

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 11TH. JUNE 1928.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 11th June 1928.

The following were present:-

Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Messrs Wm. Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, Ml Cloney, P. Colfer, John Connors, Thos Cooney, R. Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Col Gibbon, James Hall, P. Hayes, M. Jordan, D. Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, N.J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Col Quin, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 24th May 1928 were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 24th May, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding); also Messrs P. Hayes, A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, and W. Thorpe.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,945: 0: 2d was examined and signed.

APPOINTMENT RATE CHECKER.

It was decided, on the motion of Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, that Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, who had been acting temporarily in Gorey area, be appointed as Rate Checker for said area at £28 per annum vice Mr. J. J. Fanning, resigned.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection (collection second moiety of 1927-28 rate) was submitted as follows:-

J. J. O'Reilly (No.13) 97 per cent; E. J. Murphy 96; T. Rowe 89; J. Curtis 88; S. Cannon 86; M. Deegan 86; P. O'Byrne 85; J. Cummins 84; B. Cleary 84; J. Doyle 82; J. J. Sinnott 81; J. Quirke (No.1) 79; P. Furlong 76; W. Cummins 71; J. Quirke (No.3) 71; J. J. Kelly 70; P. Donohoe 68; J. J. O'Reilly (No.15) 66; T. Sutton 65; M. M. Kelly 60; M. McCarthy (deputy for C. McCarthy) 53.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Collectors W. Cummins, J. J. Kelly, P. Donohoe, T. Sutton and M. M. Kelly be communicated with and informed that the Finance Committee have decided to write to their sureties that according to the terms of their bonds the warrants of these collectors must be closed by 31st May, 1928. If this be not done, the Finance Committee will be obliged to call on the sureties to

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lodge the amounts set out in their Bonds".

EX-COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK (No.15 DISTRICT).
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The Secretary was instructed to inform all applicants for rate collectorship in above district, that no steps can be taken in the matter until the County Council have come to a decision relative to the application of Sean Garmon (No.10 District) for a transfer from his present area to No.15 district.

As regards the position of Mr. Fitzpatrick, under date 19th May, 1928 (G.35422/1928 Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding copy of an Order under Seal made by the Minister for Local Government removing Mr. Fitzpatrick from his office as Rate Collector. Also forwarding report of the Local Government Inspector, Mrs Crofts, on the sworn Inquiry held on the 16th May, 1928, into the conduct of this Collector. The letter added:- "If the monies collected by Mr. Fitzpatrick have not yet been lodged to the credit of the County Council in full, you as Chief Executive Officer of the Council, after consulting the Chairman, should make the necessary information to secure the issue of a Warrant for the arrest of Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The Secretary stated that as the amount found, up to the present, to be due by Fitzpatrick to the County Council had not been lodged, information was laid against him on the 23rd May, 1928 and a Warrant for his arrest had been issued.

The following is an extract from report of the Inquiry made by Mrs Crofts to the Department of Local Government:-

"It is clear from the foregoing evidence that Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, while acting as rate collector for the Wexford County Council, infringed article 103 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, inasmuch as

- (a) He did not attend personally for checking his books at the time and place appointed.
- (b) He issued at least one unofficial receipt.
- (c). He did not lodge with the Treasurer of the Council all moneys collected by him nor did he issue receipts for such moneys.

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The evidence also shows that apparently no suspicion had been aroused regarding Mr. Fitzpatrick's honesty and if the checking of his books had not been done in an intelligent manner his defalcations might easily have escaped notice. This would have been due entirely to the fact that the ratepayers do not co-operate with the County Council by demanding their official receipt from the rate collector at the time of paying their rates. With the receipt still in the collecting book it is next to impossible for a rate checker to know what rates have been paid.

"I am of opinion that Mr. Fitzpatrick should be dismissed from office".

Letter was read from the New Ireland Insurance Co.Ltd., under date, 17th May, 1928, acknowledging receipt of report re Mr. Fitzpatrick and stating that they noted the position in the matter.

Under date 15th May, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.34012/1928 Loch Garman Fa) stating that the Minister concurred in the proposal of the County Council regarding the closing of the Rate Collection in Mr. Fitzpatrick's district by Mr. John J. O'Reilly, Collector for No.13 district.

Letter was also read from Mr. James Kavnagh, Garrynew, Killena, one of the sureties for Mr. O'Reilly, approving of the proposal that Mr. O'Reilly should close this collection.

VACANCY FOR RATE COLLECTOR
(No. 3 District).
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The Committee approved of draft advertisement re above and decided that exam in Irish, English and Arithmetic of intending candidates should be held in Old Jail on Wednesday, 6th June, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Under date 23rd May, 1928, Rev. Br. E. C. Markey, Christian Brothers' Schools, wrote that he would set examination papers and correct them as heretofore.

In connection with ex-Collector Walsh, who has resigned as Collector for this district, the Secretary reported that the amount due on Warrant, viz., £39: 18: 7d had not yet been lodged.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That ex-Collector P. Walsh (No.3 District) be informed that unless he lodges £39: 18: 7d due by him to the Wexford County Council by Thursday, 7th June, the date of next meeting of the Finance Committee, the latter will be compelled to proceed against him and his sureties"

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO.10.

Under date 21st May, 1928, letter was read from Collector M. M. Kelly (No.6 District) stating that in the event of Sean Cannon being transferred to Fitzpatrick's District, No.15 he would apply to have No.10 district added to his own. His district (No.6) was the smallest in the County, comprising one District Electoral Division only. If it was added to Mr. Cannon's present district the amalgamated area would not be too large and the poundage would be more like a living wage. His present poundage amounted to only £116 and this was decreased considerably by uncollectable rates. If his application was agreed to he would give his whole time to the collection.

It was decided to post one consideration of this letter to next meeting of the Finance Committee when the Secretary will submit particulars respecting the poundage rate outstanding, etc., in both No.6 and No.10 district.

WORKMENS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY.

In reference to Workmens Compensation Insurance Policy No.306,947, the County Surveyor submitted letter from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, 48 and 49 Dame Street, Dublin, pointing out that according to the return

of wages for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1928, an excess of £181: 5: 2d was due to the Company.

The total amount of the premium was £920: 6: 8d whilst the amount paid last year was £739: 1: 6d which left the balance now applied for, viz., £181: 5: 2d due.

A resolution was adopted agreeing that the amount be paid

PROPOSED INCREMENTS OF SALARY, CLERICAL STAFF.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 14th May, 1928, was submitted:-

"That the question of increments of salaries to clerical officers be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to what would be a desirable status to set up as regards increments and maximum salaries of the clerical officers of the Council".

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

"That the question of increments of salary etc., be referred to the new County Council."

PROPOSED CHARGES FOR HIRE OF MACHINERY.

It was decided that this matter could be dealt with better by the Roads' Committee than by the Finance Committee and accordingly it was referred to the former.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

An application was received from Mr. Bartle Kinsella, Town Rate Collector Gorey, for £1: 8: 0d; town rate stated to be due on Gorey Courthouse from 1922.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, under date 16th May, 1928, wrote that as far as he remembered, the Council only took over possession of the Courthouse about two years ago, and he was, therefore, of opinion that they were only liable for the payment of the rates from the date on which they did take over, but not for the entire amount as claimed by Mr. Kinsella.

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

"That the County Council are prepared to pay town rate on Gorey Courthouse from the date on which they resumed possession of the premises".

MOUNTGARRET BRIDGE (CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE.)

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence from Mr. Delap, consulting Engineer to the Mountgarret Bridge Committee, stating it was proposed to move the caretaker's residence at Mountgarrett Bridge, and use such of the material as was suitable in the road filling. The Kilkenny County Council had passed a formal resolution authorising the demolition and he (Mr. Delap) had notified the contractor and the clerk of Works to proceed with this work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Thorpe:- "That the demolition of the caretaker's house at Mountgarrett Bridge be agreed to on the understanding that the materials remain the property of the Joint Committee of the Bridge to be used in the construction of a new residence for a caretaker if considered advisable by said Committee."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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

Johanna, Byrne, Grange Lower, Killanne; Arthur J. Nix, 48, South Street, New Ross; Liam O'Leary, 3 St. Ibar's Terrace, Wexford. Patrick Hickey, 7 O'Neill's Terrace, Enniscorthy; J. G. Cullen, 16 Monck Street, Wexford and Thomas B. Larrissey, Duncannon.

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

"That our Secretary take the necessary steps to obtain leave from the Assistant Intermediate Commissioners for permission to

to enable Johanna Byrne, Grange Lower, Killanne, to sit for Leaving Certificate Examination as she is not pursuing an approved course of study in a secondary school. That we consider all applicants to this meeting are eligible for award of University Scholarship:- viz., Johanna Byrne, Arthur James Nix, Liam O'Leary, Patrick Hickey; J. G. Cullen and Thomas B. Larrissey.

That all further applications for award of University Scholarships be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee"

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Application was received from Thomas Butler, Newtown, New Ross, for award of Primary Scholarship.

Correspondence was read from Rev. Brother Carew, New Ross, explaining that he took the date for lodging application in last year's scheme to be correct and hence the application of Butler was not submitted by the 14th April, 1928.

The Secretary stated that copy of the Primary Scholarship scheme for 1928 was forwarded to Brother Carew on the 10th January, 1928.

