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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 8TH JUNE 1931

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th June, 1931.

Present - Mr M. Doyle, Chairman, (presiding) also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C.M.Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles/Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for Loans £16,115 and ordinary payments £16,867: 4: 0: were examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee: The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th May, 1931, were submitted:

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 7th May, 1931.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, presiding, also:- Messrs James Shannon and Sean O'Byrne.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2403: 9: 2d was examined and signed.

APPLICATION FOR RELIEF OF RATES

Mrs Margaret M. Doyle, Golf Pavilion, Rosslare Strand, applied for relief of rates. She stated partion of her ground had disappeared owing to Coast Erosion and that she was unable to carry on her business of serving teas owing to loss of entrance to her premises from public Road.

It was decided that as rates were assessed on occupied house the Council could not grant any relief.

ROAD CONTINGENCIES FUND

It was decided on the motion of Chairman that balance, viz., £21: 19: 3d, due to Great Southern Railways, in conformity with agreement between Co. Council and Railway Company, as to contribution for reconstruction of Palace Railway Bridge be paid from Contingencies Fund.

GOREY COURTHOUSE

It was decided on the motion of Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that Gorey Sports Committee be granted use of Gorey Courthouse for Meetings.

MR. KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

Medical Certificate was read from Dr. S. V. O'Connor, West

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Gatte, Wexford, stating that Mr. Kehoe was suffering from Neurasthenia post influenza and would be unable to resume duty for one month.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that County Council be recommended to grant a month's further leave of absence to Mr. J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

THE CHILDREN ACTS

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, reported that three children of Mrs Roche, Enniscorthy, had been committed to Industrial Schools and that no order had been made for a contribution by the parents.

Notification was received from District Court Clerks regarding application for committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:-

Catherine and Elizabeth Barnes of Ballyvalden

Peter Doyle, Ballyeden, Clonroche

Mary Flanagan daughter of Annie Flanagan at present an inmate of County Home.

Mary A. Murray, daughter of Hannah Murray at present cook in Fever Hospital, New Ross.

It was decided that further particulars regarding the two latter cases be obtained from County Health Board.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Clince:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 7th May, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 21st May, 1931, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st May, 1931.

Present - Messrs T. McCarthy, James Hall and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Mr Elgee, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendnace.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded a resolution appointing Mr McCarthy Chairman of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3357:1;8d was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION - FINANCIAL YEAR 1930-31.

Temporary Uncollectable Rates.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall that the following amounts be regarded as temporary uncollectable for Collection Districts named and that these sums be carried forward for Collection with 1931-32 Warrant:-

J. Quirke	£153:	17:	10d
J. Quirke.....	£151:	3:	10d
P. Doyle.....	£316:	11:	7d
M. McCarthy.....	£386:	11:	0d
P. Nolan.....	£1186:	16:	11d
M.M. Kelly.....	£757:	7:	9d
J. Deegan.....	£170:	4:	9d
J. Cummins.....	£461:	19:	11d
P. O'Byrne.....	£402:	13:	5d
S. Gannon.....	£251:	15:	11d
W. Cummins.....	£771:	19:	3d
T. Bolger.....	£588:	6:	4d
J.J. O'Reilly.....	£136:	18:	10d
T. Bolger.....	£53:	4:	10d
A. Dunne.....	£386:	11:	1d
J.J. Sinnott.....	£517:	13:	7d
E.J. Murphy.....	£241:	11:	5d
T. Rowe.....	£136:	19:	3d
W. Doyle.....	£201:	9:	2d
J. Curtis.....	£177:	3:	4d
P. Carty.....	£219:	5:	5d

Collector O'Byrne was instructed to lodge within three days the sum of £47: 18: 10d which he had listed as temporary uncollectable and which had been rejected as such by Rate Inspector.

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The Assistant Secretary reported that Warrant and arrears for 1930-31 amounted to £130,398: 10: 10: (Arrears £11331:12:10 current £119066: 18: 0d). Sum lodged to close of Collection £120292: 7: 10d. Discount allowed on Small Dwellings £282:16:11. Total £120575: 4: 9d. Irrecoverable Rates amounted to £743:3:10. Sum due by Collector O'Byrne in respect of uncollectable items not regarded as uncollectable £47: 18:10d leaving amount carried forward for collection with 1931-32 Warrant £9032: 3: 5d representing 6.8% of year's Warrant and arrears. The amount carried forward last year was £11331:12:10d which exceeded the sum carried forward in current year by £2299: 9: 5d.

The following letter from Local Government Department under date 9th May, 1931 (No.G. 30295/1931. Loch Garman.) was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 21st ultimo transmitting a list of holdings in the occupation of 90 persons which are represented to be derelict and in respect of which rates are in arrear to the extent of £2,829: 9: 3:

Not merely on account of the amount of rates outstanding but because of the general public importance of the question the Minister has been seriously concerned to be informed that so many holdings in the County are unproductive. The position has accordingly been discussed with the Land Commission and the Minister has learned:-

1. That, although there is a considerable arrear of land purchase annuities, the large bulk of the arrear pertains to the half year of account last closed and the older arrears are not very heavy.

2. This arrear notwithstanding, there are only some six or seven cases in County Wexford where the defaulters have not yielded to the persistent pressure that has and is being maintained by the Land Commission. In nearly all other cases payments on account of the arrears are being made.

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The fact that the Land Commission are in receipt of payments in respect of land annuities, even if in arrear, forces the Minister to the conclusion that granted proper efficiency on the part of the Council's rate collectors the rates could also have been secured. The Collectors are armed with wide powers of distraint under their warrants. They have even wider powers than those applicable to the execution of Court decrees and there should be no excuse in these circumstances for the failure of the Collectors.

It would serve no useful purpose to rehearse the numerous occasions on which the Minister has commented upon the lack of diligence of the Wexford Collectors nor to stress that a substantial increase of activity was expected from the appointment of a Rate Inspector. The present position clearly indicates a want of driving energy and points to a need for the replacement of the officers concerned. The Council, as public representatives, should realise that it is their duty to compel every citizen to meet his public obligations, and should not lend themselves too freely to suggestions of poor economic conditions. The remuneration of the Collectors is dependent on their making satisfactory collections and is not payable unless their collections are closed within the financial year. In the past the Council have pressed strongly for the advance of fees to Collectors who have not closed their accounts. It seems clear that such concessions have not been merited and the policy should be discontinued."

The Rate Inspector reported as follows:-

"The amount carried forward to the 1931/32 warrant for collection next year is made up of £2880: 16: 11d on Derelict farms and £6151: 6: 6d passed by the Finance Committee as Temporary uncollectable. The former represents 2.2 % of the Warrant and the latter 4.5 %.

I rejected about £3000 as Temporary Uncollectable and the collectors have lodged same, with one exception, and he has promised to have same lodged by 23rd May.

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I attach list of the principal ratepayers who are in arrears which will show how the bulk of the carry forward is made up. The Temporary uncollectable rate carried forward include several ratepayers who owe up to 6 years' rates but are not classed as "Derelict" for the reason that when the lands are let by auctioneers the proceeds of the lettings are divided between the Annuities and Rates. The fact of such farms being throughout the County is the main hindrance to having the Rate Collection brought up to date.

The Derelict farm question is one that has been a severe drawback to the Collection.

The amount of rates on such farms amount to £2880 which represent slightly under 4 years' rates. The number of acres comprised in such farms is 3784. The reasons for their being derelict are varied and the list and reasons have been submitted by me to the Finance Committee.

I have visited them separately on four or five occasions during the past year. Only on one did I discover any stock. I notified the Collector and he made a seizure of the old horse and older pony which realized £2:10:0:

The mileage covered by me during the year was 9000 miles odd."

The following is the list of defaulting Rate payers referred to by Rate Inspector:-

		rates.	Annuities on vested land only. Amount of Annuities due on non-vested lands not available.
	Revd. D. Sweetman, Gorey.	£242:12:10d	Rent Free.
	Mrs. J. Nolan, Bellfield, Enniscorthy.	£230: 0: 0d	
	Peter O'Brien, Ballyhire.	£211: 9: 5d	£209: 6: 2d
D	Bantry Commons. E. J. Murphy.	£198:11: 3d	Commons
D	Do. P. O'Byrne.	£139:5 : 2d	Commons
D	Patk. Kavanagh, Corlican.	£164:12: 5d	£142: 10: 9d
SD	Bolger & Son, Milltown Ferns.	£176: 0: 0d	£41: 15: 4d
D	J. Bolger, Polldarrig.	£130: 0: 0d	£207: 15: 1d
	Agnes Murphy, Galbally.	£126:13: 0d	
D	Laurence Parker, Coolmain	£116: 0: 0d	£105: 3: 4d
D	Wm. Edge, Mount Anna.	£112: 3: 1d	£343: 16: 6d
	James Walsh, Corlican.	£94:11: 4d	

Annuities on vested
land only. Amount of
Annuities due on non-
vested lands not
Rates. available.

S.D. Matthew Moran, Corlican etc.	£103: 0: 0d.	
John McDonnell, Castletown.	£91: 9: 10d	£106: 9: 4d
D. N. Mullett, Whitefort.	£87: 15: 9d	£128: 19: 1d
D. J. Kavanagh, Ballybeg, Screen.	£78: 0: 0d	
Tenants of Saunderscourt.	£80: 0: 0d	Estate Divided
N. Furlong, Iona Hotel, etc.	£58: 2: 3d	£36: 7: 5d
Henry Cullen, Cousinstown.	£44: 15: 10d	
John Byrne, Maytown.	£48: 17: 7d	£90: 13: 1d
P. Roche, Loginsherd.	£43: 12: 5d	£26: 0: 8d
N. Browne, Ballysheen.	£43: 3: 4d	
S.D. T. Goff, Kilcannon.	£50: 15: 9d	£66: 1: 9d
S.D. John Goff, Tomnafinshogue.	£51: 7: 1d	£110: 13: 0d
Timothy O'Connor, Aughnabally.	£66: 0: 0d	£49: 7: 0d
		£110: 5: 8d
D. Arthur Sinnott, Salville.	£65: 5: 3d	£47: 15: 3d
S.D. M. Murphy, Dranagh.	£62: 5: 0d	£127: 15: 7d
D. E. Brophy, Ballybrennan.	£66: 13: 5d	
D. P. Foley, Ballykelly, Ballymurrin.	£71: 16: 8d	Payment in Lieu
Mark D. Roche, Garrylough.	£55: 17: 0d	£135: 14: 4d
R.H. Peare, Kilmallock	£57: 0: 0d	£483: 14: 3d
Moses O'Brien, Blackwater.	£56: 0: 0d	
D. J. Cullen, The Moyne, Ennis-corthy.	£39: 14: 7d	£49: 19: 3d
T.B. Cockburn, Ballyroe	£44: 13: 9d	
Syl. Dempsey, Ballynellard.	£45: 11: 5d	£43: 0: 0d
Maria Dempsey, Corderaun.	£60: 18: 3d	£219: 14: 5d
H. & M. Forrestal, Ennis-corthy.	£33: 0: 0d	
D. J. Cooney, Ballina-rade	£33: 16: 9d	
Reps B. Ennis, Oulartard.	£33: 1: 0d	£47: 2: 9d
P. Doyle, Moneyhore	£32: 12: 6d	
J. Doyle, Wilkin	£31: 19: 10d	
Henry Sheridan, Askabeg.	£39: 10: 2d	
D. Wm. Breslin, Glenoge	£38: 11: 1d	£342: 4: 6d
D. J. Sullivan, Shanahona	£43: 18: 0d	£243: 0: 0d
D. W. White, Saltee Islands Little.	£40: 13: 6d	
Michael Murphy, Courtbally-edmond.	£39: 16: 0d	£129: 9: 10d
John Redmond, The Boira	£39: 2: 9d	£110: 13: 6d
D. P. Bowe, Great Island.	£40: 0: 4d	Payment in Lieu
D. J. Kavanagh, Horetown.	£41: 2: 3d	
Margaret Whyte, Tottenham Green.	£41: 15: 9d	
D. Marcella Stafford, Coolroe.	£44: 2: 5d	£198: 10: 0d
A. Doyle, Barmoney, Bree.	£30: 6: 4d	£90: 8: 1d
P. Jordan, Kilmisten.	£31: 9: 6d	
D. John Cosgrave, Millands Newtown	£31: 9: 8d	£31: 12: 2d
William Dooley, Ballyeaton.	£30: 10: 3d	£122: 17: 0d
D. P. Walsh, Rochestown	£30: 10: 8d	
S. Boxwell, Kilmore	£36: 7: 0d	
D. Robt. Sinnott, Banogue	£33: 8: 0d	
Thos. Rowe, Churchtown	£31: 19: 8d	
Francis Busher, Ballyhit.	£31: 8: 3d	
D. F. Auld, Ballygow.	£30: 5: 1d	£140: 9: 7d
E. Larkin, Harristown.	£24: 13: 9d	
W. Larkin do.	£15: 19: 6d	
Alice Nolan, Ballyhartan	£22: 16: 11d	£30: 17: 2d
D. R. Walsh, Knocktown	£26: 7: 2d	£118: 19: 0d
D. P. Keyes, Robinstown	£24: 0: 10d	
D. Daniel Scallan, Summerstown.	£27: 12: 8d	

Annuities on vested
land only. Amount of
Annuities due on non-
vested lands not
available.

