

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  

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OF MEETING HELD on 13TH JUNE, 1927.  

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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 13th June, 1927.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (V.C.) presiding. Also present:- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, 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, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White and Colonel Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman of the Council, that it would not be possible for him to attend the meeting as Audit of the late Co. Wexford Insurance Society's accounts had been notified and it was necessary for him to attend thereat. He expressed regret at his absence and asked that his congratulations should be extended to the three members of the Co. Council, Messrs Corish, Doyle and Shannon, on their success at late Dail Elections.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That we offer our hearty congratulations to the three members of our Council, Messrs Corish, Doyle and Shannon, who have been elected members of An Dail!"

Mr. Doyle said he was extremely thankful to the Council for their vote of congratulation. He would assure them that any service he could afford in An Dail would be always at their disposal.



Mr. Corish said he appreciated the congratulations of the Council. As far as he was concerned he would always in the future do his best for every class in his native county as he had done in the past.

Mr. Shannon returned his sincere thanks to the members for the resolution and assured them the confidence which the people of Wexford had reposed in him would not be misplaced.

The Chairman, in putting the resolution, said that Mr. Doyle had done a great deal for the County as a representative in An Dail in the past, and it would be a great loss to Co. Wexford if he had failed to secure re-election. Mr. Corish had also done very good work and they were all glad to see him back in An Dail. Mr. Shannon was a new member, but he (Chairman) was quite sure that he would render good service to his constituents and to Ireland.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of the County Council in respect of meeting held on 12th May, 1927, was submitted for consideration:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 12th May 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Patrick Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

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

On the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh, the Chair was taken by Mr O'Byrne.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3778-17-10 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentages of second moiety lodged:-

J. J. O'Reilly 93.51: E.J. Murphy 91.53: J. Doyle 91.35: J. Curtis 91.34: J. Quirke 91.18: B. Cleary 89.35: Thos Rowe 88.67: J.J. Simmott 88.38: S. Gannon 87.78: M. Deegan 87.12: P. Furlong 86.64: W. Cummins 86.49: J. Cummins 84.29: P. O'Byrne 83.99: C. McCarthy 83.83: P. Fitzpatrick 83.27: P. Donohoe 82.84: P. Walsh 80.77: T. Sutton 79.22: J.J. Kelly 78.98: M.M. Kelly 74.29.

As instructed by Finance Committee, at their last meeting Collector M.M. Kelly appeared before the meeting to explain the backward state of his collection.

Mr Kelly stated that in his district there were a number of large ratepayers whose holdings were being sold out on account of bankruptcy, and in addition a number of "good pays" in the past stated they were unable to meet the second moiety until after Enniscorthy Fair on the 17th inst. The rates due on the holdings about to be sold were temporarily irrecoverable. He lodged a further sum of £95-8-4 on that day for second moiety which would bring his total lodgments to 78.30.

The Chairman having questioned Mr Kelly as to any sums due by persons whom he considered were in a position to pay, he



was directed to take immediate steps against all such to ensure immediate payment.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes that Collector be instructed to furnish for information of Finance Committee lists of (a) Irrecoverables, (b) Temporary Irrecoverable rate and (c) List of other rates outstanding with an explanation as to why each item remains unpaid.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

Mr M. McCarthy, Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, returned Paying Order for £20 payable to him as Imprest Account for administration of Food & Drugs Act, with a request that Paying Order be issued to Superintendent J.J. Murphy, Wexford, as the latter acts in the capacity of Assistant Divisional Officer in most matters and mainly in matters of this nature.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes to take no action as it had already been decided to issue Paying Order to the Chief Superintendent who is directly responsible for administration of entire county.

#### CLAIM - MR GERALD FLOOD- FEES LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following letter was read from Ministry of Local Government under date 28th April 1927 (H. 576/7101/1927/Wexford Co.)

"With reference to the Minute of the Wexford County Council of the 14th ultimo, relative to the claim of Mr Flood, Engineer for fees in connection with the erection of Labourers' cottages by Direct Labour in the Enniscorthy District, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in deference to the Council's wishes, he will not raise any further objection to payment at the rate of 1½ per cent on the cost being allowed to Mr Flood in relation to the cottages in question "

It was decided that amount be paid to Mr Flood at next meeting.

#### APPOINTMENT SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr A. Mernagh, the following were appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors at a salary of £1 per week to cover locomotion expenses, amount spent for



incidental expenses, viz, postage to be allowed by the Council.  
The period of appointments to be-for Summer Dipping Period, 1st June 1927 to 31st July 1927 and for Autumn period from 1st August 1927 to 15th November 1927:-

Enniscorthy District.- Mr James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St Mary's, The Harrow, Timmacross and Tombrack.

Mr Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kiltely, The Leap, Rossard.

Gorey District.- Mr Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew for Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed, Wingfield.

Mr Thomas Prendergast, Knockskemolin, Oulart, for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossmineogue, Wells.

New Ross District.- Mr M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy

Wexford District.- Mr James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

#### CLAIM ARREARS OF RENT-DISTRICT COURT OFFICE ENNISCORTHY.

The Local Government Department wrote under date 26th April 1927 (No. G 18610/1927/Wexford County.) forwarding claim received by Registrar, District Court Clerks' Department from Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy for payment of £10 for arrears of rent of above office in respect of period previous to date from which the County Council assumed responsibility for payment of rent of office.

Mr O'Byrne stated the County Council had paid rent of this office as from date of first letter ~~of~~ from Mr Doran making application for an office, viz, 17th July 1923.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes that amount of arrears be not paid.



The following letter dated 12th May 1927 was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours with letter from Mr Dunbar enclosed.

I was in Dublin on Thursday and took the opportunity of seeing Mr Matheson, our Counsel, on the matter and discussed it with him. He informed me that having regard to the decisions in similar cases which have been before Mr Justice Johnson (the Judge assigned to hear them) he thinks that there was no employment in these cases and that possibly an Appeal would be successful.

Having regard however, to the question of costs in the cases already heard, Judge Johnson did not allow any costs as against the Insurance Commissioners even in successful appeals, and in our cases the same course would probably be adopted, that is, although the Council were successful in the appeals, they would have to bear their own costs in the matter, which would run into a considerable sum. This being so, I would be glad to have the Council's final instruction as to whether I am to go on with the appeals or not.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes that the County Council be recommended not to appeal and to place the arrear stamps on the cards in question.

#### NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Aidan Mernagh the following was approved as the New Buildings List for 1927-28 Rate:-



RURAL DISTRICT OF WEXFORD

Situation of New Building Townland and Electoral Division	Val-uation List No.	Total Val-uation of Build-ings on said No.	Total Val-uation of New Buildings therein included.	Allowance under Rating of New Buildings Order.	Nett Assessable Valuation of Buildings for Rating Purposes	Name of Occupier	Observations
Ballykelly E. D. Drinagh	1AB	£3	£3	£2	£1	Richard Keane	Irish Sailors and Soldiers Trusts Valuation 1925.
"	1AC	£3	£3	£2	£1	John Beales	do.
"	1AD	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Hall	do.
Killag E.D.	7	£3	£3	£2	£1	Peter Jordan	do.
Killag							
Sarshill E.D.							
Kilmore	6C	£3	£3	£2	£1	Peter Lambert	do.
"	6B	£3	£3	£2	£1	Patrick Roice	do.
Taghmon E.D.							
Taghmon	4 to 12	£48	£47-7-0	£32	£16	National Bank	Valuation Book 1925.
Clonard E.D.							
Wexford Rural	1C	£2-15-0	£2-15-0	£1-15-0	£1	Thos Grendon	" 1926
Maudlintown							
E.D. Wexford Rural	10A	£42	£20-10-0	£13-15-0	£28-5-0	Joseph Scallan	"
Davidstown E.D.	8	£7-10-0	£6	£4	£3-10-0	Bridget Franklin	" 1926
Glynn							
Summerstown E.D.							
Lady's Island	1	£10-5-0	£7-5-0	£4-15-0	£5-10-0	John T. Roche	" 1926
Tenacre E. B.							
St Helen's	1AB a	£3-10-0	£1-10-0	£1	£2-10-0	Patrick Murphy	" 1925
Rock of Ballingly	4B a						
E.D. Harristown							



RURAL DISTRICT OF NEW ROSS.

Situation of New Building Townland and Electoral Division.	Valuation List Number	Total Valuation of Buildings on said Number.	Total Valuation of New Buildings therein included.	Allowance under Rating of New Buildings Order	under Nett Assessable Valuation of Buildings for rating purposes.	Name of Occupier.	Observations.
Priesthaggard E. D. Kilmckea	1A	£6-10-0	£4-5-0	£2-17-0	£3-13-0	John Burke	Valuation changed in 1926.
Ballytarsna E.D.Killesk	7Ba	£7	£7	£4-10-0	£2-10-0	E. Moate	do.

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# RURAL DISTRICT OF GOREY.