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

"That Thomas Butler, Newtown, New Ross, be allowed to sit for Primary Scholarship Examination provided he resides in the Rural District of New Ross and that the Department of Education are satisfied that his application should be accepted".

VACANT SOLICITORSHIP.

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

"That our Secretary apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to filling the vacancy in the office of Solicitor to the County Council.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Letter was read from Mr. Denis Corish, Court Clerk, New Ross,

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that application would be made at the next New Ross District Court for the committal to an Industrial School of Nellie Crosbie, an illegitimate child, aged eight years, residing at Ballyshannon, Carrigbyrne.

The matter was referred to the County Council's Solicitor to communicate with the Home Assistance Officer of the district.

OVERDRAFT OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

"That the Treasurer of the County Council be requested to sanction the continuance of overdraft of £40,000 to the Council in view of the fact that the rate collection for 1927-28 is not yet closed, and until this has been done the Finance Committee do not consider it advisable to begin the collection of rates for the current period. That the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction this proposal".

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

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

"That all miscellaneous sums received by County Library Committee in the shape of fines or subscriptions for library purposes be placed to the credit of the said County Library Committee".

GOREY COURTHOUSE & DISTRICT FEIS.

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

"That permission be granted to Gorey Feis Committee for use of Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of holding an Industrial Exhibition therein on 7th June, 1928"

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting in respect of 6th June 1928 were submitted;-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 6th June 1928.

Present;- Messrs Sean O'Byrne. P. Hayes, A. Mernagh, and Wm. Thorpe.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

APOLGY FOR ABSENCE.

Letter was read from the Chairman apologising for non-attendance at meeting owing to a business engagement.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5609-2-11 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of Rate Collection to 6th June 1928 was submitted as follows; in respect of collection of second moiety of rate for year ended 31st March 1928;-

E.J. Murphy 98 per cent; J.J.O'Reilly (No 13 District) 97; T. Rowe 92; J. Curtis 89; M. Deegan 89; S. Gannon 88; John Doyle 87; J. Quirke (No 1 District) 86; J. Cummins 86; B. Cleary 85; P.O'Byrne 85; J.J. Sinnott 84; W. Cummins 83; P. Donohoe 80; P. Furlong 79; T. Sutton 78; J. Quirke (No 3 District) 76; J.J. Kelly 74; M.M. Kelly 72; J.J.O'Reilly (No 13 District) 71; M. McCarthy 60.

The Secretary stated that as instructed by last meeting of Finance Committee, he had written to Collectors W. Cummins, P. Donohoe, M.M. Kelly, John J. Kelly and T. Sutton and the personal sureties in each case that according to the terms of the Bond entered into with the County Council, the Warrant should have been closed by 31st March and which was extended by the Finance Committee to the 31st May. If the Warrant was not closed by the last mentioned date, the Finance Committee would be obliged to call on the sureties

to lodge the amount set out in the Warrant.

Under date 26th May 1928, Mr W. Cummins wrote that it would be utterly impossible to close the warrant. His district had been all practically held up by Foot and Mouth restrictions until recently, and people who had stock for sale were obliged to hold them over until the June fair. There were also in his district a number of cases in which it was impossible to obtain the rates and in which the Land Commission were unable to collect annuities, there being no goods of any description on the premises. He had been doing his best and could not do more.

No reply had been received from any of the other Collectors concerned.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That as Rate Collectors M. M. Kelly and T. Sutton have not carried out the instructions from the Finance Committee meeting of 24th May 1928, their sureties be called upon to lodge the £200 mentioned in Bond with the County Council. That all other Collectors be informed that all collectable rate must be lodged by 21st June 1928 and no further excuses will be entertained by the Finance Committee in the event of failure to comply with this instruction."

Under date 1st June 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G38802/1928/Loch Garman Fa) agreeing to the proposed appointment of Mr T. Rowe, Rate Collector to collect Kilmamock Drainage Rate.

The Secretary reported that Ex-Collector Walsh (No 3 District) had lodged £30 leaving £9-18-7 outstanding.

It was decided to allow Mr Walsh a further fortnight to lodge the balance still outstanding.

Under date 30th May 1928, the Local Government Department wrote (G 37505/1928/Loch Garman Fa) approving, pursuant to Article 104 of the Public Bodies Order 1925, of the proposed appointment of Mr Michael McCarthy as Deputy

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for his brother, C. McCarthy during the illness of the latter.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR

TO WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 24th May 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 36597/ 1928/Loch Garman Fa) regretting to learn of the demise of Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council.

The temporary appointment of Mr John Elgee as Solicitor to the Council was approved. In regard to the filling of the vacancy, the addition of a bonus to the salary not varying with the cost of living seemed undesirable and the Minister would prefer the fixing of a definite annual sum. The position being "part time" would not be pensionable.

Subject to these observations, the Minister consented to the filling of the position as proposed by the Council.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"We recommend the County Council to fix an inclusive salary of £250 per annum for position of Solicitor to the Wexford County Council. This is to cover all travelling expenses incurred by the Solicitor inside the county. Travelling outside the county on a reasonable scale and actual out-of-pocket expenses are to be allowed.

ADVERTISING COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION NOTICES.

Letters were read from the Managers of "The People", "The Free Press" and "The Echo" newspapers stating that the advertising in connection with County Council elections did not come within the terms of their advertising contract with the Council and they were charging the cost of same against the Council.

The following resolution was adopted;-

"That the letters from advertising contractors relative to advertising of Election announcements be referred to Mr Elgee for his advice. We recommend, however, that irrespective of his decision as to the claim of the contractors, an advertisement

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 setting out the various Polling Places for County Council Election should be advertised in the local papers."

RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.

An application was received from Patrick Lennon, Forrestalstown, Clonroche re above.

A resolution was adopted asking for report from Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor as to the nature of the reconstruction and improvement made at the premises by Mr Lennon, the application for rebate to be adjourned until it can be considered with report from Mr Cullen.

CARETAKER- DUNCANNON PIER.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded resignation of Laurence Monahan, caretaker, Duncannon Pier, owing to serious ill health. Christopher Lawlor would carry out the duties pending the decision of the County Council.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to accept Mr Monahan's resignation and advertise for new caretaker at £12 per annum, the amount paid Mr Monahan, or at such sum as County Council approve; also approving of the temporary appointment of Christopher Lawlor, remuneration to be calculated at £12 per annum.

The County Surveyor was instructed to prepare list of duties governing the new appointment.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Correspondence was read in connection with the present legal position of the above. The Manager of the Company wrote that the various risks insured with and through the medium of the Company would continue to be held fully covered.

No Order.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Application from Margaret Frayne, Courtnacuddy, Emmiscorthy in connection with award of University Scholarship was read and a resolution was adopted that in the opinion of the Committee she was eligible to compete for same under the terms and conditions of the University Scholarship Scheme.

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SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT.

Under date 2nd June 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 39209/1928/ Loch Garman Fa) sanctioning overdraft not exceeding £40,000 to 1st September next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL OFFICERS.

Under date 6th June 1928, letter was read from the Local Government Department stating that owing to the uncertainty as to the maintenance of the present system of motor licensing, the Minister could not approve of the permanent appointment of Messrs John Moloney and P. Hawkins, clerical officers.

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

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision refusing to agree to the permanent appointment of Messrs John Moloney and P. Hawkins. We wish to point out that since these officers were first appointed, a very extensive scheme of direct labour on roads and public works has been adopted and in order to cope with the necessary work, it will be necessary to retain the services of these officers even if a change be made in the method of dealing with motor licensing.

CLAIM BY MR CONNOLLY, SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR.

The Department of Local Government forwarded (E/37852/1928/se Loch Garmain) statutory declaration received from Mr A.A. Connolly in regard to claim to compensation for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Enniscorthy area. It devolved on the Minister to determine the right to and the amount of the compensation payable to Mr Connolly. But, before doing so, he is prepared to take into consideration any representations which the County Council may wish to put forward.

The amount claimed by Mr Connolly on a three years' average was £46-9-2.

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It was decided to leave the settlement of the matter in the hands of the Minister.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Minutes of County Library ~~Service~~ Committee for 28th April 1928 and 26th May 1928 were submitted.

As regards recommendation that new Library Committee should consist of sixteen members, twelve to be appointed by the new Council and four additional members to be nominated by the Library Committee, a resolution was adopted recommending the new County Council to invest the new Library Committee with full powers under Library Acts, also approving of the new Committee being composed of 16 members of which nine are to be County Councillors, viz, the Chairman and eight other members.

In connection with the renting of new premises proposed by the Library Committee, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We recommend the County Council to agree to the County Library Committee renting ^{the} the house on the Quay ^{recently} occupied by Messrs Thompson Brothers, rent to be £65 per annum, premises to be held free of all rates and taxes. Tenancy to be ~~an~~ determined at any time by six months' notice in writing on either side."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th June 1928 be and are hereby confirmed."

Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th June 1928 were submitted;-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber Fortview, Wexford on 4th June 1928.

Col Gibbon, Vice-Chairman presided.

Also present; - Col Guin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, P. Colfer, M. Cloney, Wm Boggan, James Shannon and Richard Corish.