Wm. Whelan, Slevooy.	£21:17: 2d		
D. Daniel Cagney, Crylough.	£21: 3: 4d		
D. N. Brennan, Saltee Islands.	£28:18:10d	£39: 7: 6d	
E. Croke, Kilagoley.	£25: 7: 7d		
D. Mogue Hendrick, Gorteen.	£25:18: 8d	£33: 14: 7d	
E. Whelan, Ballinacorney.	£28:13: 6d	£10: 2: 6d	
J. Mowles, Ballyhaddock.	£26:19: 4d	£64: 15: 1d	
P.C. Alcock, Wicklow	£22: 1: 2d		
D. J. Kavanagh, Ballycoursey.	£23:15: 5d	£30: 6: 2d	
D. Mark Philips, Garrybran	£28: 8: 9d		
D. J. Dempsey, Killencoooley.	£26: 8: 4d	£30: 10: 1d	
M. Kinsella, Ballyfad	£26: 1: 5d	£145: 1: 6d	
W.G. Murphy, Garrynew	£25:14:11d	£126: 2: 11d	
Patk. Murphy, Knockadaw	£22:12:11d		
Patk. Rath, Coolatrindle	£24: 6:11d		
Wm. Bennett, Ballynahoun.	£22: 9: 1d	£72: 19: 1d	
D. Reps L. Dwyer, Marshmeadows	£25:14: 1d	Alexander Estate.	
Marks Walsh, Ballyverogue.	£21: 0: 9d	£125: 14: 7d	
Thos. Whitty, Fisherstown	£27: 7: 0d	£198: 8: 6d	
D. J. Barron, Oldcourt.	£20: 8: 9d	£15: 16: 9d	
Anne Sullivan, Newcastle	£23: 9: 9d		
J. Colfer, Coole, Campile.	£21:17: 2d		
Isaac Scallan, Hayesland	£26: 3: 0d	£20: 18: 6d	
D. M. Neville, Ballingly.	£17:18:10d	£24: 13: 6d	
J. Fortune, Gaynestown	£18: 3: 5d	£78: 14: 1d	
T. Ryan, Ballytra	£15:10: 3d		
A. Mullett, Tinacurry	£14:18:11d	£15: 5: 10d	
J. Roche, Garryvadden	£17:19: 5d	£15: 17: 4d	
J. Doyle, Askabeg	£19:12: 6d		
D. J. Manning, Askabeg	£14:11: 1d	£118: 18: 2d	
J. White, Ballyclemock	£17: 7: 5d	£58: 7: 0d	
D. Laurence Kehoe, Johnstown.	£24: 1:10d		
D. J. & P. Keefe, Ballyregan.	£12: 6: 0d		
D. Thos. Mythen, Ballinra	£17: 9: 8d		
D. E. Whitty, Rahard.	£28: 4: 3d		
D. E. Roche, Ballinclair;	£18:18: 3d.		
D. J. Conway, Shirsheen	£19:17: 3d	£117: 15: 0d	
D. Madame Serres, Pyknees	£12:18: 3d		
Julia Cummins, Fethard.	£17: 4:11d		
N. Chapman, Ralph.	£15: 0: 6d	£63: 7: 6d	
Mary Walsh, Ramsgrange.	£10:13: 9d	£17: 12: 9d	
D. T. Randall, Killurin.	£58:14: 7d	£48: 4: 0d	
D. Mary F. Breen, Curraduff	£81:18: 7d	£78: 19: 8d	
Denis Corrigan, Knockasillogue.	£28: 8:11d	£93: 13: 0d	
D. M.K. Cullen, Chapel.	£37: 7:10d	£51: 15: 9d	
Patk. Howlin, Bulgan, Glynn.	£17:14: 6d	£242: 15: 9d	
S.D. John Parker, Coolamain and Coolakip.	£48: 0: 1d	£215: 9: 9d	
Matthew Cullen, Ballinagowen.	£9:17: 6d	£239: 10: 7d	
Ellen Murphy, Monroe, Glenbrien.	£15 :5 : 8d	£76: 5: 7d	
James Kelly, Bearlough, Rosslare.	£4:11: 4d	£119: 9: 9d	
H.P. Gahan, Little Graigue, Fethard.	£13:13:11d	£140: 8: 9d	
J. Dunne, Knockmire, Caim.	£4: 0: 0d	£45: 8: 11d	
M. Murphy, Ballinagam.	£12: 4: 5d	£104: 1: 10d	
D. Wm. Kelly, Grange, Rosslare.	£17:18: 9d	£86: 10: 8d	
Arthur Kavanagh, Stable	£25: 2: 1d	£80: 8: 4d	
D. Do. Shrute	£17:13: 6d		
D. Do. Templeberry	£41:14:10d		
A. Swaine, Ballinamoney.	£54:19: 9d	£178: 9: 4d	

£5805:18: 8d.

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The Chairman stated there was a considerable difference between the number of derelict farms mentioned in letter of Local Government Department and the number returned by Rates Inspector. He believed there was a misunderstanding as to what was really meant by the word "derelict". He thought they would not get any further until the Land Commission send down an Inspector who would go into the whole matter with the Finance Committee. After discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall that Land Commission be again requested to send down Inspector to deal with the question of derelict farms. That it be pointed out that Council are anxious to consult with Land Commission as to best means of dealing with problem, and as consultation will be in committee there will be no publicity which might adversely affect any suggested proposals adopted for dealing with the question.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The following under date 8th May, 1931, was read from the Department of Local Government (G.31872/1931 Loch Garman Fa):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 24th ultimo, and to state that it is now five weeks after the time when the Warrants should have been closed to enable poundage to be paid. The Minister considers that there should be no further delay in disposing of the 1930/31 warrant in the manner provided for by Article 102 of the Public Bodies Order, 1929.

In view of the delay the Minister is not prepared to consent to payment of poundage at the full rate authorised in each case but stipulates that a reduction of the rate of poundage varying with the circumstances in each case should be imposed."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision

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refusing to sanction payment of full poundage to our Rate Collectors for period up to 31st March, 1931. We would point out that the Collectors have not received any fees for poundage since October last and the present will be the last year for which the Finance Committee will ask for any concession for Rate Collectors. Generally speaking Collectors' remuneration is low and any further deduction in the amount would not give them sufficient for subsistence and in the circumstances we request the Minister to approve of payment of full poundage fees on lodgments in respect of 1930-31 Warrant and arrears.

APPLICATION FROM RATE COLLECTORS

Under date 21st May, 1931, Rate Collectors A. Dunne, Michael McCarthy, P. Nolan, P. Carty and Thady Bolger, wrote applying for an increase of poundage rate from 5d to 7d in the £. Owing to prevailing circumstances they found it very hard to carry out their duties. In some instances their salaries amounted to £2 per week only out of which they had to pay for a Bond, travelling expenses, postage and legal fees leaving a very small remuneration for such a responsible position.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following recommendation:- "That in view of the decrease in remuneration of Rate Collectors in receipt of a poundage rate of 5d in the £ owing to the further relief of £29,926 given to agricultural ratepayers by addition to Agricultural Grant, we recommend the County Council for the financial period 1931-32 to increase the rate of poundage from 5d to 7d in the £."

RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND 1931-32

Under date 15th May, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.48/31) relative to additional Grant of £750,000 for relief of rates on Agricultural Land and explained the procedure to be adopted in connection with preparation of Rate Books and Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books. In the schedule to this communication the share of Wexford County Council was given at £29,926 which the Secretary stated represented a reduction in the rate of land of 2/- in the £. He also stated that the instructions of the L.G.D., in

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this matter would be carried out.

BONDS OF COLLECTORS. -----

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by the Chairman:- "That as Collectors Quirke and Bolger are to carry out the collection in additional districts for financial year 1931-32 we recommend the Council to fix the amount of Fidelity Bond for each of these Collectors at £1350."

A DISPUTED RATE PAYMENT. -----

In connection with claim of Collector M. McCarthy for £3: 8: 11d against Gregory Kelly, Ballygrangans, Kilmore, and Wm. Kinsella as Trustees of Kilmore Village Hall, Mr Kelly wrote under date 18th May, 1931, that the hall was derelict. There were no members and no Committee. It was used very occasionally for agricultural and technical instruction lectures in respect of which no rent was charged. The first Demand Note he received was for three year's rates.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Brien that the matter be referred to Mr Elgee, County Solicitor.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1931. -----

The Secretary reported that 20 applications had been received for award of University Scholarships the distribution being as follows:- From Rural area - 7; Enniscorthy Urban, 2; Gorey Urban, 1; New Ross Urban, nil and Wexford Urban, 10.

The circumstances of each applicant having been carefully considered the Committee decided to inform the County Council that in their opinion the following should be regarded as eligible to compete:-

Laurence Butler, Lambstown, Killurin.

Joseph Byrne, 4, Frances Street, Wexford.

Henry F. Doyle, Bishopswater, Wexford.

Margaret Mary E. Flood, Rosemount, Enniscorthy.

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Joseph F. Flynn, Ballyvoclare, Campile.
John A. Furlong, 2, Old Pound, Wexford.
Thomas F. Hall, 10, Cornmarket, Wexford.
Thomas Higgins, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.
Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey.
James Michael Kenny, 14, Pearse St., Gorey.
Barbara Lowe, Maudlintown, Wexford.
Margaret Mary O'Hanlon, Faythe, Wexford.
Patrick J. O'Reilly, Killanne, Enniscorthy.
Michael Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.

The application of George Whitmore, Bishopswater, Wexford, was held over for further consideration.

The Committee considered that in the case of the five other candidates their parents or guardians were in a position to afford them a University education.

The following notice of motion was given by Mr T. McCarthy:-

"That John A. Furlong, Old Pound, Wexford, be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship, notwithstanding the fact that he was 20 years old on 11th June, 1931, whereas the Scheme provides that the ages of accepted candidates shall not exceed 20 on 1st August, 1931. It should be pointed out that the intention of the County Council as regards University Scholarships ^{Scheme} was to keep its provisions as close as possible to the conditions governing the Leaving Certificate Examination of the Department of Education. It is also necessary to bear in mind that some years ago the Authorities of the Department of Education extended the age period to cover cases in which pupils' course of study was interrupted for some valid reason and, it is certain, that the Scholarship Committee would have suggested this change in the syllabus of the County Council Scheme had they been made aware of the concession given in this respect by the Department of Education.

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MENTAL HOSPITAL AND PURCHASE OF LAND.

