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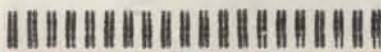
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 11th JUNE, 1934.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th June, 1934.

Present Mr. Michael Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clinee, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £9327:13:6d transfers to Public Bodies and £1337:18:6d were examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. TIM MOORE

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted in silence:- "That we deplore the early death of Mr. Tim Moore, Senior Assistant in the office of the Co. Surveyor and offer our deep sympathy to Miss Moore, his sister."

Several members of the Council, the Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor, also referred sympathetically to the loss sustained by Miss Moore in the death of her brother.

THE LATE MR. CLONEY, COUNTY COUNCIL

A vote of condolence with Mrs. Cloney (Widow) and Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., Templetown (brother) in the death of Mr. Ml. Cloney, ex-Co. Councillor, who was also a member of several other local bodies.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Cloney was a lifelong friend. He was a delightful man to meet in his private or personal

capacity. He never made an enemy and his friends were legion.

THE LATE MR. JOHN J. ROCHE

CORONER SOUTH WEXFORD

A vote of condolence with Mrs. Roche and family, Cleariestown, in the death of her husband Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col. Gibbon.

Several members of the Council with the Secretary and Co. Solicitor expressed their regret at the demise of Mr. Roche.

THE LATE REV. T.M. RYAN

A vote of condolence was adopted to Miss O'Ryan, Co. Councillor, in the death of her first cousin, Rev. T.M. Ryan, on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by the Chairman.

The Secretary said that Fr. Ryan was a very fine scholar and would have reached high preferment in the Church were it not for declining health.

THE LATE MR. CONNOLLY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence in the death of her father from Miss Nora Connolly, Librarian, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

"Will you please convey to your Council my sincere thanks for their kind message of sympathy on the death of my Father, R.I.P. Dr. Connolly would also wish to be associated with this message and we are both very grateful for your personal expression of sympathy."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1934, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 24th May, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John Cummins, James Hall, J.P. Kelly and Thomas McCarthy.

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

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall, the Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3400:4s. was examined and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall, votes of condolence were adopted to Mrs. Cloney (Widow) Dungulph, and Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P. (Brother), Templetown, in the death of Mr. Ml. Cloney, who was for a number of years a member of the Wexford Co. Council, and also to Miss O'Ryan, Co. Councillor, in the death of her first cousin, Rev. Thomas M. Ryan, Mulmintra, Taghmon.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	95.7
2. M. Kehoe	91.7
3. J. Curtis	91.8
4. D. Kenny	89.6
5. P. Carty	84.6
6. P. Nolan	82.7
7. S. Gannon (No. 6)	82.5
8. S. Gannon (No.10)	81.4
9. J.J. O'Reilly	79.3
10. A. Dunne	79.0
11. M. Deegan	78.5
12. M. McCarthy	78.3
13. J. Cummins	78.2
14. W. Cummins	77.5
15. W. Doyle	76.0
16. J. Flood	74.7
17. J.J. Sinnott	72.8
18. P. Doyle	69.1
19. J. Quirke	69.0
20. W. Murphy	63.0

The percentage collected was 15.1% behind corresponding period last year.

It was decided to write to the following eight Collectors and point out to them that in view of the fact that other Collectors in even poorer districts are only two or three per cent. behind the percentage collected at the corresponding period last year, the Finance Committee cannot consider that the collection in these eight districts is proceeding satisfactorily. Apparently a substantial improvement could be made by some energy on the part of the Collectors concerned. The Finance Committee expect by next meeting that in these Districts the collection will show a great change for the better:-

Collectors J. Deegan, J. Cummins, W. Cummins, W. Doyle, J.J. Sinnott, P. Doyle, J. Quirke and Matthew Murphy.

Collector M. Murphy came before the meeting and stated that in his district, although he was 36.8% behind, there was no organised attempt to evade payment. People were willing to pay when they disposed of their cattle.

The Chairman pointed out that it was very difficult to reconcile the huge difference in the collection in this area compared with others.

