does good.

The roads in this area are a good deal better than



formerly, chiefly because they have been getting a good quality of stone.

On the Carlow side they use limestone gravel which is drawn a good distance right up to the County Bounds. It is useless to expect that say 17E, 16E, 30E or 101E could be anything like as good as the Carlow roads unless Ryland or Cherry-orchard stone is used."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:- "That Mr Lawlor be informed that from an official report we find the stone at Curraduff quarry is inferior and uneconomic and unfit for general use."

PROSECUTION OF JAMES DOYLE, ROAD GANGER, SECTION G.

The following letter under date 14th May 1926 was read from Mr Elgee, solicitor to the Council:-

"The charge against this man was heard at Gorey District Court to-day. Doyle pleaded guilty to the charge and threw himself on the mercy of the Court, when the Justice taking into consideration that this was his first offence, and that up to this he had a good character, convicted but allowed Doyle out under the Probation of Offenders' Act and placed him under recognisance to come up for judgment within three years if called upon."

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

An application was read from the General Post Office for permission to place an overground telegraphic line along the road at St John's, Enniscorthy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree to the application of the Post Office provided they agree to place a protection of laths round the telegraphic poles to protect clothing of pedestrians as was done in the case of Wexford town."

RATES ON MACHINERY YARD ENNISCORTHY.

The following letter was read from the Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Agricultural Society:-



"We beg to enclose Bills for rent of premises and yard in Enniscorthy.

Whilst on this subject we would be glad if you would refer to the lease from which you will note that the leasee is to pay the rates, and as we have not received payment, we would be glad if you could assist us to get this matter squared.

The rates on the whole premises last year was £24-2-2 and we think that about one-fourth of the total premises is leased to you, which would leave your share of the rates £6-0-0, and taking last year as the average, you would owe us for three years at that rate, approximately £18-1-6.

Perhaps you would like to have these premises valued and the amount accurately adjusted."

It was decided that an application be made for revision of valuation of the premises and that when ~~new~~ new ~~valuation~~ valuation ~~is~~ be available, the question of proportion of rates to be paid to Co-operative Agricultural Society be dealt with."

PETROL PUMP NEW ROSS.

The following letter was read from Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross, to the County Surveyor, in connection with petrol pump:-

"Some time ago the New Ross District Council gave permission for a petrol pump. I understand this street is now in your control and find I have to put the tank under the footpath where the pump is going. If you are in Ross I would be glad to get the necessary permission to excavate or perhaps you would write Mr Shortall."

The County Surveyor forwarded the following reply:-

"In reply to your letter of the 12th inst, I beg to inform you that the County Council has objected in similar circumstances to the erection of a petrol tank under a County Road or footway. It will therefore be necessary for you to make arrangements to have the tank fitted at your own premises. It is only the pump itself and the pump fittings that are allowed to be on or near a County road."

In connection with this the following was read from the Clerk, New Ross Urban Council:-



"With reference to the application of Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross for permission to erect a petrol pump outside his premises in that street, which is now a main road, I am directed by my Council to request the County Council to kindly grant him permission to have the tank of same constructed under the footpath of the street, as it has been ascertained by boring that this is the only place in which it can be fixed. The Urban Council are satisfied it will not cause any inconvenience to the public there."

Mr Corish proposed and Col Quin seconded the following:- "That the Council be recommended to refuse permission to allow tank for petrol pump at the premises of Mr J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross, being constructed under the footpath of the street."

ROAD GRANT T 12--GRANT £1300.

The following letter under date 15th May 1926 was read from the Clerk Urban Council, New Ross:-

"At last meeting of my Council I was directed to inform the County Council that the above amount allocated for the repair of that portion of the main road from Royal Hotel to Urban Boundary at Bellevue, or Newtown, will not be sufficient to complete the work, and to request that now, while the rolling plant etc, is on the spot, arrangements may be made by the County Council for a further allocation to this Council so that they may be enabled to complete the work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin, seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the New Ross Urban Council be informed that the County Council are not in a position<sup>n</sup> owing to lack of funds to make a supplemental grant in respect of portion of Trunk Road No T.12 in New Ross Urban District.

PROPOSED ROAD --ROSSLARE HARBOUR

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"In reply to your letter of the 5th inst, re above, I beg to report that the Roads Inspection Committee on their rounds last year saw this place, and were not able to recommend

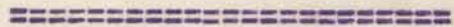


it being taken over: mainly, I think, on account of lack of funds. It is an extension of the contract road and would be a dead end and of service purely and simply to the residents on it. Being within a small town or village would probably influence the matter of its repair, and would probably render it easily legalised though a dead end. At present, the residents do nothing with the repair, as is the usual way what's everybody's business is nobody's business. I estimate it would cost about £50 or £60 to put it in order, and its after maintenance would be practically nothing."

It was decided that as the proposed road was not a through road the County Council were not empowered to have it repaired.

ATTENDANCE--ASSISTANT SURVEYORS AT MEETINGS

It was decided that in future the County Surveyor would exercise his discretion as to what Assistant Surveyors should attend meetings of Roads Committee and Co. Council.



County Surveyor's Report - Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor mentioned that he found since making his report that it would be only necessary to close Wexford Bridge for a few days to ordinary traffic.