The Resident Medical Superintendent of Co. Mental Hospital forwarded the following resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Committee of Management on 19th May, 1931:-

"That the County Council be requested to provide over and above this Committee's Annual Demand for the current year a sum not exceeding £550 for the purpose of purchasing Miss Forrestall's land for Mental Hospital use. That although the usual method by which expenditure of this class is met is by way of Loan this Committee suggest, as the amount is small and the repayment of loans by interest and instalment comparatively expensive, that the County Council consider supplying the amount required in this case out of the current year's revenue of the County Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "We regret that the application of Mental Hospital for transfer of £550 for the purpose of purchasing land is not feasible but we recommend as portion of this amount must be paid over immediately that the County Council agree to advance the sum required in addition to payment of next quarterly amount on foot of demand when due."

WORKING OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

The following under date 6th May, 1931 (L.1792-31) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, I have to state that the examination of specimens at the Department's Laboratory taken from animals slaughtered under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order is for the purpose of control of the working of the Order by Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors. If the Department find the work of a Veterinary Inspector unsatisfactory, the matter is taken up by correspondence with the Local Authority or by an Inspector of the Department direct with the Veterinary Inspector concerned.

I have to add that it is the duty of the Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors to complete the necessary forms from the

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result of the post-mortem examination without waiting for the result of the examination of specimens in the Laboratory.

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

"That the Department of Agriculture be asked to reconsider their decision refusing to inform Local Veterinary Inspectors as to result of examination of specimens taken from animals slaughtered under Bovine Tuberculosis Order. We feel certain that compliance with our request will make the Order more efficacious."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

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The Clerk of New Ross District Court wrote under date 12th May, 1931, as to application for committal to Industrial School of Mary and Lizzie Connick, children of a labourer, who was earning 10/- per week and whose wife was dead.

The Clerk of Ballycullane District Court wrote under date 12th April, 1931, as to application to be made for committal of Ellen Butler, The Quay, Fethard, whose father was an invalid and unable to support her.

Both communications had been referred to Mr Elgee, County Solicitor.

CLERK IN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The County Surveyor wrote under date 20th May, 1931, that he had, in accordance with the authority given him by the Co. Council, employed Michael G. Stedmond, Island Road, Enniscorthy, as his senior Clerk during the absence of Mr Moore on sick leave, salary £3 per week.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee for meeting of 21st May, 1931, be received and considered."

Temporary Uncollectable Rates: In connection with the list of these rates Mr Cummins said that in some farms where large amounts of Rates were due cattle were being grazed after sunset and taken away before sunrise. He recommended the Council to make seizures in such cases.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, -According to the law as it stands no seizure can be legally made between sunset and sunrise.

Mr Cummins said he knew this was the law but in spite of it the County Council should direct their collectors to seize as suggested.

Mr Elgee said in that event there would be no doubt but the County Council might be mulcted in heavy damages as well as in law costs.

The Chairman suggested they should make representations to the proper quarter to have the law changed.

Mr Elgee, in reply to the Chairman, said he could not advise the Council to recommend Rate Collectors to carry out an illegal operation.

The Chairman said if they agreed to the suggestion of Mr Cummins they would be recommending an illegal procedure and would have no case if any one proceeded against them. If the County Council considered such a drastic remedy necessary they might take the chance.

The Rates Inspector said there was an amount of this surreptitious grazing going on and it was very difficult to catch those engaged at it. The cattle were often put in on Sunday and taken away on Monday morning.

Mr Cummins proposed that the Rates Inspector be instructed to watch farms on which rates were owing and on which cattle were being grazed between sunset and sunrise,

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and seize the animals when coming off the lands.

Mr Elgee - The Inspector has no power to touch the cattle at all.

Mr Cummins - He can bring the Rate Collector with him.

Mr McCarthy said that if the Council agreed to carry out Mr Cummins' recommendation they could not stand by it in any court: the Council would be cast in damages and whoever proposed the instructions to the Rate Collector would be surcharged.

The Chairman said that they could not ask the Rate Collectors to carry out this unless they were prepared to stand by them. What would happen if a Rate Collector was dismissed by the L.G.D. for having carried out their instructions ?

Mr Cummins said he did not think the Council would be at a great loss if they carried out the seizures.

Mr Elgee pointed out that heavy damages would be given against a Council when they knowingly and wilfully adopted an illegal procedure.

Mr McCarthy said they should leave the matter in the hands of the Rates Inspector who could keep his eye on these farms. He would probably find the owners of the cattle "napping" some time.

Mr Roche then proposed and Mr Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the discussion relative to seizures between sunset and sunrise of stock on farms on which Rates were due be regarded as held in Committee."

Mr Gaul proposed that the Council proceed to the next business.

Mr Hall would be in favour of making a trial of Mr Cummins' recommendation were it not for the advice of Mr Elgee.

The Chairman said that the probability was that any Rate Collectors who acted as suggested would be dismissed by the L.G.D.

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Mr McCarthy proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That we call the attention of the L.G.D. to the fact that stock are being grazed between sunset and sunrise on farms on which a large amount of Rates is due and we request the Department to have the law so amended as to allow of seizures of stock on such farms at any hour."

Mr Cummins proposed:- "That the Rate Collectors be instructed to seize stock grazing on farms in respect of which considerable sums are due for poor rate, even though it may be necessary to make the seizures between sunset and sunrise."

Mr Keegan seconded. He said that they should try and get at the owner of the farm who was receiving the money for the grazing and who was responsible for the practice.

Mr Hall was in favour of asking the T.D.'s for the County to take up the matter and endeavour to bring about a change in the law.

After further discussion Mr Cummins withdrew his motion, and the resolution of Mr McCarthy was put and passed without dissent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Colfer seconded by Mr Cline:- "That list of principal ratepayers in arrear with payment of their rates and as appearing in minutes of Finance Committee meeting for 21st May, 1931, be furnished Co. Councillors for their information."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee for 21st May, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed except recommendations to increase poundage rate of Collectors A. Dunne, Ml. McCarthy, P. Nolan, P. Carty and Thady Bolger from 5d to 7d in the £ which is hereby rejected."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd June, 1931, were submitted:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 3rd June, 1931, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present - Messrs S. O'Byrne, James Hall and James Shannon.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr Hall on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4717: 5: 1d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

Sanction to Poundage: The following under date 2nd June, 1931, (G41647/1931 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department Of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo and to state that he sanctions the payment of the balance of poundage to the Rate Collectors who have closed by the 27th ultimo on all sums collected and lodged by them.

I am to request that the precise terms of remuneration be brought to the notice of each Collector with a warning that these will be strictly enforced for the future; and that a copy of the circular letter issued be furnished to this Department."

In reference to payment of reduced fees to Collectors not complying with terms of Public Bodies Order regarding closing of Warrant etc., it was decided that when making recommendations to Minister for Local Government respecting payment of poundage fees the circumstances of each case ^{would} be considered in the light of instructions from Local Government Department.

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Centres for checking Collectors' Accounts: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That, as heretofore, Rate Collectors' Accounts for the appropriate districts be examined at the four courthouses of the County as follows:-

Enniscorthy: Messrs M.M. Kelly, John Deegan, Joseph Cummins, P. O'Byrne, Sean Gannon, W. Cummins.

Gorey: Messrs J.J. O'Reilly, T. Bolger, Art Dunne, J.J. Sinnott.

New Ross: Messrs E.J. Murphy, Thos. Rowe, John Curtis, Patrick Carty, William Doyle.

Wexford: Jas. Quirke, Philip Doyle, Ml. McCarthy, and Patrick Nolan."

Application from Rate Collectors: Under date 29th May, Mr James Quirke, Hon Secretary to County Rate Collectors' Association, wrote asking the Finance Committee to consider the question of how Collectors' poundage for the coming year would be affected by the additional Agricultural Grant. He also asked the Finance Committee to receive a deputation on this matter. If paid on the basis of present warrant the average loss to each Collector would be about £40. They therefore asked the Council to pay on the original Warrant, and trusted their case would be favourably considered by the Finance Committee and by the Council.

The meeting decided to hear the deputation which consisted of the following Collectors:-

S. Gannon (Enniscorthy District); T. Bolger (Gorey); J.J. Curtis (New Ross) and Philip Doyle (Wexford).

Mr Gannon stated the views of the Collectors as to their position in consequence of the decrease which would be brought about in their poundage by the additional Agricultural Grant. He pointed out that several of the Collectors had scarcely a living wage and they would not be able to continue in office

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if this were reduced. Then again owing to the irregular periods at which poundage was received the Collectors had for a considerable period of the year to live on credit, and any reduction in their present remuneration would injure their credit very materially. The Collectors requested the Finance Committee and the Council to agree to payment of their poundage on the amount of Warrant prior to deduction of additional Agricultural Grant.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we recommend the Council to pay Rate Collectors in addition to ordinary poundage fees for existing warrants for financial year 1931-32 such bonus as would bring their poundage fees for 1931-32 to the same amount as poundage fees calculated on basis of last year's net warrant (£119067); no poundage to be paid on Irrecoverable or Temporary Uncollectable items. Poundage on arrears to be paid on sums lodged therefor for financial year 1931-32 subject to sanction of L.G.D."

Irish Discount Co. Ltd and payment of Rates:- Under date 30th May, 1931, Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote on behalf of Mr Joseph Cummins, Rate Collector, as to Rates due on farm at Ballinrode, Oulart, which was formerly the property of John Cooney, but which had been sold by the Land Commission to the Irish Discount Co. Ltd., Dublin, which purchased in 1927, but which did not take possession from Cooney until 15th April, 1930, when he was ejected. Since then the Discount Co. had not made any use of the lands and the place was derelict. If Mr Cummins took proceedings against them there was some doubt as to whether he would be entitled to a decree. He would have to sue in the Dublin District Court, and it seemed unreasonable to expect him to go to the expense of travelling to Dublin to institute proceedings in a case, the issue of which was somewhat doubt-

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ful, unless the Council would agree to indemnify him against the expenses incurred in the event of the failure of the action.

In a subsequent letter under date 2nd June, 1931, Messrs Sinnott & Co., wrote that they were not familiar with the fees allowed in the Dublin District Court. They thought if unsuccessful, proceedings in the matter would cost Mr Cummins not more than £7: 7: 0: plus his personal expenses.

The Assistant Secretary stated that four years rates were due on the holding, amount £34:16:9d.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That subject to the sanction of the L.G.D. we recommend the Council to indemnify Mr Joseph Cummins for any expenses which will be incurred in the proceedings which he may institute in Dublin District Court against the Irish Discount Co. Ltd for Poor Rates. We do not, however, see our way to recommend any sum to cover his personal expenses in this matter."

CONTINUED ILLNESS OF MR JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT
SURVEYOR.

Dr. R.V. Murphy, 89 St. Stephen's Green, South, Dublin, forwarded Certificate that Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was at present under his care suffering from cystitis, and would not be fit for work for two months.

The County Surveyor stated he did not know exactly whether any specific rules or regulations had been issued in connection with the illness of officials, but the usual practice was to grant six month's leave on full pay, six months on half pay and after the second six months the official would be obliged to pay his own substitute. The first six months for Mr Kehoe would expire on the 27th June.

It was decided to continue the present arrangement for working Mr Kehoe's district, and to consider the question of further sick leave at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 18th June.

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IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

The Secretary of the General Council of County Councils forwarded Report of the Directors of the above Company with the audited statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for year ended 31st December last.

The Committee considered that the year's working had been most satisfactory.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE - CO. SURVEYOR.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 29th May, 1931, from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin:-

"The Insurance quoted for in ours of the 8th April was in respect of the Council's liability in connection with cars used by Officials apart from explosive risk, and a separate Policy will be necessary for these risks. Presumably you use your car on official business and should an accident occur whilst being so used a claim would probably be made against the County Council. Unless your name is added to the present Schedule of Officials, the Council would not be indemnified in such an event, nor would the Company insuring you personally have any liability to them unless your Policy has been extended to cover such contingencies.

We shall be glad to receive return of proposal sent in ours of the 14th instant with your instructions.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the following, which was adopted:-

"That we recommend the Council to pay annual premium of 15/- to cover public liability for motor car of County Surveyor while engaged on official business."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The following resolutions were proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon and passed:-

"That as from date of transfer of Loans for debit balances

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on Enniscorthy and Wexford Rural District Charges Accounts the National Bank Ltd. be requested to approve of Overdraft on current account at £19885 to 30th September, 1931.

