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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 12th JUNE, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary Wexford Co. Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th June, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided: also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, 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, Thomas McCarthy, 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 five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

#### MINUTES

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4175.9.9d was examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Alderman Thomas Rossiter, Wexford, and a former member of this County Council in the death of his daughter.

The vote (which was passed in silence) was supported by the Chairman, Secretary and Co. Solicitor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That replies to votes of condolence read at this meeting from Mr. D'Arcy, Co. Councillor, in the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Martin Kinsella, Ballycomclone Mills and from Loreto Convents, Wexford and Dublin, in the death of Rev. Mother M.J. Raphael, Loreto Convent, Wexford, be inserted on this day's Minutes."

The following is copy of letter from Mr. D'Arcy:-

"I wish to thank the County Council very sincerely for the vote of condolence passed at their meeting on 29th ult., and also to thank your good self. Votes of condolence are always consoling



"under such circumstances."

Rev. Mother M.J. Felix, Loreto Convent, Wexford, wrote:-

"On behalf of the community and myself I wish to thank you most sincerely for your kind sympathy in our great sorrow. Dear M.M.J. Raphael is an irreparable loss to us.

"I would have liked greatly to invite her friends to the Requiem Mass on Monday, but owing to the limited accommodation in our Chapel it was not possible to do so.

"We were deeply touched by the action of the County Council in paying such a tribute to dear Mother M. Raphael's memory and would feel most grateful if you would kindly convey to them our appreciation.

"I forwarded your letter to Mother General."

Rev. Mother M.J. Louis, Provincial, Loreto College, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote:-

"On behalf of the Mother General, and the Community of Loreto Convent, Wexford, I return sincere thanks to the Members of the County Council for their kind message of sympathy on the death of Mother Raphael Doyle (R.I.P.) and for their attendance at her funeral.

"We appreciate deeply the mark of esteem shown to the late Superior, and of kindness towards the Community, in the action taken by the Council. It is in keeping with the cordial relations that have always existed between the Wexford people and the Loreto nuns, and which, I trust, will ever remain unchanged. "

#### CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Secretary stated that in connection with vacancy in membership of the Co. Council consequent on the resignation of Mr. John Murphy, advertisement under the names of the Chairman, and two other members and his own as to the filling of the vacancy had appeared in the three local papers.

Mr. Walsh, after paying tribute to Mr. Murphy for his



ability during his period of office, proposed the co-option of Mr. Michael Hickey, Misterin, Adamstown, who would serve the district which had been represented by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Cummins seconded and the Chairman declared the motion adopted unanimously.

#### MEMBER OF COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Colfer proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the election of Mr. Cummins as member of Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance vice Mr. John Murphy resigned.

Mr. O'Byrne drew attention to the fact that of the ten members on the Board of Health seven came from the South of the County and the remaining three from the North, and in consequence he was of opinion the present vacancy should go to the North.

Col. Quin proposed the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne to the vacancy.

Mr. Armstrong seconded.

Mr. Hall, while admitting that the North had a grievance as regards representation, considered that Mr. Cummins should be elected as he resided close to Mr. Murphy and would represent that particular district.

Mr. Keegan urged on the Council the necessity for appointing someone to represent the poor people of Gorey.

Mr. McCarthy said it had been always the custom of the Council to distribute representation as equally as possible over the County and the Council should admit that Enniscorthy district in which there was an urban population of over 6000, as well as a big rural population, had not sufficient representation. Mr. Jordan, who was an excellent member of the Health Board, was the only representative of Enniscorthy and he lived several miles from the town.

Miss O'Ryan said that although Enniscorthy town had no direct representative on the Board no one could say that its interests were neglected on that account. The members of the Board catered



impartially for the whole County and worked in the greatest harmony. She did not think - especially as they would be only a few months more in office - that any change should be made in representation and considered that Mr. Cummins should be elected as he represented Mr. Murphy's area.

Mr. Doran proposed and Mr. Cline seconded the appointment of Mr. McCarthy as a member of the Board of Health and Public Assistance vice Mr. Murphy resigned.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. CUMMINS: Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Colloton, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (12)

FOR MR. O'BYRNE: Messrs. Armstrong, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes and Quin. (6).

FOR MR. MCCARTHY: Messrs. Cline and Doran (2)

Messrs. Cummins, McCarthy and O'Byrne (3) did not vote.

Messrs. Jordan and Shannon (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cummins elected as he had a clear majority of those voting.

Mr. Cummins thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him. He would not have allowed the matter to go to a vote only he had been approached and asked to allow his name to go forward. He would spare no effort to give satisfaction to everyone concerned as a member of the Board of Health.

Mr. O'Byrne congratulated Mr. Cummins on his election.

#### FOREMAN IN CHARGE OF

#### RECONSTRUCTION WORK - WEST WING

Under date 9th June, 1933, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

As directed by the Council I put advertisement in the local papers asking for applications for position of Foreman on the proposed alterations at the County Hall, and have received eight



"applications, which I shall submit to the meeting on 12th instant.

"As this work is proposed to be carried out by Direct Labour there will be great responsibility on me, and I wish to point out to the Council that I consider the selection of foreman should be left in my hands. Some of the applicants I am acquainted with, to some extent, and as regards others I am absolutely in ignorance of their capabilities. One of the applicants, whom I favour, is a most suitable man for the job, and I am thoroughly acquainted with him: he was engaged in this capacity, by a Contractor, for work carried out by the County Council."

Applications from the following for the position were submitted by the County Surveyor:-

Patrick Brennan, Bunclody. (Bricklayer and Mason);  
 Peter Donnelly, Michael Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);  
 John Doyle, Kitestown, Kyle. (Carpenter);  
 Thomas J. Keegan, Barrack Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);  
 Michael Kelly, 13, King Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);  
 Patrick Larkin, 5, Abbey Street, Wexford. (Carpenter);  
 Thomas J. Millar, M.I.S.E., Ballina, Curracloe.  
 George Sinnott, Ballyhogue, Macmine. (Carpenter);

The Co. Surveyor recommended the appointment of George Sinnott, whom he knew personally as foreman in charge of the reconstruction of Gorey Courthouse.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

FOR BRENNAN: Messrs. Armstrong, O'Byrne and Shannon. (3)

FOR DOYLE: Messrs. Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Smyth and Walsh. (7)

FOR KELLY: Mr. Meyler.