In connection with lorry traffic over this bridge, the following was read from the County Surveyor under date 12th June, 1926:-

"The work of restoration of the bascule of this bridge has been proceeding, and during this week I have had census of traffic taken. I have particularly dealt with lorry traffic which under bye laws, and by notice, is prohibited from crossing the bridge, and in this instance, I have had the registered numbers of the lorries taken. I recommend that the matter should be put in the Solicitor's hands, as the bridge is not calculated to take this modern traffic".

The County Surveyor submitted list of lorries with registered numbers which had been using this bridge contrary to the bye law. Some of the lorries in question ran to six or seven tons.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that, in addition to limitation of weight, there should be a bye law covering speed, as vehicles driven at excessive speed were responsible for causing a good deal of damage to road surfaces.

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

"That owners of lorries of over two tons unladen, which were using Wexford Bridge, contrary to bye-law, be notified that this practice must be discontinued, and if, after this notification, they are found still using the bridge, Mr. Elgee be instructed to institute legal proceedings against them".

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, while repairs are being carried out to Wexford Bridge, all vehicular traffic be controlled under the directions of the County Surveyor in conformity with the convenience of the public and their safety".



Road Signs.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Trade Section of the Department of Local Government as to standard post of solid drawn steel which would be used in connection with the erection of sign posts. Up to the present he had provided for 117 new sign posts to be erected. These would cover the main roads of the County and would leave only a few to be dealt with afterwards. .

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to erect 120 sign posts on various roads of the County as per schedule submitted by him to this meeting. That we approve of the utilisation of post recommended by the Trade Section of the Local Government Department, costing 22/11d<sup>s</sup> each"

Sparrowsland Bridge.

In connection with above, the following letter, under date, 12th June, 1926, was read from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 10th instant for which I am obliged.

"I think it would be well if it were made clear to the members of the County Council that any easing of the approaches could only be done at the expense of the County Council. If they are prepared to bear the cost of the work, the Company would, of course, be happy to carry it out if it is feasible.

"As this is the first time this particular question has been raised, I regret that I have not information available to enable me to say whether any such easing would be possible or not"

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Glince:-



"That the recommendation of the Roads Committee, relative to Sparrowsland Bridge, be adjourned. In the meantime, that the Great Southern Railways be requested to arrange for an interview between the County Surveyor and their Chief Engineer in connection with the matter in order to ascertain if it would be possible to come to some satisfactory arrangement so that the bridge would be made as suitable as possible for modern vehicular traffic"..

Changing Ganger's Areas.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from J. J. O'Gorman, under date 10th June, 1926, in which he stated that Michael Bennett's section, to which it was proposed he should be transferred, was inconvenient, as it meant travelling a long distance morning and evening and he would not be able to do it. Ganger William Sunderland had volunteered to exchange sections with him and he would ask to be transferred to Sunderland's Section. The change would be also more convenient for Sunderland. He (O'Gorman) was making the application for health reasons only, as he had been medically advised that the transfer to Bennett's district would be injurious to this health.

Under date 9th June, 1926, a letter was read from William Sunderland, Clonhaston, that he was prepared to made a change with J. J. O'Gorman, provided, if a further change was made in Sections, he should revert to the Clonhaston district.

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

"That as regards proposed change of J. J. O'Gorman to district of Michael Bennett, the recommendation of the Roads Committee be confirmed, as this Council does not approve of transfer of William Sunderland from his present district".



Slob Road Wexford-Rosslare.

The County Surveyor stated he had not found time to the present to prepare estimate &c., in connection with proposed skeleton re-inforced concrete bridge on this road.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that the agreement between the County Council and Messrs Meldon in connection with the Slob Road had been completed and he intended to have it signed this week. He was also arranging to discuss the question of the objection of the Railway Company with Messrs Meldon in Dublin and would report to next meeting.

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the agreement with Messrs Meldon and Co., relative to the taking of land in connection with the construction of the new road over the slob lands between Wexford and Rosslare"

The recommendations of the Roads Committee as set out on the minutes were confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

MANURE HEAPS ON ROADS.

Colonel Gibbon complained that, on the 8th instant, he found, beyond Castlebridge on the Castle Ellis road, a manure dump. This was about 6.30 a.m., and if any cars had been travelling in the night an accident could easily have occurred as this manure heap was right on the middle of the road. He inquired what steps the County Surveyor had taken to prevent roads being obstructed by manure heaps as directed by a recent meeting of the Roads Committee.

The County Surveyor stated he would submit a report to the next meeting of the Roads Committee in the matter.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of meeting of above Committee, held



on 31st May, 1926, were submitted:-

"A meeting of Committee of County Council (in conjunction with the County Surveyor) to make recommendations to the County Council relative to the preservation of our Ancient Monuments was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on Monday 31st May, 1926.

"The following were present:- Rev. R. Fitzhenry, P.P. Lady's Island, (presiding); Miss K. A. Browne; Messrs Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C., and M. Cloney, M.C.C.

"The Secretary of the County Council and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

"A Schedule of ancient monuments was submitted by the County Surveyor.