Situation of New Building Townland and Electoral Division.	Val-uation No.	Total Valuation of Buildings on said Number	Total Val-uation of New Buildings therein included	Allowance under Rating of New Buildings Order	Nett Assessable Valuation of Buildings for rating purposes.	Name of Occupier	Observations.
Coolnaleen E.D. Kilcomb	7, 8A B	£22	£19-15-0	£13-15-0	£9	Martin Conroy	Valuation changed in 1926.
" " " "	9 10 11 AB	£9	£8	£5-5-0	£3-15-0	Jane McDonald	" "
Village of Courtown Harbour E.D. Courtown.	4	£24	£13-10-0	£9	£15	Margaret Etchingham	" 1925
Ballinatray Lr E.D. Courtown	17	£20	£20	£13-7-0	£6-13-0	Thos McGarry	"
"	13a	£15	£7	£4-10-0	£10-10-0	Kieran McNeill	"
"	11	£14	£7	£4-10-0	£9-10-0	Catherine Bolger	"
Gerry E.D. Ballygarrett	2a	£1	£1	10/-	10/-	Sylvester Redmond	" 1923
Ballygarrett do.	8i	£3	£4-10-0	£3	£3	Andrew Wafer	" 1925
Mountnobo E.D. Kilnahue	1Bf	£4-10-0	£4-10-0	£3	£1-10-0	Michael Ryan	" 1927
Seamount E.D. Ardamine	12a	£5	£4	£2-10-0	£2-10-0	James Daly.	" 1925
Middletown do	9	£9	£9	£6	£3	Nicholas Murphy	" " 1926.
Ballinatray Upr do.	26B	£10	£6	£4	£6	Patk J. Creane	" 1927
Coolthawn E.D. Monaseed	2a	£6-15-0	£5-5-0	£3-10-0	£3-5-0	James Carton	" 1925
Courtballiedmond E.D. Monamolin	4Bj	£16	£13	£8-10-0	£7-10-0	Michael Lacey	" 1926
Clonsilla East E. D. Ballynestragh	4	£18	£17	£11-5-0	£6-15-0	Patrick Hughes	" 1926.
Monareagh E.D. Coolgreany	3a	£14	£11-15-0	£8	£6	Christopher Kelly	" 1925.
Main Street, Gorey E.D. Gorey Urban	47	£18	£9	£6	£12	Thomas Williams	" 1925



RURAL DISTRICT OF ENNISCORTHY.

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Enniscorthy E.D. Enniscorthy R.	46Aa	£3	£3	£2	£1	Aidan Wafer	Irish Sailors & Soldiers Land Trust.
"	46ab	£3	£3	£2	£1	Patrick Cullen	"
"	46ac	£3	£3	£2	£1	John Walsh	"
"	46ad	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Cullen	"
"	46ae	£3	£3	£2	£1	John McNamara	"
"	46af	£3	£3	£2	£1	Michael Bolger	"
"	46ag	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Fitzharris	"
"	46 ah	£3	£3	£2	£1	William Dunbar	"
Johnstown E.D. Moyacomb.	15	£3	£3	£2	£1	James Ryan	
Coolycarney E.D. Ballindaggin	14a & BC	£11	£9-10-0	£6-5-0	£4-15-0	Thomas Murphy	Valuation Book 1925.
Newtownbarry E.D. Newtownbarry	21B	£3	£3	£2	£1	Edward Nolan	Irish Sailors & Soldiers Land Trust.
"	21C	£3	£3	£2	£1	Patrick Shore	"
"	27 & 28	£50	£28	£18-10-0	£31-10-0	Munster & Leinster Bank	Valuation changed in 1927.
Clonjordan E.D. Ballindaggin	2ABca	£9	£8	£5-5-0	£3-15-0	George Stafford	" 1926.
Ferns Main Street E.D. Ferns	24a	£70	£70	£46-10-0	£23-10-0	National Bank	" 1925.
Garryvadden Lower E.D. Castle Ellis	210a-11	£6	£5-10-0	£5-10-0	£2-10-0	Robert O'Leary	" 1925.
Killanne E.D. Killanne	16	£2-10-0	£1-10-0	£1	£1-10-0	Patrick Kelly	" 1923.
Askasilla E.D. Castle Talbot	6aa	£7	£6-7-0	£4-5-0	£2-15-0	Denis Whelan	" 1925.
Ferns Upr. E.D. Ferns	35	£47	£34	£22-10-0	£24-10-0	Denis W. Dunne	" 1926.
Glenglass E.D. Killanne	7	£12-10-0	£9	£6	£6-10-0	Andrew O'Brien	" 1927.



Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 12th May, 1927, be received and considered"

Passed.

Insurance Cards - Labourers' Cottages, Enniscorthy

In reference to this matter which arose at the meeting of the Finance Committee, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, mentioned that in his opinion, as the carpenters, masons and labourers were each on a different footing, separate appeals would have to be made in each case and Counsel briefed in each case. The fees to Counsel would, therefore, cost from £40 to £45.

The Secretary pointed out that the amount involved in stamping the cards was £12: 18: 0d.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Donoghue seconded, the following resolution:-

"That an Appeal be entered in reference to the application of the Insurance Commission for payment of £72: 18 : 0d in stamping cards for workmen who were employed in building cottages in Enniscorthy District. The cottages in question were begun in the Winter of 1923 and no question was raised as to the stamping of cards until February 1926, although when the work commenced full particulars were furnished to an Inspector of the Insurance Commission, who was to have given a decision on the matter.

"No decision was forwarded to the Enniscorthy District Council and no question raised as to the stamping of the cards until all the cottages had been completed. In the circumstances the Council consider it most unfair and inequitable that they should now be held responsible not alone for their own



contribution but the contributions of the workmen concerned. The latter could have been recovered if the Insurance Commission had moved in time".

A show of hands was taken on the resolution of Mr. Hall, but he and Mr. O'Donoghue were the only two members who voted in its favour.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 12th May, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Mr. Murphy seconded the resolution which was adopted,

Messrs Hall and O'Donoghue dissenting as regards item referring to the stamping of Insurance Cards of workmen who had been engaged in erecting cottages for Enniscorthy R. D. Council.

#### SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

In connection with recommendation of Finance Committee of 12th May as to appointing of Sheep Dipping Inspectors, letters were read from these officers accepting the positions on the terms and conditions set out in the Minutes of the Committee, viz., - Michael J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, for New Ross District; James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, for Wexford District; Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew and Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart, for Gorey District; Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy and James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns, for Enniscorthy District.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th May, 1927, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview Wexford on 26th May 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh and P. Hayes.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Col Gibbon wrote that he could not attend the meeting owing to absence in Dublin.

On the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £526/-18-4 was examined and signed.

#### POOR RATE.

Return of Poor Rate collected to date was submitted and a resolution was adopted directing the Rate Collectors to close their collections at once.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hayes seconded by Mr Mernagh:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction a sum not exceeding £360 for payment of temporary clerical staff engaged for the writing up of Rate Books and Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books."

#### RENT WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

A discussion took place as to the payment of the rent of Wexford Courthouse,

It was decided that payment be made on this occasion but no future payments to be made until the owners produce title

#### PAYMENTS FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES, ETC.

Under date 11th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S20899/1927) referring to correspondence which had taken place recently between the Department of Finance and the Wexford Co. Council in regard to certain sums due by the Council in respect



of the period 1919-1922. The net amount in question was £393-12-2, details of which had been furnished by the Department of Finance and was the result of the general adjustment effected with the British Government including claims settled on behalf of Local Bodies during the war period. The Minister for Local Government felt confident that the County Council upon reviewing the whole question will agree to a settlement of the claim of the Department of Finance. As the amount was now payable to the Government, the provisions of Section 51(7) of the Local Government(Ireland) Act, 1898 would not apply.

After discussion it was decided to recommend the County Council to pay £393-12-2 to the Department of Finance as suggested by the Department of Local Government.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

##### Primary.

Applications for primary Scholarships were received from the following:-Bennett Eileen, Johnstown, Castlebridge: Breen Moses, 24 William Street, Gorey: Cadogan Eileen M., Aclamon, Campile: Carroll P.G., Barryville, Rosslare Harbcur: Cogley Thomas, Bulgan, Glynn: Devereux Eileen Mary, Danescastle, Bannow: Doyle Patrick, Duncannon: Druhan Daniel, Lady's Island: Forde M.J. Delta Cottage, Gorey: Forde Thomas J., Kilrane Railway Station: Godkin Thomas, Maytown, Tagcoat: Hargadon James 5 Main Street, Gorey: Jackman Peter, Barmoney, Bree: McDonald Margaret, Kilmuckridge, Gorey: Moynihan Statia, Glasganny, Castlebridge: O'Brien J.F. Allenstown Big, Broadway: Parle Nicholas, Duncannon: Sheehan Patrick, Clonattin Road, Gorey: Sinnott Peter Oylegate.

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

That we recommend the County Council to allow the candidates whose names have been submitted to this Committee to compete for award of primary Scholarships except Eileen Bennett, the valuation of whose parents' holding is £50-5-0 and Margaret McDonald whose parents we consider are in a position to provide



for her secondary education."

University.

Applications were received from the following for award of University Scholarship Scheme:-

Hall Kevin, Cornmarket, Wexford: Murphy Mary J., 11 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy: Quirke Vincent C. Ballinamona, Campile: Ranson Robert, Kilmuckridge, Gorey: Stafford John, Piercestown, Wexford: White Thomas F. Carcur House, Wexford:

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept as candidates for University Scholarships - Kevin Hall, Mary J. Murphy, Robert Ranson, John Stafford (Primary Scholarship holder). We consider that the parents of Thomas F. White are in a position to afford him a University education. We instruct our Secretary to make enquiries as to the financial position of the parents of Vincent C. Quirke."

#### DAIL ELECTIONS.

A resolution was adopted granting a day's leave for 9th June 1927 to all members of County Council staff acting as Presiding Officers or Poll Clerks at Dail Elections.

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Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution :- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th May, 1927, be received and discussed".

Passed

#### Scholarship Schemes - Primary

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Doyle and adopted:-

"That we request the Minister for Education to allow Eileen Bennett, Johnstown, Castlebridge, to compete for Primary Scholarship Examination, although the valuation of her parents holding is £50: 5: 0d, whilst the limit in the Scheme of the County Council is £50. The amount in excess



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is so small that we would ask the Minister to agree to this request as a special application".