"That special additional Overdraft of £8000 be applied for in respect of month of June as owing to alteration of receipt and Demand Notes through allocation of Additional Agricultural Grant 1931, the Collection of current year's rate will be delayed.

"County Council have, in addition to expenditure on Road Services, since 1st April, 1931, paid Subsidiary Bodies £13,000 in respect of Demands for 1931-32 and sums due by Urban Councils to County Council amount to £7995."

REDEMPTION OF GROUND RENTS OLD COURTHOUSE WEXFORD.

Under date 23rd May, 1931, letter was read from Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, in reply to query from the Secretary, stating that the conveyance in respect of Capt. Redmond's portion of the old Courthouse premises had been sent to America for signature by some parties resident there, and it would be some little time before it would be completed by all.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 3rd June, 1931, Mr James Kelly, 18 North Main street, Wexford, wrote, agreeing to the proposal adopted by the Council re University Scholarship, and expressed his thanks to them for their action in this matter.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that a University Scholarship had been awarded to a son of Mr Kelly's some time ago, but, as the boy was a teacher in training, it was being held over for him until training had been completed. Mr Kelly's daughter had applied for a scholarship at last meeting and the Council agreed that she should compete for same, provided that if she succeeded in being recommended by the Academic Council for award, the Scholarship to the boy would be cancelled.

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Under date 2nd June, Mr Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote, as to application to New Ross District Court for committal of Ellen Doyle, Ballyeden, Courtnacuddy, to Industrial school. The child's mother was dead and the father an agricultural labourer who was unable to support her as he only obtained work intermittently, and was at present unemployed.

Referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd June, 1931, be received and considered."

Application from Rate Collectors:- Mr O'Byrne moved and Mr Corish seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

As an amendment Col. Quin proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the following:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards poundage remuneration to Rate Collectors in consequence of reduction in same through the additional agricultural grant apply only to those Rate Collectors who are in receipt of a poundage rate of 5d and 6d in the £."

A poll was taken on this amendment with the following result:-

For - Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman - 10.

Against - Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Egan, Shannon and Walsh - 15.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and adopted nem con.

Irish Discount Co. Ltd: Colonel Quin dissented from the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter on the ground that it was the duty of the Rate Collector to take the necessary proceedings in this case at his own expense.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd ^{June} ~~May~~, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

NEW MEMBER OF CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

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

Dungulph Castle, Fethard, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture vice Mr H.P. Gahan, resigned."

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline:- "That application be made to Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the temporary closing of the following roads:-

1. Trunk Road (T.12 No.20) from Wexford to New Ross between Tomcoole Cross Roads and the old Rural District bounds at Poulpeasty from 25th day of June, 1931, until the 15th day of December, 1931.

Alternative route available for public traffic is the Main Road, Knockeen Turn, Taghmon and Ballyvergin (L.160 No.72) and L.122, No. 55)

2. Trunk Road (T.12 No.22) from Wexford to New Ross between Cushinstown and Ballymacar Bridge, from 25th day of June, 1931, until 15th day of December, 1931.

Alternative route available for public traffic is the County Road by Begerin Cross Road and Newtown (Nos 572 and 570).

3. Trunk Road (T.16 No.24) from Enniscorthy to Bunclody between Tomgarrow Cross Roads and Tombrick Bridge from 25th day of June, 1931, until 15th day of November, 1931.

Alternative route available for public traffic is the Road through Ballycarney and Clohamon (No.284 and L.33 No.47) on East Bank of River Slaney.

CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS FOR HAULAGE.

Mr Keegan moved the following motion, and of which he had given previous notice:- "That the resolution of County Council of 14th of April, 1930, abolishing procedure of accepting horse haulage by tenders to Tenders Committees be rescinded and that in future tenders for such haulage be dealt with by the Tenders Committee for each Electoral Area."

Mr Keegan in moving his motion said that the system of

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allowing the Assistant Surveyor to accept haulage tenders had worked out most unsatisfactorily in Gorey area.

Mr D'Arcy seconded the motion which was supported by Mr Smyth.

Mr Shannon said that the existing system was most satisfactory in Enniscorthy district.

Mr O'Byrne also expressed himself in favour of the existing system. He never had a single complaint from Gorey area as to the manner in which the proposals for haulage had been dealt with.

Mr Gaul saw no reason why as regards Wexford District the present system should be changed.

Mr Cooney said that there were complaints in New Ross District.

Mr Keegan said he was satisfied if his motion would apply to Gorey district only but Mr Murphy held that as the notice of motion sought to rescind a resolution which applied to the County as a whole Mr Keegan's proposal to confine^{it} to Gorey district was not in order.

Mr Roche said in view of the reservation made by Mr Keegan to confine the motion to Gorey District he would move it should apply to the whole County - in other words he was moving the motion as already given.

Col. Quin seconded.

After further discussion Mr Keegan said he was satisfied that his motion should apply to the entire County.

After considerable discussion Mr Corish proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Mr Shannon and adopted:- "That for all future haulage work advertisements be issued in the local papers asking for proposals from Carters who are prepared to carry out haulage work at 10d per yard mile and that discretion for acceptance of same be left in the hands of the local Tenders Committees. That if in the opinion of the County Surveyor, horses and carts are unequal to perform any particular haulage work the Tenders Committees be dir-

ected to give the necessary permission for other means of haulage."

This motion was accepted and all other motions having been withdrawn was adopted the only dissentients being Col. Quin and Mr Hall.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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

"That John A. Furlong, Old Pound, Wexford, be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship notwithstanding the fact that he was 20 years old on 11th June, 1931, whereas the scheme provides that the ages of accepted candidates shall not exceed 20 on 1st August, 1931. It should be pointed out that the intention of the County Council as regards University Scholarship Scheme was to keep its provisions as close as possible to the conditions governing the Leaving Certificate Examinations under the Department of Education.

It is also necessary to bear in mind that some years ago the Authorities of the Department of Education extended the age period to cover cases in which pupil's course of study was interrupted for some valid reason, and it is certain that the Scholarship Committee would have suggested this change in the syllabus of County Council Scheme had they been made aware of the Concession given in this respect by the Department of Education."

Mr O'Byrne seconded and the motion was adopted unanimously.

PROPOSED BANK AT HOPELAND.

The following under date 27th May, 1931, was read from Mr P. Bent, The Burrow, Rosslare:-

"You have received a memorial with reference to the necessity of a wall or barrier from Hopeland Bank to the last house on the Burrow and you have had an estimate for same. At

your last meeting the matter was raised but according to the press only a few took part in the discussion, and their remarks were not encouraging. One member anticipated a legal difficulty based on the score that the strand leads to no place. He was scarcely serious in his allegation. For if he knows the place, he cannot deny that the strand leads to our homesteads and to the Fort. Another said that if a wall were built it would not last long. In repudiation of that statement we have only to point out that there is a wall protecting Hopelands, and, although it is a very light wall and the current against it is much stronger than it would be in the case of the wall we require, nevertheless it is showing no signs of impairment or dissolution. Another member said that the people from the Burrow were with him day and night with regard to the wall. Apparently he is under the impression that we regard him as the County Council. But surely we are not so devoid of intelligence as to think that he is anything of the kind. He is just a unit of the County Council, and, consequently we attach no special importance or influence whatever to him in his capacity as a member of that body. To say then that people from the Burrow approached him day and night, is farcical. He suggested that rice grass be sown. How indeed could that stop or break the tide, or give us a clear road? It would be no remedy whatever. It only remains for us to ask again that the members agree to build the wall proposed, before it is too late. You do not hesitate to levy rates for such objects as the Carnegie Library and Tourist Development, but when there is a question of the health and lives of little children and the livelihood of their breadwinners, you raise difficulties. Surely what is essential should take preference before schemes or objects that are merely useful. We pointed out that a wall is absolutely necessary for us and our families. Therefore will you please accede to our request, without any more ado.

In the minds of some members there seems to be confusion regarding the wall, and for their enlightenment we wish to emphasise that the question of the wall has no connection whatsoever with the coastal erosion that is taking place on the big strand. We want a wall in order that we may have an unobstructed road to and from our homes."

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, said the Council had no power to make a wall in circumstances such as those referred to by Mr Bent except to protect their road and there was no road at this particular place.

The Chairman said in the face of the statement of Mr Elgee the Council could not deal with the matter.

No action was taken.

DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Mr Roche proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:- "That the Department of Lands & Fisheries be requested to state when they intend taking any steps in connection with drainage work at the Boira and Cahore (Gorey District) and at Ballyteigue, Kilmore (Wexford District)."

TOMGARROW QUARRY.

The County Surveyor reported that the agreement of the County Council to obtain road material from Tomgarrow quarry had expired and the owner declined to renew it. He asked for Court proceedings to be instituted against him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon:- "That in the event of Thomas Delaney, owner of Tomgarrow Quarry, refusing to come to an agreement with the Co. Council in connection with supply of road material from Tomgarrow Quarry, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, take proceedings against Mr Delaney in respect of this matter."

FIRE EXTINGUISHING APPARATUS

The following from Mr J.C. Hutson, Fire Expert, Fire

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Prevention and Protection Bureau, Ard Lorcan, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"Further to my survey and interview of the 2nd instant re the Fire Prevention and Protection of the County Hall and Machinery Yard, Petrol Stores etc I have no hesitation in recommending Light Soda and Acid 2 Gallon size, Turnover type which is the very latest model with no working parts to go out of order or become corroded, and can be charged by your people for a cost of about 8d per charge, viz One pound Bicarbonate of Soda and 3 ounces of Commercial Sulphuric Acid, thereby saving about 4/- per charge. These you will find extremely simple and as a Fire Extinguisher most deadly to fire.

"With reference to the Machinery Yard, Petrol and Oil Store, as stated, I have no hesitation in recommending 2 Gallon size foam, Turnover Type, latest model, no working parts to go out of order, two of which will be sufficient to meet your requirements at this place. I have instructed Messrs Simonis Ltd., London, to send you a quotation at Bureau prices, eliminating Agents' Fees and giving you full benefit as if you were enrolled on this Bureau.

Thanking you very much indeed for the very kind and courteous manner in which I was received, and I can assure you and your Board that if at any time you should desire any further information re Fire Prevention and Protection it will afford me the greatest pleasure to furnish you with the desired information on their behalf."

The County Surveyor said that the entire outfit as recommended by Mr Hutson would cost about £18 and a somewhat similar outfit from Minimax Co., £25. The refills for the latter would be 7/- each and for the former only a shilling at the outside.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor should communicate with the Insurance Co. which held the Fire Insurances for the buildings concerned.

Mr O'Byrne asked if the Co. Surveyor had made enquiries about apparatus manufactured in Ireland.

The County Surveyor said he had a quotation from the Dublin Japan Works but it was higher than for those referred to in Mr Hutson's letter.

After further discussion Mr Corish proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the following resolution which passed:-

"That the question of dealing with purchase of Fire Extinguishers be adjourned to next meeting; in the meantime advertisements asking for quotations be issued by the Co. Surveyor in the usual way."

COURTOWN HARBOUR SLUICE GATES.

Under date 28th May , 1931, the Department of Lands & Fisheries wrote (D/5/2) that for the reasons already stated in the Department's letter of 4th inst. the Minister was unable to recommend any increase in the grant already sanctioned for the repair of the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour.

ROAD GRANT.

Under date 3rd June, 1931, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (RG/79) forwarding £809 road Grant for Enniscorthy streets.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

Renewal of Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licence was agreed to Owen Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart, on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall.

THE QUESTION OF DE-RATING.

A series of resolutions adopted by Dublin County Council from a joint meeting of the members of the County Council and Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture in connection with the question of De-Rating were submitted.