FOR MILLAR: Messrs. Culleton and Roche. (2)

FOR SINNOTT: Messrs. Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, Doran, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin and the Chairman. (12)

Messrs. Donnelly, Keegan and Larkin received no vote.



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Mr. Meyler transferred his vote to Sinnott, leaving the latter in a clear majority of those present who had voted.

The Chairman declared Sinnott elected.

The Secretary pointed out as regards the employment of this man he would not be in a position to start work until the Local Government Department had sanctioned the plans for reconstruction and until the necessary loan had been obtained either from the Treasurer of the Council or from the Local Loans Fund.

#### ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTOR (NO. 14 DISTRICT)

Under date 3rd June, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote G.58989-1933 Loch Garman Fa. that the Minister saw no objection <sup>to</sup> the proposed advertisement for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District.

The following applications were received for the position of Rate Collector for No. 14 District, comprising the following District Electoral Divisions:-

Ballybeg, Ballyellis, Ballyoughter, Huntingtown,  
Kilcomb, Monaseed and Rossmínogue.

1. Thomas Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew. (Passed Examination on 10th June, 1933, obtaining 2nd place with 250 marks).
2. John Cadogan, Shelbaggan, Arthurstown. (Failed in Irish and Arithmetic at Examination on 10th June, 1933.)
3. Matthew Crean, Rathmure, Enniscorthy. (Passed examination 25th May, 1932, obtaining 1st place with 267 marks).
4. Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Gorey. (Passed exam. on 2nd April, 1929, 11th place with 138 marks).
5. Patrick Bennett, Cushinstown, New Ross (passed examination on 10th June, 1933 - 1st place with 230 marks).
6. Stephen Somers, Ballydaw, Marshallstown. (Passed exam. 20th May, 1930, 2nd place with 188 marks).

Mr. Bennett withdrew his application.

Messrs. Balfe, Creane, Kenny and Somers came before the meeting.



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Balfe stated he resided in Co. Wicklow, just over the border, but would be prepared to live in the District if appointed. His father was a large ratepayer in Co. Wexford.

Kenny resided in the district and Crean and Somers stated that they were prepared to live in it if elected to the position.

The Chairman stated that the Co. Council would insist upon the successful candidate living in his district.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR BALFE: Messrs. Culleton, Keegan, O'Ryan and Roche. (4).

FOR CREAN: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy and Shannon. (12)

FOR KENNY: Messrs. D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, O'Byrne, Cummins, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (9).

Somers received no vote.

Balfe having dropped out a vote was taken between Kenny and Crean, with the following result:-

FOR KENNY: Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (13)

FOR CREAN: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy and Shannon (12).

The Chairman declared Kenny elected.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Gorey, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 District, subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health, and to his entering into Bonds for Personal and Guarantee Society Security, and on the terms and conditions of advertisement and memorandum, governing appointment and which was supplied to all candidates for the position." Passed.

The Chairman declared Kenny elected and hoped he would see his way to carry out his duties in a manner satisfactory to the Council.

Mr. Kenny in returning thanks for his election said he hoped



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he would carry out the duties in a manner pleasing to everyone.

RATE COLLECTORS RESIDING IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as all Rate Collectors were appointed on the understanding that they should reside in their collection districts we hereby call upon all Rate Collectors to do so; otherwise the Council will consider the determination of their appointments."

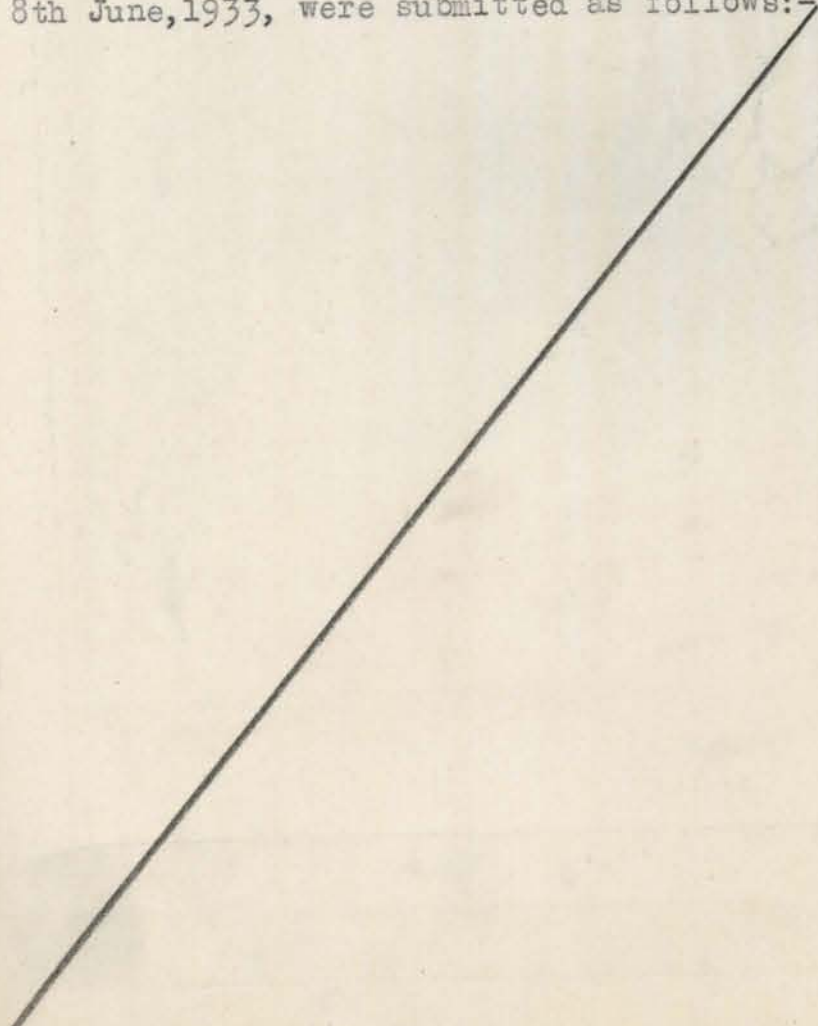
After discussion the resolution was withdrawn and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee in consultation with Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, for recommendation.

COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That, in deference to the request of Courtown Harbour Committee the name of Mr. Dudley Butler, Courtown Harbour, be added thereto."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th June, 1933, were submitted as follows:-





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 8th JUNE, 1933

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County Hall,  
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N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held on 8th June, 1933, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Messrs. J. Culleton, J. Hall, Thomas McCarthy and James Shannon.

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

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3982.6.8d was examined and signed..

#### RATE COLLECTION

It was reported that the following Collectors had not yet closed their warrants for 1932/33 the amounts outstanding being

M. McCarthy (No. 4)	£110.5.1d
P. Nolan (No. 5)	£40.9.2d
J. Deegan (No. 7)	£23.4.9d
P. O'Byrne (No. 9)	£262.6.0d
M. Murphy (No. 12)	£41.16.2d
A. Dunne (No. 15)	£96.12.4d
P. Carty (No. 20)	£82. 9.11d.

With regard to Collector O'Byrne the Secretary pointed out that this Collector came before the Finance Committee meeting of 24th May, 1933, and promised he would lodge, as directed by the Committee, £250 by the date of present meeting of Finance Committee and that he would leave no complaint as to his conduct in dealing with his collection in the future. The Collector had not fulfilled his promise, as a matter of fact, he had made no lodgment whatever in the meantime.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That we recommend the County Council to suspend Collector O'Byrne (No. 9) District)



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"from office unless he closes his warrant by Monday 12th June, 1933. That in the event of his failure to carry out this instruction his Sureties be called upon to lodge £200 amount of personal bond. "

In connection with the amounts outstanding to close their warrants in the cases of the other Collectors, the Rates Inspector stated that the bigger portion of these sums had not been put in the hands of Solicitors for collection at the proper time.

The Secretary stated that Rate Books had now been prepared and warrants signed and it was not possible to make any further change in the figures.

Collector M. Murphy came before the meeting and stated the amount which he had been called upon to lodge was in the hands of the Solicitor for collection or in the hands of the Sheriff for seizure but he was certain that some of the money would not be obtained. There was a derelict farm in his area on which there was no stock and in respect of which he could hold out no hope that the rates would be available.

Collector M. McCarthy stated he would be able to secure all of the necessary amount to close with the exception of £19 and in that case he could not hope that payment would be made until after the lapse of considerable time.

Collector P. Nolan stated that there was in hands of Sheriff decrees representing about £33. He could not see there was any possibility of securing payment of the balance of £7 or £8.

The Chairman pointed out to the Collectors that as the Rate Books had been prepared and arrears carried forward, nothing could be done until the Collectors had lodged the amounts mentioned at the Finance Committee that day.

In connection with arrears of rates due by Rev. Dom Sweetman, Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey, Father Sweetman came before the meeting and stated that he always admitted he was responsible for the rates and always paid them, when he was in a position to do so. Owing to circumstances to which he referred in detail, the School and



Monastery at Mt. St. Benedict had been closed and buildings on which there was a high valuation had been unoccupied for several years. He was employing sixty people who were in the main suffering from various disabilities of sight, lameness and old age, and in the circumstances, he stated, that instead of having to pay rates he should be receiving a premium from the State. The principal portion of the lands were held in the names of three trustees, of whom he was one, but he had in his own name about one hundred acres of rough land, which he would be prepared to hand over to the County Council or to the Co. Board of Health for the purpose of erecting Labourers' cottages.

After discussion the Finance Committee considered that the arrears of Rates on the unoccupied buildings at Mt. St. Benedict should be wiped out, as Father Sweetman had not been in beneficial occupation of these for a considerable time. They also recommended him to get in touch with the Forestry Section of the Department of Agriculture to ascertain if it would be possible to induce them to take over the one hundred acres of rough land to which he had referred. In the opinion of the Committee with a rebate of the rates on the College and School and the application of whatever money was received from the Department of Agriculture for the acquisition of one hundred acres for Forestry purposes to reduce the outstanding balance Father Sweetman should be prepared to pay the rest of the arrears.

Father Sweetman thanked the Finance Committee for the attentive hearing they had given his explanation of the position and accepted the proposals which the Finance Committee had outlined. He said he would get in touch with the Forestry Department as soon as possible.

In connection with the resignation of Collector Rowe (No. 18 District) which had been referred to the Finance Committee by County Council as provided by Standing Orders the questions of advertising for a new Collector and for transfer of



Electoral areas to other Collectors were considered.

It was proposed by Mr. Colloton seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Council be recommended to appoint a new Collector for No. 18 District vice Collector Rowe, resigned, remuneration 5d. in the £. on amount collected and lodged with statutory fees in connection with the preparation of Electors Lists."

In connection with the allowance for Credit Note to John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford, a letter under date 19th May, 1933, was read from Mr. Doyle in which he pointed out that the statement of Collector Dunne that he had asked him for rates at Mr. Kennedy's threshing was false. Mr. Dunne never spoke to him at the threshing. He (Mr. Doyle) could not understand why the Credit Note was invalid immediately after the 31st March, 1933, but became valid again, according to Mr. Dunne on the 3rd April, 1933, and again invalid on the 8th April, 1933. He (Mr. Doyle) was never asked for the rates and was at the loss of a £1 through no fault of his own.

After consideration the Finance Committee decided to allow the matter to drop.

#### GOREY HILL QUARRY

#### CLAIM BY MISS PALMER

In connection with the claim of £15 by Miss H.J. Palmer for injury to her premises consequent upon blasting operations by the Co. Council at Gorey Hill Quarry, correspondence from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, 34 Dame Street, Dublin, C.1. was read, also letter from the Co. Surveyor, under date 1st June, 1933, in which he stated that personally he considered the claim excessive.