University Scholarship Scheme.

A long discussion occurred as to the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to University Scholarships. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue and adopted:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance Committee of 25th May debarring Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford, from competing for a University Scholarship on the grounds that the financial position of his father would allow him to secure a University education. That the six applicants for University Scholarships be allowed to compete for same."

The following resolution was then agreed to on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee of 25th May, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed except recommendations relative to Scholarships in respect of which the Council have adopted special resolutions".

With regard to Scholarships generally, Mr. Boggan considered that the Schemes for Primary and University Scholarship Schemes should be reconsidered from the bottom.

It was not good enough to be asking the ratepayers to be subscribing to young people to enter overcrowded professions. Most of them would be much better employed at a trade, commerce or in the agricultural life of the country.

The Chairman pointed out that it would be proposed at the present meeting to suggest to the Scholarship Committee to reconsider the entire Schemes and an item appeared on the agenda to this effect.

The following minutes of Finance Committee of 9th June, 1927, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 9th June 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Aidan Mernagh and P. Hayes.

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

On the motion of Mr Mernagh seconded by Mr Hayes, the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4564-7-6 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTOR FITZPATRICK.

The Secretary reported that on 31st May, Mr Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector for No. 15 District did not attend for checking. He wrote that he was ill in bed and would attend on 2nd or 3rd June. As he failed to turn up, he was wired to on 3rd June that he should attend that day. A wire was received from him on 4th June that it was a fair day in Gorey and he <sup>would</sup> ~~would not~~ attend on the following Monday, the 6th. He also failed to attend on that date. He was wired to twice on the 7th (in the morning and afternoon) but as he took no notice of the telegrams sent that date, his books were taken up on the 8th June and a message was left at his house that he should attend the meeting of Finance Committee on the 9th. The following wire was received from him on the 9th:-

"Impossible to go to-day."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of our Secretary in taking up the books of Rate Collector Fitzpatrick No 15 District, and that the question of the manner in which he is discharging his duty be referred to the County Council meeting on 13th inst: in the meantime that Mr Fitzpatrick's books be retained in County Council Offices."

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted.

It was decided to write to Collectors who had ten per cent



or over of their warrants outstanding and direct that they close their warrants at once.

It was decided that new collecting books for financial year 1927-28 be handed to the following Collectors who had 10 per cent or less than 10 per cent of their old warrant outstanding, viz:- Messrs O'Reilly, Curtis, Sinnott, Murphy, Quirke, Doyle, Rowe, Deegan, Furlong, Cleary, W. Cummins, and S. Gannon.

That books be held over in other cases and that the question of issuing same be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

RATE COLLECTOR, PHILIP J. FURLONG.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"In view of the fact that he is prepared to forego his rights to pension, we recommend that Mr Philip J. Furlong, temporary Collector for No 5 Collection District be appointed permanent Collector for this District at his present rate of remuneration."

It was proposed by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Gaul and adopted:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th June, 1927, be received and considered."

Rate Collector Fitzpatrick

The Secretary stated that on examination of this Collector's books it was found that there were amounts totalling £109: 8: 3d due by him. These were lodged on the 10th instant.

Mr. Fitzpatrick came before the meeting and explained that he was in bed ill on the checking day. He attended fairs on the two following days. Whit Monday was a bank holiday and he was engaged in connection with An Dail elections on the following three days.

Colonel Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Fitzpatrick be severely reprimanded for his failure to attend checking on the appointed day and his neglect in not appearing at County Council offices on subsequent days. That in case of any further negligence on the part of this Collector he be



dismissed from his office forthwith".

Rate Collector Furlong

Mr. Thorpe proposed and Mr. O'Donoghue seconded:-

"That we dissent from the Minute of Finance Committee of 9th June recommending the appointment of Mr. P. J. Furlong as permanent Rate Collector for No.4 Collection District at a poundage rate of 7d. That Mr. Furlong be appointed permanent collector for this district at a poundage rate of 6d without pension rights"

A poll was taken on Mr. Thorpe's resolution with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White and Colonel Quin - 11

Against:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon - 13.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Clince, seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of June 9th, 1927 be and are hereby confirmed"

Roads Committee.  
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Minutes of Roads Committee of 23rd May, 1927 as follows were submitted:-



The ~~fort~~ monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 23rd May 1927.

Present:-Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Jas Hall, R. Corish, P. Colfer, Col Quin and subsequently Mr T. McCarthy, (Chairman).

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

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin, the Chair was taken by Mr Hall.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon apologising for his non-attendance owing to absence in Dublin on business in connection with the Sugar Beet Factory.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The monthly report of Co. Surveyor for May was read as follows:-

"There are a number of applications in regard to building houses adjoining County Roads which shall be before you, and I shall deal with them as they come up.

I have placed order for warning signs for Wexford and New Ross Bridges and the Gorey-Courtown Road, and hope to have these erected in due course.

I have examined the existing by-laws governing County Bridges and have consulted with Mr Elgee in regard to same. Owing to the change in modern traffic, it will be advisable to make some alterations, and I do not think there there will be much difficulty in dealing with the matter on which I shall report to you.

On the 29th ultimo, with the Co. Council Committee, Messrs Thorpe and Shannon I inspected the water splash at the Whitehouse and subsequently we inspected the road at Poulpeasty R.C. Church regarding which complaint had been made. On the same date with Mr Thorpe, I inspected the water splash at Aughtimore. In the case of both water splashes it will be advisable to have bridges erected, but the question of finance, in my opinion, at the present time prohibits work being taken up. I estimate that the Bridge



at the Whitehouse will cost in or about £70 and at Aughtiguemore about £90, and if this work be now undertaken, the cash must be provided out of the Contingencies Fund. In regard to the Poulpeasty Road some improvements can be made at comparatively small expense: gulleys and tail drains require to be cleaned and improved and water channel made down the hill from the School. The bad corner adjoining the Church should be cut off, and the owner has agreed to give necessary land for 10/-. I have directed the Assistant Surveyor to notify the owners of the drains to clean same, and we will attend to the gulleys. I am deferring dealing with the corner until the Council decides on the matter.

At a recent meeting of the Co. Council it was decided that only one ganger in each Assistant Surveyor's area should be authorised to hold small quantities of explosives, and I have now authority from the Civic Guards for these men. It is, however, not possible to deal with the necessary quarry work unless I have more extended powers, and I ask the Council to authorise application to the Civic Guards for permission for a further number of gangers. I expect there will be no difficulty in obtaining this permission.

On the 6th inst. I made an inspection of the laneway at Gusserane which was under discussion at a previous meeting. This is at present not a County Road, but leads between two public roads and will undoubtedly be a great advantage to the local residents if put in repair. It is very narrow and badly tracked at present and is about 300 perches in length. If the hedges and fences be cut back, drainage attended to and the tracks filled, it will meet all requirements, and this I estimate will cost £50.

There has been a further application from the Catholic Curate and local residents asking to have some improvement work done at Cush Gap. At the present time there is a proposal for the extension of the protection wall at Balliconnigar Gap, and I shall be carrying out part of this work at once, but the whole job cannot be completed at the present time without unnecessary expense. There has been a fall of a heavy marl bank, and to complete work this should be removed, whereas if allowed to remain it will temporarily



protect the land and as the sea action washes it away and leaves bare site, the protection wall can then be built. I propose, therefore with your approval, to transfer from this job to Cush Gap a sum of £50 which will enable some improvement work to be carried out at this place, and later this work also can be extended.

The Local Government Department has allocated a large sum for the improvement of the road Enniscorthy-New Ross, and on the section there is a short length of about 60 perches where the road is very narrow owing to footpath at side, and I propose, with your approval, to remove this footpath completely thus throwing ~~the~~ the whole place between the fences into the road. There would be no necessity for a footpath at this place when the improvement work is carried out, as the road will be treated with bitumen macadam and will be perfectly dry.

I have ordered Compressor Plant and expect it in the course of a few days, as the greater part was sent off on the 17th. inst. I propose erecting it in the first instance at Kerlogue so as to complete preparation of the material for the Enniscorthy-Wexford concrete job.

On the 19th inst, I met representatives of the Pioneer Company at Brownswood Quarry and discussed with them the procedure to be adopted in carrying on the work. I shall submit details at the meeting. You will have before you letter from Mr O'Flaherty in regard to the new take at Brownswood Quarry, and in connection with this I submit report received from Mr Cullen. On the 19th, inst. I found that the Pioneer Company had proceeded in making new roadway, and our men were altering the fences. As the Council had not yet accepted Mr O'Flaherty's terms I stopped the work and asked for report from Mr Cullen. I have sent copy of Mr Cullen's report to the Pioneer Company as last paragraph deals with their action in making roadway.

I have a number of reports from the Boiler Inspector in regard to our boilers on the five traction engines and six road rollers. There are some recommendations in regard to protecting water gauge glasses on the traction engine and fitting ~~and~~



fusable plugs, and with these exceptions everything was found satisfactory.

I shall have the recommendations attended to.

On the 17th inst I received sanction for the National Road Scheme Works stating that they were to be carried out otherwise than by contract, and on the 19th inst, I received a further notification cancelling the former one. In this latter notification the Local Government Department question the provision made in ~~regard~~ regard to plant, etc. for carrying out the work by Direct Labour. I propose replying to this stating that the Co. Council has purchased a Compressor Plant for expediting our quarry work and a new Breaker for Ballybrennan Quarry where a great deal of the ~~ma~~ material will be obtained. Also the Council has purchased six new tar spraying boilers. The large work-N881- for the road between Enniscorthy and Palace will be done largely from Ballybrennan Quarry, and I have marked date for completion of this as 1/12/28 which will enable the work to be carried out with the plant we have at present. It will be possible also to hire extra rollers if such be found necessary.