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

A letter was read from the Chairman explaining that he could not attend the meeting owing to a business engagement.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report for the month was submitted by the County Surveyor; -

"On the 25th ultimo, I inspected with Mr Kehoe line of new extension of Corramacorra Road, and took levels and measurements. I am satisfied that the line across the heath is the best way to run new road, and I have directed Mr Kehoe to put work in hands at once.

On the 31st ultimo, the County Council Committee consisting of Messrs Thorpe and Cooney, accompanied by Mr Elgee, Mr O'Neill, the ganger for section and myself inspected gullet at Mountelliott. Mr Williams was also present. The Committee agreed to extend gullet three feet and Mr Williams was satisfied. Mr Elgee will report in more detail.

The same Committee as above inspected work in progress at Mountgarrett, and particularly with reference to the caretaker's house. It was agreed that the materials in the old house would be of little or no use in building new premises, and the caretaker was authorised to retrieve and store any of the old materials that would be useful in putting up sheds, etc, which may have to be built subsequently.

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On the 8th ultimo, the ganger reported to me that there was a longitudinal crack in the concrete road near Ferrycarrig Bridge. I at once communicated with the contractors and met them by appointment on the 11th ult. The crack extended about five or six feet away from cross joint, and say about eighteen inches from the edge of the slab.

I am not able to give a reason for this crack, as when the broken slab was removed there did not appear to be any fault either in the concrete or the foundations. I have portion of the slab in the Council offices for inspection, and have now had the damaged slab replaced with alluminous cement concrete. I have inspected the "Ferrocete" myself on several occasions at Edermine, and it is also constantly under the observation of the ganger. As far as I could observe it is in perfect condition and shows no sign of deterioration.

I may also note that the "Ferrocete" used along the Wexford Quays appears to be entirely satisfactory.

I have a communication from the Health Board in regard to Rosslare sewerage, and the Engineer in charge of the proposed work is opposed to the taking in of the road drainage. I do not agree with this at all, and I maintain that it is essential that in at least three places there should be gulleys provided. I cannot understand why fine detritus going into the sewers should be objected to, as in all the Urban areas the surface drainage runs into the sewers.

During very heavy continuous rainfall there would be some extra work on the pump, but during the greater part of the year there would be little if any surface water going into the sewer.

I have a request from the contractor for the Rosslare water supply for permission to open the county road in several places for the laying of the mains. This permission I think should be granted, subject, of course, to his properly restoring the road surface.

I have been in treaty with the owner of the quarry at Brownswood with reference to acquiring the second entrance ~~with~~ which the Pioneer Company had in use. The price asked is, I consider high as the use of this entrance will enable us to get a larger cubic quantity of material with consequently higher pay to owner. As settlement of this question will delay the Grant work in Enniscorthy and New Ross I am now arranging to quarry extra material at Clonhaston.

On the 24th ultimo, the case of Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill Quarry v County Council was heard in the Circuit Court, and you will have Mr Elgee's report on the result of the trial.

On the 21st ultimo, the Boiler Inspector on behalf of the Insurance Company, inspected our fourteen steam boilers and the compressor plant, and I submit copy of letter from the Insurance Company regarding same. All the machinery was in good order and required no repairs.

Recently I inspected the retaining wall on the approach road to the County Hospital with Mr Flood and decided that it was necessary to strengthen the wall by a butress. I am informed that the Health Board has sanctioned this work, and it will be put in hands at once.

I have arranged with Mr Edward Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy for hire of roller in connection with the Grant work at 45/- per day which is the rate approved of by the Local Government Department.

The new breaking and elevating plant at Ballybrennan Quarry is now in operation and proving satisfactory. At present I have an engine on hire to drive granulator, but as I believe our own engine is capable of running this plant as well as breaker, I am now arranging to erect shafting for the purpose of transmitting power. I have a quotation from Mr J. Davis, Enniscorthy and the work will not cost more than £20.

I am making application for allocation from the Contingencies

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 gencies Fund to cover the posts and clips for Warning Signs amounting to £392-4-0 (Three hundred and ninety-two Pounds, four shillings). Half of this cost will be refunded by the Local Government when the signs are erected, and I propose that each of the road sections should contribute to the balance of the cost of erection.

I ask for allocation out of Public Works estimate for the various harbours and bridges etc., and submit list of same.

It will be necessary for the Committee to decide on the hireage rates for machinery to run during the current year, and also for charge for quarry material.

In the meanwhile, I am working on amended figures, more or less in accordance with the Local Government's requirements, but I must point out that these figures will not cover interest and sinking fund on loan, purchase of machinery, or other charges of this nature as set out in Article 59 of the Public Bodies' Order, 1925."

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

"That the report of the Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

Gullet at Mount Elliott.

Acting as a sub-committee, Messrs Thorpe, Cooney and Walsh with Mr Elgee, solicitor and the Co. Surveyor visited Mount Elliott, New Ross on Thursday, May 31st 1928.

The following report was submitted from Mr Elgee:-

"As directed by the Co. Council I attended with the Committee yesterday and inspected the gullet herein at Mr Williams's avenue gate. I am clearly of opinion that an encroachment was made on the entry to Mr Williams' avenue, and after discussing the matter fully with Mr Williams, the Committee came to the conclusion that the best thing to be done was to remove the gullet grating back a distance of three feet, and

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also reduce the size of the opening of the gullet in order to avoid possible danger to horses going into Mr Williams' avenue. He expressed himself satisfied with this and the Committee arranged that the work should be done at once as it was not considered necessary that the matter should be further delayed by again bringing it before the Council for their direction."

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Shamon and adopted;-

"That this meeting approves of the report of Mr Elgee in connection with the gullet at Mount Elliot, New Ross. That letter be obtained from Mr Williams expressing his approval of the arrangements made between him and the sub-Committee."

Mountgarrett Bridge-Caretaker's House.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following report under date 30th May 1928 from Mr Alfred D. Delap, Consulting Engineer to Mountgarrett Bridge Committee;-

"I received your telegram of the 24th to the effect that your Finance Committee approved of the demolition of the caretaker's house at Mountgarrett Bridge, but that the materials must remain the property of the Joint Bridge Committee.

In view of this I have instructed Hearne, the contractor to demolish the house and place all the materials that are suitable for the purpose very carefully in the filling of the approach road, where they will be preserved as the property of the Joint Bridge Committee. I do not imagine anything more suitable could be made of them and I hope the Committee will approve of what I am doing in the matter.

I was at the bridge on Monday and found that the first pair of cylinders on the Kilkenny side were concreted to well above water level, and that all the piles except two, necessary to finish the bridge are now cast. All piles on the Kilkenny side of opening span have been driven to their

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ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

In connection with this matter, the Co. Surveyor submitted the following under date 19th May 1928 from Mr P.H. McCarthy, Engineer, 26 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin which had been addressed to the County Board of Health:-

"I beg to report that all the plans and sections are ready, but I have had considerable delay in getting details and quotations of the necessary pumping plant. Owing to the levels, the sewage can only be dealt with by pumping and I propose to have three sewage lifts along the line of the sewer worked by Shore Ejectors. I have been for some time in communication with the makers, but I have not yet been able to get details or prices from them.

So far as sewage proper is concerned, there would be no difficulty in dealing with this, but what makes the matter complicated is the rain-water from roofs and yards to deal with, which adds greatly to the size and capacity of the pumps.

As regards the question of road water, I have the greatest objection to taking this into the new sewers. It would involve a considerable increase in the size of the pipes and in the pumping plant, and the road grit would also be likely to settle in the sewers which of necessity have very flat gradients.

I discussed the matter with the L.C.D. Engineering Inspector who is dealing with the matter and he agrees with me that it would not be desirable to take in the road water.

If electric current from the Shannon were available the pumping would be very much simplified and would be automatic. Immediately I have the details and quotations of the pumping plant, I shall complete the plans."

The Chairman mentioned that at least some steps should be taken to fill up the hollows near the houses which could not be drained by other means.

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The Co. Surveyor said he disagreed absolutely with Mr McCarthy as to road detritus going through the sewers, and once more he wished to enter his protest against this work being ~~xx~~ carried out without making provision for road drainage.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That the Co. Surveyor be asked to arrange a conference between himself, Mr McCarthy and Mr Flood relative to the sewerage system at Rosslare.

This Committee is of opinion that the one system should be able to carry out all the work of sewerage including road drainage. That the Co. Surveyor be asked to report result of the conference to first available meeting of Roads Committee."
Rosslare Water Supply.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin, the following was adopted;-

"That contractor for Rosslare Water Supply be granted permission to open the county road where necessary for the laying of main pipes for this water supply, on the understanding that provision is made to allow traffic to continue while work at water mains is proceeding, and also subject to an undertaking from the contractor that the surface of the road be properly restored."

Brownswood Quarry.

In connection with this matter, the following letter under date 15th May 1928 was read from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy;-

"Mr Gregory Byrne who is the person now entitled to the interest of Mrs Eliza Ryan under her will, called here with Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor and mentioned that the Co. Council wanted to continue taking stones from the quarry and that they wished the new entrance which was made by the Pioneer Road Construction Company, but which was shut off by the said Company before handing over possession, should be kept open for the

County Council should take the same on the same terms as the Road Construction Company. If so, there would have to be a new Agreement on the same lines as with the Road Company. Please say are we ~~xxxxx~~ to prepare and submit draft agreement."