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, had stationed men along the road when recent blasts were carried out and in no case did a stone go near Miss Palmer's premises. Of course it would not be possible to know what view a Court would take if she applied for an injunction to



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close the quarry. Every latitude was given to private individuals in such cases as blasting operations were dangerous to life and limb. But in his (Co. Surveyor's) opinion the amount claimed for damages in regard to these premises from time to time had been excessive.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in the opinion of the Finance Committee (having heard the statement of the Co. Surveyor in the matter) a sum of £5 should be ample to meet the claim of Miss Palmer as regards injury to her premises by blasting."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 29th May, 1933, Sergeant McDade, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, wrote relative to an application to be made to the District Court to have Thomas Kelly, aged 10 years, a native of Ballymore, Co. Wexford, found wandering at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, on 16th May, 1933, committed to an industrial school.

Referred to Mr. Elgee.

#### KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE DISTRICT

In connection with correspondence from Messrs. Dunphy and Lalor, Solicitors, 22, South Street, New Ross, relative to the claim of their client Major John Barnewall, that the Co. Council were bound under the Kilmannock Drainage Scheme to prevent the flooding of his lands and their consequent deterioration at a particular point, in the drainage area, the Co. Surveyor said that he had obtained a map from the Land Commission on which was marked the drainage area maintainable by the Co. Council and he had also inspected the premises. From the map and from his inspection he was of opinion that the place complained of by Major Barnewall was outside the Drainage Area.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Dunphy & Lalor that in the opinion of the Finance Committee, the Council had no responsibility for the flooding of lands of Major Barnewall, in connection with their maintenance of Kilmannock Drainage District.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 8th June, 1933, be received and considered.

RATE COLLECTION:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as Collector O'Byrne (No. 9 District) has failed to carry out his promise to the Finance Committee to lodge £250 by this date his services be dispensed with subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and that advertisements be issued for new Collector for the district on the same terms and conditions as applied to District No. 14 except that the age of candidates be, over 21 and under 45 years. "

"That Demand Notes for rates on small dwellings in No. 9 district be served by Collector Gannon in No. 8 district; by Collector Curtis in No. 18 district, and by Collector Dunne in No. 14 district."

In connection with amounts outstanding in the cases of the other Collectors the Secretary stated that the amounts reported to Finance Committee meeting had been substantially reduced, except in one instance, <sup>and</sup> now stood as follows:-

	£.	S.	D.
M. McCarthy (No. 4).....	19.	0.	6.
P. Nolan (No. 5).....	40	9	2
J. Deegan (No. 7).....	18	0	0
M. Murphy (No.12).....	41	16	2
A. Dunne (No.15).....	74	12	4
P. Carty (No.20).....	82	9	11

With reference to remission of Rates on Mount St. Benedict, it was decided after considerable discussion that the Rates Inspector make enquiries as to the length of time the buildings constituting the School and College had been vacant and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

As regards vacancy for Collector in No. 18 District, Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following



resolution:- "That the age limits for applications for position of Rate Collector for No. 18 district be not under 21 and not over 45 years. "

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the age limits for Rate Collectors for No. 18 district be not under 21 and not over 40 years. "

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR 21 and 40 years: Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Roche, Shannon and Walsh. (12)

FOR 21 and 45 years: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Hayes, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of 21 and 45 years which he declared carried.

Mr. Keegan was not present when poll was taken.

It was decided that appointments of Collectors for Nos. 9 and 18 Districts be made at next County Council meeting to be held on 10th July, 1933.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th June, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That in view of the report of Mr. Elgee that the titles of the following are in order, the Council agree to advance loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

John Power (Site at Latimerstown) Loan £100.

Richard Hendrick (Ballyeden, Clonroche) Loan £70.

John Hackett, (Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge) Loan £180.

Myles Byrne, (Ballinahillen, Gorey) Loan £140.



James Molloy, (Ballykerogue, Campile) Loan £130.

We observe that the Title of Thomas Neville, for site at Bannow Moor, and who is applying for loan of £50, is also reported by Mr. Elgee as in order but as we are informed by the Appointed Officer that Thomas Neville has made no application to him for Grant, further action as to this loan be postponed.

Under date 6th June, 1933, (H.51048/1933 Wexford) the following letter was read from Housing Section of Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your communication of the 13th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Name of Borrower	House	Amount of Grant £
Maurice Foley	Ballyhyland, Killanne	50
James Nolan	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	171
Patrick Hayes	Spencerstown	75
William Willoughby	Barnadown, Gorey	130
Paul Hannon	Coolbrock, Wellingtonbridge	25
Martin Breen	Gurraun	50
John Lawlor	Ballyhyland	100

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That further representations be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and to the Department of Finance as regards advancing loans already sanctioned by first named Department for £2,000 and £8,000. In many instances work has been suspended because applicants have been unable to obtain their loans and to make payments to Contractors, and Builders Providers. As a matter of fact the question of advancing these loans has been so long



"under discussion that Merchants are under the impression that the Scheme will fall through. Requests for payment of at least some portion of the loans are made daily and as the Council have complied with all formalities, we consider it very detrimental to the Scheme not to advance at least some portion of the sanctioned loans."

In connection with the administration of this Act the following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the question of payment for preparation of mortgages under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be considered by the County Council, and if necessary that a ruling be made thereon."

Mr. Shannon asked Mr. D'Arcy to withdraw his notice of motion.

After some discussion Mr. D'Arcy fell in with this request and the matter dropped.

SUPERANNUATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The following notice of motion <sup>which</sup> stood in the name of Mr. Gaul and which was circulated to members of the Co. Council on 10th May, 1933, was moved by Col. Gibbon in the temporary absence of Mr. Gaul:-

"That the County Council agree to award Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, superannuation on his resignation of office of Assistant Surveyor and that amount of same be fixed by the Council."

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

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health we hereby fix the superannuation allowance of Mr. J. Kehoe at £122 per annum which allows for thirty-two sixtieths of his salary of £230, Mr. Kehoe having thirty-two years service."

HAULAGE ON ROADS ETC.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Armstrong:-



"That the question of Road Haulage be considered with a view to arriving at a decision as to when horse haulage and when mechanical haulage should be employed."