"It was decided to ascertain from the Board of Works the particulars of Ancient Monuments in the County which had been vested in them. Also to procure from County Board of Health and Church Representative Body lists of graveyards in the County over which they had control.

"A resolution was adopted asking the Land Commission to provide that any ancient monuments on lands which were sold to tenants under the Hogan Act should be vested either in the Board of Works or in the County Council.

"The list submitted by County Surveyor will be considered by Local Advisory Committees whose suggestions will be dealt with by County Council Committee, with a view to requesting the Council to take over monuments which are believed to be of historic interest"

Approved on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall.

OLD JAIL PREMISES - COUNTY HALL.

The following minutes of meeting of Old Jail premises Committee of 10th June, 1926, were submitted:-



"The Committee appointed on 10th May, 1926, to inspect the old Jail premises with a view to report as to suitability of premises for Courthouse and County Council Offices met on 10th June, 1926.

"The following were in-attendance:- Messrs T. McCarthy (Chairman Co. Council), Wm. Thorpe and James E. Walsh.

"The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

"The Committee spent a considerable time in inspecting the front block after which they instructed the County Surveyor to prepare, for consideration at adjourned meeting of the Committee, sketches and estimates for conversion of front block for Court ~~FOR COURT~~ with apartments for Court Officials, Barristers &c., Jury room; Judge's room; offices for County Council; County Surveyor; County Council Chamber &c."

Approved on the motion of Mr. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Clince.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, make application to the Department of Finance for liberty to expend compensation of £5000, awarded in connection with old Courthouse, on the old Jail premises which can be fitted up as a suitable Court and County Offices &c., and that he also ascertain what would be the liability of the County Council to the owners of the site of the Courthouse as to rebuilding, and, for this purpose, that he be instructed to have a search made in the Record Office, Dublin, in order to ascertain the tenure under which the old Courthouse was held"

NEW ROSS COURTHOUSE

The following report which was signed by Messrs T. McCarthy, P. N. O'Gorman, W. Thorpe, J. E. Walsh, Thomas Cooney, V. A. Doyle and W. F. Barry, County Surveyor, was submitted:-



"We the undersigned members of the deputation appointed by the County Council beg to report that as desired we met Mr. Hugh R. Hamilton, Agent of the Tottenham State, relative to the New Ross Courthouse on 4th June, 1926. Mr. Hamilton informed us that he was prepared to sell at £1000 or lease for 35 years at £50 per annum with the right to purchase at any time at a figure not exceeding £1000. We understood also from Mr. Hamilton that the rent of the Courthouse was £24 per annum for the past 80 years and that it was held as a yearly tenancy. There was no trace as to whom the Courthouse was built by, but it ~~was~~ is believed to have been built by the Tottenhams.

"Having visited <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ inspected the Courthouse, we recommend that a lease be accepted for 35 years at £50 per annum, the County Council to have the right to purchase at any time they desire during the life of the lease at a figure not in excess of £1000".

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

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

"That the Wexford County Council agree to enter into tenancy of New Ross Courthouse on lease for 35 years from 1st July, 1926, at the yearly rent of £50, payable half yearly on 1st January and 1st July, first payment to be made on 1st January, 1927, to keep the premises in repair to the satisfaction of the landlord or his Agent and to insure the premises against fire for the sum of £1000; the Costs of said lease to be borne by the Council who are to have the option of purchasing the said premises at any time during the continuance of the lease for a sum not exceeding £1000"



CIRCUIT COURTS.  
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The Chairman proposed:-

"That the Department of Justice berequested to arrange for the holding of Circuit Courts at Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross now that the County Council were taking steps to have the Courthouses at these centres put into order!"

The Chairman stated he had heard it was the intention of the Government to have the Circuit Court held only in Wexford Town.

This would be a great inconvenience to the people of Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross. Quarter Sessions were held in Wexford and Gorey in one half year and in Enniscorthy and New Ross for the other half year.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr. Elgee stated he understood it was the intention of the Government to have the Circuit Court held only in Wexford Town.

The Chairman mentioned that if it was the decision of the Government that Circuit Courts were not to be held in Enniscorthy, Gorey or New Ross it would not be necessary to have very elaborate buildings for District Courts.

COURTKEEPER - WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.  
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Under date 1st June, 1926, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote that Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford Courthouse, was appointed by the Sheriff and the County Council had no control over her nor power to dismiss her. She was not in any sense an officer of a Local Body, and further she was not a "whole time" officer. Consequently he was of opinion that, so far as the County Council was concerned, she was not a pensionable" officer.

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



"That letter of Mr. Elgee, under date 1st June, 1926, relative to position of Mrs McNally, Courtkeeper, Wexford, be referred to the Finance Committee and that a copy of said letter be furnished to the Undersheriff for his information."

Correspondence was read from Mrs McNally as to her duties as Courtkeeper for Wexford Courthouse.

The Chairman stated that the Court, as the Councillors knew, was at present being held in the old Jail for which the County Council had appointed a caretaker.

It was decided to refer the correspondence to the Under Sheriff and Finance Committee.