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor mentioned that the terms proposed by Messrs O'Flaherty were that the Co. Council should be responsible for £5 per year and also ~~S~~olicitor's costs for preparation of deed. He recommended a bulk payment of £3 and payment of ~~S~~olicitor's costs.

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

"That Messrs P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy acting on behalf of Gregory Byrne be offered £3 to enable the Council to re-open the entrance made at Brownswood Quarry by the Pioneer Road Construction Company.

That the Co. Council be recommended to pay the necessary ~~S~~olicitor's costs entailed in making out Deed of Conveyance, etc." Gorey Hill Quarry.

Under date 25th May 1928, Mr Elgee, solicitor, reported that the Civil Bill by Miss Palmer, Gorey Hill, Gorey against the County Council had been heard by Judge Doyle on 24th May 1928.

A Decree was given against the Co. Council for £9, being £5 for house and £4 damage to potatoes, also £5-5-0 expenses and costs. The £9 was over and above the £2-5-6 which had already been expended by the Council on the repair of the premises. He (Mr Elgee) had reported the matter to Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dame Street, Dublin but had not received reply.

It was decided that no further action be taken in this matter pending reply from the Insurance Company.

Machinery Inspection.

In connection with this matter, the Co. Surveyor submitted the following from Mr C. O'Neill, Chief Engineer, New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd:-

"We enclose herewith reports of thorough examination

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of the boilers and working inspections of the compressor plant insured under the above numbered policies for your kind attention.

The boilers were very carefully prepared and cleaned for examination and from these reports you will see that the road and quarry plant examined was found in good order, and no defect necessitating immediate repairs was observed. We take this opportunity of congratulating the Council on the condition of their Plant, which is due to the care taken in maintaining the various items and the constant supervision exercised in keeping them in good working order. This reflects credit on the diligence of the supervisory staff. We may add that in our opinion, the plant generally is in a condition second to none similar plant of any Public Body in the Irish Free State."

Approach Road County Hospital.

The following letter under date 25th May 1928 was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health:-

" Mr Flood reported to the meeting of the Board on the 21st inst. that he had a consultation with you in the matter of buttressing the wall retaining the road approaching the County Hospital from the North. The Board empowered him to proceed with the work of erecting the butress.

He further stated that arrangements had been completed for taking off the corner at Carcur opposite the Menapia factory.

The Board decided that they would undertake the building of a wall at the corner when the Co. Council had arranged compensation and cleared the space."

Mr Elgee mentioned that he had seen Margaret Roche, the owner of the plot of ground proposed to be taken for the widening of the corner at the town end of County Hospital road. She stated she was prepared to accept the offer of the County Council, viz; -30/-.

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

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"That the sum agreed to be paid to Margaret Roche, viz, 30/- for easement of corner be certified by Co. Surveyor at the first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

We also recommend the Co. Council to agree to clearin the necessary space to provide additional room for traffic by removal of corner."

Breaker and Elevator Plant -Ballybrennan Quarry.

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

"That quotation of Messrs Jessop Davis, Emmiscorthy for erection of shafting in connection with granulator at Ballybrennan Quarry be accepted."

Warning Signs.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That £392-4-0 be taken from Road Contingency Fund to cover the cost of posts and clips, etc. for warning signs.

That application be made to the Local Government ~~Department~~ Department for refund of half this cost, which when received from the Local Government Department is to be lodged to the credit of the Roads Contingencies Fund."

Public Works Allocation,

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Council had already agreed to a bulk sum of £1040 in connection with county works.

He submitted the following allocation of this amount for approval;-

Wexford Bridge Repairs £50; Wexford Bridge Maintenance £50; Ferrycarrig Bridge Maintenance £30; Deeps Bridge Maintenance £20; Edermine Bridge Maintenance £15; New Ross Bridge Maintenance £40; New Ross Bridge Repairs £100; New Ross Bridge Caretaking £35; Courtown Harbour repairs £150; Poulduff Harbour Repairs £10; Carne Pier Repairs £150; Kilmore Pier Repairs £50; Fethard Pier Repairs £20; Slade

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Pier Repairs £20; Duncannon/~~xix~~ Repairs £20; Arthurstown Pier Repairs £20; Ballyhack Pier Repairs £10; Diving Suit £150; Courthouses £50; County Buildings £50. Total £1040.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Byrne the recommendation of the Co. Surveyor as to detailed allocation of £1040 for County Works was approved.

Hireage Rate For Machinery

In connection with this matter, the Co. Surveyor dealt with Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies' Order 1925. He said that taking into consideration the working expenses of the machinery plus there-payment of the Loans, etc, Steam-rollers would have to be charged for by the Co. Council at 56/- per day as against 45/-, the limit of the Local Government Department, and Stone-breakers at 96/- as against 60/-, the figure of the Local Government Department.

The Secretary pointed out that if the Co. Surveyor found it necessary in order to comply with the provisions of the Public Bodies' Order to charge in the case of Steam-rollers 11/- per day in excess of the Local Government scale and 36/- per day in excess for Stone-breakers, and if the Council received from the Local Government Department only the lower figure, he did not see how the Local Government Auditor could agree to any higher charge being included by the County Council.

After considerable discussion, the following was proposed by Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit in all possible detail to Mr Quigley, Chief Engineer (Roads Section) Local Government Department, the cost of running expense of machinery and other expenses covered by Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies Order 1925, and endeavour to secure consent of the Local Government Department to the higher figures which on the face of the Co. Surveyor's statement appear to be inevitable."

of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin;-

"That the report of the Co. Surveyor to this meeting be and is hereby adopted, subject to any amendments made at the meeting and covered by resolution."

ROSSLARE STRAND ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Under date 17th May 1928, the following was read from Mr R.D. Patterson, District Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Waterford in connection with Rosslare Strand Road improvement;-

"Following my inspection with Mr Birthistle at Rosslare Strand on the 11th inst., I submitted to headquarters Mr Birthistle's proposal to take down the existing timber post and rail fence and erect in lieu thereof an earth mound 5' 6" high; the two 9ft gates in the old fence to be set back to the new line of fence.

The Company are prepared to give their sanction for these alterations provided the Wexford County Council will enter into a formal agreement with the Company to;-

- (1) Take down and re-erect the 9ft gate at the expense of the County Council.
- (2) Take down the existing timber and rail fence at the expense of the County Council.
- (3) Construct and maintain the mound fence 5' 0" high at the expense of the County Council.
- (4) Construct and maintain the additional area of roadway at the expense of the Council.

On hearing from you that your Council agree to these terms, I will be pleased to give you permission to proceed with the work."

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

"That we recommend the Council to agree to the construction and maintenance of the additional area of roadway taken for the improvement of Rosslare Strand Road being done

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at the expense of the Council."

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall and carried;-

"That in regard to Rosslare Strand Road improvement, we recommend the Council to take down and re-erect the 9ft gate leading to railway field, opposite Rosslare Railway Station.

Also to take down the existing timber and rail fence at the expense of the County Council and to construct a mound fence five feet high, ^{or fence} ~~either~~ with concrete posts and wire or ~~whichever~~ ^{whichever} meets the approval of the Railway Company, also at the expense of the Council, but this Committee cannot recommend the Council to agree to the suggestion that they should be responsible for maintenance of said fence."

BALLYCULLANE COURTHOUSE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following under date 8th May 1928, which he had received from Mr Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross;-

"The District Justice has asked me to write to you to be good enough, now that the New Ross Courthouse is being re-decorated, to have the Official Flag painted over the Bench on a panel in the wall.

The Council have not up to the present supplied any furniture for Court use at Ballycullane Courthouse. The following articles would be required;- Three tables, eight chairs, armchair for the Justice, twelve forms or benches and one Press."

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer and adopted;-

That as regards application for furniture for Ballycullane Courthouse, the County Surveyor be requested to submit estimate and cost of same to first available meeting of Roads Committee."

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS URBAN DISTRICTS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following from the

Town Surveyor, Emiscorthy Urban District Council under date 26th May 1928;-

"In reply to yours of the 25th inst, I beg to inform you that the Emiscorthy Urban Council agree to carry out the maintenance of Main Roads in the Urban District for the forthcoming year."

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

"That we recommend the Council to accept the offer of Emiscorthy Urban District Council to maintain the main roads in the Urban District for financial year 1928-29 for an inclusive sum of £486.

That Wexford Urban District Council be asked if they are prepared to accept the estimate of the County Surveyor for the maintenance of the main roads in their Urban area."

COMPLAINT RE STRUCK-OFF MONEY.

Mr James O'Brien, road contractor, Glenteigue, Bdermine, came before the meeting in connection with two sums of £1 which had been struck off his contract roads, Nos 239E and 240E.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor explained that there had been a lot of loose stones left on both these roads and the drainage had been neglected.

Mr O'Brien contended that he had to supply extra material in consequence of the breaking down of a gullet and he believed he should have been paid for this.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Corish, the following was adopted;-

"That this meeting sees no reason to recommend any alteration in the decision of the Co. Surveyor as to money struck off contracts for roads, Nos 239E and 240E."

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution which was adopted;-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to make to Mr James O'Brien, road contractor for roads Nos 239E and 240E whatever allowance he considers necessary for the cost

of extra material supplied by him in connection with the collapse of road gullet."