Collector Murphy said he had done his best to get in all the money possible. He had brought some ratepayers to Court and obtained Decrees on which there was a stay. He had ^{never} tried to seize on his own Warrant.

The Chairman urged the Collector to improve his collection as much as possible.

PAYMENT OF CREDIT NOTE: In connection with the application of Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, for payment of £1, Credit Note, in respect of rates 1933/34, Rate Collector Gannon (No. 6 District) wrote explaining that Kate Gordon, his Aunt, had made over the place to Michael Wickham about twelve months ago.

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As he (Mr. Gannon) was not aware of the transfer, the holding in question had been grouped with that of Mrs. Gordon in error.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided to accept Mr. Gannon's explanation in this matter and to recommend the Co. Council to pay £1, amount of Credit Note, to Michael Wickham.

CLAIMS FOR ABATEMENT - AGRICULTURAL GRANT
1934/35.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to return all Abatement Forms which they have checked to date, on or before 1st June, 1934, as it is the intention of the County Council to allow them reasonable remuneration for this work."

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE:- Under date 18th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.60036/34 Loch Garman) (Fa) that the Minister had sanctioned the payment of Poundage at the normal rate less 10% to Collector M. Murphy, for lodgments to 30th November last in respect of his current Warrant.

RATE INSPECTOR:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in addition to the duties prescribed under Article 106 of Public Bodies Order, 1925, relative to the position of Rate Inspector, the following additional duties attach to this position:-

To prepare necessary Returns of Poor Rate as required.

To check Irrecoverable Rates List and Temporary Uncollectable Rates Lists and also lists of Small Dwellings furnished by the Collectors.

To check applications for Revision of Valuation.

To obtain from Rate Collectors lists of changes of names of Rated Occupiers and verify same to ensure that the correct names of Rated Occupiers are entered in Rate Books at the date when Rate is struck.

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To keep diary with carbon copy, showing each day the work which has been carried out and the mileage covered.

To check Diaries of Rate Collectors.

To interview Ratepayers, in cases in which he considers this course advisable, as to the payment or non-payment of their Rates and to ascertain and record the dates on which they were called upon by the Collector of the District.

To collect and lodge with County Treasurer instalments of loans advanced by County Council to applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

To carry out any further duties which may be assigned to him by the County Secretary, with the approval of the Finance Committee and Department of Local Government and Public Health.

To attend meetings of Finance Committee or County Council when required.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR:- The following resolution was submitted from Blackwater Branch of the United Ireland Party:- "That the Blackwater Branch of United Ireland Party, Ratepayers of this Parish, protest against the actions of Collector Matthew Murphy, Crosshue, by his unbecoming conduct towards Ratepayers of this Parish."

Murphy

Collector/came before the meeting and stated that he was never guilty of any unbecoming conduct and had never used bad language to the Ratepayers of his District.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the Blackwater Branch of the United Ireland Party be requested in reference to the resolution complaining of the conduct of Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, to forward the names to the County Council of Ratepayers referred to in their resolution, and also to inform the Council if these Ratepayers would be

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"prepared to come before the Finance Committee in order that this matter should be further investigated."

CO. REGISTRAR & ACCOMMODATION FOR STORAGE

Under date 23rd May, 1934, the following letter was read from the County Registrar:-

"Yours of 19th instant herein received appending resolution of your Finance Committee. My need for proper accommodation is both necessary and urgent. I made a reasonable proposal for same which would cause the least disturbance and expense to the Council, and they do not even state why they cannot accede to same.

"I desire to state I will not accept a compartment on the ground floor for further accommodation. I am responsible for the safe and proper custody of the Court Records and I cannot have them accommodated on the ground floor. Some of the Records have ^{been} eaten by mice in the present ground store and on a recent inspection I find this continues, which will be a matter I must report to my Department. My surplus documents have, pending the renovation of the new wing, been accommodated in a damp and filthy old cell.

"When the question of accommodation arose before, I met the Council by a compromise in same and I expected they would meet me in a reasonable manner when the question of further accommodation would arise. The Court Offices have first claim on accommodation and must receive same.