ALBERT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE DUBLIN

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That, on transfer of Albert Agricultural College to University College, Dublin, this Council requests that the same facilities be afforded to farmers and other interested persons to visit this College for the purpose of obtaining information regarding experiments &c., as existed when the Institution was under the control of the Department of Agriculture"

WORKING OF CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Jordan:-

"That the resolution of Wexford County Council deciding that work at Carrigbyrne Quarry be carried on by Direct Labour be rescinded and that the work be carried on by piece work".

In accordance with Standing Orders the notice was also signed by Messrs W. Thorpe, J. Hall, M. Cloney, M. M. O'Donoghue M. Doyle, W. Boggan, N. J. Murphy and Colonel Gibbon.

Mr. Jordan, in moving his motion stated that this matter



had been very fully discussed at the last meeting of the County Council and it was pointed out that material was being produced by piece work at 6/4d per yard, and by changing to Direct Labour the cost would be 8/-.

This statement was challenged by some Labour representatives.

The County Surveyor stated that the average price for material broken under Direct Labour in quarries was 8/- per cubic yard.

Mr. Thorpe seconded the motion and stated it was very useful to have one quarry worked by piece work as it would be a headline and would furnish comparative figures for the other quarries which were all worked by Direct Labour.

The County Surveyor stated that he believed the change to Direct Labour would mean an increased cost in the production of material.

The Secretary read Section 61 (2) of the Local Government Act 1925 and explained to the meeting that if, by changing the working of this quarry from piece work to Direct Labour, the cost of the material was increased, the Auditor of the Local Government Department would probably surcharge for any loss to the rates.

The Chairman deprecated the practice of handing in notices of motion at every meeting to rescind resolutions which had been very carefully considered. It certainly did not add to the dignity of the Council, and when a decision was arrived at at a full meeting, in his opinion, a notice of motion should not be handed in to upset this decision. They would not have continuity or finality in carrying on the business of the Council if this practice were to continue.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the motion. Messrs Jordan, Thorpe, Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Kavanagh, Walsh, Whyte, Murphy, O'Donoghue and Colonel Gibbons.



Against Messrs Cline, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon - 12.

The Chairman declined to vote and Colonel Quin was not present when the poll was taken.

As the voting was equal the motion fell through.

SUPERANNUATION MR. JOHN SINNOTT, EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Pender:-

"That John Sinnott, ex-Rate Collector be voted superannuation at £80 per annum as granted to him by County Council in 1925".

Under date 27th May, 1926, letter (No.G.18952/1926 Wexford County), the Minister for Local Government transmitted Sealed Order made by him, consenting to superannuation allowance of £52 per annum to Mr. J. Sinnott, ex-Rate Collector.

By permission of the meeting Mr. Pender amended his notice of motion to read as follows:-

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to vary Sealed Order fixing Superannuation Allowance to Mr. John Sinnott, Ex-Rate Collector, at £52 per annum, and to grant Mr. Sinnott superannuation allowance of £80 per annum, as agreed to by the County Council at their meeting on 16th June, 1925. In the struggle against the British Government, Mr. Sinnott gave yeoman service to the Council and it is only just and equitable that the part he played then should be properly recognised."

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was passed unamimously.

SALARIES OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That Assistant Surveyors who applied for increase in their



salaries (Messrs Ennis, Kehoe, Birthistle and Cullen) be paid an inclusive salary to cover all duties and all locomotion expenses of these officers, inclusive salary to begin as from date fixed by County Council and approved by Department of Local Government".

By permission of the meeting, consideration of the motion was adjourned to next meeting.

SPEED LIMIT, MOTOR VEHICLES.

Mr. O'Byrne, moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the speed limit for motor vehicles through town of Gorey be fixed at ten miles per hour, and on Gorey-Courtown road fifteen miles per hour".

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was passed.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 14th May, 1926 (letter No.F.21459/26 Mise) the Department of Local Government wrote that the Annual meeting of County Councils, except in the case of Dublin County, was due to be held on 3rd July.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That any ordinary business available be transacted at the annual meeting on 3rd July, 1926".

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 7th June, 1926, the Department of Local Government (SGB/32) wrote that a payment of £400 was made on 2nd June from grant of £15660 (out of Trunk Road Grant of £450,000) in respect of work being carried out by New Ross Urban District Council.

Under date 18th May, 1926, (RIRG/32), the Department of Local Government wrote that a payment of £470 was made to the Council on 26th April, in respect of Ministry of Transport Grants.



DENTAL TREATMENT - TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Under date 5th June, 1926 (P.H.20565/26 Wexford C.B.H) the Department of Local Government transmitted copy of letter addressed to the County Board of Health, stating that the terms quoted by Miss M. Stafford and Mr. B. F. Dunne for the New Ross area in respect of dental work in connection with the Wexford County Tuberculosis Scheme were satisfactory. The quotations for multiple extractions received from Mr. J. O'Byrne, Enniscorthy and Messrs Doyle and O'Connor Wexford were not satisfactory and the attention of these dentists should be drawn to the terms offered by their colleagues in New Ross.

CLAIM FOR SUPERANNUATION MRS HAYES.