FOOTPATHS IN TAGHMON.

A letter signed by six residents of Main Street, Taghmon under date 1st June 1928 was read.

They pointed out that they had applied for a footpath some time ago and understood that the work was to be carried out but up to the present nothing had been done, while there was a cement footpath on the other side. They could not see why they were not treated similarly to other persons in the village. They would pay no more rates until they had got the footpath.

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

"That this Committee declines to pay any attention to the letter from the residents of Main Street, Taghmon, until the threat contained therein as to non-payment of rates be withdrawn."

NEW ROSS URBAN COUNCIL AND

MAINTENANCE OF WATERFORD ROAD.

Under date May 25th 1928, Mr M. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote stating that the attention of his Council was again drawn to the very bad state of repair of that portion of the Waterford road from Barrow Boat House to Mr Hearne's avenue gate, and it was ordered that the Wexford County Council be requested to ask the Railway Company to have it put in a proper state of repair.

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"This Committee considers the financial arrangements made by this County Council with the Railway Company to be quite fair. If the New Ross Urban Council refuses to carry out the work on the arrangement made, we will ask the Co. Council to place same in charge of the County Surveyor."

COURTOWN HARBOUR - SITE OFARTS AND CRAFTS HUT.

A long discussion took place as regards this matter.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, pointed out that in his opinion the land at the place where the hut was proposed to be erected belonged to Major Richards who had sold to the Land Commission. Of course, the County Council could not give Miss Collins permission to build on property which did not belong to them.

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

"That Miss Collins be informed that the County Council make no claim to the plot of ground on which it is proposed to re-erect hut for sale of Arts and Crafts, but have no objection so far as obstruction to the public is concerned by erection of the hut at the particular place selected."

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr. Jordan T.D., a member of the Council forwarded the following letter which he had received from the Secretary Department of Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Fisheries to send you the following ~~information~~ confirmation of the statement made by him to you to-day when, in company with Deputies Esmonde, Allen and Ryan, you interviewed him on the subject of the repairs necessary at Courtown Harbour. The Minister gathered from the case put to him to-day that what is urgently needed at Courtown is the clearing and deepening of the inner basin together with the provision of new sluice gates and the setting up of a grab crane for work along the passage leading from the sluice gates seawards. The Minister understands that the cost of such works and plant would be considerable, but in view of the strong representations made by you and the other members of the Deputation, he is willing to recommend to the Minister for Finance the expenditure from State funds of one moiety of the cost involved provided that the Wexford County Council

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is prepared to carry out the work and to find the balance of the cost thereof. It is to be understood of course that before a definite figure of total expenditure is accepted that the estimate in the case will be submitted for examination by this Department's Engineer."

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit his recommendations in this matter to the meeting of the County Council on June 11th.

DRAIN AT KILLANNE CIVIC GUARD BARRACKS.

Under date 29th May 1928, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that there was a drain at Killanne Civic Guard Barracks which was insanitary. The Board of Works was prepared to divert the drain to connect with the road culvert taking the road water if the necessary permission could be obtained.

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

"That letter from County Board of Health re Killanne drain be referred to the Co. Surveyor who is hereby empowered to give the necessary permission to make connection with road drain should he consider same desirable."

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH LORRY.

Under date 31st May 1928, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote asking that the question be considered of taking over by the Co. Council the lorry at present used by the Board of Health. The latter were not unanimous in thinking that there was sufficient work under the cottage repair scheme for its use and they considered the Co. Council could make more advantageous use of this vehicle.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor report to next meeting of the Co. Council, if, in the event of the Council agreeing to take over lorry from County Board of Health, he is in a position to make such use of it as would provide good value for the Council for its employment."

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WEXFORD-GOREY ROAD.

Under date 16th May 1928, letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, Treasurer of the Council, stating that his Directors were not prepared to grant a loan of £33,000 to defray cost of re-surfacing Wexford-Gorey road.

Under date 26th May 1928, he wrote that his Directors had authorised him to make an advance by way of loan of £8,500 for the improvement of Wexford-Gorey road for a period of five years at $\frac{1}{2}\%$ under Irish Banks rate with a minimum rate of 4%.

While sanctioning this, however, the Directors wished to point out that they could not consider any further loans until the existing liabilities of the Council were substantially reduced.

Under date 16th May 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RB/32) that in view of paragraphs 4 and 5 of Circular letter RGM/201 of 27th January 1928, a proposal that the Main Roads Maintenance Grants should bear 50 per cent of the instalments of the proposed ten years' loan of £33,000 for the improvement of Wexford-Gorey road, could not be entertained.

It was explained that the objection of the Department to contributing arose mainly because the work was considered to be one of improvement and not maintenance.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that the proposed loan of £8,500 was to strengthen particular patches which had given way under lorry traffic. The balance of the road was now beginning to cut up and would soon be in a very bad condition.

Mr Cloney proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following which was adopted;—

"That we request the T.D.'s of the county to arrange to put before the Local Government Department the matter of the repair of the Gorey-Wexford road, and that the County Surveyor prepare a statement showing the present position and emphasising the fact that the loan which the Council proposes to obtain

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was really to be used for maintenance purposes and not for improvement work. That the Co. Surveyor arrange to accompany the T.D.'s when they have fixed a date for the interview with the Local Government Department."

REMOVAL OF MARGINS FROM ROADS.

Col Quin complained that margins were being left on the Gorey-Arklow road at certain places, but after some discussion no order was made.

PETROL PUMP LICENSES.

Application for new licence for petrol pump to replace licence which he had allowed to lapse, was received from Mr Michael Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor said the petrol tank in this case was under the footpath.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Cloney, the following was adopted:-

"That application of Michael Finn, 16 Main Street, Gorey be adjourned to next meeting. In the meantime, Mr Finn be informed that in no circumstances will they agree to licence for petrol pump, the tank of which is placed under the public road or public footpath.

Mr John C. Hearne, Fethard-on-Sea, applied for new licence for petrol pump.

Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, reported that Mr Hearne was satisfied to erect the pump by a wall at the end of the road known as Kennedy's Lane. It appeared to be a proper place and would cause no inconvenience.

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

"That licence for petrol pump issue to John C. Hearne Fethard provided tank for same is not placed under the public road or footpath and that the site of the pump and tank receives the approval of the County Surveyor. That when this latter

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proviso is agreed to, Mr Hearn^{is to}~~will~~ supply plan showing the altered site."

Application for licence for petrol pump was received from Martin Maher, South Street, New Ross, the former licence for which he had allowed to lapse.

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

"That licence for petrol pump issue to Mr Martin Maher South Street New Ross provided the tank is not placed under the public street or footpath and that the approval of the County Surveyor to the site of the pump is forthcoming."

PROPOSED HANDBALL COURT IN GOREY.

Under date 2nd January 1928, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, wrote that he had inspected site of proposed ball-alley in Gorey and found that it would not be any inconvenience to the public if same was erected.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following which was adopted;-

"That the Roads Committee have no objection to the erection of handball court in Gorey in view of the report received from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

The following resolutions from the Irish Tourist Association were approved on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cloney;-

"That the attention of the Minister for Local Government be again called to the prime importance of good roads as a means of attracting tourists to Ireland and the urgent need of special Grants for important road improvements in Tourist centres.

Further, that the Minister be requested in making provisions for such grants, to confine them as far as possible to areas whose Councils have shown recognition of the importance of tourist traffic and ~~and~~ of the importance of their areas

from the tourist point of view, by making special allocations in their estimates for tourist advertising purposes."

INSURANCE OF HIRED MACHINERY.

In connection with the insurance of hired machinery, the Co. Surveyor read letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. offering to arrange for insurance at the rate of 45/- per vehicle.

This was agreed to on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Hall.

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME.

The Secretary reported that Grants under the above amounting to £13,444 had been received since last meeting of the Council.

REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS ENGINEER.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cloney and adopted;-

"That we request the Local Government Department to furnish the County Council with copy of report of Mr Raftery, (Roads Department) as to maintenance of main roads in this county and which was promised by Mr Raftery at a meeting of the Roads Committee."

CARNE PIER.

The following under date 1st June 1928 was submitted from the Chairman and Hon Secs of the Carne Pier Committee;-

(1) The Committee of Carne Pier met this evening at the pier, and we were delighted to see the work which had been so well done. We are unanimous in congratulating the Co. Council on their splendid work there.

(2) We had the advantage of meeting Mr Birthistle on the spot. He has been constantly there supervising the work which reflects credit upon himself, upon Mr Barry, Co. Surveyor and last but not least upon Mr John Ennis, the hard-working and skilful foreman.

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(3) Mr Birthistle told us that £100 has been spent on the work so far leaving £50 to the credit of the £150 which the Council authorised. The balance of £50 will be spent in about three weeks.

(4) Mr Birthistle assured us that if the Council would grant another £150 a very good job could be done, because the pier could be finished out as far as it was before it was broken down by the storms of many ~~year~~ years during which no repairs had been done.

(5) We are aware that the County Council have done the utmost in their ^{power} with the finance at their disposal, but we would respectfully urge them to finish the work which they have so well begun.

The work at Carne Pier is one of the best of the many good works which the present Council have done. We hope all the Council will be re-elected and shall be glad to see them at the opening of the pier immediately after the elections.