Mr. Armstrong referring to his motion said that mechanical haulage of every sort on the roads was making the condition of the workers and the condition of the Council more and more difficult. Day after day they saw the number of deputations coming before the Council looking for employment. The majority of the unemployed were looking to the Council for relief. Although the County Council were not responsible for the present condition of unemployment it was certainly up to them to act humanely towards the people who were unable to obtain work. Some efforts should be made to amend the Road Works Scheme so that they could deal with unemployment on a proper basis. It was unnecessary to stress how acute unemployment was all over the County. In his district of Bunclody with a population of three hundred they had seventy-five unemployed men with 120 dependents; so that half the population was out of work. This was typical of the rest of the County and to his mind one of the ways in which unemployment could be stemmed was by cutting out all machinery and asking the Local Government Department for sanction to do this in the Road Works Scheme. On considering more carefully the notice of motion he had given he came to the conclusion as conditions in the various districts varied so much, it would not be possible to lay down any hard and fast rule with regard to when mechanical and when horse haulage should be employed. He would put in a new notice of motion regarding unemployment later on.

#### DEPUTATIONS TO COUNCIL

The Chairman said the Council were asked that day to hear deputations members of which had either given only a day's notice of their application or had handed in application during the meeting. If this procedure was allowed to continue the ordinary business of the Council would suffer.



Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in accordance with Standing Order 26 of this Council, any proposed deputation which does not in future give the necessary seven clear days' notice of their intention to attend before the Council, shall not have their application submitted to the meeting and although the stipulated notice be given it will be within the power of the Council to decide if they will hear any particular deputation."

Under date 6th June, 1933, John Kearns, Clologue, Ferns, wrote that the workers of Clologue, Ballyregan and Doran's Hill quarries requested the Council to hear a deputation.

John Kearns and Patrick Kearns, his brother, came before the meeting the former acting as spokesman. He said there were sixteen men unemployed and they had no dole and no relief work. He advocated hand-breaking material in the three quarries mentioned in his letter.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor in charge of Clologue quarry said he had secured sufficient material for the year with the exception of some small amount of granulated stuff.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor in charge of Ballyregan and Doran's hill quarries said he could not provide any work in the latter and as regards Ballyregan he had over 1,200 cubic yards of two and a quarter inch stuff which he could not use until a grant was available.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should ask the Department to pay over about fifty per cent of the grants in view of the vast amount of unemployment.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the Co. Surveyor keep a record of the names of the sixteen men in the area who were stated to be unemployed and when work was available they could be called upon.

Mr. Hall said he knew everyone of the sixteen men referred to and not a single one of them was idle through his own fault.



One of them had been ten years in the same employment but his employer was not now in a position to employ him owing to economic depression, and a day's casual employment was not available in the district. The plight of this district was one of the saddest ever brought to the attention of the Council.

Mr. Gaul, referring to Miss O'Ryan's suggestion as to keeping a record of the men's names so that they could be employed when money was available, said that the men would, for grant work, have to be employed through the Unemployment Exchange.

The Chairman said a number of farm labourers were trying to get on to Public Works as they thought they would have a better time. In his district there was not a single farm labourer who was willing to work, out of employment.

Mr. Roche, Col. Gibbon and other members said that the desire of the farm labourer to get on to public works did not apply all round.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the people of the district represented by the deputation would get employment if the Council could induce the Land Commission to construct the road through Camolin Park. The Council had been led to understand that the Commission would have built this road if the Council agreed to take over its future maintenance. He proposed:- "That we ask the Land Commission to reconsider their decision as regards building proposed road at Camolin Park and point out to them that the work would be of advantage to the Department of Agriculture as well as to the ratepayers and would provide much needed employment for the District."

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which was adopted.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That in the event of money becoming available for relief or other works the most deserving of the sixteen unemployed men in Clologue district be employed, if work be not available for all and provided also that they register with the



"Labour Exchange.

Passed.

Under date 10th June, 1933, T. Kavanagh, Kilcavan Upper, Gorey, wrote that a deputation of Tara Hill quarry workmen would attend the County Council meeting on the 12th June, 1933. The men were in a very bad way as they had no work for the past four months. If the Council did not provide them with some employment in the near future they would have to look for home help.

The following deputation attended:- T. Kavanagh, M. Redmond and Laurence D'Arcy.

Matthew Redmond said that the twenty-four men concerned had not been employed since 7th March last. The small farmers in the district were able to do their work with their own families.

Mr. Tresnor, Assistant Surveyor, said as the men were very badly off previous to March he got them to break by hand all the material he would require from Tara Hill for the year.

Mr. Hall referred to the acute distress in Tara Hill district and said that it was the best or certainly the second best material in the County.

The Co. Surveyor said that Tara Hill was a splendid material and had been put into the roads round Gorey for years. But Tara Hill was at the edge of the district and the cost of transport was high. If the quarry were central it could be developed but other quarries in better positions had to be opened and if all material was now taken from Tara Hill the men working in the other quarries would be penalised.

Mr. Keegan said that the Co. Surveyor was using sea gravel for the maintenance of roads round Tara Hill.

The Co. Surveyor admitted this but pointed out that by using sea gravel the whole road was maintained whereas if Tara Hill quarry material was utilised some section would have to go unattended to owing to the price of Tara Hill material. If he had unlimited use of material he would certainly use Tara Hill in



preference to sea gravel but cloth had to be cut according to measure.

Col. Gibbon said if they wanted to save the time of the County Council in hearing at every meeting deputations from unemployed men he suggested that the Members for each County Electoral Area should go carefully and systematically into the matter of unemployment with the County and Assistant Surveyors, each for his own district. They could then have a special meeting of the Council to consider the four reports, deal with every phase of the question and arrive at some considered policy.

Mr. Gaul said he could agree with Col. Gibbon if the Council had the money but they were only beating the air when they proposed to do something on a reduced Road Estimate.

Col. Gibbon said the Council would have a certain amount of money to spend and this should be done under a proper policy.

County Surveyor - So it is.

Col. Gibbon said the T.D.s of the County - particularly Mr. Corish, a member of the Council - had been very active in securing grants and the data and resolutions of the Councillors for the four Electoral areas might be the means of having these grants increased.

Mr. Redmond (deputationist) said they could put chippings on Gorey-Arklow road instead of sand which was going on it now.

The Co. Surveyor said the sand was being put on to prevent the road becoming slippery.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that chippings were being used for repair of this road.

Mr. Corish said that the Government would probably arrange for some relief grants at an early date.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that last year the Council had put forward for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, Moneygarrow lane but for some reason the proposal had been turned down. This would have provided work for ten men for about fifteen weeks.



Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we call on the Government to include repair of Moneygarrow Lane under Minor Relief Schemes Vote as the work would be of great benefit to the district in which there is exceptional hardship.

Thirteen ratepayers wrote calling attention to the dangerous state of Ballinglen Hill at the turn of which there was a ditch about five feet deep and which came out for some distance on to the road itself.

It was stated that the necessary repair at the place complained of would give some employment in the Tara Hill district.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor for report.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided to draw the attention of the T.D.s of the County to the great amount of unemployment prevailing in the County with a view to their bringing pressure to bear upon the Government to have all available road grants paid over as soon as possible.

Under date 12th June, 1933, James Walsh, Castlebridge, wrote asking the Council to allow a deputation of the Castlebridge Unemployed to place their views before the Council in connection with the forthcoming work on Wexford-Castlebridge road and Edenvale quarry as they were informed men were about being started.

A deputation consisting of the writer of the letter, with Edward Brennan and Patrick Morris came before the meeting.

Walsh stated he understood that the same men as had been previously working were being taken on for the Castlebridge road and Edenvale quarry, in fact the same men were getting employment all the time. He advocated that men should be employed "turn about" or "all hands" employed at the same time.

Edward Brennan said he understood that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that he (Brennan) would not be employed. He had no work since Christmas.



Morris said he got a card for work at Sow drainage but as he could not afford the "luxury" of a bicycle and the work was seven miles away he was not able to avail of the offer.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he was employing five men who were not regular road workers. They were as badly off as the members of the deputation. He started hand-breaking in the quarry during the winter. Brennan, one of the deputation came on the 6th December to commence work but left the quarry without doing anything. Walsh another member of the deputation broke one and a half yards of material and then left. Morris had earned a respectable amount making cottage blocks for the Health Board and he (Mr. Birthistle) questioned if the Sow Drainage work was more than three miles from his residence. Two of the men he had employed had a short period of work at the Sow Drainage earning there £4 odd each.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan it was decided to proceed to the next business.

#### FILLING VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

In reference to the filling of vacancy for Assistant Surveyor created by the resignation of Mr. John Kehoe, consideration of the following notice of motion by Col. Gibbon:- "That vacancy in office of Assistant Surveyor be not filled but that arrangements be made for the carrying out of the work in vacant district with the existing five Assistant Surveyors." and also the following motion by Mr. D'Arcy were adjourned from last meeting pending report of Co. Surveyor:- "That an appointment of Assistant Surveyor be made to the vacant district at a salary of £3 per week and locomotion expenses of £3 per week. "

The following report under date 9th June, 1933, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council, I have discussed the matter of re-allocation of Districts with the Assistant Surveyors,



"and report as follows:-

"The former division of the County was as under:-

Mr. Kehoe.....	340.64
Mr. Treanor.....	333.53
Mr. Ennis.....	321.70
Mr. Birthistle.....	342.50
Mr. Cullen.....	321.21, and
Mr. O'Neill.....	<u>315.90</u>

Total....1975.48 miles

"As shown above Mr. Kehoe's area, consisting of eight sections totalled 340 miles, and would, if equally divided amongst the other five assistant Surveyors, give an extra 68 miles to each, but this, of course, is not possible to carry out absolutely, owing to sectional divisions of the County. I have made out two divisions of the districts; in the first instance, dividing amongst the five Assistant Surveyors, Mr. Treanor and Mr. Cullen would take on an extra section each, and Messrs. Ennis, Birthistle and O'Neill two extra sections each. The mileage on this division would be as follows:-

Mr. Treanor.....	378
Mr. Ennis .....	405
Mr. Cullen.....	384
Mr. Birthistle.....	415 and
Mr. O'Neill.....	<u>392.</u>

"Dividing Mr. Kehoe's area amongst only four Assistant Surveyors would give each of the four (omitting Mr. Treanor, whose District would remain as formerly) two sections each, and the mileage with this division would be:-

Mr. Treanor.....	333
Mr. Ennis .....	406
Mr. Cullen .....	428
Mr. Birthistle.....	414, and
Mr. O'Neill.....	<u>392</u>



"I could make some slight modification of this by exchange of some of the roads from one section to another, but, substantially, the figures would be as above.

"Now regarding remuneration, formerly Mr. Kehoe was in receipt of £230 salary, and a travelling allowance of £170, and in the future he will be eligible for a pension amounting to £122. This leaves a sum of £278 to be divided amongst the other Assistant Surveyors, provided increased cost on the County is not to take place, and the several Assistant Surveyors have agreed that they would undertake the extra work at an extra remuneration of £50 each, making a total of £250. This leaves a gain to the County of £28 per annum after paying pension, which is, of course, a terminable item.

"With the Districts divided amongst four Assistants, and paying each of the four £60 per annum, there would be a saving of £38 per annum after covering pension.

"If a new appointment be made on the terms as set out in Mr. D'Arcy's proposal there would be a remuneration to the new Official of £312 per annum, a loss to the County of £34 per annum."

Col. Gibbon moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following motion:- "That vacancy in office of Assistant Surveyor be not filled but that the existing five Surveyors receive £50 per annum to cover increased duty and locomotion expenses, additional mileage to be apportioned in accordance with the report of Co. Surveyor."

Col. Quin said they would gain £28 by one arrangement or they would lose that £28 and £34 a total of £62 by Mr. D'Arcy's proposal.

Col. Gibbon said that the Co. Surveyor had explained the figures showing the saving which he had hoped to make by division of the work amongst the remaining surveyors. He suggested that a further saving could be effected by dividing Mr. Kehoe's salary of £230 amongst the five surveyors, giving them an extra £46 each.



The £170, Mr. Kehoe's travelling allowance, could be devoted to paying his superannuation of £122, effecting a saving to the Council of £48 a year.

Mr. D'Arcy - There is a principle underlying this that I would like to dig up. The Surveyors are here now and I would like to ask them if they have any spare time to do extra work in addition to their present duties.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he would reply for himself. He was ten years carrying out the Co. Council ordinary work, and he had been working on a very much increased estimate than at present. In addition to the ordinary work and the minor relief schemes he had carried out £82,000 worth of grant work on the roads.