Under date 3rd June, 1926, (P.25428/1926 Wexford County), the Department of Local Government wrote, calling attention to their letter of 27th July, 1925, (P.33369/1925 Wexford County B.H) which pointed out that the functions of the Minister under Section 55 of the Act of 1925 were confined to giving or withholding his consent to the grant of a superannuation allowance thereunder. As the County Council had decided that Mrs Hayes did not devote her whole time to the services of the County Infirmary Committee, the Council's refusal to grant her a superannuation allowance could not be questioned.

No Order.

BALLYCULLANE FAIR.

Under date 29th May, 1926, (S.11418/1926) the Department of Local Government wrote stating that <sup>minutes</sup> the had made an Order on 13th May, 1926, directing that the day of holding Ballycullane Fair should be altered from the third Tuesday of every month in each year to the second Monday of every month in each year.



KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME.  
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Under date 25th May, 1926, (G.16936/1926, miscellaneous Drainage), the Department of Local Government wrote transmitting copy of Order, dated 19th May, 1926, transferring the business of the Kilmannock Drainage District to the Wexford County Council.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That this Council protests against the handing over of the Kilmannock Drainage Scheme to the County Council as the recent work there was carried out without the sanction of the Council and against the wishes of the local people"

Mr. Murphy seconded. He understood £1100 had been expended on the work and better results could have been obtained for half the money. The new sluices had been erected by a handy man and were useless.

The resolution was adopted and it was also decided to request the County Surveyor to make a report as to the works which had been carried out.

AREAS OF CHARGE - MALICIOUS INJURIES.  
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Correspondence was read from the Department of Local Government and the Department of Justice stating that they had no power to interfere in the matter of altering areas of charge for Malicious Injuries Decrees.

The following resolution was read from the Wexford District Executive of the Farmers' Union:-

"This meeting of the Wexford District Farmers' Union Executive consider that the placing of charges for Malicious Injuries which took place in Rathaspeck and Kilcowan Divisions on the Bridgetown Division is most unjust. We believe that the mistake occurred in the abolition of the old Bridgetown area. We consider that if the charge



cannot be amended in the present rate, then a guarantee should be given that the mistake will be allowed for and certified in the allocation of the 1926/27 Rate".

Mr. Elgee reported that he had seen the Circuit Judge in connection with this matter and he had amended the decrees in question in view of the fact that the old Bridgetown County Area had been abolished. The area of charge would now be this old County Area which comprised the following District Electoral Divisions:-

Aughwilliam, Bridgetown, Kilcowan, Killag, Kilmore, Mayglass, Newcastle, Rathaspeck.

In connection with Malicious Injury Decree John Staples, £46: 10: 3d (Separate Charge No.202), Bridgetown Electoral Division would be credited with 4d in £ and the other Districts would be debited with  $\frac{3}{4}$ d in £.

In connection with Malicious Injury Decree B. Radford, £381: 5: 0 (Separate Charge No.197) Bridgetown and Rathaspeck Electoral Divisions would receive a credit of  $11\frac{1}{2}$ d and the other districts would have a rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ d in £ raised on them.

The net result was that Bridgetown would receive a total credit of  $1/3\frac{1}{2}$ d and Rathaspeck  $11\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Mr. Elgee referred to allegations of dereliction of duty which had been made against him and the officials of the County Council at the Executive meeting of the Wexford Branch of the Farmers' Union by Captain Harvey. He stated he had taken the matter up with Captain Harvey from whom he had received a long written apology in regard to remarks made about himself and the other officials of the Council. Captain Harvey admitted he had no justification for his remarks and was willing to have his apology published in the press if so desired.

Mr. Elgee further stated he took exception to statement



made by Mr. Michael Doyle at the same meeting, that County Solicitor had received costs in respect of prosecution which he thought should go into the ~~costs~~ <sup>costs</sup> of the County Council.

Mr. Elgee stated that the case in question was a motor prosecution the Costs of which were paid by Roads Section Local Government Department, and it was not part of his duty as County Council Solicitor to carry out these prosecutions. After these remarks it had been "hit up" to him by the public that he had received costs to which he was not entitled.

Mr. Doyle stated that if he did Mr. Elgee any injury he certainly did not intend to and he willingly apologised for it. At the same time he desired to point out that as the Motor Car Act was part of County Council administration and as when he paid Motor Duty he always made his cheque payable to Wexford County Council he thought it peculiar that Costs should be allowed Mr. Elgee.

Mr. Elgee stated that the Motor License duties did not pass through the County Council Accounts and that the expenses of collection were defrayed by Local Government Department on whose behalf the license duties were collected.

Mr. Thorpe raised the question of the area of charge for No.193 Whitemoor E.D., and stated from the circumstances of this particular case, Whitemoor should not have been held responsible for the damage.

Mr. Elgee promised to raise the matter before the Circuit Judge but he did not hold out any hope that a further application of this character would be successful.

SHEEP DIPPING.  
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Under date 17th May, 1926, (L.18228-26) the Department of Agriculture wrote, asking what steps had been taken in connection with the provision of suitable dipping



facilities in the County during the forth-coming Sheep Dipping Seasons. Expenditure in connection with Sheep Dipping operations ranked for recoupment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund on the usual basis, viz., one-half.

It was decided to inform the Department of Agriculture that the steps taken by the Council last year would be continued in 1926.