(6) We applied to the Fisheries Board for £150 but unfortunately we have not been successful there.

(7) If a Committee were appointed by the Council to go down and see the place, they would then see for themselves:-

(a) How necessary it is to have the work finished.

(b) How well the £100 out of the £150 already granted has been spent.

(c) What a splendid job it would be if another £150 were granted.

(8) We may mention that the Committee have already spent out of their own pockets over £50 in purchase of mooring chain, light for the Pier, windlass for hauling up boats, repairing existing slips, etc.

(9) We gladly point out the fact that owing to the pier being repaired, five new boats are being built for the fishing station so that eight boats will be fishing there instead of three.

Until the repairs were done, it was impossible to keep a boat at the pier as there would be no safety there. As a result of the improvements the following are building new boats:-

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Mr Raymond O'Keeffe, who is spending £100 on his boat;
Mr John Tierney who is spending £250 on ~~xxxxx~~ new boat and engine;
Mr Paddy Ryan who is spending £100 on a boat; Mr John Martin whose
boat is just finished at Arklow Dock at cost of £400 and Mr
William Miller who is spending £50 on a boat.

This surely is good news as the fishing is a lready good
there.

(10) The Committee would be grateful if the Council would authorise
the expenditure of another £150 making a total of £300 to complete
the splendid work on Carne Pier. The pier would then be as good
as ever it was if not better.

When the pier would be completely finished, the boats
could be launched earlier in the Spring and remain longer at the
Pier for the fishing in the autumn. This would make an annual
difference at least of three or four months when the fishing would
be the best."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr O'Byrne
seconded by Mr Hall and adopted;-

"That the following Sub-committee be appointed to visit
Carne Pier and report to next meeting of the County Council;-
Col Gibbon, Messrs Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Boggan and Doyle with the
County Surveyor, the inspection to take place on the 8th June 1928
at 2-30 p.m. (Summer Time).

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr S. O'Byrne.-

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on June 4th 1928 be received and considered."
Rosslare Sewerage Scheme.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had an interview with Mr P. H. McCarthy, Engineer to County Board of Health on 6th June and arranged with him that ~~the sewerage~~ the sewage scheme would take all road surface water except that coming down from the Railway Station which he (County Surveyor) would arrange to have discharged into the sea.

Col Quin asked if the County Council had nothing to say about this Rosslare Scheme which they were at first told would cost £8,000 and which now was to run to £20,000.

Mr Boggan protested against the Wexford Rural District being the area of charge for this scheme while the people of Wexford town who used Rosslare as their playground and as their summer resort did not pay anything. They were the people who made the scheme necessary. The people of the Rural District would not stand even the original rate because they felt they had been taxed unjustly.

Ballycullane Courthouse.

The Co. Surveyor said he estimated the furniture for Ballycullane Court would run to £62 made up as follows;-
 Three tables £10; eight chairs £8; armchair £4; twelve benches £30 and press £10.

Mr Murphy asked if it were not true that the building in Ballycullane in which the Court was held was used for other purposes, viz, as a Bank one day in each month, and as an ordinary Village Hall for concerts and entertainments, and in that case who would take charge of the furniture if provided by the County Council.

The Co. Surveyor said that in the old days, the rental of small Petty Sessions' houses covered the cost of any furniture

considered necessary.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Coriagh and adopted;-

"That the County Surveyor interview Mr Power, owner of Ballycullane Courthouse, and ascertain if it would be possible to arrange with him as to providing what furniture was considered necessary for the Courthouse and allow a certain amount of increase in yearly rent to cover the cost."

County Board of Health Lorry.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in order to use lorry for transport of road material, a side tip-up body would be required. The vehicle would also have to be overhauled and the total cost of this and the new body would be £150. If the County Council desired to take over lorry and use it, a living van would be necessary; this would cost about £90. The lorry was too light and was only suitable for bringing small lots of stuff to cottages. It was bought in 1921 or 1922 and was consequently of very little use and would be expensive in running repairs.

Mr Shannon said the lorry could be worked economically by co-operation between the Engineers of the Health Board and the Co. Surveyor and his staff. He considered it should be taken over by the County Council and let the Health Board use it when necessary.

Mr Thorpe said he had been informed that the lorry was run at 7d per ton mile and this figure would show a reduction if the lorry was fully laden for its journeys.

After a long discussion, Mr Shannon proposed, and Mr Clince seconded the following;

"That the question of the Health Board lorry being taken over by the Co. Council be referred to the Health Board for further consideration."

As an amendment, Col Quin proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following;-

"That the County Council regret they cannot take

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over the lorry offered by the County Board of Health as, from the report of our Co. Surveyor, it could not be worked on an economic basis."

A show of hands on the amendment was taken with the following result:-

For 13; Against 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted nem. con.

Wexford-Gorey Road.

Col Gibbon said if the Council decided to spend the £8,500 on this road without obtaining an Order from the Department of Local Government to close it to heavy traffic, the money would be thrown away. If they got the loan of £8,500 for five years they would (if the road remained open for heavy traffic) have to spend double the amount before the five years was over.

In reply to Col Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor said that after a fortnight's rain the road would cut in a good many places. Colonel Gibbon said
^ In places in which improvement work had been carried out the lorry traffic had cut up the surface. He thought the first thing they had got to press the Government for was to bring in some legislation to limit the expenditure on that road. If heavy traffic had been kept off that road when they were first putting forward proposals to that effect, they would now not be talking of ~~thous~~ thousands but only of hundreds. When they agreed to raise the loan of £8500 for this road it was on the understanding that the Local Government Department would give the ordinary percentage of grant for maintenance of main roads to go against the payment of the instalments of the loan.

Mr S. O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:—

"That in approaching the Local Government Department relative to grant for Wexford-Gorey Road, the T.D.'s deal only with £8500 which is manifestly for maintenance."

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Mr Corish proposed;- "That we take advantage of the offer of our Treasurer to carry out the improvement work necessary at Castlebridge on Wexford-Gorey Road in order to obviate flooding."

The Chairman having consulted Mr Elgee, Solicitor, said that the latter advised that a notice of motion would be necessary to allow of a proposal being adopted to improve the road at Castlebridge to obviate flooding, as he believed this work should be kept apart from that of maintenance of the other portions of Gorey-Wexford Road.

Mr Corish said he accepted the ruling though he disagreed with it.

Col Gibbon said the T.D.'s should put before the Minister that unless lorry traffic was restricted on this road and others in a similar position it would not be possible for the County Council to keep them in repair.

Mr O'Byrne's resolution was then put and passed.

Carne Pier.

Col Gibbon referred to the matter of repairs to this pier and said he required certain particulars of the amount of work done before he went to put the matter before the Minister as a member of the deputation appointed. An important point with regard to repairs to the pier was that if the work of repair cost anything in excess of the additional £150, which would make the total £300, the Carne Pier Committee guaranteed to make good the surplus themselves.

Mr Doyle said the local Committee were inclined to limit the repairs to a cost of £300, but if they cost any more they had agreed to raise the balance.

On the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr O'Donoghue it was decided that the Council's liability should not exceed £300.

Col Gibbon said the Committee wanted it put before the Council that if the Minister of Fisheries turned down the grant of £150, the possibility

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of getting the money from the funds in the control of the County Council to complete the work. He had pointed out that so far as he could see they had no money available in this year's estimates that the Council could utilise for the purpose, but he promised he would lay the matter before the Council.

The Chairman said there was no other money available in this year's estimates.

Col Gibbon explained that what happened originally was that they voted £150 on the assurance of the Carne Committee that they had the promise from the Minister of another £150. They passed their estimates on the basis of the £150, leaving the remainder to come from the Minister. The Ministry turned them down and they required another £150 to complete the job. He wanted a reference on the Minutes of the meeting that the Local Committee for Carne Pier had stated they would be responsible for any expenditure over £300 and had guaranteed they would themselves make up anything that was necessary over this amount.

The following were then on the motion of Mr S. O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline, appointed a deputation to the Minister for Fisheries on Wednesday 13th June 1928 at 3 o'clock p.m.; - The Chairman (Mr T. McCarthy), Vice-Chairman (Col Gibbon), Mr P. Hayes and the County Surveyor.

PIER AT GREAT ISLAND.

On the suggestion of Mr Murphy, the Co. Surveyor was directed to make a report on the condition of the above Pier.

Mr Murphy said the place was used by nine or ten salmon fishing crews who had no other means of living during the salmon fishing season.

KNOCKDUFF LANE.

Mr Jordan reported that on the 9th inst, Mr Shannon and himself inspected the above lane, the other members not being able to attend owing to inclement weather. He and Mr Shannon recommended that the Council take over the lane when money was available, the local people to carry out what they promised in the way of widening

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the lane and easing seven or eight corners and to make a diversion at one place.

The County Surveyor said that the cost of the surfacing etc. if the County Council agreed to take it over would be £70.

It was decided to refer the matter to the November meeting of the Council at which all proposals for new roads and works will be considered.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of the County Council in respect of meeting held on 4th June 1928 be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions adopted at this day's meeting."

ROAD MATTERS GENERALLY.

Mr Shannon mentioned that the road leading ~~from~~ to the strand from Curracloe Coastguard Station was in a bad condition.