"As the Council cannot give me the required accommodation in the old Council Chamber, I suggest, as a further alternative assigning me the two offices now occupied by the County Surveyor on this landing."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the Finance Committee desires to point out to the Co. Registrar that when

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"the reconstruction of old Jail premises was completed, he was allotted sufficient accommodation for his requirements.

"We direct the County Solicitor to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the jurisdiction of the Co. Registrar over the reconstructed Jail premises to ascertain if the law provides that as improvements are effected by the Co. Council, the Co. Registrar can commandeer any portion of the improved premises which may take his fancy, also as to the actual responsibility of the Co. Council in providing Court Etc."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee having considered applications for above, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to declare the following applicants for University Scholarships eligible to compete for same:-

1. Byrne James, Bayview, St. John's Road, Wexford.
Valuation £7.
2. Codd Anastatia, 27, William Street, Wexford.
Valuation £3:15s.
3. Cullimore Thomas, 15, Green Street, Wexford.
Valuation £3.
4. Delaney James J., 50, Parnell Street, Wexford.
Valuation £4.
5. Doran James J., Palace East, New Ross. (Father Labourer, formerly farmer, working in Palace Quarry.)
6. Ennis Susan Frances, 13, Grogan's Road, Wexford.
Valuation £4.
7. Forrestal Bridget, 10, South Street, New Ross.
Valuation £12.
8. Ffrench James, Ballyshane, Camolin. Valuation £14:10. (Held Agricultural Scholarship).
9. Gantley William, 5, Quay, New Ross. Valuation £24.
10. Hanlon James, 23, North Street, New Ross.
Valuation £30.
11. Kenny Patrick, Irish Street, Bunclody. Valuation £2:15s (Father, Tailor.)
12. Lambert Wm. Gerard, Sunnyside, Broadway. Valuation £6:10s. (Mother, Widow, Teacher.)
13. McCann Elizabeth, Motabower, Carnew, Co. Wexford.
Valuation £18:10s. (Mother, Farmer.)
14. McDonald Patrick Kevin, Kilmuckridge, Gorey. (Father Teacher, lives in Teacher's Residence.)

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15. Murphy Laurence, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.
Valuation about £1:15s. (Father
Caretaker).
 16. Murphy Philip Ml., Knockreigh Adamstown. (Father Farmer)
Valuation £157.
 17. Murphy Wm. A., Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.
Valuation £67. (Father Farmer).
 18. O'Byrne Wm. J.S., Shilmaine, Tagoat. (Father Farmer)
Valuation £159:13s.
 19. O'Connor Margaret, Killeens, Wexford. (Mother lives in
Bray.)
 20. O'Sullivan Nora, Camolin. (Father, Teacher, lives in
Teacher's Residence.)
 21. Power Patrick G.B., Chapel Railway Station. (Father,
Stationmaster) Valuation included
in Railway Station.
 22. Ronan Mary A., Drinagh, Broadway. (Father labourer)
Valuation £3:15s.
 23. Sinnott Shane O'Neill, 7, Grattan Terrace, Wexford.
(Father Joiner) Valuation £5:10
 24. Smyth Margaret Mary, 12, William Street, Wexford.
(Father Marine Engineer)
(Valuation £4:5s.)
 25. Tobin Philip, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.
Valuation £3:10s.
(Father Labourer).

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Application was received from Mr. R. Malone, V.S., for a month's sick leave. He asked the Council to nominate his locum tenens.

Medical Certificate under date 22nd May, 1934, was submitted from Dr. W.F. Walker, that Mr. Malone, required a month's sick leave.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in accordance with Medical Certificate of Dr. Walker a month's sick leave be granted to Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, (Wexford District), which (according to the County Solicitor) will not carry remuneration, Mr. Malone being a part time officer only.

"That Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, Veterinary Inspector under Co. Council, be appointed to act as substitute for Mr. Malone, at the remuneration paid the latter viz. £90 per annum, for ordinary duties under Diseases of Animals Acts, and £25 for work under Bovine

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"Tuberculosis Order and that in the event of Mr. Ringwood declining the appointment, Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., be appointed at the same remuneration."