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These pointed out:-

(1) "That they were satisfied the De-Rating Commission did not fully investigate the matter delegated to them, and they, consequently, considered the report and recommendations of little value to the Government in arriving at a solution of the problem of de-rating, and in deciding the best means of helping agriculture; (2) considering the Chairman of the Commission outstepped his duty and exceeded his authority by refusing to hear the evidence of Councillor Belton, Messrs Kettle and Brown in support of their memo, after having specifically summoned them to give such evidence; requesting President Cosgrave to convene a body of experts to hear the case in full of the witnesses who represented the General Council of County Councils and Agriculture; (3) stating that if the proposals contained in the report of the Commission were made effective they would increase and not diminish the burden on agriculture. With regard to the third resolution the communication stated that it was considered unnecessary to discuss it in view of the fact that it was dealt with by implication in resolutions land 2 .

Accompanying the resolutions was a memorandum of Mr P. Belton, a member of the Joint Committee dealing with the De-Rating Commission , which the Secretary stated he would read.

Mr Gaul observed that it would not be necessary to read the memorandum which the Secretary, in reply to Col. Quin, stated was a lengthy document.

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated that the General Council of County Councils adopted the first of the resolutions, and that portion of the second resolution up to the point where names were given.

The Chairman stated that when the question was discussed at the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, Mr Belton was one of the chief speakers to the resolutions. There was a great deal of discussion for and against the matters proposed. One of the resolutions was lost completely,

Mr O'Byrne stated that the resolution which was defeated

was the one referring to the chairman of the Commission.

Mr Corish said he agreed with the point raised by the Chairman in regard to setting up a body of experts to inquire further into the matters, The experts, in his opinion, were those who had practical knowledge of farming.

The Chairman said he did not approve much of the proposal to set up a body of experts, because he believed the Government would only appoint people who would bring in a report favourable to them. In his opinion, the inquiry into de-rating had gone far enough, and if the Government wanted to give de-rating they had sufficient evidence already to go upon. Another body of "experts" would only muddle the question.

Mr Gaul said he read the Press reports of the discussion of the General Council of County Councils, and it was his impression that the farmers were not satisfied with the help that had been given. He believed that if the farmers got full de-rating another section of the community would suffer.

Mr Cummins - No, no.

Mr Gaul - I believe it is up to the farmers themselves to form a body to go to the Government and agitate for some form of relief other than de-rating, such as wiping out the land annuities.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be false economy to say that another section of the community would suffer from full de-rating. What was wanted was to put the majority of the people on their feet, and if that were done the farmers would give more employment, more tillage would be done, the food supply would be increased, and the country generally would be placed in a better position. Another body should be set up to examine the question of de-rating, and be constituted of people who understood the needs of agriculture - the farmers themselves.

The Chairman said that while he agreed with Miss O'Ryan on the main point he questioned if the Government would appoint

a committee of inquiry comprised solely of farmers.

Miss O'Ryan said they should insist on the majority of the people being represented properly on such a committee of inquiry. There was no doubt that in the recent Commission the majority decisions were arrived at by a body of men who had no standing with agriculture.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that County Committees of Agriculture should have representatives on such a committee of inquiry.

Chairman - I think we might agree with the first resolution.

Col. Quin - I dissent. I think they were a very decent body of men, and they did their best.

Chairman - The Government that sent them there did not fall in with their ideas.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr Hall the following resolution was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting:-

"We are satisfied that the De-Rating Commission did not fully investigate the matter delegated to them, and we consequently consider their report and recommendations of little value to the Government in arriving at a solution of the problem of De-Rating and in deciding on the best means of helping Agriculture."

Michael Doyle

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING + 23RD JUNE, 1931.

M I N U T E S.

The annual meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd June, 1931.

Present - Mr M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding) : also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and five Assistant Surveyors viz: T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, P. O'Neill, Thos. Cullen and J.F. Birthistle were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3725:15: 1d (Ordinary Account) and £1034:11:0: (Loans Account) were examined and signed.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Under date 27th May, 1931, the L.G.D. wrote (Circular 49/31) pointing out that if the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Bill, 1931, before the Oireachtas became law the annual meeting of the Council would be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1931.

Under date 18th June, 1931, (Circular. F.60/31) the L.G.D. wrote calling attention to the provisions of the above mentioned measure and which became law on 15th June, 1931. This Act postponed to a date to be appointed by the Minister for Local Government but not later than 15th July, 1934, the triennial Elections of members of County Councils. A casual vacancy occurring after the passing of the Act which ordinarily would be filled by an election can be filled by the choice of the council, Boards and Committees which are required to be ap-

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pointed triennially have their term of office extended up to the appointed day. This included the County Board of Health and the County Vocational Committee. Under the provisions of the Agriculture Act, 1931, the appointment of a County Committee of Agriculture at the 1931 annual meeting of the Council was compulsory. Where the Council appointed annually any board or Committee such as a County Libraries Committee it should be inferred that similar appointments were to be made this year.

The Old Age Pensions Committee should be formally appointed.

The annual or quarterly meeting of the Council which would normally be held between 23rd July and 1st July will in 1932 be held between the 23rd of August and 1st September.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr D'Arcy seconded the re-election of Mr Michael Doyle as Chairman of the Wexford County Council for the year 1931-32 and until his successor has been appointed and has taken office.

There was no other proposition and the Chairman declared himself re-elected. He said he wished to thank all the members very heartily for his re-election to the chair, It was an honour he appreciated very much indeed. Though sometimes the position was rather troublesome, it was the highest honour that the Council had it in their power to bestow, and he was very, very grateful to the members for re-electing him. He regretted that they were not starting the County Council new year with brighter prospects. The outlook for the country was anything at all but cheery at the moment. The worst factor they had for the last two months was probably the weather, but, of course, they had no control over that. Other matters were dark enough, too, especially the outbreak of foot and mouth disease, which had upset trade considerably in the country, at a time when it was at its highest and in full swing. The stoppage of shipping was a big drawback to the farmers at large, and he

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hoped the restrictions would soon be removed, and matters revert to normal. They had a very successful shipping trade at Wexford port when the outbreak occurred - much more successful than for the past forty years. The trade was a great thing for Wexford and for the farmers generally. He was sorry the trade had been upset, and he hoped the stoppage would not be for long. He trusted that the outbreak would be coped with as soon as possible. He was sure the Department would lose no time in trying to right matters. The Department had done their best with regard to every outbreak of the kind and got things going as quickly as they possibly could. Other outlooks of the farmers were not very prosperous. Crops as a rule in wet land were looking very bad. In lots of places they were sown very late and there would not be great prospects of a bountiful harvest in some places. However, they were not accountable for the weather. He would ask the Council to be as economical as possible during the year, and to spend as little as possible, so as to try to reduce the burden on the ratepayers. He again thanked them for the honour they had bestowed on him. He would carry on in the future as he had done in the past, and he would try to please everyone as far as he could.

Mr Doyle then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Mr Murphy proposed that Mr J.E. Walsh be elected vice-chairman.

Colonel Gibbon (outgoing vice-chairman) seconded.

There was no other proposition, and the Chairman declared Mr Walsh elected unanimously.

Mr Walsh thanked the members for the honour they had done him in electing him to the vicechair. He was sure he would not have to occupy the chair very often, as Mr Doyle, he thought, was the best attender on the council. He did

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not think that Mr Doyle missed a single meeting last year, and he hoped they would have the same service from him this year. Any time he (Mr Walsh) was called upon to preside he would give the best service that was possible.

Mr Walsh then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Letter under date 9th June, 1931 (G1475/31) was read from the Department of Agriculture pointing out that under Section 14 of the Agriculture Act 1931 the existing County Committee of Agriculture would continue in office until their successors were appointed at the annual meeting of the County Council in 1931 under Section 15.

The Department of Agriculture also forwarded copy of second Schedule to the Agriculture Act - (Appointment and Membership of Committees of Agriculture) from which it appeared that at the discretion of the Council every County Committee of Agriculture must be composed of (1) Members of the Council or (2) partly of members of the Council and partly of non-members. The number of members of the Committee shall not be less than three times nor more than four times the number of County Electoral areas in the County at the date of the annual meeting. This gave a maximum membership to Wexford Committee of 16 and a minimum of 12. The Committee must include at least one representative from each County Electoral area. No person is eligible for election unless he has a practical Commercial or technical knowledge of land or has an estate or interest in some agricultural land in the County or has special practical knowledge of agricultural matters. Six months' absence, except thro^t illness or some reasonable ~~cause~~ approved by the Committee, disqualifies a member and a year must elapse before he is eligible for re-appointment.

The following recommendations of last meeting of old County Committee of Agriculture held on 22nd June, 1931, were submitted to the meeting:-

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"That we recommend the County Council to appoint the maximum number of representatives on the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture viz. 16."

"That two County Councillors be elected on the County Committee of Agriculture from each Electoral area."

The following were then recommended for appointment.

Enniscorthy Electoral Area - Messrs James Shannon, and James Cline (County Councillors) George Colloton and Byran O'Connor.

Gorey Electoral Area - Messrs James Hall and Sean O'Byrne (County Councillors) A. McCann and Danl. Somers.

New Ross Area - John Cummins and P. Colfer (County Councillors): W. Thorpe and Ml. Cloney.

Wexford Area - Messrs Doyle and P. Hayes (County Councillors) Messrs W. Devereaux and James J. Ennis.

The Chairman said that the Council were not bound to accept the recommendations of the County Committee of Agriculture unless acceptable.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the County Committee of Agriculture be composed of 16 members."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That two County Councillors from each Co. Electoral Area be appointed on Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture."

Colonel Quin moved and Mr D'Arcy seconded the following amendment:- "That twelve County Councillors, three from each Co. Electoral Area, and four non-members of the Council one from each Co. Electoral area, comprise the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture."

A poll was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For :→ Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smith and

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Walsh - 13.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hall, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Roche and Shannon - 10.

The Chairman did not vote and Messrs Colfer and Cummins (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

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

The members of the Committee were then selected:-

Enniscorthy Area:- The following were approved on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Jordan:-

Messrs James Clince, Caim, Enniscorthy; John Doran, Moneyhore, Enniscorthy and James Shannon, Rathnure, Lower, Enniscorthy (County Councillors).

The name of Mr George Colloton, Fairyhill, Castlebridge, was also selected on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr Shannon.

Gorey Area:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Col. Quin:- "That Messrs T.F. D'Arcy, Annagh Lower, Inch; James Hall, Tobergal, Boolavogue, Ferns, and Sean O'Byrne, The Avenue, Gorey (County Councillors) be appointed members of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr Hall seconded the appointment of Mr Andrew McCann, Newbridge, Camolin, as a member of County Committee of Agriculture.

Mr Keegan proposed and Mr Shannon seconded the appointment of Mr Daniel Somers, Killowen, Gorey.

A vote was taken as between Messrs McCann and Somers with the following result:-

For McCann:- Messrs Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, O'Byrne, Quin, Roche, Walsh and the Chairman - 12.

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For Mr Somers - Messrs Keegan, Meyler, Shannon, and
Smyth - 4.

The following did not vote:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline,
Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan - 8.

Messrs Colfer and Cummins (2) were not in attendance
when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr McCann selected.

New Ross Area:- The following resolution was adopted on
the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Corish:- "That Messrs
P. Colfer, Clomines, Wellingtonbridge, John Cummins, Bally-
hack, and Thomas Mayler, Harristown, Ballymitty (County Coun-
cillors) be appointed members of County Committee of Agricul-
ture."

Col. Quin proposed and Mr Brennan seconded the appointment
of Mr Wm. Thorpe, Knockroe House, New Ross, as a member of the
Committee and the proposal was adopted.

Wexford Area:- Colonel Quin proposed and Mr Murphy
seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That
Messrs Ml. Doyle, Cottage, Tagcoat, Col. C.M. Gibbon, Sleadagh,
and Patrick Hayes, Kilmannon, Cleariestown (County Councillors)
be appointed members of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture."

Mr Roche proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the appointment
of Mr William R. Devereux, Tomhaggard, as a member of the Com-
mittee.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the selection of
Mr J.J. Ennis as a member of the County Committee of Agriculture.