Under date 31st May, 1926 (L.1902-26), the Department of Agriculture wrote approving of the appointment of the undermentioned as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year, with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week to cover the expenses of locomotion; the amount spent for incidental expenses, viz., postage, to be allowed by the Council:-

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns.

Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy.

Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis Carnew.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.

M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure.

James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

Under date 3rd June, 1926, (1924/26), the Department of Agriculture wrote that any dip used for the compulsory dipping of Sheep (as well as for Sheep Scab) must have been approved beforehand by the Department in specified proportions of dilution. Their list of approved Dips included a number of Irish-manufactured dips. Local Authorities should be careful to see that only an approved dip was used in the compulsory dipping of sheep in their respective administrative districts.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER - SALARIES OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

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Under date 25th May, 1926 (L.1050-26) the Department of Agriculture wrote, approving payment at the undermentioned rates for xxx a period of twelve months to the Veterinary



Inspectors in County Wexford for work under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926:- Mr. T. A. Mernagh, V.S. Gorey, £40 per annum; Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy £50 per annum; Mr. R. Malone, V.S., Wexford £40 per annum; Mr. Joseph Lynch, V.S., New Ross £22: 10: 0d per annum and Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S., New Ross £12: 10: 0d per annum.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 2nd June, 1926, (W/5/2), the Department of Fisheries wrote that, before arrangements could be made to have a dredger sent to Courtown Harbour for dredging work, it would be necessary to learn what amount the Wexford County Council were prepared to contribute towards the cost of the operations. It was understood that the minimum charge for the services of the dredger was £14 per day and it was not improbable that about twelve days' dredging would be needed. For dredging work which had been promised at Arklow the local Harbour Commissioners were finding one-half the cost.

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

"We desire to point out to the Department of Fisheries that the County Council have had to arrange for an expenditure of £200 to repair the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour which leaves no money available for dredging. In the circumstances, we are of opinion, the necessary dredging, to assist the fishermen, should be carried out without any cost to the Council. Work on the sluice gates is absolutely necessary, and unless this is done, no dredging at the place could be effective. We would also point out that while the dredger is in the County, it would be advisable it should be employed at Kilmore Harbour where dredging is very necessary at the present moment"

HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall

The following resolution was adopted:



"That the Department of Local Government be asked for a reply as soon as possible to the application of the County Council as to closing of roads to heavy lorries".

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Under date 21st May, 1926, the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) wrote that the recommendations of the Council, regarding renewal of Scholarships in Secondary Schools, should be received during the month of July in order that cases in which sanction to renewal was refused might be notified to the Council before the holders commended attendance at school for the School year 1926-27.

As regards award of new Scholarships, Secondary Schools attended by holders of County Council Scholarships must be approved of for the purpose and the Department should be notified of the awards when made, especially in the case of Scholars who proposed attending Secondary Schools not already approved by the Minister of Education for Scholarship purposes.

The Secretary stated that the instructions of the Department of Education would be complied with.

SALARY OF MR. J. J. FANNING.

Under date 13th May, 1926, (G.21679/1926 Wexford B.B.H), the Minister for Local Government wrote that he agreed to the continuance of the terms of the Local Government Board's letter of the 20th June, 1920, as regards the increment of Mr. J. J. Fanning, late Clerk to the Gorey Rural District Council.

FISHERIES ACT, 1925.

Under date 8th June, 1926, (G.25000 miscellaneous) the Department of Local Government wrote, calling attention to the provisions of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act 1925, and pointing out that sub-section 6 of that Section provided that



any person liable to be rated in respect of a fishery under the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts 1842 to 1909, as amended by the Act of 1925, was exempt from liability for any rate leviable by the Council of any county, County Borough or Urban District, or the Commissioners of any town, in respect of that fishery for the local financial year commencing on the 1st day of April next after the commencement of Part II of the Act or for any of the nine succeeding financial years and that no such Council or Commissioners should levy or collect any rate in respect of such fishery for any of the said financial years. Part II of the Act had, by order of the Minister for Fisheries, been brought into operation as from 1st October, 1925, and the first local financial year, for which the exemption from rates was in force was that commencing on 1st April, 1926. Sub Section 7 of Section 13 of the Act provided for the payment to Rating Authorities by the Minister for Fisheries of any excess over £1 in the £ of the increase in rates on any area which might be ~~caused~~ by the operation of Sub Section 6.

The Secretary stated that the amount of rates, which would be lost to the Council for fisheries in the present year, would be £103: 7: 6d.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Under date 10th June, 1926, (26751/26) the Department for Local Government wrote, transmitting the following report of the Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the County Council for the half year ended 30th September, 1925:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the half-year ended 30th September, 1925, Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

"The Accounts were well kept and submitted for audit in a satisfactory manner."



MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS IN NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT

Under date 26th May, 1926, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote forwarding copy of report of meeting of Street Committee of New Ross Urban District Council which had considered the specification from the County Surveyor, the resolution from County Council adopting the report of the Conference relative to the maintenance of main roads in Urban District and the instructions of the County Council that the work must be carried out by Direct Labour; this condition also to apply to the New Ross Bridge Contract, which the County Surveyor proposed to enter into with the Urban Council. At the meeting of the Urban Council on 25th May, 1926, five members voted for the adoption of the report of the Street Committee and six against, The Chairman declared the resolution "not passed".