(Lots were drawn between Mr. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., and Mr. B. Hickey, M.R.C.V.S., and Mr. Staples was selected.)

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, wrote stating that Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena, required an additional loan of £50 from the Council to defray the cost of the building of his house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The following resolution was adopted:- "The Finance Committee having already decided against the issue of additional Loans in these cases cannot see their way to re-open the question."

Under date 23rd May, 1934, Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., wrote that Daniel Sheehan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, had requested that his application should be substituted for that of Michael Doyle, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acts. Notwithstanding the previous refusal of the Council he renewed his application for the loan of £180.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as Daniel Sheehan, Templeshannon, did not make application previous to 31st March, 1933, for loan under Small Dwellings Acts, as already pointed out to his Solicitors, he cannot now be given advantage of the first loan, obtained by the Council for all applicants lodging their applications by the 31st March, 1933, but as the Council have decided to raise a further loan of £10,000 under these Acts, Mr. Sheehan can make his application in due course."

Under date 17th May, 1934, the Department of Local

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Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote
(H.62078/1934 (Pa) Wexford Co. Council) approving of the
following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Walter Sutton	Blackstoops, near Enniscorthy Cemetery.	£150
Daniel Neill,	Blackstoops, near new Cemetery, Enniscorthy.	£85
John Murphy,	Blackstoops, near new Cemetery, Enniscorthy.	£140
James Sexton,	Boolabawn, Glynn.	£180
Edward Dunne,	Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.	£130
James Walsh,	Blackstoops, Enniscorthy.	£130
Mrs. M.J. Whelan,	Ratholm, near Killinick Village.	£180

CO.SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Under date ^{18th} 1st May, 1934, the following letter (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 16th instant enclosing extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee and of the Wexford Co. Council on the 9th idem relative to the employment of a temporary clerk in the County Surveyor's office during the illness of Mr. T. Moore; and to say that the Minister is not prepared to sanction the employment of Mr. O'Kennedy (Ex-Rate Inspector) in the senior position in the office.

"If Mr. O'Kennedy is to be employed in the Co. Surveyor's office, he must be employed in a position subordinate to that of Mr. Radford and at a salary less than Mr. Radford is at present receiving."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Mr. John O'Kennedy be employed (during the illness of Mr. Tim Moore) in Co.Surveyor's Department at a salary of £3 per week as from 28th May, 1934, as

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"Assistant Clerk, Mr. Radford to carry out Mr. Moore's duties as Chief Clerk of this Department."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 15th May, 1934, the following was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (Co. Council Treasurer):-

"I submitted your application to my Directors for sanction of Overdraft accommodation to the extent of £62,500, up to 31st July next. It is recorded that the Local Government Ministries' sanction has been obtained, but the Board direct me to say that they must decline to sanction any increase in the present Overdraft of the Council, and in this connection I am to point out that it was understood the Grant receivable by the Council from the £300,000 mentioned in the Council's letter was to be utilised in reducing their existing Overdraft, and was not to be regarded as a payment against which further accommodation could be obtained."

The meeting approved of the following letter being sent to the County Treasurer:-

"I submitted your letter of 15th instant to the meeting of my Finance Committee held to-day when I was instructed to request you to be good enough to point out to your Directors that unless the temporary additional overdraft now sought is agreed to it will be impossible for my County Council to maintain the County Services and to finance the Subsidiary Bodies, viz., Health Board, Mental Hospital etc., until the new rate is in course of collection."

"As stated in my last letter the £12,543 deducted from the Agricultural Grant by the Department of Finance on 31st March last, was a deduction wholly unexpected by my Council."

"There is, however, a possibility that a substantial portion of the amount so deducted will later be made good"

"to the Council by the Government when the arrears of annuities are paid.