Mr. Culleton - The Co. Surveyor has already told us they can do the work.

Mr. D'Arcy - Do the surveyors think that they would spend the whole of the extra money in travelling?

Mr. Ennis said that on the whole he was losing money on his car, as the travelling allowance did not cover the expense.

Mr. D'Arcy suggested that the surveyors would not work one hour longer in the day by the extra work. They would not be obliged to do it.

Mr. Birthistle - So far as that is concerned I find that very often I have not an hour left when my day is finished.

Mr. D'Arcy - That is what I was telling you that your time is taken up.

Mr. Birthistle - Very often there is an hour to spare. If I get extra work tacked on in the way proposed, it will not be the same as if it was a separate undertaking from my present work. The roads that I would be getting would be adjacent to my present work and I could take them in while doing my present work, because I would be very often passing through them. I know some of them as well as I know my own roads.



Mr. D'Arcy - The Assistant Surveyors may be working overtime as it is.

Mr. Birthistle - The Assistant Surveyors are whole-time officials, but sometimes they have spare time.

Mr. D'Arcy then moved his motion for the appointment of a new surveyor.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Culleton - He will not be a month appointed until there is a proposition to increase the salary to the level of the other surveyors.

Mr. Cummins - Will the new surveyor take the job at the salary? I do not want to be here losing my time. These men have their Association, and you may not have any application at the salary offered. It is ridiculous pay - a labourer's wage.

Mr. Corish moved and Mr. Gaul seconded the following amendment to Mr. D'Arcy's motion:- "That a new Assistant Surveyor be appointed at a salary of £230 per annum and £170 per annum locomotion expenses."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following amendment to Col. Gibbon's motion:- "That we divide the work in vacant Assistant Surveyor's district between Messrs. Ennis, Birthistle, O'Neill and Cullen, allocating £40 each to cover increased work and travelling expenses, mileage to be in accordance with recommendation of Co. Surveyor. "

Col. Gibbon said he would agree to accept the proposition of the Chairman if the four surveyors would accept it.

Mr. Birthistle said the surveyors would prefer to have the five share it.

The Co. Surveyor said he discussed the matter with the Assistant Surveyors and one reason he suggested sharing between four instead of five was, because, it was more easy to divide the work between four and Mr. Treanor's district was further ~~west~~ away from Mr. Kehoe's area. Mr. Treanor very properly and kindly



agreed that he did not care which they did.

Mr. O'Byrne - I am opposed to any division, but if you divide it I am opposed to an unfair division.

Mr. Cummins - You had better men here before us who were out to save the rates. They appointed six surveyors and we should conform to the idea of the men that were before us. I propose we have six surveyors.

Secretary - Mr. Corish has already proposed that.

Mr. Corish - Is there any use in the chairman's proposition if the Assistant Surveyors will not accept it?

Mr. Ennis - If Mr. Treanor wants to come in I certainly am not going to keep him out. If he does not want to come in well and good. I will not do it for £40 with Mr. Treanor out.

Mr. Hall - Before you had six surveyors but you had not fifty gangers on the roads.

Chairman - The roads are in order now and will hold good for a few years with very little supervision. If we are to have economy at all, let it be worth doing, and if not let us have six surveyors.

Col. Gibbon - Would four surveyors accept £50 each?

Chairman - Is my motion to be turned down if the surveyors do not accept it? Are we the principals here or are the Surveyors to run the place?

Col. Gibbon - We cannot force them to accept if they do not want to do so.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Corish's amendment for the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor at £230 salary and £170 travelling allowance with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (14)



Messrs. Clince, Keegan and Roche (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

After further discussion Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following motion:- "That £46 each per annum be voted to the five existing surveyors to cover the increased work and travelling allowance in the discharge of the duties of Assistant Surveyor in the district of Mr. John Kehoe."

A discussion on this motion led Col. Gibbon to alter it to £40 each per annum for five assistant Surveyors.

The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Culleton and it was decided to take a poll as between Mr. D'Arcy's motion for the appointment of a new Assistant Surveyor at £3 per week for salary and £3 per week for locomotion expenses and the transfer of the work to the existing five surveyors at £40 each.

The following is the result of Poll:-

FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAN: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (11)

FOR TRANSFER AND DIVISION OF DISTRICT: Messrs. Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. (10)

Messrs. Clince, Keegan and Roche (3) were not present during Poll.

The Chairman did not vote. He declared the motion to appoint a new man on the terms of Mr. D'Arcy's motion, adopted.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

The following report under date 9th June, 1933, was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"For the information of the Council I beg to report that following last meeting of the Council I, at once, notified, the Contractor verbally as regards the various points that were made at the meeting of the Council on 29th ultimo. Subsequently, I confirmed my statements by letter, and directed the Contractor to make proper provision for foot-passenger traffic. Also I was in communication with Messrs. Delap and Waller, and this firm sent special notification to the Contractor in regard to our



"requirements for footbridge. Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, approves of this action, and he also directed that I should get the Consulting Engineers to serve formal notice on the Contractor in regard to the delay in proceeding with the work at the Bridge. This has been done, and on to-day Mr. Delap is arranging to visit the Bridge, and give further directions, as may be necessary."

In reply to Col. Gibbon the Co. Surveyor said that the Contractor had up to the 16th August of this year to finish the work but he (Co. Surveyor) believed work would not be completed by that date. The Contractor had been notified of the delay. He had not a really proper appreciation of the work. No doubt there had been trouble about piles which it had been impossible to get into line and he would have to get consideration for that. He had sufficient men employed.

Col. Gibbon said that the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee had received a definite assurance from Mr. Waller (Delap and Waller Consulting Engineers) that the bridge would be closed for four months only; according to the present outlook it would be closed for more than six months. They should get a report from Messrs. Delap and Waller in view of the assurance which the Committee had received from Waller, as to when the work would be completed. He proposed a resolution to this effect and stated that it would be a dire calamity to the farmers if they could not get their corn into Wexford on account of the closing of the Ferrycarrig Bridge. Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### OLD UNION BUILDINGS, NEW ROSS

Under date 6th June, 1933, the following was read from County Wexford Board of Health:-

"At a recent meeting of my Board it was suggested that the old Union Buildings at New Ross be advertised for demolition and that tenders from Contractors for the taking down and removing of the materials be invited.