An application from Mr John Cullen, Ballykelly, Ballymurn for erection of shed has not yet been dealt with, and I have particulars of same for the meeting.

I have a further letter from the Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society in regard to the setting of the extra ground at the Machinery yard. I consider that the Council should take over the ground on the terms as set out.

I sent particulars of the proposed improvement work on the Rosslare Station lane to the Railway Company and in accordance with the Council's orders have made application to the Railway Compy for a grant towards the work.

I was unable to arrange a suitable date for the Councillors to inspect the premises at Rosslare in respect of which application had been made to the Council. It would be well for a definite date for this inspection to be fixed at your meeting.

I have now the plans, etc. for the reconstruction of the



Enniscorthy Courthouse practically completed and ask for authority to advertise for tenders. Arrangements could be made for tenders to be considered at the meeting of the Council on the 13th proximo.  
By-Laws.

In connection with this matter the Co. Surveyor submitted the existing by-laws of the Council which were considered at some length and several amendments suggested. They were then agreed to as follows and recommended to the Co. Council for adoption:-

Article 1 dealing with locomotives propelled by steam to be deleted.

Article 2 dealing with pace of locomotives propelled by steam to be deleted.

Article 3 - Locomotive to be preceded by a person carrying a flag to be deleted.

Article 4. prohibiting the passage of locomotives over the bridges of Hodgesmill, Wexford and Edernine but allowing to cross same seven seater passenger motor cars and trucks, the weight of which does not exceed two and a half tons "all in."

Heavy lorries and oil vans to be prohibited as well as all trailers.

Article 5. Passage of locomotives, etc. over weak bridges, or bridges of doubtful strength - agreed to.

Article 6.- Position of vehicles remaining at rest on bridges - agreed to.

Article 7. Person to be always in charge of a locomotive under steam - agreed to.

Article 8 By-laws not to apply to steam-rollers.- deleted.

Article 9. Fixing amount of fines for offences against by-laws - agreed to.

It was decided that Mr Elgee, Solicitor make draft of amended by-laws and submit same to next meeting of the Co. Council for consideration.

Water Splashes at Whitehouse and  
Aughtiguemore.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution ~~which~~ :-

"That bridges be built over water splashes at Whitehouse



and Aughtiguemore, cost not to exceed £160 amount to be taken from Contingencies Fund."

As an amendment, Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the bridge on main road near Kilmuckridge be built prior to any other bridge of the same description, as erection of this bridge has already been approved of by County Council and Enniscorthy R.D. Council."

The amendment was seconded by Col Quin.

On a show of hands, three voted for and three against the amendment.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which he declared carried.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following:-

"That in the event of the money necessary being made available, the bridge at Whitehouse and also the bridge on Kilmuckridge main road be built."

On a show of hands four voted in favour of the proposal which the Chairman declared carried.

Messrs Shannon, Clinee and Colfer did not vote.

At this stage Mr McCarthy, Chairman attended and took the Chair.

#### Gangers and Explosives.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in order to carry on the quarry work in an effective manner at least three gangers in each Assistant Surveyor's area should be authorised to hold small quantities of explosives. The Authorities would not raise any objection to this course.

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

"That the question of the number of gangers who would be authorised to hold explosives in small quantities be left to the County Surveyor."

Col Quin dissented.

#### Gusserane Laneway.

It was decided that Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor should



approach the local people interested in the repair of this lane and ascertain from them how far they were prepared to help.

Cush Gap.

Correspondence in connection with this matter was submitted by the Co. Surveyor from Rev. J. Somers C.C. Blackwater on behalf of the local people concerned.

It was decided to authorise the County Surveyor to put the place in repair on the lines of the recommendation in his report Footpath- Emiscorthy-New Ross Road.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the County Surveyor as regards this footpath, which was near Verona on the road to Fairfield and Kiltaly.

Brownwood Quarry.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr O'Byrne that the Co. Surveyor submit the correspondence which he had in this matter with Mr O'Flaherty to the Pioneer Company, and inform them that they would have to make their own arrangements regarding the proposed extension of this quarry, the Co. Surveyor to replace the fence in accordance with the old agreement.

Boilers.

It was decided that Co. Surveyor should take steps to carry out the recommendations of the Boiler Inspector.

National Road Works Scheme.

The paragraph in Co. Surveyor's report relative to this matter was approved.

Erection of Shed.

In connection with erection of shed at Ballykelly, Ballymurn, it was pointed out by Mr Birrhistle, Assistant Surveyor that the proposed building would be erected on the foundation of an old shed.

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

"That the County Council be recommended not to offer objection to erection of shed on the premises of John Cullen, Ballykelly, Ballymurn provided the building be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."



Extra Ground for Machinery Yard.

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to rent the necessary ground required for extension of Co. Council Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy for £2 per annum the amount asked by the Manager, Co-Operative Stores, Enniscorthy the owners of the premises."

Inspections of Buildings at Rosslare.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should communicate<sup>(e)</sup> with the County Councillors for Wexford Electoral Area and arrange with them for an inspection of new buildings in course of erection at Rosslare in order to obtain information as to how they were likely to affect at present the roads which they adjoined or were likely to affect them in the future in view of the development of Rosslare.

Enniscorthy Courthouse.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for reconstruction of Enniscorthy Courthouse."

KILLABEG QUARRY.

Mr Hall mentioned that some years ago it had been decided to fence this quarry for the protection of the field of Mrs Murphy, the owner of the quarry and the work had never been carried out.

Referred to Co. Surveyor for report.

HAULIERS IN BANNOW DISTRICT.

In connection with above, Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor reported that there was no possibility of securing any more convenient dumping ground on the strand than the one at present utilised.

The Committee decided to take no further action in the matter.



NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME - SECOND SECTION.

Under date 19th May 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote stating that the Minister had approved of the 7 Scheme for the expenditure of £51852 out of the sum of £69613 earmarked for Wexford County under the final distribution of the National Road Scheme. In order that the Minister might be in a position to arrive at a decision as to whether Direct Labour or Contract was to be employed, the Co. Surveyor should furnish full particulars of any arrangements, e.g. plant, etc. which he may have to carry out the work by Direct Labour.

A statement would be required giving the total number of men employed on the work, distinguishing the number of demobilised men of the National Army.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had furnished the Department of Local Government with the necessary data.

It was pointed out that the communication from the Department did not deal with £17761 included in the Scheme which had been submitted to them. This was made up of the following items, viz:- Enniscorthy Urban £3384. Wexford Urban £8789 and £5588 increase in amount allocated for the reconstruction of Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

It was agreed that the Co. Surveyor communicate with the Department of Local Government with a view to securing sanction for starting work in the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy and Wexford without delay.

In connection with Road Grant for Main Roads, letter under date 20th May 1927 (SGD/32) was read from the Department of Local Government stating that £5400 in respect of this Grant had been paid to the Treasurer of the County Council.

ROADS INQUIRY - SPEED LIMITS.

Under date 27th April 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (R.V. 32) forwarding copies of Sealed Order fixing the speed limits for certain classes of vehicles on New Ross Bridge Wexford Bridge and road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour at three



miles per hour, ten miles per hour and fifteen miles per hour respectively. As regards the application of the Council for an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act, 1920, it appeared from the evidence at ~~xxxx~~ Local Enquiry that what the Council contemplated was an Order empowering them to close, as and when considered necessary, any road in the County, except one, to heavy motor cars exceeding four tons unladen weight. The Minister was advised that he had no power under Section ~~xxx~~ 7(4) of the Roads Act of 1920 to give to a County Council power to close a road or roads to a particular class of traffic from time to time as they thought fit. The Section provides for a prohibition of certain classes of traffic on a specified road or roads by the Minister and subject to the conditions imposed by him, and he could not delegate his powers in this matter to a Road Authority. In the circumstances, the Minister did not propose to make any order in the matter.

The communication from the Department further stated:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by the County Council at their meeting on the 8th November last, relative to the speed of heavy motor vehicles, I am to refer to the Circular letter (R V/209) of the 12th November 1925 which sets out the special speed limits ranging from twelve to five miles an hour, which have been fixed for heavy motor cars, i.e. motor cars exceeding two tons in weight unladen. The County Council, as advised in the final paragraph of the above mentioned Circular letter, should seek the co-operation of the Garda Síochána in dealing with the matter of excessive speed of heavy motor vehicles.

The Minister has also had under consideration the resolution of the Co. Council, adopted at their meeting on 13th December last, relative to a proposed speed limit of ten miles an hour for motor vehicles for certain streets in New Ross Urban District, and the particulars, etc. furnished by the New Ross Urban District Council in the matter. The Minister does not consider that, having regard to all the circumstances, the fixing of a special speed limit is the most effective method of dealing with reckless or dangerous



driving in the Urban District. The Garda Siothchana have power under Section 1 of the Motor Car Act of 1903 to deal with this question and it is suggested that the Council should arrange with the Garda for special observation to be kept on the driving of vehicles on the streets concerned."

It was decided that the two last paragraphs in this letter be furnished Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana and that he be asked to co-operate with the County Council in having the suggestions made by the Minister for Local Government effectively carried out.

It was also decided that the attention of the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, be called to the necessity of dealing with the excessive weight of heavy motor vehicles and the driving of vehicles on the streets in the three Urban Districts of the County.