In a further letter under date 11th June, 1926, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that at a meeting of his Council on 8th June, 1926, a notice of motion had been handed in by Mr. Dooley to rescind the decision rejecting the recommendation of the Street Committee regarding the maintenance of Main Roads in Urban Districts and to adopt the recommendation of the Street Committee.

It was decided to adjourn the question of the maintenance of Main Roads in New Ross Urban District until the notice of motion given by Mr. Dooley had been decided.

TRUNK ROAD T.12 GRANT £1300.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban District Council:-

"That the Wexford County Council be asked to take over the unfinished portion of Road T.12 in this Urban District.

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting



COASTGUARD STATIONS.

Under date 22nd May, 1926, the following letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"Your letter of the 13th instant and enclosures in connection with the above matter was laid before my Board at its last meeting when they decided not to accept the offer of the Board of Works".

Ordered that the Board of Works be informed that the County Council are not in a position to avail of their offer to rent Coastguard Stations.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 25th May, 1926, the Secretary, County Council's General Council, wrote, acknowledging receipt of the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee of the County Council regarding the **establishment** of a **Faculty** of Agriculture, and stating that the recommendation would be placed before the Executive Committee in due course.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) BILL, 1926.

The following resolution was received from Kilkenny County Board of Health:-

"That we enter our strong protest against the Bill recently introduced in the Dail, providing for the appointment of County Officials by the Government.

"Acting as we do as directly elected representatives of the Rate-payers who supply the funds to pay these Officials, we are of opinion that the County Councils and Boards of Health are the proper Authorities for making these appointments - as well as regulating the salaries - and we know that our authority in such matters will be appreciated by the people who pay.

"We call on the T.D.'s for the County to oppose such a retrograde step which would appear to be the beginning of the subversion of all authorities of the Bodies"



On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request Messrs Corish & Doyle T.D.'s., on the report stage of the Bill to introduce an amendment whereby the every qualified candidate should be submitted for appointment to the Local Authority"

COUNTY-AT-LARGE WORKS 1926/27.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following allocation of expenditure for County-at-Large Works, 1926-27, as recommended by the County Surveyor, was agreed to:-

<u>Bridges :-</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Repair.</u>
Wexford	£100	£20
Ferrycarrig	30	20
Deeps	30	-
Edermine	20	10
New Ross	40	150
" Caretaker	40	-
Mountgarrett"	12	-
<u>Harbours:-</u>		
Kilmore	-	100
Fethard	-	10
Slade	-	15
Duncannon	-	15
Arthurstown	-	50
Ballyhack	-	10.
<u>Courthouses Offices etc.. :-</u>		
Wexford		25.

VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES.

Mental Hospital Committee.

The following resolution was read from Mental Hospital Committee Enniscorthy:-

"That we recommend the County Council to appoint the Rev. Mr. Talbot, Killanne, a member of the Mental Hospital Committee vice the Rev. Mr. Benson".

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

"That Rev. Robert Talbot, The Rectory, Killanne, be appointed a member of Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee



vice Rev. Mr. Benson resigned"

No.5 Old Age Pension Sub Committee.

Under date 28th May, 1926, a recommendation was received from No.5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee that Mr. James Cline, M.C.C., Caim, be appointed a member of that Sub-Committee vice Thomas Doyle resigned.

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

"That Mr. James Cline, M.C.C., Caim, be appointed a member of No.5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Mr. Thomas Doyle resigned".

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCE.

Under date 27th May, 1926, a letter was read from the County Council's General Council relative to Irish Public Bodies Insurance and referred to the Finance Committee.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to

N. Tackaberry, Bunclody and  
Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford.

PETROL PUMP.

Under date 26th April, 1926, Mr. N. Hayes, Ferns, applied for licence for petrol pump.

Granted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE (Moveable Cinema).

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, renewal of licence under Cinematograph Act was granted to Mr. Patrick Walshe, Cinema, Kilmackthomas, who was granted a licence last year in respect of his moveable Cinema which at that time was situated at Campile.



REFRESHMENT STALL - COURTOWN HARBOUR.

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Mrs E. Furlong, Courtown, applied, under date 31st May, 1926, for permission to erect a refreshment stall on the Council's property at Courtown Harbour for the Summer months. She was willing to pay any reasonable charge.

Communication was read from the Courtown Harbour Committee recommending that the application be granted, rent to be 1/- per week.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the application was agreed to, provided that the site selected meets with the approval of the Council and that the stall is erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

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Under date 6th May, 1926, Miss A. L. Massy, Hon., Secretary, of the Committee of the Irish Society for the Protection of Birds, wrote, asking the County Council to renew the order, which became imoperative in 1921, prohibiting the taking of the eggs of all kinds of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Islands and the Keeragh Islands off the County Wexford Coast.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Colonel Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We the County Council of the County of Wexford, do hereby petition the Governor General for Ireland to make an order under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of all species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Islands and the Keeragh Islands in the County Wexford for the space of five years beteen 1st of March and 1st August in each year beginning first of March, 1926, for the following reasons, that owing to the great increase in the number



of egg collectors, the birds in the above named Islands are much persecuted."