"Taking into consideration the fact that the actual amount of overdraft in the past has been considerably under the sanctioned limit the Finance Committee would be grateful if your Directors could in the present instance facilitate the Council in agreeing to their request particularly as the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, after investigation of the Council's financial position, sanctioned the extension of overdraft for a period of three months."

COMPLAINT OF SLIPPERY ROAD

Mr. Patrick Furlong, Lough, Tagoat, wrote stating that on Sunday, 20th May, 1934, owing to the slippery condition of the road from Wexford to Killinick, his pony came down, breaking the two shafts of the trap and throwing his wife and an infant, two months old, out on the road. The damage to the trap cost him £2 to repair and he wanted to know if the Council would compensate him to that extent.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had arranged that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, should furnish a report on the matter and he had also communicated with the Insurance Brokers.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That three Edgar Patent Veronique Binders be procured for Local Taxation Officer at a cost of £6:15s."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

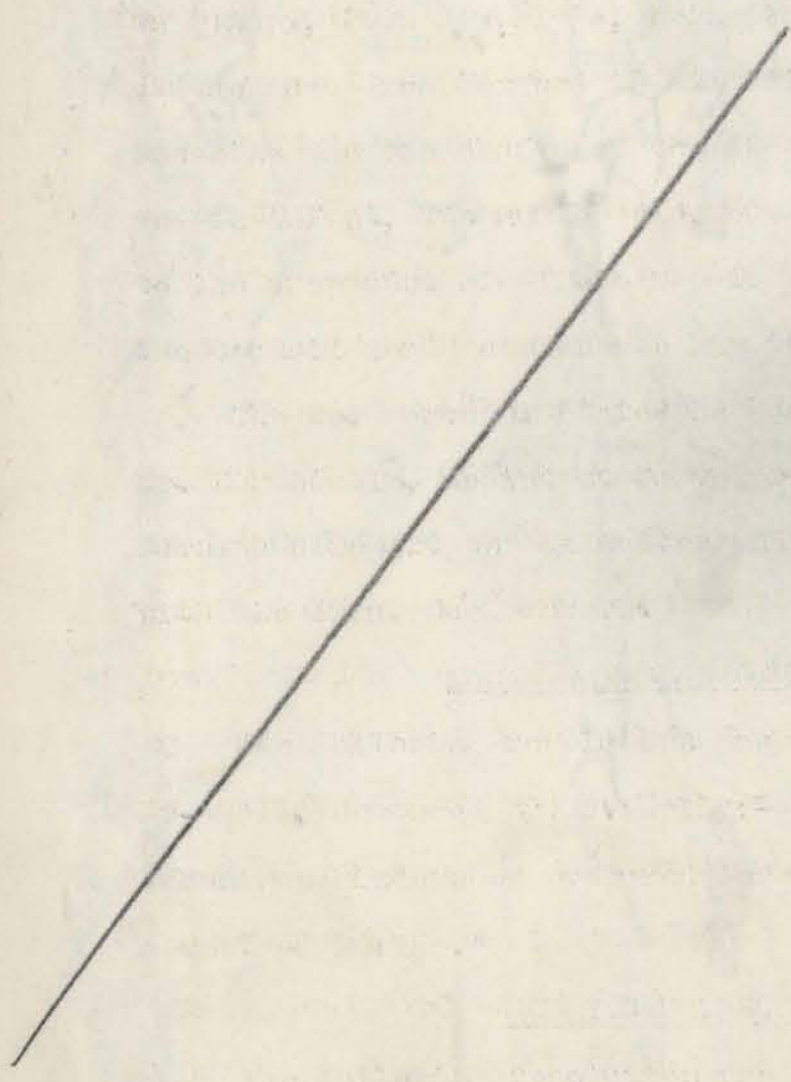
The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That use of Gorey Courthouse be given District Feis Committee for the night of Thursday, 31st May, 1934, date of District Feis."