The Co. Surveyor said there was no money available for the improvement of this road.

Mr Colfer raised the question as to whether money was available for tar-spraying the Wexford-New Ross Road in Mr Kehoe's area.

The Co. Surveyor said he would have the work finished when he got the tar or bitumen. The Local Government Department held back the decision to accept a contractor for tar and bitumen and the result was he (Co. Surveyor) did not get notification of the name of the contractor until very late. The very morning he received notification, he placed an order and had since received some of the stuff, though not for this particular section of the road.

Mr Corish raised the question as to whether the County Surveyor was arranging to stamp the insurance cards of men who were engaged on piece work in quarries. It was taking a mean advantage of the men not to stamp their cards. The quarries concerned were Ballyconnigar, Ballinamona and Ballyvaldon.

the stones off the beach and paid for the hire of the breaker.

Mr Corish said he was informed the Co. Council supplied the material.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a case to the Insurance Commission covering the point raised by Mr Corish.

Col Gibbon asked what was the amount of injury done the roads by the traffic of Wombell's Circus.

The Co. Surveyor said the repair of the damage caused was £10 or £12. A very serious amount of damage would have been caused if the matter had not been taken at once in hands. If the travelling had occurred on a wet or a cold day much damage would not have been done.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF RATE COLLECTOR GANNON.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr Sean O'Byrne;-

"That Rate Collector Gannon(NO 10 District)be transferred to No 15 District,said transfer to become effective when the sanction of the Department has been received and when the Rate Collection in No 10 District has been closed to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee."

Mr Mernagh seconded.

After discussion a poll was taken with the following result;-

For;-Messrs Pender,Corish,Mernagh,O'Byrne and the Chairman --- 5.

Against -- Col Gibbon,Messrs O'Donoghue,Cloney,Thorpe, Walsh,Kavanagh,Col Quin,Murphy,Hall,Boggan and Doyle -- 11.

The other members attending the meeting were not present for poll which was taken after adjournment.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

NEW ROSS - DUNCANNON ROAD.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was given by Mr Cooney;-

"That the County Council proceed to raise by way

of loan the amount of money necessary to enable them to carry out certain essential ~~repairs~~ repairs on the road from New Ross through Camblin to Campile and Duncannon!"

Mr Cooney added the following words to his motion;-

"That the amount of loan to be raised for this work be £4,000."

Mr Cooney pointed out that the amount allowed at the present time for the maintenance of the road was insufficient to put it into repair, in fact the amount was only adequate to put on a few stones and do a few corners. The total amount for the upkeep of the road from New Ross to the turn at Duncannon was £1020. It was estimated that a loan of not less than £4000 would be necessary to put the road into proper repair.

Mr. Colfer seconded

Mr Walsh supporting the motion said the road had been under discussion at various meetings. The representatives of New Ross had been promised £600 for the road, but this was never forthcoming. They were told that they never put forward any concrete proposals for the New Ross area. They now knew a good deal about concrete. It had been proposed that day to raise £8000 for the Wexford-Gorey road which ran parallel to the Wexford-Enniscorthy road. The road with which Mr Cooney's motion dealt was in a terrible state and would cost the ratepayers a great deal more if steps were not taken to put it into proper repair.

Mr Colfer said the money spent on this road was wasted owing to its very bad condition. He had on many occasions at the Roads Committee raised the question of grants for New Ross District but got very little satisfaction.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the length of the road referred to in Mr Cooney's motion was 950 perches, and the present amount allowed for its maintenance by direct labour was £400, which was a higher figure per mile than for the Gorey-Wexford road. He estimated that £4000 would be necessary to reconstruct the section referred to. It would take £12000 to reconstruct the entire length. It was very necessary to do the first three

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miles. The rest was not so bad, nor was there so much traffic on it. To do the road in a proper way as far as Stokestown would cost £2000.

The Chairman suggested to Messrs Cooney and Walsh that they should agree to defer the motion until they found out the result ~~of the road~~ of the application to be made to the Department in respect of the Wexford-Gorey road. He was not opposed to loans for roads such as that dealt with in Mr. Cooney's motion, because if they got a loan, provided the repayment of the principal and interest did not exceed the ordinary proposal plus the maintenance ^{grant} ~~at~~, they would be providing a permanently good road.

Mr Colfer asked why they should not submit Mr Cooney's motion in conjunction with the Wexford-Gorey one to the Department.

Mr Cooney then added the following to his motion;-

"That the maintenance grant from the Local Government Department in respect of main roads should apply in this case to the repayment of the instalments of the necessary loan as the Council proposed should be done in respect of the loan for Wexford-Gorey road."

Mr Walsh seconded.

Mr Boggan said this road was in a scandalous condition some time ago at least for a distance of three or four miles from New Ross. Questioning the feasibility of raising money for loans, he suggested that the Councils and the people should try and shape the policy of the Roads Department so as to have less expenditure on trunk roads and to have more money expended on the maintenance of main roads. There was no blotting it out, and he believed the statement would be borne out eventually-he hoped he might be wrong-that the large amount of money spent on the Ferrycarrig-Enniscorthy road was mis-spent and he believed that a tar-macadam road between those places would be equally as good and be an easier road on vehicles and animals travelling over it. He had been informed on good authority that the policy

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of the Roads Department was only in the beginning and therefore he considered it would be a wise thing for the County Councils and the people to try and have so much money expended on trunk roads diverted and more money laid out on the main roads. It would be a far wiser course than raising loans for roads. He concurred with the Chairman's suggestion that Mr Cooney should defer his motion.

Col Quin proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following amendment;-

"That the motion of Mr Cooney to borrow £4000 for improvement of portion of New Ross-Duncannon road be deferred until the report of the deputation to the Department of Local Government in reference to the maintenance grant for Wexford-Gorey road has been received."

A vote was taken on the amendment with the following result;-

For;- Col Quin, Col Gibbon, Messrs O'Donoghue, Hall, Boggan, Kavanagh, Jordan, Doyle and the Chairman -- 9

Against;- Messrs Cloney, Thorpe, Walsh, White, Murphy, Cooney, Connors, Byrne, Colfer, Hayes, Gaul, Pender, Mernagh, Shannon, Clinee, Sean O'Byrne and Corish ---- 17.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original motion was then taken and carried without dissent.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 3 DISTRICT.

In connection with the vacancy for Rate Collector in No 3 District comprising the District Electoral Divisions of Ballymitty, Bannow, Duncormack, Harperstown, Harristown, Kilcowan and Killag, the Secretary stated that an examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic had been held on 6th June 1928 on papers sat and corrected by Rev. Bro. E.C. Markey, Christian Brothers, Wexford. Twenty-three candidates sat for examination, 100 marks being allotted to each subject; pass being based on thirty-three and one-third mark in each.

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The following is the result;-

1. Cullen Philip, Johnstown, Duncormack	240 marks.
2. Hayden James, Curragh, Gorey	239 marks
3. Kealy M.J. Kilanerlin, Gorey.	234 "
4. Doyle Philip, Barntown, Wexford	216 "
5. Culleton Martin, Wellingtonbridge	209 "
6. Tobin Patrick, Marshalstown Enniscorthy	170 "

The following failed in Irish;-

7. Devereux John, Ballyharty, Bridgetown	161 "
8. Moulds R., Camolin	155 "
9. Barron Michael, Ballykelly, New Ross	154 "
10. Wade James Danescastle, Bannow	150. "
11. Cleary R.J. Rath, Duncormack.	144 "
12. Doyle Thomas, Foulksmills	142 "
13. Curtis David, Raheenvarren, Newbawn	140 "
14. Rossiter John, Ballingale, Taghmon	137 "
15. Doyle Peter, Kilbraney, Gusserane	129 "
16. Parle Patrick, Ringpark, Tacumshane	128 "
17. McCutcheon Charles, Hilltown, Ballymitty	120 "
18. Devereux William, Carrigeen, Bannow	103 "

The following failed in Irish and English;-

19. Ross W.R. Killinick	101 marks
20. Bolger Daniel, Ballyconran, Craanford	101 "
21. Leonard John, Moneytucker, Enniscorthy	39 "

Failed in all three subjects;-

22. John Pender, Scar, Duncormack	11 "
23. Lee Thomas, Coolcull, Taghmon	10 "

It was decided that a poll be taken between the first six candidates as they had passed the qualifying examination.

The following is the result of the first poll;-

For Cullen;- Col Guin and Mr N.J. Murphy-- 2
 For Hayden- Mr Sean O'Byrne ----- 1.
 For Kealy-- Messrs Hall, Connors and P. Byrne-3.

For Doyle - Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes, Corish -- 10.

For Culleton- Messrs Cloney, Whyte, Walsh, Cooney, Colfer. -- 5.

For Tobin - Messrs Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince, and the Chairman 5.

Hayden then fell out and a vote was taken between the remaining candidates with the following result;-

Cullen.- Col Quin and Mr Murphy 2

Kealy - Messrs Hall, Connors, Byrne, and O'Byrne 4.

Doyle - Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes and Corish -----10.

Culleton- Messrs Cloney, Whyte, Walsh, Cooney, Colfer. -5

Tobin- - Messrs Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince, and the Chairman- 5

Cullen
~~Culleton~~ being lowest dropped out and a vote was taken between the remaining four candidates with the following result;-

Kealy- Col Quin, Messrs Hall, Byrne, O'Byrne, Connors -5

Doyle- Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes, Corish and Murphy -- 11.