A poll was taken as between Devereux and Ennis with the
following result:-

For Devereux:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran,
Gibbon, Jordan, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth and Walsh -12.

For Ennis:- Messrs Armstrong, Ennis, Colfer, Cooney,
Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Shannon -11.

Messrs Hall, Keegan and the Chairman (3) did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Devereux elected.

Mr O'Byrne raised the question as to contribution of travelling expenses to members of old Co Committee of Agriculture and who were not re-appointed at the present meeting, and who might be deprived of contribution towards their travelling expenses although they attended every meeting possible for the half year up to the present.

After the discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by MrCorish :-

"That we request the Local Government Department to inform this Council if it will be in order to pay the usual contribution towards travelling expenses to members of the County Committee of Agriculture who went out of office on 23rd June, 1931, but who from the commencement of the current financial/^{half}year attended at least 75 per cent of meetings held to date. They cannot - through no fault of their own - attend 75 per cent of all meetings of the Committee held within the half year.

OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEES.

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

"That the County Council be and is hereby re-appointed as Committee under Old Age Pensions Acts and that the eight Sub-Committees acting at present under these Acts in the various districts be also re-appointed.

"We further hereby agree that the first vacancy on No. 6 Sub-Committee will be filled by the appointment of Mr James Armstrong, County Councillor."

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COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Clince:- "That the County Wexford Library Committee be re-appointed."

Messrs Murphy and Meyler asked that their resignations as members of Library Committee should be accepted.

It was decided to ask the Library Committee to recommend the appointment of their successors.

COUNTY WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Under date 12th June, 1931, the Department of Education (T. I. B.) wrote (5067-31) that the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Bill 1931 and which had passed into law since the receipt of above letter rendered unnecessary any action for the present as to election of Vocational Education Committee and which would not take place until the year in which the day is appointed by the Minister for Local Government for the next election of local authorities.

Mr Jordan wished to resign from this Committee and nominated Mr Culleton in his place.

It was decided to call the attention of next meeting of County Vocational Education Committee to the matter.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee:- The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th June were submitted:

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PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF RATES INSPECTOR.

Mr O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, made application to the Finance Committee in respect of his permanent appointment.

The Secretary pointed out that in December last a resolution had been adopted by the Council asking the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision refusing to approve of Mr O'Kennedy's permanent appointment and pointed out that the Council were perfectly satisfied that Mr O'Kennedy had discharged his duties in a thoroughly efficient manner. The Local Government Department had written under date 24th December last in reply to this resolution that pending the completion of the current year's Warrant the Minister was not prepared to reconsider the further status of the Rates Inspector.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That in connection with the permanent appointment of Mr O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector, we recommend the Council to point out to the L.G.D. that relative to their letter of the 24th December, 1930, G.93781/1930 Loch Garman. the Warrants of the Collectors for last financial year had been satisfactorily completed, and in view of this we strongly recommend the Council to make further application to the Minister for his approval to the permanent appointment of Mr O'Kennedy."

RATE COLLECTOR M.M. KELLY, NO.6 DISTRICT.

Under date 16th June, 1931, the following report was presented by Mr O'Kennedy, Rates Inspector:-

"I have to report that I found on an inspection of No. 6 District (Matthew Kelly, Collector) the Collector withheld rates in six cases amounting to £33: 11: 3d.

"I called on Mr Kelly for an explanation who admitted

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having received the amounts which he lodged immediately.

In none of the cases had Mr Kelly issued any receipt whatever.

All defaulting ratepayers in his District, which comprises only one Electoral Division (Enniscorthy Rural) have been communicated with by Circular letter and I have personally called on all the larger ratepayers comprising about 90 % of the carry forward to the 1932 Warrant and with the exception of the above his accounts appear to be in order."

The Secretary stated on receipt of Mr O'Kennedy's report he had interviewed Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, who wrote as follows under date 17th June, 1931:-

"Referring to our interview today as to the discrepancy which the Rate Inspector found in the Accounts of the above Rate Collector.

Having regard to the fact that immediately the amount due was pointed out to the Collector he lodged same to credit of the Council, I would not recommend a prosecution in this case.

"If, however, any further discrepancies are discovered I advise the Council to take immediate action, and have Information sworn and Warrant for arrest issued at once."

The attention of Mr Kelly's sureties had been also called to Mr O'Kennedy's Report and under date 17th June, 1931, the New Ireland Assurance Company wrote that they were not prepared to renew Mr Kelly's Bond but would of course, hold the County Council fully covered to date.

The Secretary further mentioned that the amount referred to in Mr O'Kennedy's Report viz., £33:11:3d had been lodged to the credit of the Council by Mr Kelly on the 16th June.

Mr Kelly came before the meeting and made a long statement in connection with Report submitted by Rate Inspector

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Collector M.M. Kelly, No. 6 District be suspended

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from office and that he be directed to submit in writing his observations in detail on Report of the Rate Inspector. Should this explanation be regarded by the Finance Committee as, unsatisfactory, we consider ourselves bound to call on Mr Kelly to hand in his resignation. While his case is sub judice we hereby appoint Collector Sean Gannon (No. 10 District) as temporary Collector for No. 6 District, to enable the Demand Notes of Small Dwellings to be served within the stipulated period."

BONDS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

On the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Culleton, Mr William K. Stamp, Merchant, 20 Market Square, Enniscorthy, and James Deegan, Senior, Brideswell, Craanford, were accepted as personal sureties for Mr John Deegan, temporary Rate Collector for District No. 7.

As regards Personal Bonds of Collectors Thady Bolger and Jas. Quirke, in connection with the collection in Nos. 12 and No. 2 Districts respectively and which these Collectors are working in addition to their own, the Finance Committee considered that as both these Collectors were furnishing Fidelity Guarantee Bonds in the sum of £1350 their Personal Bonds of £400 and £300 respectively should be regarded as sufficient.

LEGAL COSTS - REDEMPTION RENTS OLD COURTHOUSE.

Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, mentioned that in connection with the purchase of Capt. Redmond's rights in the ground rents of the old Courthouse, Quay, Wexford, the Council had agreed to pay the costs which Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch estimated in their letter of 27th July, 1928, to be a half year's purchase or something under £40. They had now sent him a statement of costs amounting to £53: 1: 0:

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton seconded by Mr Shannon:-

"That Mr Elgee call the attention of Messrs O'Keeffe and Lynch to the statement in their letter of 27th July, 1928, that the Legal costs regarding the purchase of the ground rents of the Old Courthouse from Capt. Redmond had been stated to be something under £40, and in the circumstances the Finance Committee consider it unreasonable to be called upon to pay a higher figure."

REVISIONS OF VALUATION.

The meeting considered various applications for revision of Valuation. The following was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by the Chairman:-

"That ordinary applications for revisions of valuation be forwarded to the General Valuation Department for their consideration. That, as regards applications from the Great Southern Railways for revision of valuation for their premises etc, we desire to point out that it is two years ago only since the valuation of the property of this Railway Co. was very substantially reduced and we are of opinion that no circumstances exist at the present to warrant any further reduction. That copy of this resolution be furnished to the General Valuation Office."

IRISH COLLEGE CAMOLIN.

Under date 15th June, 1931, Mr Michael Kehoe, Hon Sec. Irish College, Camolin, wrote on behalf of the Committee of the College, requesting the loan of old furniture at present in the County Hall, for the use of the students of the College during the months of July and August.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That the request of the Committee of Colaisde Charman as to old furniture in Co. Hall be agreed to on the understanding that the Committee are to be responsible for its safe custody while in their possession and to return it to the County Council premises

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County Hall, Wexford, in the same condition as obtains now."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee for meeting of 18th June, 1931, be received and considered."

Permanent Appointment of Rate Inspector: The recommendation of Finance Committee in this matter was on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Hall confirmed unanimously.

Collector M.M. Kelly: The following under date 20th June, 1931 (G.48529/1931. Loch Garman Fa.) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant regarding the failure of Collector M.M. Kelly, to issue receipts for rate monies received by him and to state that the Minister takes a most serious view of the Collector's conduct. It is not stated when the monies were received by the Collector but it is obvious that he has failed to comply with Article 5 of the Public Bodies Order, 1929. Apart from consideration as to whether criminal proceedings are warranted it is clear that this Collector can no longer be trusted to receive public monies and the Minister presumes that the Council will forthwith remove him from office pursuant to Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order."

The following under date 23rd June, 1931, was read from Mr Kelly:-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th instant re a report from me, I wish to state that in the case of John Cullen, The Moyne, Enniscorthy, the beast in question was not seized; when myself and Mr Donovan visited the place and found the heifer on the land we were going to seize it but Miss Cullen asked Mr Donovan to purchase the animal and he did so. He had not the money available to pay for it at the time and the warrant was closed by the time I got the money.

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In the case of James Murphy, Tommalossett, this money was paid through Mr Donovan and not received by me until after the warrant was closed .

In the other cases I had no receipts to give as they were taken up by the Rate Inspector, and carried to next year's warrant."

Mr Kelly appeared before the meeting and said that all the receipts for the items he had collected had been in the hands of Rate Inspector in connection with claims of rates to be dealt with as temporary uncollectable.

Mr O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector, said that Mr Kelly had some of the money in his hands for over a month.

After a long discussion Col. Quin proposed the following resolution:- "That the recommendation of Finance Committee to dispense with the service of Matthew M. Kelly, as Rate Collector, be adopted."

This was not seconded.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Brennan seconded the following:- "That the recommendation of Finance Committee in respect of Rate Collector Matthew M. Kelly be confirmed."

This was finally adopted.

Legal Costs - Redemption Rents Old Courthouse: Mr Elgee, explained that the increased amount of costs £13: 1: 0d arose from queries which he had forwarded as regards title. He had received the following letter from Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch, Solicitors, for Capt. Redmond, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

"We have your letter, and note that you approve of the Draft Apportionment Account, but regret that you take exception to the amount of our costs. The Estimate of the costs in our letter of the 28th July 1928 was not based on the correct purchase money. There is included in the Bill the costs of three statutory Declarations which even if there were an agreed sum would have to be paid in addition, and

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the fee we have charged for these is most moderate. We would ask you to take up the Abstract of Title and the copy Documents which we furnished and we think that if you will have these roughly counted that the costs we have charged would scarcely cover scrivenry charges alone. The matter has been extremely troublesome.

"Our clients stipulated that they were not to be charged any costs, and having regard to the fact that the agreement provides that your clients are to pay the costs we regret that we cannot see our way to make any reduction in the bill."

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

"That the costs of Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch, Solicitors, ^{Capt} for Redmond in connection with the purchase of ground rents of Old Courthouse, Wexford, and amounting to £53: 1: 0d ^{County} be paid having regard to the advice of Mr Elgee, /Solicitor."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting for 18th June, 1931, submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted."

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

The following motion copy of which was issued to Councillors on 18th May, 1931, stood in the name of Mr Cooney:-

"I hereby give Notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 23rd June, 1931, that the Council adopt a resolution to borrow the sum of £300 (Three Hundred Pounds) which is to be applied to the painting of New Ross Bridge."

Mr Cooney then moved the following :- "That this Council obtain from their Treasurer a loan of £300 to be applied to the cost of painting New Ross Bridge."

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He pointed out that it was seven years since the Bridge was painted and it was 11 years before that when it got only one coat of paint, so that in the past 18 years it was painted twice only. Rust was showing in many places and he could not understand why the necessary amount to do the work had not been included in the proposals for Public Works. The longer the work was postponed the more costly it would be to the Council.

The Chairman pointed out that Kilkenny County Council were responsible for half cost of repairs etc to New Ross Bridge and suggested that a proviso to this effect should be included in Mr Cooney's resolution .

Mr Cooney agreed and altered his resolution to read as follows:- "That this Council obtain from their Treasurer a loan of £300 to be applied to the cost of painting New Ross Bridge on the understanding that Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for half cost."

Mr Corish seconded the amended resolution which was adopted unanimously.

PROPOSED LOAN FOR ERECTION OF TECHNICAL SCHOOL
GOREY.