#### ERECTION OF NEW BUILDINGS AT ROSSLARE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr Michael Kelly, Rexall Pharmacy, Rosslare under date 18th May 1927:- "In reply to your letter of 16th inst, I desire to state that I am not prepared to remove my shop from its present site. I rely on the permission granted by the resolution quoted in your letter of the 20th ultimo which I believe gave me authority to continue the erection of the shop and I shall be surprised to learn that Mr Elgee does not take the same view."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Roads Committee see no reason to alter the resolution which was adopted by the Co. Council on 9th May 1927 refusing to agree to Mr Kelly's request to allow his shop to remain in its present position."

In his letter of 23rd March 1927, Mr Kelly applied for permission to erect his shop in conformity with an interview which he had with Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor. The County Council gave him permission in accordance with that interview at which Mr Kelly agreed to place the premises five feet back from the road. Mr Kelly went back of this promise and hence Co. Council withdrew



their permission.

The Committee desire to call Mr Kelly's attention to Section 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act 1851 and Section 33(1) of Local Government Act of 1925."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr James Billington South Main Street, Wexford in connection with the erection of two bungalows at Walsheslough, Rosslare and asking if there was any objection to same.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Billington be referred to Section 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act of 1851 and Section 33(1) Local Government Act, ~~1925~~ 1925."

Mr William J. Walsh, Rosslare, wrote in regard to erection of bungalow stating that he would forward plan of same as soon as possible. He also called attention to a letter in the "People" newspaper of the 20th May 1927 over his name, and the authorship of which he repudiated. It had never been written by him or by his authority.

Order- That Mr Walsh be referred to Section 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act of 1851 and Sec 33(1) of Local Government Act, 1925.

Mr John Rossiter, Rosslare wrote under date 25th April 1927 that he had purchased a building site on the road from the Railway Station to Rosslare Strand and wanted information as to how far from the road premises should be erected.

Order- Mr Rossiter to be referred to Sec 9(2) of Summary Jurisdiction Act of 1851 and Sec 33(1) of Local Government Act of 1925.

Under date May 1st 1927, Mr Patrick Brennan, Ryland Road, Bunclody applied for permission to erect a bay window in the front of his house and also a railing about three feet high to stand out about ~~xxxx~~ three or four feet from front wall of premises.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.



ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

Mr Elgee forwarded the following letter from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways Company, under date 14th May 1927:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 11th April addressed to the Secretary, I have now had an opportunity of taking the instructions of the Board.

I must, in the first place, remind you that at a very early stage it was pointed out to the Wexford County Council that the Accommodation Crossing in question could not be converted for use as a public Road Level Crossing without the consent of the Company. Notwithstanding the intimations made, the work of reconstruction of the roadway on each side of the Accommodation Crossing was proceeded with.

The Railway Company have no desire to assume an unreasonable attitude or to hamper the County Council in their efforts to improve the roads. On the other hand, the Company cannot agree to any additional cost or responsibility being cast upon them in connection with the Crossing in question which would be involved if your Client's proposals were given effect to.

If you will be good enough to suggest the nature of the Agreement which the County Council would be prepared to enter into both as regards the provision of new gates, the consequential alteration of the Crossing and the provision of signal protection, at the same time dealing with the additional maintenance and attendance charges involved, the matter will receive careful attention."

The Chairman proposed, Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded and it was carried:-

"That the Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee be requested to ~~xxx~~ approach the General Manager of the Railways Company as soon as possible with a view to ascertaining the nature of any Agreement they require and the cost of carrying out same.

That the Department of Local Government be asked to give any assistance in their power to the Co. Council as regards arriving at an agreement with the Railway Company in this matter."



ROAD AT BALLYGILLANE.

Under date 14th May 1927, Mr Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that in his opinion this road was not a public road because in the first instance it was not a through road and there never had been any dedication to public use. In the circumstances, the Council could not legally expend any money on its repair or maintenance.

Order - Referred to County Council.

CARRIGANEAGH QUARRY.

Under date 28th April 1927, Messrs M.J.O'Connor & Co, Solicitors, wrote on behalf of Mr George Stacey, Carriganeagh, complaining that the Council had levelled four perches of a boundary fence between Mr Stacey's land and the public road. Consequently there was no protection to prevent his cattle straying on to the public road.

The Co. Surveyor submitted report from Mr Treanor, Asst. Surveyor, that he had arranged, subject to approval, with Mr Stacey to take in 10 perches of ground and erect fence on lands clear of the quarry. If the fence which had been levelled were restored it would be destroyed by the next blast.

A resolution was adopted approving of the arrangement made by Mr Treanor with Mr Stacey for the ten perches of ground provided the amount of any compensation required by Mr Stacey meets with the approval of the County Council.

TAGHMÓN FOOTPATHS.

Representations were received from a number of residents in Taghmón as to the state of the footpaths there.

It was decided to inform the writers of the application that the matter would be attended to by the County Surveyor as soon as practicable.

THE "GREEN" ROAD.

Under date 9th May 1927, Messrs Andrew Ronan, Arthur J. Alexander and W. Napper Neville wrote calling attention to the state of the road between Sullivan's public house to the Maudlins Bridge via Barrett's Park, New Ross.

The Co. Surveyor was instructed to carry out what repairs he considered possible to this road.



DERELICT TELEGRAPH LINE - DUNCORMACK.

Under date 4th May 1927, letter was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (T. 5632/27) relative to the resolution of the Council asking that portion of the derelict telegraph line which passes through Duncormack should be utilised for the purpose of providing telegraphic or telephonic facilities for that village, and stating that even by making use of the spare wire in question, the erection of the necessary additional wire was too expensive to warrant the project taking effect.

It was decided to ask the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to state what would be the actual cost of carrying out the project in question.

LICENCE FOR PETROL PUMP.

Mr F. J. Doyle, New Ross applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump at Priory Street in that town and forwarded map of site.

The Co. Surveyor reported in favour of the application which was granted.

TENNIS GROUNDS, ETC. AT GOREY WORKHOUSE.

Under date 18th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P. 23586/27) relative to letting portion of the grounds attached to Gorey Workhouse to the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League and stating that the Minister did not think he could approach the Oireachtas for approval to a proposal based on a rent of 5/- per year which is, in his opinion, entirely too small.

It was decided to point out to the Department of Local Government that only a nominal rent had been fixed in this case in order to hold control of the ground which was very small in area and of no utility to the Board of Public Health.

The Committee considered the County Council should again ask the Minister to agree to accept the figure in question.

DAMAGE TO KILMORE PIER.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, submitted letter from Mr H. Pollard, 18 Kingsland Crescent, Barry Dock under date 11th May 1927 relative



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to damage done by the S.S. "Ready" to Kilmore Pier.

Mr Pollard stated that previous damage had been done by the schooner, "Clara" and under the circumstances, he did not see he was liable for the full amount claimed. However, in order to have the matter cleared up, he offered £30 without prejudice in full settlement.

Mr Elgee in a letter under date ~~30th~~ 13th May 1927 to the Council stated that he had informed Mr Pollard that the damage done by the "Clara" was done at a much later period than the damage caused by the S.S. "Ready".

It was decided to wait until the completion of the work at the Pier to forward the account for the full cost thereof to Mr Pollard.

#### LINOLEUM FOR DISTRICT COURT.

Under date 18th May 1927, Mr P.J. Gregory, District Court Clerk, Wexford, wrote stating that he had been directed by the ~~XXXXXX~~ District Justice to call attention to the need for linoleum or matting on the floor of the Court leading to the public entrance as much noise was made by people entering and leaving the Court.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor to obtain information as to price of linoleum and matting.

#### CINEMATOGGRAPH ACT.

Application was received from Mr Hassett for licence  $\gamma$  under the Cinematograph Act in respect of premises at Kilmore.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided that renewal of the licence be granted in this case.

#### WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 18th May 1927, the Town Clerk, Wexford wrote forwarding copy of a Memorial which had been submitted to the Corporation relative to the reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse.

This Memorial stated that no plans were drawn up or tenders invited for re-building the Courthouse on the old site and the Memorialists were informed that Mr Patrick O'Connor, Builder was prepared to reinstate the Courthouse to its former condition



for the amount of the Award, viz, £5000.

The County Surveyor stated that plans, etc., had been prepared for both sites and submitted to the Minister for Finance.

The Chairman stated that the County Council had arrived at a certain decision in this matter and he did not see any reason why they should go into it again.

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The Chairman proposed and Mr. Boggan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Roads Committee of 23rd May, 1927, be received and considered"  
Brownwood Quarry.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the Pioneer Road Construction Company had now made satisfactory arrangements with Mr. O'Flaherty, Solicitor, in connection with the extension of Brownwood Quarry for the procuring of road metal for Enniscorthy-Wexford road. There was apparently great delay in getting the work in hands. The contractors started the previous week but the cement concrete mixer went wrong and after its repair a re-start was made when the pump went wrong. A new pump was to have been supplied on that date but it had not yet come to hand. He had wired to the Pioneer Company to Dublin calling their attention to the delay and he thought some steps should be taken by the Council and a resolution adopted which could be forwarded to the Local Government Department in order to hurry on the work.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Local Government Department (Roads) be drawn to the fact that the contractors for the Enniscorthy-Wexford road, who were accepted by the Council with the sanction of the Department, are proceeding very slowly, and we consider the Department should put pressure on the Company to expedite the work".



It was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Gaul, and carried:-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting on 23rd May, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed"

#### GUSSEANE LANE.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that in connection with this matter there was an understanding between the local people and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Cloney, M.C.C., that the people concerned would do any necessary carting work, the County Council to supply the material. On the day Mr. Cloney visited the place, one farmer refused to carry out the agreement. Mr. Cloney had advised the local people to endeavour to persuade this man to re-consider his position.