Whyte
Culleton -Cloney, Walsh, Cooney and Colfer ---- 5.

Tobin -- Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince and the Chairman--5

As Kealy, Culleton and Tobin received each five votes, a poll was taken to ascertain which of them should be eliminated.

The poll resulted as follows;-

Kealy -Col Quin, Hall, Connors, Byrne, Mernagh, Hayes, Corish and O'Byrne -----8

Culleton --Col Gibbon, Thorpe, Cloney, O'Donoghue, Whyte, Walsh, Murphy, Kavanagh, Boggan, Doyle, Cooney, Gaul, Colfer -- 13.

Tobin --Jordan, Pender, Shannon, Clince and the Chairman - 5

Tobin was then eliminated and a poll taken between Doyle, Kealy and Culleton with the following result;-

Kealy--Col Quin, Messrs Hall, Connors, Byrne, Mernagh, Pender, Shannon, Clince, O'Byrne and the Chairman ---10.

Doyle -Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, O'Donoghue, Kavanagh, Murphy, Boggan, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes and Corish ---- 10.

Culleton --Messrs Cloney, Whyte, Walsh, Jordan, Cooney and Colfer -6

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Mr Culleton then fell out and the final poll was taken between Doyle and Kealy with the following result;-

Doyle - Col Gibbon, Messrs Thorpe, Cloney, O'Donoghue, Whyte, Walsh, Kavanagh, Murphy, Boggan, Jordan, Doyle, Mernagh, Gaul, Hayes, Colfer and Corish ----- 16.

Kealy - Col Quin, Messrs Hall, Pender, Shannon, Clince, Connors, Cooney, ~~Byrne~~, Byrne, O'Byrne and the Chairman. ---10.

The Chairman declared Doyle elected by a majority

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Cloney seconded by Mr Thorpe;-

"That Philip Doyle, Barntown be elected Rate Collector for No 3 District. Remuneration 7d in the £ with fees under Franchise Acts. Appointment to be subject to sanction of the Local Government Department and to the successful candidate entering into a Bond of £900 with an approved Guarantee Society and a personal bond of himself and two approved securities in ~~in~~ the sum of £200. Appointment to be non-pensionable."

The successful candidate was recommended by the following;- Rev. John Sinnott, Adm. Wexford; Rev H.E. Lambert C.C. Mayglass; Rev. F. E. O'Rourke P.P. Glynn and Rev R. Hickey C.C. Barntown.

RATE COLLECTOR NO. 15 DISTRICT.

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

"That the Finance Committee be requested to draft terms and conditions of appointment of Rate Collector for No 15 District vacant by the dismissal of P. J. Fitzpatrick."

SURETY FOR RATE COLLECTOR.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Clince seconded by the Chairman;-

"That James Cummins ^{Ballylucas Ballymurran} be accepted as personal security for Walter Cummins, Rate Collector for No 11 District, vice Mr Laurence Cummins, deceased."

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DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (COMPENSATION) ACT 1923.

Under date 8th June 1928, letter (746/16) was read from Department of Finance asking for payment of £20,705-15-4 due by the County Council to the Exchequer under above Act.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTANT.

Under date 18th May 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G 55591/1927) Ilghneitheach) forwarding copy of Order made under Section 2 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 declaring the office of Accountant to be an office to which the Act in question applied.

HEAVY MOTOR CAR AMENDMENT ORDER.

Under date 8th June 1928, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R. V. 209-218) referring to Order under above title made by the Minister which permits a motor omnibus which is not a double-decker travelling at twenty miles an hour provided all its wheels are fitted with pneumatic tyres. Also providing that a pneumatic tyred heavy motor car need not in future carry an anti-mud splashing device.

COMBINED PURCHASING ACT.

Sealed Order of 1st June 1928 declaring Messrs Edward Ryan & Co., Cork, to be official contractor for supply of Tallow Crown Soap to 30th September 1928 was read.

BOOLAVOGUE WATER SUPPLY.

Sealed Order under date 22nd May 1928 (P.H. 30789/1928) fixing Ferns Dispensary District as area of charge for Water Supply at Boolavogue was read.

REMUNERATION OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS.

The following letter under date 31st May 1928 (R/RS/32) as to salary, etc. of Assistant Surveyors was read from the Local Government Department; -

"Adverting to the Minute of Wexford County Council on 10th ult. relative to the above subject, I am

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directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the Council's proposal to grant a salary of £230 per annum each to Messrs Kehoe, Ennis, Birthistle Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, with an allowance for travelling expenses at the authorised rates, subject to a maximum of £170 per annum, Mr Treanor's salary to remain as at present but his travelling expenses to be subject to the maximum mentioned.

Your attention is directed to Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925."

Under date 6th June 1928, Mr T. Treanor wrote that as time was short before the letter of Local Government Department came before the Council for consideration, he had written to the Department pointing out that in accordance with the terms of the resolution received by him, he claimed exemption from its terms and had enclosed copy of his letter of the 18th April to the Council.

The Chairman held that the portion of the resolution stating that it was passed subject to being accepted by the Assistant Surveyors did not mean it should not become operative in the event of one individual not being prepared to accept it.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Clince;-

"That in order to allow of the Assistant Surveyors concerned making declaration under Section 71 of Local Government Act 1925, we hereby confirm the resolution of the County Council of 10th April 1928 fixing a salary of £230 per annum each to Messrs Kehoe, Ennis, Birthistle, Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, with an allowance for travelling expenses at the authorised rates, subject to a maximum of £170 per annum. Mr Treanor's salary to remain as at present, but his travelling expenses to be subject to the maximum of £170 as in the case of the other Assistant Surveyors.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

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letter from the Minister of Fisheries to Mr Jordan T.D. read at last Roads Committee meeting as to improvement of Courtown Harbour he had nothing to add to the report he had made to the Roads Committee on 2nd January last. This provided for the following:-

Repairs to end of Pier £150; New Lock Gates and Sluices £480; Grab Dredgers and rails £450; Dredging at inner basin £1200. The total was £2280. When he brought before the Finance Committee his estimate for Public Works, it was agreed that he should spend the £150 for ordinary repairs and that the balance £2130 should be brought forward on a 50 per cent Grant from the Department of Fisheries. This would mean that the Council would put up £1065 towards the improvements. There was no doubt but his recommendations would commend themselves to the Engineer for the Department of Fisheries.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Under date 9th May 1928, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L1566/28) that they noted with satisfaction the adoption of a resolution expressing appreciation by the County Council of the manner in which the Department's Veterinary staff carried out their duties in connection with the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Wexford County.

Various Orders of the Department of Agriculture revoking Orders declaring certain premises near Wexford to be Foot and Mouth Infected Places were read.

SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS.

Under date 29th May 1928, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L1347/28) approving of the proposed re-employment of Messrs James Murphy, Myles Roban, James Hayden, Morgan Flaherty, Thomas Prendergast and M. J. Hennessy as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year, remuneration in each case to be £1 per week to include travelling expenses but not postage, the cost of which is to be borne by the County Council.

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TRANSFER OF PLOT NO. 330 KILTREA.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Shannon;-

"That an Order be made under Seal of the Wexford County Council transferring Plot No 330(Land Registry) Kiltrea E.D. Killoughrim, Co. Wexford to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wexford."

REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr S.O'Byrne;-

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with all applications for revision of valuation."

CLOSING ROAD 149G.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cline seconded by Mr Shannon;-

"That the necessary steps be taken to have road 149G closed for one month from 2nd July 1928 to 2nd August 1928 in order to allow of repairs being carried out at Ballinakill Bridge the alternative route to be from Knockroe to Riverchapel and the coast road to Polshone(parts of roads 139G and 23G).

TAILTEANN GAMES.

A letter was received from the Secretary, Tailteann Games asking the Council to arrange for a full holiday while the Games were on so that as many as possible might be given an opportunity of visiting the Games. *No order*

HOLIDAY ON DAY OF COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Mr Shannon proposed;- "That on 26th June 1928, the day of County Council Elections, all road and quarry workers cease work. That the County Surveyor issue orders to this effect to the Deputy Surveyors in order that they can arrange with the respective gangers in their areas.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the motion which was put and passed nem.con.

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LAST MEETING OF OLD COUNCIL.

The Chairman said as this was the last meeting of the old County Council, he desired to thank the Councillors for their help and courtesy on all occasions during the three years he occupied the Chair. He was sorry that some of the members who had been in public life for a great many years were not going forward again. The Council had done what they considered most desirable in the public interest on all occasions. They had many big subjects to deal with from time to time and their deliberations were carried out with dignity. When they read of what happened in other places, he was sure the present Council well sustained the record which the name of the Council held in the past, and that it had carried out all its work with dignity and consideration for everybody concerned. It might be the last occasion on which he would preside over the Council, and therefore he took the opportunity of thanking every member of the Council and every official for the help and consideration he had always received.

Mr Thorpe, who is not going forward for election, thanked the Council and the officials for the consideration they had always extended to him.

*Wm Carter
July 10th 1928*

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 the 11th day of June, 1928.

(Signed) _____

Secretary

Dated this 15th day of June, 1928.