"All the building cannot be removed at present as the portion



"occupied as a Fever Hospital and the apartments occupied by the Porter must remain.

"The Board have requested their Engineer, Mr. James J. Shortall to prepare a specification for the actual demolition, and they have directed me to request the County Council to consider the suggestion and undertake the work or authorise the Board to act as their agent in the matter."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That as requested by Co. Wexford Board of Health the Wexford County Council hereby appoint said Board to act as their agents in regard to demolition of such of the old Union Buildings, New Ross, as are not required, the permission of Department of Local Government and Public Health to be obtained prior to any work being undertaken."

The Co. Solicitor asked if the Health Board had considered whether they would get any sale for the stuff; otherwise the cost would be very high. The Co. Council had endeavoured to have the building at the rear of Co. Council Chamber taken down but found the project was too costly.

Mr. Walsh said the Committee of the Health Board which met at New Ross to consider plans had pointed out that the buildings referred to would have to come down and the Health Board could not do that without permission. They would advertise for a Contractor.

The resolution was then put and adopted nem con.

#### ILLNESS OF MR. T. MOORE - CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 11th June, 1933, Dr. M.H. Bowen, Enniscorthy, certified that Mr. T. Moore, Assistant in Co. Surveyor's Department, was suffering from bronchitis, and would be unable to resume duty before 1st July.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Colfer the following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr. Moore, Assistant in Co. Surveyor's Department, be granted sick leave in accordance



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"with certificate received from Dr. Bowen, and the Co. Surveyor be empowered to employ a substitute during Mr. Moore's absence at a salary of £3 per week."

#### DEVELOPMENT OF PEAT

Under date 7th June, 1933, the following letter was read from Department of Industry and Commerce, Peat Development Section, La Touche Buildings, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant.

"As your Council has no doubt observed from announcements made in the Press, the Minister is making arrangements to facilitate the marketing of peat and he hopes that these arrangements will provide the necessary incentive to induce the maximum production of peat. I am to suggest that the members of your Council should encourage peat producers to take the fullest possible advantage of the arrangements which are being made for their benefit.

"The Minister desires me to take this opportunity of impressing on your Council the desirability of utilising peat for the purpose of supplying the fuel requirements of institutions under its jurisdiction."

Mr. Cummins stated that at last meeting he had moved that the Department of Industry and Commerce be requested to send an expert to the County to explore the possibilities as to obtaining turf in the County. He had been informed that there was a certain amount of turf in the South of the County, in the neighbourhood of Boley, and also in the North of the County, bordering Carlow. The Council knew practically nothing of the matter and it would help very considerably if somebody conversant with the Peat Industry would visit the County and furnish them with a report. He again proposed a resolution on these lines which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted.



Miss O'Ryan said that so far as possible peat should be used by Public Bodies and she was of opinion the Co. Surveyor should be in a position to utilise a certain amount of it for his engines.

#### EMPLOYMENT ON ROADS

Mr. Keegan gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:- "That the Council consider generally the system of employment of men for road and quarry work and, if considered desirable, make any necessary changes to insure that all unemployed men will get a fair share of the work."

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 10th June, 1933, Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, Solicitors, 30, Anglesea Street, Dublin, wrote asking for the use of Gorey Courthouse to carry out an auction of bankrupts' premises.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to inform applicants that the Council could not see their way to allow the use of the building for the purpose mentioned."

#### BOIRA DRAINAGE

Under date 10th June, 1933, the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, wrote that the Minister would render any assistance possible on his part to promote the Boira Drainage Scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That we remind the T.D.s of the County of the necessity for endeavouring to obtain a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for the completion of the Drainage in the Boira District."

#### BALLINA LANE BLACKWATER

Application was received from Mr. J. Quin asking that Ballina Lane (Blackwater) should be placed on Minor Relief Scheme Schedule for repair. Eight families resided on this lane which had an outlet to two important roads. Several land owners



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were also obliged to use the lane over which it was most difficult to travel in winter time. A small outlay would make it good for a number of years.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Ballina Lane (Blackwater) be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

#### LANE - ST. LEONARDS TO GARRYCULLEN

Memorial signed by Rev. I.J. Scallan, C.C., and ten Ratepayers of the District asked the County Council to schedule for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, the lane from St. Leonards to Garrycullen, which was in a very bad condition and which connected two roads. If put in a reasonable state it would be of great service to a very large number of people, being a short "cut" to Church and School.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Hall a resolution was adopted that Lane, St. Leonards to Garrycullen be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

#### TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That in view of report of the Co. Solicitor under date 2nd June, 1933, that the agreements as to payment of contribution for this year to the Irish Tourist Development Association are in order we direct that said Agreements be signed and sealed on behalf of the Council.

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908 issue to Joseph O'Malley (J. Donohoe Ltd., Enniscorthy) and Edward Connolly, Market Square, Bunclody, and renewal of licence to John Whelan, Bunclody, provided no objection be made by the Garda Siochana Authorities."



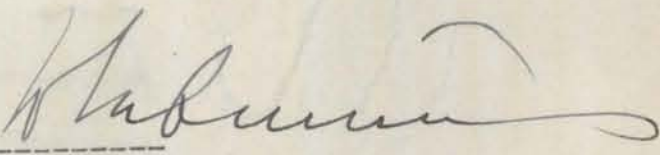
RATES ON INLAND FISHERIES

The following resolution from Mayo County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That we, the Commissioners administering the affairs of the Mayo County Council, earnestly request the Government to review the present position and condition of Inland Fisheries in their relation to local rates. That a proper and adequate valuation of same be made for rating purposes, and that Fishing rights which unduly interfere with or hamper Drainage operations be carefully examined and inquired into with a view to removing the anomalies which exist in this regard.

"That a refund be made to the ratepayers in the several Counties of the sum of which they have been deprived because of the operation of Section 13 of the Fisheries Act, 1925.

"That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive Council, to the Ministers for Local Government and Public Health, and Lands and Fisheries, and to each County and Urban Council in the Saorstát."



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. J. O'Connell', written over a horizontal dashed line.