Order - County Surveyor to report to next meeting as to how the matter stands.

#### CARRIGANEAGH QUARRY.

Under date 2nd June, 1927, letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that George Stacey, owner of the land to be taken at Carriganeagh Quarry for its extension, in order to avoid any further damage there, was prepared to accept £5 as compensation. He (County Surveyor) had made a claim against the Insurance Company for £3 as damage to the fence. If this claim was met, the balance to be paid by the Council would be only £2, and all further trouble with regard to injury to fence would be obviated.

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

"That a sum of £5 be paid to Mr. George Stacey, Carriganeagh, for additional land taken at Carriganeagh Quarry, the County Surveyor to endeavour to obtain payment of claim for £3 for damage to fence from Insurance Company"

#### WATER SPLASHES AT WHITEHOUSE AND AUGHTIGUEMORE.

Mr. Shannon proposed that the bridge at Whitehouse



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(Rathnure) be built before the winter.

Mr. Clince seconded.

During the course of the discussion which followed, several members pointed out that the building of a bridge at Kilmuckridge was much more urgent than that at Whitehouse.

Mr. Shannon finally withdrew his motion.

#### TOURIST ROAD AT ROSSLARE.

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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 11th June, 1927, from Mr. M. F. Keogh, General Manager, Great Southern Railways, Dublin:-

"Your letters of the 11th April and 17th May were submitted to the Directors at their last Board Meeting, when I am instructed to advise you that whilst the improvement of the roadway which the County Council have undertaken appears to be very desirable, it is not essential for any direct purpose of the Company. As Ratepayers the Company will, of course, contribute their quota of the cost, and if apart from the expenditure there is any assistance which the Company can afford, the Directors will be glad to co-operate with the Council in any reasonable way!"

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Railway Company were not paying anything towards this road as it was being done out of Grant money.

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

"That the County Surveyor again communicate with the General Manager, Great Southern Railways, as to improvement of Station Road at Rosslare, and point out to him that the widening of this road will certainly afford considerable convenience for railway transport and passengers, and, in the circumstances, the Council are of opinion it is only reasonable to expect that the Railway Company will make some contribution in aid of the work".



Under date 31st May, 1927, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote relative to improvement of this road stating that he could not advise the Council to proceed with the work until he was satisfied that the title of the parties to whom it as proposed to pay compensation, viz., O'Brien, Swan and Murphy, was in order.

The action of Mr. Elgee in this matter was approved.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF DRINAGH CEMENT WORKERS.

Mr. Doyle complained that although it had been agreed to by the Roads Committee that Drinagh Cement Workers (who were unemployed for a considerable period through no fault of their own) were to have been employed in Kerlogue Quarry, he mentioned specific instances of men who had not been taken on at the quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that he had directed his Assistant to see that the cement workers were to get preference as regards employment. He would look into the matter and report to next meeting of Roads Committee.

Mr. Boggan said that in connection with the specific instances given by Mr. Doyle, whoever was responsible in failing to carry out the instructions of the County Council should be made amenable.

#### PURCHASE OF COMPRESSOR PLANT.

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor submitted correspondence between himself, Messrs Fleming & Co., Robertson Street, Glasgow and Mr. Elgee Solicitor.

The following letter under date 30th April, 1927, from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the County Surveyor was read:-

"I have received letter from Messrs Fleming and Company and also the Agreement which they sent as to the above plant.

"On looking through the Agreement however, I find that what they propose is entirely different to what their Representative



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stated at the last meeting of the County Council with regard to the payment of the balance.

"What the Agreement they send proposed to do is, to sell the plant to the County Council on the hire purchase system that is, that the property in the plant does not pass to the County Council until all the instalments have been paid, and that the machinery would belong to Messrs Fleming & Company until the final instalments had been received by them.

"What their Representative proposed at the meeting was, that the County Council should purchase the plant for the sum stated in the Agreement, that is, £1457: 13 : 4d, and that they were to pay for same by quarterly instalments and to get credit for the balance, interest being paid in the meantime on the outstanding instalments, the property in the machinery to pass at once to the County Council.

"I accordingly cannot advise the Council to sign the Agreement which the Company now send, and consider that they adhere to the original proposal as made by the Company's Representative at the meeting of the Council."

The letter of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to County Surveyor, was approved.

In reply to Mr. Sean O'Byrne, the County Surveyor stated that the Compressor Plant at Kerlogue Quarry was not working up to the guarantee given by the representative of Messrs Fleming. He would not take over the plant until he was satisfied with its performance.

#### LOCOMOTIVE BYE-LAWS.

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Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted draft bye-laws as instructed at meeting of the Roads Committee.

It was decided that steps be taken to have these bye-laws legally adopted by the Council.



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EXCHANGE OF STEAM ROLLER.

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In connection with proposed exchange of steam-roller with Louth County Council as recommended by Roads Committee at their meeting on 25th April, 1927, the County Surveyor said that he had decided that it was inadvisable to make the exchange.

Order - Agreed to

PETROL PUMPS.

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Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Department (Roads) be asked to inform the Council if it would be possible to have petrol pumps erected with a projecting arm, the same as obtains in England, in order to avoid any encroachment on footpaths"

DUNANORE QUARRY.

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At the meeting of the Roads Committee on 28th March, 1927, the County Surveyor referred to the proposed purchase of Dunanore Quarry. He now submitted the following letter on the matter from the Irish Land Commission, under date 10th June, 1927:-

"Mr. T. J. Flood, Land Commission Inspector, has forwarded me your letter of 3rd instant, and also 6 inch O.S. shewing the plot of land which the Wexford County Council desire to buy from the Land Commission. The scaled area of said plot is 1 ac 3 rds 0 per.

"I am to inform you that the Commissioners are prepared to sanction the sale of this plot for the sum of £20 (Twenty Pounds) provided your Council undertake to fence it from the adjoining land".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded



the following which was adopted:-

"That a sum of £20 be paid to the Irish Land Commission for 1 acre 3 roods of land at Dunanore Quarry in accordance with their letter of 10th June, 1927."

ROAD AT BURROW ROSSLARE.

James Bent, Rosslare, came before the meeting and stated that Rosslare Golf Club had shut him off by four barriers of barbed wire so that he had now no way to get to fair, train or market except by boat.

The Chairman pointed out that the Committee had no jurisdiction in this matter and Mr. Bent would have to take his grievance into a court of law.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that the Circuit Court had already decided Mr. Bent had no claim against the Golf Club.

The Chairman stated that as the road referred to by Mr. Bent had never been repaired at the expense of the County and was not vested as a public road, the County Council had no power to expend money on it, or in fact, to interfere with it in any way.

MAIN ROADS NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. James E. Walsh:-

"That the resolution of County Council of 9th May, 1927, dissenting from recommendation of Finance <sup>Committee</sup> to enter into an agreement with New Ross Urban Council relative to maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District be rescinded and that the County Council enter into said agreement, annual amount to be £518 as estimated by County Surveyor"

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

Mr. Cooney asked the Council not to agree to the



the resolution as the New Ross Urban District Council were not maintaining the streets under their own jurisdiction by Direct Labour.

After considerable discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Colonel Quin and the Chairman - 12.

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

The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution which he declared carried.

It was decided to add the following to Mr. Walsh's resolution:-

"That the amount to be paid to New Ross Urban District Council relative to maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District under proposed agreement for 1927-28 be £518 less any amount which may have been spent for the current financial year by the County Surveyor up to the date when Agreement becomes effective".

#### REMUNERATION OF HAULIERS.

The following motion of which Mr. Gaul had given previous notice was moved by him and seconded by Mr. Connors:-

"That the question of allowing carters an increase over present remuneration be considered at meeting of County Council on 13th June, 1927, and that said meeting fix a new rate, should they consider same expedient".

In reply to Mr. Thorpe, the County Surveyor stated that the annual cost of hauling was about £8000. Men who were engaged at haulage work pure and simple could not make a living out of it, but the work was worth while to the man who only took it up in spare time.



Mr. Gaul mentioned that if any increase was to be granted he did not wish it to be the means of cutting down the employment of men engaged under the Direct Labour system. His motion was contingent on sufficient money being found in the Contingencies Fund to warrant the increase.

A vote was taken on Mr. Gaul's motion <sup>with</sup> which the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon ..... 13

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Colonel Quin and the Chairman ..... 12.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Mr. Hayes proposed that the rate paid to carters be increased from 10d to 1/- per yard mile.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The County Surveyor mentioned that if the amount was to be taken out of the Contingencies Fund, the latter would be very materially reduced. His idea was to make a very slight reduction in the tonnage. If the Contingencies Fund was unduly depleted, the money might be very badly wanted in December and there would be none available. He would prefer to take one-twelfth or one-fifteenth of a yard from the road than to interfere with the Contingencies Fund.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that the County Surveyor's proposal would make a reduction in the labour force. The complaint was that they were putting too little material instead of too much on the roads.

Mr. Doyle characterised the proposal as grossly unfair to the ratepayers. They were getting all the carters they required at the existing figure and could get as many more if required. They were going to give away the money of the ratepayers in this matter. He could only regard it as extravagance on their



part.

As an amendment, Mr. Corish proposed the following:-

"That an adjustment be made in the remuneration paid to carters to enable a minimum rate of 8/- per day to be paid".

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The County Surveyor stated it would be impossible to carry out such an arrangement as that proposed by Mr. Corish.

Mr. Thorpe proposed that the Council agree to an extra 2d for the first mile. A great many carters informed him that this was their real grievance.