The following motion copy of which was issued to Co. Councillors on 18th May, 1931, was moved by Mr O'Byrne:-

"That the resolution adopted by Wexford County Council on 9th March, 1931, agreeing to raise a loan of £800 as a contribution towards the cost of purchase of site, erection and equipment of Gorey Technical School be rescinded and that the Council agree to raise a loan of £2200 for this purpose, amount to be obtained through the Public Works (Ireland) Acts 1831-1886, and on the understanding that half annual repayment of Principal and Interest be contributed by the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch)."

Mr Shannon seconded.

The Secretary said the matter required an explanation

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from him. The Council passed a resolution agreeing to raise a loan of £800 for Gorey School, but the reason they did that was that the school and its equipment was to cost £3,200. That was the proposal of the Department, and the idea was that they would get half the cost from the Department, and in addition that they could apply £800 of the saving on the scheme. The unfortunate part of the matter was that the £800 was £800 of the Department's money. The new proposal was that the Department was satisfied that £1,000 should be deducted from savings right away, leaving £2,200 to be raised by loan, and if raised by loan they would pay half the cost of principal, and interest each year. The Council would borrow £2,200 but would be repaid £1,100. That meant that the Department would contribute £2,100, and the Council £1,100.

Mr Corish said he had been informed by the Minister that loans would be at £6: 13: 4d per cent per annum to cover sinking fund and interest.

The Chairman said that if this motion was passed the County would have to pay for Gorey. Continuing he said what about the lower half of the County - the Barony of Forth and other places. It is all very fine about all this cost, and about how badly the school is wanted, but the rest of the county isn't going to get any school.

Mr Colloton - It is not alone schools, but look at the houses people are living in.

Col. Gibbon - I think this matter ought to be postponed for a year at least.

Secretary - If you do that the £1000 will be no longer available.

Col. Gibbon - I don't think we should touch anything that's going to mean extra expense.

The Secretary said he thought the Council should consider the fact that they were paying at present £40 for unsuitable accommodation.

Chairman - What about all our own buildings up there ?

Secretary - They are out of the town.

Chairman - Not very far out.

Secretary - We tried classes in them, and they were not successful.

In reply to Mr D'Arcy the Secretary said that the difference in cost would be about £20 a year.

Col. Quin said he thought everyone knew he was against unnecessary expense but a school was necessary in Gorey. The classes had been a tremendous success there.

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

For the resolution:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh - 19.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Gibbon, Meyler, Roche and the Chairman - 6.

Mr Murphy was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

COURTOWN HARBOUR SLUICE GATES.

Under date 20th June, 1931, the Department of Lands & Fisheries wrote (D/5/2) stating that the Minister would be glad to learn whether the county council were prepared to accept the conditions under which the contribution of £350 from State funds would be made available towards the cost of the provision of new sluice gates at Courtown.

In a further communication the Department ~~wrote~~ stating for the reasons already set out in their letter of 4th May, 1931, the Minister was unable to recommend an increase in the grant already sanctioned, for the repair of the sluice gates at Courtown Harbour.

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

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protest the grant of £350 from the Minister of Lands & Fisheries towards cost of providing new sluice gates at Courtown Harbour,, as the Council had been given to understand that the Department would pay half the cost of the work in question."

RELIEF GRANT.

Under date 16th June, 1931, the Department of Lands & Fisheries wrote (1045/31) acknowledging receipt of resolution adopted by the Co. Council in connection with drainage work at the Boira and Cahore (Gorey District) and at Ballyteigue, Kilmore (Wexford District) and stating that the Minister was having the matter looked into in the Land Commission .

The Chairman said that the deputation of the County Council had put very strongly before the Land Commission the advisability of having this drainage work carried out through the money in the Relief Vote.

Col. Gibbon asked how much money had they received from the Relief Vote in the County.

The Secretary said that as a county council they got nothing but the Board of Health got some.

Colonel Gibbon said he had letters from people asking what was being done for them. He would like some statement in the Press with regard to the grant.

Miss O'Ryan said the Board of Health had to get money from the rates before they could get money from the Grant and they did not like to saddle the ratepayers further. In a sense it was really only a grant in aid.

The Chairman said he thought that what the Board of Health got was not really £1,000, but he thought there was something for Wexford town.

Mr Corish - We got £1,200 and had to put up £300.

Col. Gibbon suggested that information should be got

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from the secretary to the Board of Health, and with regard to the amount that Wexford town received. The people interested and the ratepayers seemed to think that County Wexford should have got more.

Miss O'Ryan - The people think it was a clear grant but it was not.

The Chairman said that a deputation waited on both the Land Commission and the L.G.D. and they were given to understand they would get a considerable amount of money. The Land Commission had done nothing at all; they had not done a scrap for Wexford. A large amount of the grant was to be given through the Land Commission but they had not done anything so far for Wexford, as far as he could see.

Mr Corish - The Land Commission got the most of the grant.

Chairman - I don't think we got fully £1,000 for the Health Board, but we will ascertain the exact amount. It was a great boon for the town of Wexford to get so much as £1,200.

Mr Corish - It has a big population.

Chairman - The population is fairly big all over the County.

Mr Corish - Along with the £300 it is only fair to say it was in connection with a housing scheme on which we were laying out £4,000.

Chairman - You had a loan of that, hadn't you?

Mr Corish - Oh, yes; but we had to pay for it.

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

"That our Secretary ascertain from the Board of Health and Town Clerk, Wexford, what amounts had been received by Co. Board of Health and Wexford Corporation from the recent Relief Vote."

It was further agreed that Messrs Corish and Jordan T.D.'s would ascertain from the Minister the result of his enquiries as to drainage work referred to in his letter of 16th

June, 1931, (1045/31).

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

The following under date 18th June (D/14/5) was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to refer to this Department's communication of 28adh Abran, 1930, and previous correspondence on the subject of proposed repairs and improvements to St. Helen's Harbour, and to state for the information of the Council that he was waited on by a deputation composed of Deputies Dr. Seumas O Riain, R. Corish and D. Allen in reference to this matter.

The Minister explained to the deputation that the shelter wall or pier proposed to be erected by the County Surveyor at a cost of £750 was in the opinion of the Commissioners of Public Works too light and too low; and that the engineers would not regard as satisfactory and reasonably permanent any work of this nature costing less than £1,800. In order to satisfy himself as to whether the outlay of such a large sum was justified, he had had a careful investigation of the position made from the point of view of the possible development of fishing in the district. This investigation showed him that the harbour of Rosslare is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from St. Helen's by path or $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles by road; that the Rosslare Harbour authorities offer no objection to local boats using the harbour and that any boat can use the harbour on payment of harbour dues, which in the case of the small boats used by the St. Helen's fishermen would amount to 18s.9d. a year, with 2d. on each box of fish hoisted by crane on to the pier. The pier at Carne is within 2 miles of St. Helen's. The number of boats using St. Helen's harbour is 8, and the number of fishermen 24. These are purely part-time fishermen working at lobstering and lining in summer and during the remainder of the year they are engaged on farm work. The Minister

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explained to the deputation that in face of this information he felt he would not be justified in recommending the outlay of a large sum on the erection of a breakwater pier, more especially as he felt that the development of the industry required concentration in large ports rather than diffusion of effort in small centres.

The deputation ~~then~~put before the Minister a modified proposal which had been received by Deputy Dr. Ryan from the local fishermen. This proposal is confined to clearing out, deepening and rendering more safe the inner harbour or dock at St. Helen's, and as this proposal would not involve a large outlay it was arranged that the Board of Works be asked to have a survey made and estimate prepared. The Board of Works engineer will be requested to arrange with the County Surveyor a date for the survey, when the local fishermen will be requested to attend and discuss with these officers their modified requirements."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter until Survey and Estimate of Engineer to Office of Works was received.

FORD OF LYNQ.

A Petition of Residents, Farmers and Occupiers of Tagoat Rosslare Strand, Ford of Lyng, Ballybro and surrounding districts asking the Council to take steps to obviate the flooding of road at Ford of Lyng, Tagoat, was forwarded by Messrs Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford. The Petition was signed by 66 persons.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor, in reply to the Chairman said that he and the Co. Surveyor had arranged for a consultation with Mr Jellett K.C. in this matter for the 27th June.

Consideration of Petition was adjourned pending report of Mr Elgee as to this consultation.

ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES OF NEW CO. COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Col. Gibbon moved the following which was seconded by

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Mr Corish and adopted:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to examine the acoustic properties of the Council Chamber, and see what can be done to effect an improvement."

TENDERS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT. -----

The following tenders were submitted for improvement by concreting of Wexford New Ross Road T. 12 No. 20 and 22.:-

Tenders considered by Co. Council.	: Collen Bros. Ltd. : : East Wall, : : Dublin. :	: Pioneer Road : : Constr. Co. : : East Wall, : : Dublin. :	: J. Graham, : : Dromore, : : Co. Down. :
16.0 x 4" Slab with macadam sides	: £10,094:0:0: :	: £10,830: 0: 0: :	: £11,962:9s. :
16.0 x 4" Slab with weak concrete sides.	: £10,592:0:0: :	: £11,452:10:0: :	: £13,103:14: :
18.0 x 4" Slab clay margin	: £10,405:5:0: :	: £11,473:5:0: :	: £12605:14s. :
16.0 x 4" Cement concrete with macadam sides	: £9,596:0:0: :	: £10,415: 0:0: :	: £11464:9s. :
16.0 x 4" Cement concrete with 6" thick weak concrete sides.	: £10,094:0:0: :	: £11,037:10:0: :	: £12605:14s. :
18.0 x 4" Cement concrete with clay margin.	: £9,782:15:0: :	: £11,006: 7: 6: :	: £12108:9s. :

Miss O'Ryan said it would be a matter of great importance to people using the road locally to have a fair margin left at the sides, and probably a sixteen foot road would suit the population better than an eighteen foot road, because they would have a wider margin, which was required for the driving of cattle and in frosty times. Two motor cars could pass on a sixteen foot road. ~~Re~~ If they ran the concrete too close to the ditch there would be no space for anything to walk on. There would certainly be people using the road apart from people using motor cars. She thought they should consider every person using the road, and more particularly the people living in the district, and not the people only coming and

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going.

The Co. Surveyor said that by selecting the sixteen-foot roadway they would only gain a foot at each side.

Chairman - That would be a lot. You don't want a wider road there than the Enniscorthy road.

Mr Shannon supported Miss O'Ryan's argument which he considered essentially sound. The council should cater for people who would be using this road daily for their horses and cattle.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that the Council should decide on a sixteen-foot road, and Mr Shannon seconded.

Col. Quin proposed an eighteen-foot road and Mr Walsh seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For 16 Foot Slab:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 14.

For 18 Foot Slab:- Messrs Culleton, Cummins, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, O'Byrne, Quin, Roche, Walsh - 10.

Mr Hall did not vote and Mr Murphy was absent for the division.

The Chairman declared the proposition for a 16 foot slab road carried.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr D'Arcy:- "That subject to sanction of L.G.D. (Roads) and to removal of note in their tender that the time allowed for completion of the work was insufficient the tender of Messrs Collen Bros. East Wall, Dublin, for improvement of Wexford New Ross Road T.12 (Nos. 20 & 22) by 16 feet of 4" Slab concrete and according to the provisions of specification prepared by County Surveyor at £10094 be and is hereby accepted."

IMPROVEMENT ENNISCORTHY-BUNCLODY ROAD T.16.(NO.24).

The following tenders for above work were submitted:-

	: 16.0 x 6" slab: : with macadam : sides	: 16.0 x 6"slab : with weak : concrete sides:	: 18.0 x 6" slab : with clay margin
Collen Bros.Ltd., East Wall,Dublin	: £3,100: 0: Od	: £3,206:12: Od	: £3,259:18: Od
William Lee Arklow	: £3,330: 1: Od	: £3,380: 1: Od	: £3,400: 1: Od
Pioneer Road Con. Co.Ltd,East Wall Dublin	: £3,568:13: 2d	: £3,733: 0: Od	: £3,737: 8:10d
John Graham Dromore,Co.Down	: £3,684: 6: 2d	: £3,964: 6: 2d	: £3,964: 6: 2d
Alex Hull & Co. Ringsend Road, Dublin.	: £4,557: 7: 9d	: £4,579:11:11d	: £4,579:11:11d

In reply to a query, Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said the road was twenty seven feet between the fences.