CO. WEXFORD TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Under date 29th April, 1926, a letter was read from Co. Wexford Tourist Association, thanking the Council for having decided to strike a Rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in £ for advertising the tourist attractions of the County and asking that four members of the County Council be appointed to act with four members of Executive of the Tourist Association to discuss the form the advertising campaign should take.

It was decided that the communication from the Co. Wexford Tourist Association be considered at the meeting of the County Council to be held in December, 1926.

LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES.

The following resolution was read from Roscommon County Council:-

"That, in view of the abnormal increase in the number of Defaulters in the Land Commission Annuities, it is imperative that the Government devise a remedy for same and as the Loan system proposed by the Government to relieve temporarily Land holders who suffered severely through the ravages of the Fluke Disease and otherwise has proved inoperative, we again ask the Government to give each purchasing tenant the option of taking a further advance to be added to the purchase money of his holding equal to two years instalment, such sum to be retained by the Land Commission as repayment of the instalments due in the coming two years and to extend to tenant purchasers under the 1903 and subsequent Acts the option of taking decadal reductions on the lines of the Ashbourne Act".

No order.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

The following resolution was read from Meath County Council:-



"That members of the County Council and Authorised Committees be paid travelling expenses at the rate of fivepence per mile to and from the place of meeting for each meeting attended"

No Order.

MEDICAL TREATMENT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

A resolution was read from the Annual Council Meeting of The Irish Nurses' Union, calling upon the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health to put in force the provisions of the Medical Treatment of School Children Act, 1919.

Memorandum showing salary scale and conditions claimed for School Nurses was submitted from the Irish Nurses' Union.

Referred to the County Board of Health.

VALUATION OF JOHN DOYLE, PALACE WEST.

In connection with case of John Doyle, Palace West, referred to at last meeting by Mr. Thorpe, a letter was read, under date 18th May, 1926 (2605108) from the Valuation Department, stating that the 10/- added in this case on the revision of 1925 was for an office which had been previously exempted from Rates for the statutory period of seven years from date of erection.

STATE OF THE RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted.

The Secretary stated that, as regards the 1925-26 Rate, a sum of £6181: 11: 3d was still uncollected out of a total warrant of £146,318: 4: 3d.

It was decided that the Collecting of 1927 Rate be commenced in all Districts except in the Areas of Collector P. J. Sinnott and John Doyle.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Chairman directed that consideration of the revised Standing Orders of which have been submitted to each



each member of the Council, be taken up at the meeting of the Council on the 3rd July and an item would appear on the agenda to that effect.

AFFORESTATION OF MOUNTAIN OF FORTH.  
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A resolution from a meeting of the people of the Mountain of Forth was read calling on the County Council as the premier representative body of the County to draw the attention of the Government to a previous request made by them to have a State Forest established in the Mountain of Forth.

Mr. Peter Farrell and Mr. Patrick Whelan attended as a deputation on behalf of the people of the district.

The Chairman stated that, as this item was not on the agenda paper, he had decided it should remain over until the conclusion of the business which had appeared on the agenda paper.

On the motion of Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr. Boggan, it was decided to hear the deputation.

Mr. Whelan stated that the people concerned wished the County Council to bring pressure to bear upon the Government to have the Mountain of Forth planted. They thought that the County Committee of Agriculture did not take sufficient interest in the matter and also that the County Council were the direct representatives of the people and were the proper body to go to.

Mr. Doyle explained that everything possible had been done by himself and Mr. Corish in the Dail to further the project and suggested that those interested should appoint a deputation to wait on the Minister for Agriculture in the matter. Mr. Corish and he would arrange with the Minister for them. He repudiated the statement that had been made that Mr. Corish and himself were not giving sufficient attention to this proposal. They had never lost an opportunity of



of bringing it forward.

Mr. Corish also explained that no effort had been spared by himself and Mr. Doyle to push forward the project and asked the deputation to state what it was that had been left undone.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the County Committee of Agriculture had paid very special attention to this matter. They had appointed a special Committee which had heard the views of the people concerned and promptly took every step which had been suggested for the furtherance of the proposal.

After further discussion, Messrs Doyle and Corish reiterated their intention to arrange for the reception of any deputation from the people concerned to the Minister for Agriculture and also stated that, notwithstanding the attacks that had been made upon them, they would continue to display every possible interest in having the project brought to **fruition.**

On the motion of Mr. Hayes, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, the following resolution was adopted:-

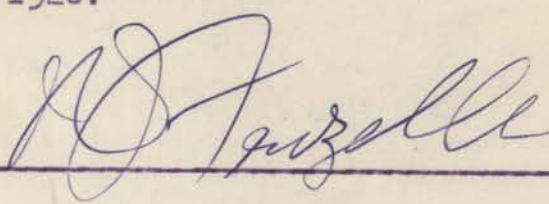
"That we call upon the Department of Agriculture to take all possible measures to expedite the proposed scheme for the planting of the Mountain of Forth"

*Thommas O'Carthy*  
*July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1926*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be  
correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings  
of my County Council in respect of Meeting  
held on 14th June, 1926.

(Signed) 

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1926.

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