Mr. P. Byrne proposed that remuneration be fixed at 11d per yard mile.

This was seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Messrs Hayes and Corish withdrew their proposals in favour of that of Mr. P. Byrne.

The Chairman pointed out that if it came a bad winter, the Council would be obliged to spend a lot of money on roads. If the necessary amount was not in the Contingencies Fund it would have to come from ordinary road maintenance and men would have to be disemployed. The Council would have to put ~~the~~ their regular men out of work the same as occurred in February and March 1926 when the Contingencies Fund was exhausted. The same thing might happen this year if they did not take great care of their Contingencies Fund.

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

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Cline, Bolfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter and Shannon ...13.

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Colonel Quin and the Chairman ;;.12.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



GOREY WATER SUPPLY.  
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The following motion of which notice was given by Mr. Sean O'Byrne on 25th April, 1927, and issued to the County Council on the following day was moved by him:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of Local Government Act, 1927) to the Wexford Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £6.800 for the purpose of providing a proper Water Supply for the town of Gorey; said advance to be repayable in 25 years with Interest at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{4}$  per cent per annum, the method of repayment to be by equal instalments of Principal with interest on the balance outstanding, area of charge of annual repayments to be the Rural District of Gorey"

Correspondence in connection with this matter was read from the County Board of Health asking for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of the loan, and also from the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarding correspondence with the County Board of Health under date 13th April, 1927 (S.16418/1927).

Mr. Clince seconded Mr. O'Byrne's motion which was passed.

LOAN GALBALLY WATER SUPPLY.  
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The following motion of which notice had been given by Mr. Sean O'Byrne on 25th April, 1927, and issued to the Co. Council on the following day, was moved by him and seconded by Mr. Clince :-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of Local Government Act 1927) to the Wexford Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance from the Local Loans Fund amounting to £250; said advance to be repayable in 25 years with interest



at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{4}$  per cent per annum, the method of repayment to be by equal instalments of Principal with Interest on the balance outstanding, for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for the village of Galbally, the area of charge of annual repayments to be the Dispensary District of Clonroche."

Correspondence was read from the County Board of Health under date 25th April, 1927, asking for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of the loan and also from the Local Government Department under date 11th April, 1927, (S.14402/1927) in connection with this matter.

The motion was adopted.

WITHDRAWAL OF RESIGNATION - MR. CLONEY.

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Under date 3rd June, 1927, the following letter from Mr. Michael Cloney, M.C.C., to the Secretary, was read:-

"Feeling that I am regaining the health that I lost and wishing to comply with the wishes of your Council and many others to continue on until the term of Council expires, I respectfully wish to withdraw my resignation from the Wexford County Council which I tendered some time ago.

"Thanking the members of the Council and yourself for your kind wishes".

The Chairman and several members of the Council expressed their pleasure that Mr. Cloney had decided to remain a member of the County Council.



Under date 26th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (F25881/1927 Ilghneitheact) that the annual meeting of the County Council was to be held on the 10th day after 23rd June.

The Secretary stated that as this date would fall on Sunday, the annual meeting would be held on Monday, 4th July.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

Under date 23rd May 1927, the Local Government Department (Roads) (I R/107/1) forwarded Sealed Order of the Minister authorising the Council to close to public traffic the road between Ferrycarrig Bridge and the Slaney River Bridge at Enniscorthy for a period of seven months from 20th May 1927.

ROAD GRANTS.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads) under various dates forwarding Paying Orders for Road Grants under the second section, National Road Scheme totalling £18228; also £860 for Tourist Roads.

TOURIST ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 23rd May 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RG/32B) stating that the Minister had approved of the proposed Scheme of road improvement at Courtown Harbour and Rosslare.

In the case of the balance of the Rosslare Grant, details of the proposed widening of the road should be furnished and it should be stated whether it is proposed to carry out the whole work by Direct Labour or otherwise.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor be directed to communicate with the Department and furnish the information they required in this connection.

PROPOSED COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 19th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.24344/27 Wex.P.H.&P.A.) forwarding copy of reply given by the Minister for Local Government in An Dail on 22nd March last with regard to the recoupment of Sanitary Salaries.



The question and reply were read for the meeting.

No Order.

SCHEME FOR TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

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

"That in pursuance of Section I of the Public Health, Prevention and Treatment of Disease(Ireland)Act 1917,we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to declare the Wexford County Council an authority for the execution and enforcement of regulations made under Section 148 of the Public Health (Ireland)Act 1878 for the treatment of Venereal Disease. That we further approve of the action of the County Board of Health in appointing Dr S.V. O'Connor,Wexford as temporary Medical Officer under the said Scheme.

OUTSTANDING LOANS, LABOURERS' ACTS.

Under date 20th April 1927,the Department of Local Government forwarded particulars of amounts remitted to the Board of Works out of the Exchequer Contribution to be applied towards the repayment of outstanding Loans under the Labourers Acts charged on the areas of the four former Rural Districts of the County.

OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

The Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Posts & Telegraphs applied for the consent of the Council to the erection of an over-ground telegraphic line from the Post Office at Ballycarney,County Wexford to Clobemon Hall.

Agreed to on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

Under date 6th May 1927,the Department of Local Government(L1415/27)wrote explaining the assistance which the Garda Siothchana would be prepared to give in connection with the enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order.



SCHOLARSHIPS-PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Under date 12th May 1927, letter was read from the Department of Education as to the arrangements to be made in connection with examination for above and which would be held on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd. June 1927.

John Hunt, Duncormack applied for extension of his Primary Scholarship for one year.

The Secretary stated that Mr Hunt had obtained a Scholarship under the old Scheme which provided for three years only. The new Scheme covered four years, as this period was considered necessary to prepare pupils properly for examination for Leaving Certificate.

Proposed by Mr White seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and carried:-

"That Primary Scholarship of John Hunt, Duncormack be extended for one year."

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

Correspondence was received from the County Librarian on June 11th (too late for insertion on the Agenda paper for present meeting).

It was proposed by Col Quin and seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Rev Canon Willis, Rector, Gorey wrote under date June 8th 1927 tendering his resignation as member of the County Library Committee as he found it impossible to attend the meetings.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we accept the resignation of Rev Canon Willis and appoint to the vacancy thereby created, Rev T. Talbot, Rector, Hore-town, Taghmon."

IMPROVEMENT CARNE PIER.

Under date 6th June 1927, the following was read from Mr William Cullen, Lady's Island, Broadway, Hon. Sec. Carne Pier Committee:-



"A number of residents have recently made an effort to revive the fishing industry in this district and to have the Pier put into a proper state of repair.

If this can be accomplished it will be the means of finding employment for a number of young fellows who cannot get work on the land in the present depressed state of agriculture and who would otherwise have to emigrate.

A Committee was formed and to put the matter in practical shape, Mr Delap was brought down. I enclose herewith copies of his report and also some photographs of the Pier as it is.

A deputation was appointed to proceed to Dublin to interview the Minister for Fisheries and were received by him on the 4th May last. They were introduced by Mr Michael Doyle in a very sympathetic manner and were very grateful for his assistance.

The deputation had an interview of two hours with the Minister who was accompanied by his secretary and the Engineer to the Fishery Department. Mr Lynch promised all the assistance in his power, and providing the County Council would help, his Department would contribute fifty-fifty towards the cost of restoring the Pier to its former condition.

We are anxious to bring the matter before your Council and would be thankful if you could arrange to receive a small deputation at your next meeting on 13th inst.

We feel sure your Council will help us in this good work.

It is essential that something should be done at once as you can see from the photographs that the Pier in its present condition is useless and the fishing season is now upon us."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided to receive the deputation which consisted of the following:-Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P. Lady's Island: Messrs H. Langrishe Solicitor, John Joyce, S.B. Weldon, James Ryan, T. Davis and W. Cullen, Hon. Sec. to Pier Committee.

Report of Mr Delap, Engineer, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street Dublin was read.



Mr Delap pointed out that the pier had reached its present<sup>(t)</sup> condition because it is subjected to very heavy seas in winter and because the method used in constructing it ~~is~~<sup>was</sup> not suitable for such an exposed position. In order to restore the pier to the condition it should be in when complete the cost would be about £4000.

Mr Langrishe who said he was not appearing in an official capacity said that Carne Pier was one and three-quarter miles from Carnsore Point and was sheltered on the west and north by the land. It lay broadly N.N.W., was 480 feet long and 12 feet wide. Having outlined the history of the construction of the pier and its present state, he said that down to ten years ago, it was kept in repair by the Grand Jury and the Co. Council, but no repairs had been done since and the pier had been seriously damaged. The storm wall had gone and the coping on the inside had been washed into the sea, and the result was that now a boat could not get into the harbour at practically full tide. A deputation had gone before the Minister of Fisheries and the Ministry was prepared to give a grant of at least half of what it would be necessary to spend on the pier.

Mr Langrishe referred to Section 7 of the Grand Jury Act of 1853, the substance of which he said was that every pier and harbour erected or improved with public money for the improvement of the fisheries and the adjoining lands purchased in connection with the pier shall be deemed to be and become the property of the County in which they were situate, and are to be held, maintained and preserved by the Grand Jury in the same manner as any road or bridge within the county, the expense of which was chargeable to such county or any district thereof. The Carne Pier was in this position and was public property which the Co. Council were bound to maintain.

The deputation asked the Co. Council not to allow the pier to go to ruin but to take the matter in hands.

Mr Weldon pointed out that the pier in its present condition was useless. If it were repaired even to the way it was, the local people would be quite satisfied. The Department of Fisheries



promised to help in every conceivable way. There were numbers of young men in the district who were anxious to start fish<sup>ing</sup>eries ; they could not secure work on the land and they would have to emigrate if employment could not be found for them.