Chairman - I think you could take the eighteen feet there.

On the proposition of Mr Hall seconded by Mr Jordan, it was decided to have an eighteen-foot roadway.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the tender of Messrs Collen Bros. East Wall, Dublin, for improvement of Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road T.16 (No.24) with 18 feet 6" slab with clay margins be accepted at £3,259:18: Od subject to the sanction of the L.G.D. (Roads)."

Mr Gaul asked what wages would be paid to the clerk of works.

It was suggested to advertise the appointment at £3 per week but Mr Corish proposed that a tradesman should be employed at tradesmen's wages, and said he believed they should have a tradesman at such a job - either a mason or a plasterer.

Mr D'Arcy - In my opinion a mason or a plasterer would have very little knowledge of concrete.

Mr Corish - Very little knowledge ! Isn't that their job ? It will be only a few shillings more, and you will get a proper man.

Col. Quin proposed a wage of £3 a week and Mr D'Arcy seconded.

Mr Corish proposed that either a plasterer or a mason be em-

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ployed at tradesmen's wages - £4: 2: 6d a week -

Mr Armstrong seconded.

Mr Keegan proposed that a qualified engineer be employed at £5 a week, and said that to his mind, it would be money well spent.

Mr Roche seconded Mr Keegan's proposition.

A poll on Mr Keegan's proposition resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Cummins, Keegan, Roche and Walsh - 5.

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 20.

Mr Murphy was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A poll was then taken on Mr Corish's amendment.

This resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, and Shannon - 9.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the chairman - 16.

Mr Murphy was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Col. Quin that the wages of Clerk of Works be £3 was then put and adopted nem con.

CAMOLIN-BALLINAMONA ROAD.

Mr Keegan referred to the condition of a by-road between Camolin and Ballinamona, and said he had been informed that £30 had been allotted for that road this year, but not thirty pence had been laid out on it. He saw nine or ten people attending to beet beside that road. One man had ten acres of beet, and he would have to get it away somehow.

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Mr Corish - Wouldn't we be "scabs" if we provided a road for beet ? (Laughter)

Mr Keegan - I think something should be done with this particular road.

Chairman - The matter is out of order at the moment.

Mr Keegan - I will move that the £30 be laid out on it if only to facilitate this particular man.

Chairman - You have got very accommodating. (Laughter).

The discussion ended.

GOREY → COURTOWN ROAD.

Mr Keegan said he had travelled by bus on the Courtown road recently, and he saw that there was scarcely room enough on the road. There was a statement that the sides of the road were to be rolled in, but as far as he could see no roller had been on it since.

The County Surveyor said the roller was found to be doing more harm than good, as it was breaking the sides. That was why the L.G.D. suggested an alternative in the scheme of road-making - on account of the difficulty of rolling the sides without damage.

BALDWINSTOWN AND KILMORE ROADS.

Mr Roche said that some very large ratepayers were complaining very bitterly about the condition of the Baldwinstown to Killag road.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that probably some potholes had come again in that road. It was done a fortnight or three weeks ago. It was a very narrow road, surfaced with sea gravel.

Mr Roche said that on the Tenacre - Kilmore Quay road he saw gravel being spread without tar recently, and it was practically gone.

Mr Birthistle said that the gravel and tar work was only in its experimental stage. He thought it would make a fair job, but there would not be funds available to do that

work except in isolated places.

The County Surveyor said that at the present time the L.G.D. were raising objections to their getting tar locally for their roads. They would have to get the tar from Dublin to do the work, and if they did they would have to get boilers. There was a Trade Department contract and the Department said they would have to get everything in that way.

Mr Corish - (sarcastically) - That's right - bring everything to Dublin.

Mr Roche said he thought anyone could see that where tar was used it improved the roads fifty per cent.

THE CURRACLOE ROAD.

Mr Culleton said he had a lot of complaints about the Wexford-Curraclloe road. He wondered if anything could be done with one very bad point called Kavanagh's Corner.

Mr Birthistle said there was a very blind fence at the place, and a considerable amount of traffic.

Mr Culleton said he wanted something done with it, as it was very dangerous, and if it were to be done at all it should be done immediately.

Mr Gaul suggested that they should spend £10 on the cutting of the corner in question.

Mr Culleton proposed that the work should be done at a cost not exceeding £10. Mr Birthistle would have it done at the lowest cost possible.

Mr Corish seconded and the proposition was passed.

Mr Culleton - What about the road itself ?

Mr Birthistle said they had two different sets of people using the road - tourists and holiday makers in the summer, while the farmer really wanted it in the winter. If he made the road right for summer travellers it would be wrong for the farmer, and he was trying to get in between the two.

Chairman - I think Mr Birthistle is doing the fairest thing I heard of yet.

Mr Gaul asked if it would be possible to spend a few pounds out of the contingency fund to have the potholes filled at least.

Mr Birthistle said they filled the potholes about once a month, but to really improve the road they would require to put down tar patches, and they had not the money.

MONALEE CROSS.

Mr Jordan said there was a very dangerous cross in his district - Monalee Cross. There had very nearly been a bad accident there recently, and he was afraid there would be a serious accident there some time.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he had a proposal in about three years ago to do some improvement there. It would cost a good deal of money to put back the fences. He did not think they could do anything this year, but he would bring forward a proposal next year.

Mr Jordan - I am very much afraid you are going to have a serious accident.

It was decided that there should be a proposal for this work introduced next year.

ROAD AT BALLINDONEY AND POULPEASTY.

The following under date 8th June, 1931, was read from Mr James Nolan, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam:-

"I wish to draw your attention to the dangerously bad state of repair of the road leading from the main road in Ballindoney to the lower turn at Poulpeasty contracted by Patrick Flynn, Ballindoney.

I the undersigned being the owner and user of 2-30 cwt lorries and a motor car (3 vehicles) find it impossible to keep going thereon; as owing to its very bad state the vehicles are constantly breaking up, and there is seemingly no material to go on the road.

Also on ~~the~~ road another equally important thing for

immediate consideration is the many entirely dangerous corners there is on it. To begin with - the hedges to be cut and sight given going out on the main road at Ballindoney, further down is a dangerous turn on Stephen O'Connor's land, further down a dangerous turn on M. Flynn's land, further down at cross roads three corners to be lowered and paled, further down two entirely dangerous corners of Pat Condon's land. So from the danger there is of life and property you certainly need to give this your immediate attention. And now without fail I ask you to right immediately procure some fine (break) material for this road, and give me a chance of paying my £70 to £80 per year Road Tax. Hoping you will kindly give these urgent matters your attention."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for the district:-

"I was over the above road recently and found it in fair condition considering the amount of traffic on it. The Contractor is at present hauling material to it for pot holes, and one of the "blind" corners has been trimmed.

"It will not be possible to do anything further except trim the fences on the various corners mentioned in Mr Nolan's letter provided the land owners are agreeable."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr D'Arcy to furnish Mr Nolan with a copy of Mr O'Neill's report.

SHED AT FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr J.J. McDonald, Ferrycarrig, Wexford:-

"With reference to our conversation on the 26th ult., re occupation of County Council shed at Ferrycarrig Bridge by Jas. Stafford, please let me know whether Stafford holds possession of shed as a Tenant of the Council, and, if not whet-

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her the Council is prepared to let the place at a reasonable rent, with clear possession."

The County Surveyor said articles in connection with road work were stored in this shed from time to time and Stafford acted as caretaker for the Council. Mr McDonald had apparently, a complaint that Stafford would not allow him to store fishing nets in it. Stafford sometimes used the place for repairing boats.

Mr Gaul proposed and Mr Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the arrangement of the County Surveyor to allow Stafford to continue in occupancy of the premises as at present be continued."

BALLYWETHER BRIDGE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £25 be allocated for work carried out at Ballywether bridge to prevent the flooding of County Road."

FLOODING OF PREMISES FROM ROAD.

The following under date 16th June, 1931, was read from Mr Edward Doran, Askamore, Carnew:-

"Some time ago I complained to the Co. Health Board that the water from the Co. Road adjoining my premises was flowing into my yard and polluting my water supply. The Health Board informed me that they had referred the matter to your Council to have the matter attended to, but so far nothing has been done. As this is a very serious matter from my point of view, I would thank you to bring this letter before the Council at their next meeting and let me know what steps they propose taking, otherwise I cannot be blamed if I take steps to compel the party responsible to fulfil their obligations."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report.

TRANSFER OF POWERS UNDER LIBRARIES ACTS. -----

The following under date 8th June, 1930, was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"At a meeting of my Council on the 3rd instant it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Cardiff, that the powers and duties of my Council under the Libraries Act, 1855, be transferred to the County Council, and in order to take advantage of the County Library Scheme the Urban Council will be prepared to pay the County Council £18. per annum subject to the approval of the Minister."

Under date 18th June, 1931, the Department of Local Government wrote (G47289/1931 Loch Garman) forwarding copy of the resolution adopted by Enniscorthy Urban Council and asked if the County Council had approved of the terms of the transfer.

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

"That the Enniscorthy Urban Council be informed that the Wexford County Council are prepared to accept the transfer of the powers and duties of said Council under the Libraries Acts provided the contribution from Urban District towards the Library Expenses is made on their valuation basis as arranged for the rest of the County."

LIVE STOCK FAIRS HELD IN STREETS. -----

The following under date 16th June, 1931, was read from the General Council of County Councils:-

"I have been directed by the County Councils' General Council to inform you that the Irish Live Stock Owners & Traders' Association has requested the General Council - in the interest of Irish Trade and with a view to having Irish Live Stock marketed in the best possible condition - to take

up the question of compelling owners of Stock to expose their cattle for sale only in Fair Greens where such are available.

The Association points out that in towns, especially where the streets are narrow and become easily congested on fair days, cattle are necessarily subjected to a considerable amount of abuse and hardship which greatly affects their sale in British markets.

My Council would be glad to have the observations of your Council on this question raised by the Association and, also, information as to whether, in your County, such a regulation as is suggested is in operation."

Mr Roche proposed and Mr Jordan seconded a resolution - which was adopted - referring the matter to the County Committee of Agriculture.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Gaul, seconded by Mr Cline:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane, on receipt of stipulated fee of 10/- and renewals to Henry Hill, Ballycanew and Myles Byrne, Market House, Gorey. *Passed*

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr Brennan :- "That Garda T. Moylan, 2320, New Ross, be appointed Food and Drugs Inspector for New Ross District vice Garda C. Driscoll, 2532, accidentally drowned on 16th June, 1931."

PRISONERS IN MOUNTJOY.

The Director of Publicity, Political Prisoners, Cumann na mBan, forwarded copy of affidavit by Patrick Norton, recently released from Mountjoy Jail after serving a sentence of seven days for selling Easter lilies giving his des-

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cription of his incarceration also particulars of Hunger strike by George Mooney and Sean McGuinness.

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

"That prisoners convicted of political offences should receive political treatment and as it is unjustifiable to treat them as criminals we call on the Government to afford them political treatment."

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

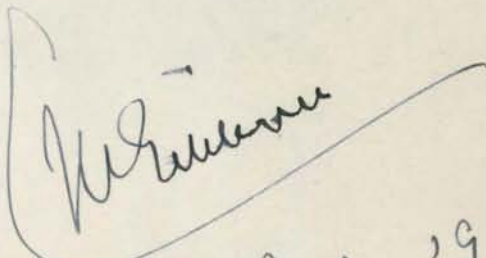
Mr Keegan proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted Nem con:-

"That men whose means of livelihood is carting by horses be given a share of Co. Work in rotation."

The following resolution was also adopted:- "That the County Surveyor submit a return showing the number of days worked by each carter employed at Road work for the past year."

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the next meeting of County Council be held on Monday, 27th July, 1931."


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