Rev. Father Fitzhenry said he was one of the deputation that called upon the Minister of Fisheries. Though it was a busy day, the Minister gave them two hours and went into the question of Carne Pier as closely and as much in detail as possible in the time. He and the Officials present thought it a pity that a pier in such a position should be allowed to go to ~~w~~rack and ruin. It was one of the finest fishing districts in the world- a district which was particularly rich as regards lobsters. During his ten years in the Barony of Forth a number of fine young fellows had emigrated and further emigration would take place if something was not done.

The Chairman said the farmers were very hard hit at present, and as repairs to Carne Pier would mean an extra rate, he wished to know if the people of Carne would be prepared to give a certain amount of free labour in order to reduce the cost.

Father Fitzhenry said he had no doubt if a strong appeal was made to the Carne workers and others, they might be got to consider it. They would get voluntary labour on a football ground or ball court, but with regard to a question of public funds with public authority in charge, he did not think they could guarantee voluntary labour. They were living in very selfish times.

The Co. Surveyor said that a report from Mr Delap stated that repairs to the pier would cost £4000 and that more extensive work would cost £6000 or £7000. He attended at Carne Pier and measured up the whole work with Mr Hassard, Engineer of the Fishery Department and it was probably that engineer who stated that a lesser sum than £4000 could be usefully spent.

Mr Langrishe said the first thing they wanted was to have the berths cleaned. They would then have a proper view of what repairs would be necessary. He was sure £40 or £50 would cover the cost of cleaning the berths.



The Co. Surveyor said he thought the cost would be about £200.

Mr Corish said it would be better for the County Council to do all the work if they were going to do anything and not to do it piecemeal.

The Secretary said it was in the power of the Co. Council to make the charge for the work a county-at-large charge.

Mr Weldon said he thought there would be six boats to start fishing if the pier were repaired.

The Chairman said the pier was a scheduled pier and that the Co. Council was responsible for it.

In reply to Mr Boggan, the Secretary said they were bound to maintain the pier, and if they did not the Board of Works would repair it at the Council's expense.

Mr Corish said he entirely disagreed with the matter of voluntary work. If men were going to work they should be paid for working.

Mr Boggan said he thought that was a most unreasonable attitude for Labour to take up. He did not want the people to work at an unreasonable wage, but the matter concerned everyone in Carne, and he thought if the Scheme was brought forward the people should give a hand. He was only referring to the clearing away of the debris.

Mr Corish said that while he was always an advocate of direct labour he recognised realities. The job at Carne was ~~not~~ not one for Direct Labour- it was an engineering job- and he did not think anyone should be allowed to interfere with it until they got a proper contractor to do it. He would not approve of tinkering with it. They should do everything they could to facilitate the Carne people in the matter.

Father Fitzhenry agreed with Mr Corish, as Mr Delap had suggested that nothing could be done to advantage without a little machinery such as derricks, etc.

The deputation withdrew, Father Fitzhenry thanking the



Council for receiving them.

The Chairman proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to prepare for next meeting of the Roads Committee a report as to the condition of Carne Pier with estimate as to its repair."

ROSSSLARE SANITATION.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Secretary, County Board of Health under date 21st May 1927:-

"I laid your letter in connection with above matter before the Board of Health and Public Assistance at its meeting on the 16th inst, when it was decided to await the report of the Inspector from the Local Government Department in the matter."

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF MOYEADY BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor under date 30th May 1927:-

"This bridge requires some repairs. It is not possible to carry these out without closing the road for a period of 12 days. I am ready to start as soon as the necessary foundations are completed. The closing of this road would not inconvenience anybody very much as the alternative route by Ballycarney Bridge and Clohamon is not more than half a mile longer and a very fair road. I will use a quick setting cement for this job, but at the same time 12 days would be the minimum period."

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for Order for the temporary closing of Moyeady Bridge for at least 12 days-from 4th July 1927 to 16th July 1927 (both dates inclusive)-alternative route to be by Ballycarney Bridge and Clohamon."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Colfer seconded that new licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to



Michael R. Moran, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy and Laurence Power, Shelbourne Agricultural Co-Operative Society, Campile and that renewals of licences be issued to Nathaniel Tackaberry, Bunclody and Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford.

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Under date 28th May 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, reported that on the previous day he had obtained an Order from the District Justice at Gorey to enter on Miss Palmer's land at Gorey Hill for the purpose of obtaining access to the quarry.

The question of compensation had not been settled, but he made an offer to Miss Palmer through her solicitor of £5. He had not yet heard if she was willing to accept that sum.

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

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor in offering Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill a sum of £5 as compensation for land taken for the quarry on her holding at Gorey Hill."

RECONSTRUCTION OF ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

Only one tender was received for the reconstruction of Enniscorthy Courthouse, from Mr Robert C. Williamson, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy at £2988.

The County Surveyor stated the amount of compensation was £2901 and of this amount £20 had been spent for plans, which left £2881 available. He believed it would be possible to ~~xxx~~ arrange with Mr Williamson to carry out the work for this figure as some items would bear reduction.

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

"That the County Surveyor endeavour to arrange with Mr R. C. Williamson for carrying out the work of the reconstruction of Enniscorthy Courthouse at the sum of £2881. In the event of the failure on the part of the County Surveyor to come to an agreement with Mr Williamson the work to be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."



SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

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On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Thorpe, the ~~fo~~ following was adopted:-

"That the following Scholarship Committee be reappointed and that they be requested to meet as soon as possible to ~~reconsider~~ reconsider the Primary and University Scholarship Schemes of this Council:-

Col. Gibbon, Sleedagh, Wexford: William Boggan, Hayestown, Wexford: Richard Corish, St Ibar Villas, Wexford: Thos McCarthy 11 Rafter St, Enniscorthy: John O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey: Seumas Doyle, The Bungalow, Ballycarney, Ferns: E. P. Foley, Crossabeg, Wexford: Rev. Thos. Talbot, Rector, Horetown, Taghmon: Rev Bro. Markey, Superior, Christian Bros' Schools, Wexford: Very Rev. W. F. Murphy, President, St Peter's Coll. Wexford: J.J. Kelly N.T. Taghmon: Hugh O'Byrne N.T. Ballindaggin."

APPLICATION FOR LOAN OF FURNITURE.

Under date June 2nd 1927, Mr T.D. Sinnott wrote that the Irish Summer College Committee which was holding a Summer course at Valentia House, Camolin was anxious to obtain the use of the tables and forms in the Old Jail during the College session in July. The Committee would be responsible for the transfer and return of the furniture and would be prepared to make good any damage or breakages.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the furniture at the Old Jail which is at present not in use be handed over on loan to the Irish College Committee at Valentia House, Camolin on the terms and conditions in letter of Mr T. D. Sinnott, (a Trustee of the College) under date 2nd June 1927."

Passed.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION OF VALUATION.

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

"That the various applications for Revision of Valuation submitted to this meeting by our Secretary be forwarded to the Commissioner, General Valuation Office, Dublin to be examined and dealt with by him."



#### ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

In connection with the proposed deputation to Mr Eamonn Duggan relative to the introduction of legislation for the preservation of ancient and historic monuments, the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils wrote under date 18th May 1927 suggesting that the deputation should be postponed until after the General Elections.

This suggestion was approved.

#### EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN IRELAND,

A letter was received from the Editor, "Irish Messenger," asking the Council to confirm resolution adopted by the Town Commissioners of Mullingar as follows:-

"That we respectfully desire to place on record our unanimous wish that the Eucharistic Congress for 1932 be held in Ireland; especially as that year will be the Fifteenth Centenary of the coming of St. Patrick to our shores. The authorities concerned can rely on our fullest support."

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon the above resolution was unanimously confirmed.

#### IRISH TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

Under date 2nd June 1927, the Secretary of the above Association submitted Scheme for the development of Tourist Traffic and which had been approved by the Minister for Industry and ~~Commerce~~ Commerce.

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

"That we approve of the Scheme of Tourist Development as sanctioned by the Department of Industry and Commerce on 3rd May 1927 and which accompanied letter of Secretary, Irish Development Association under date 2nd June 1927."

#### COUNTY COUNCILLORS AS JURORS.

The following resolution from Tirconail Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Jordan:-

"That as County Councillors devote a considerable portion of their time to their duties for the good of the



"community, without remuneration, it is only right that they should be excused from service as Jurors. We call upon the Government to bring in the necessary legislation without delay. That copies of this resolution be sent to President Cosgrave, the T.D.'s of the County, the General Council of County Councils and the other County Councils in the Saorstát."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

The following resolution from Cavan County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That we, the Co. Council of Cavan voicing as we do the views of the overwhelming majority of the people of the County call upon the Government to repeal "the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 as the majority of the people are opposed to the continuance of this measure.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Government all the County Councils and various Parliamentary Parties of the County Cavan."

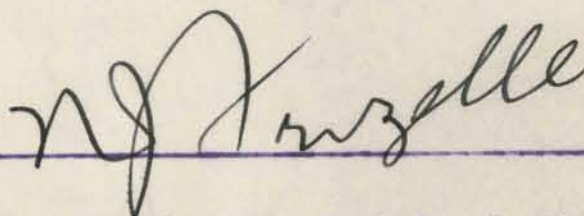
*Wm J. Butler*  
*July 4th 1927*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be  
a correct record of the Minutes of Proceedings  
of Wexford County Council in respect of meeting  
held on 13th June, 1927.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 20th day of June, 1927.

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