LOST PAY ORDER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

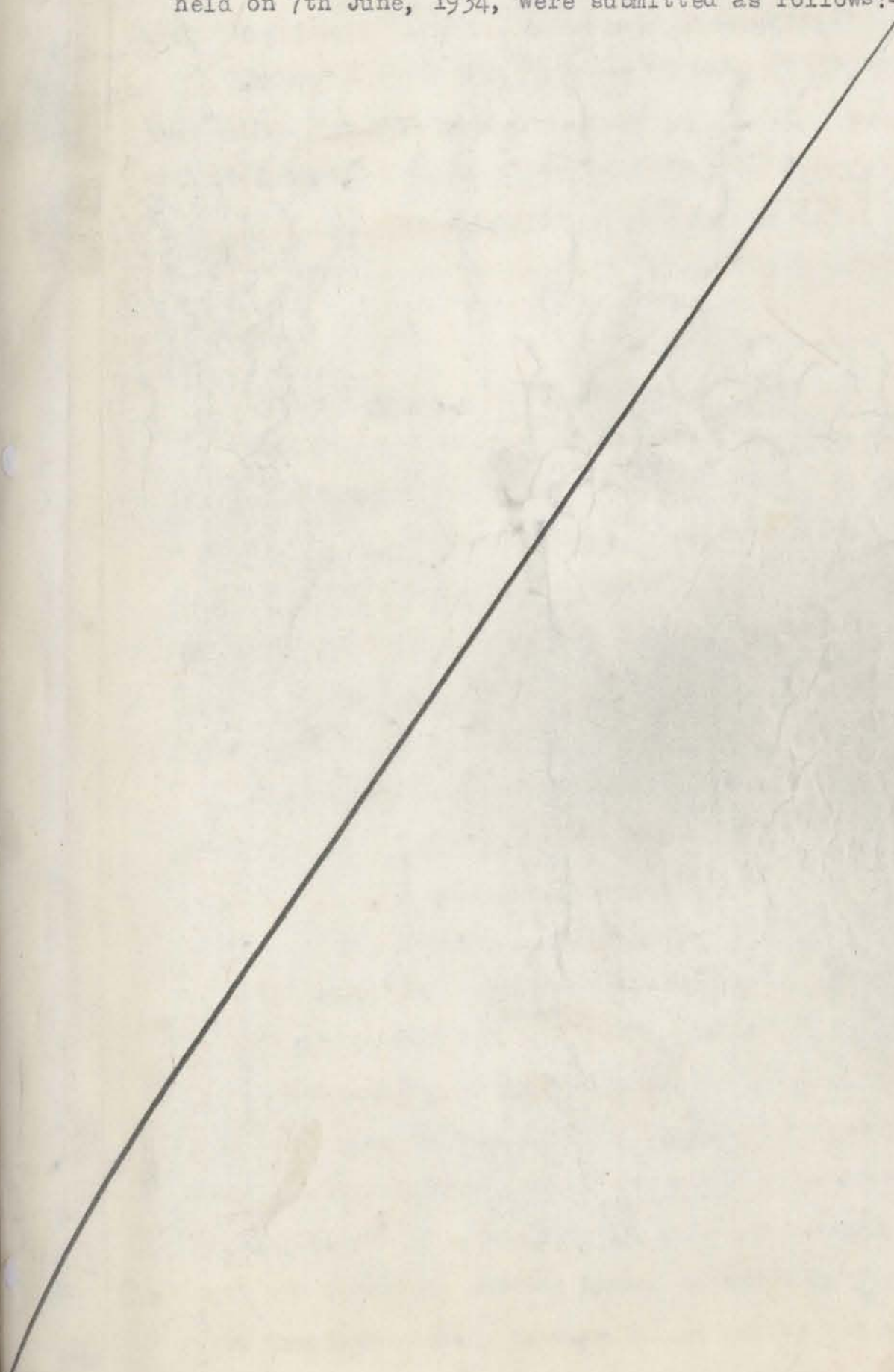
"That Duplicate Pay Order for No.1707, (Subsidiary Account) be issued John Flood, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, amount £2:17:10 original having been inadvertently destroyed by messenger of Payee."

The Secretary stated that an estoppel had been placed on the original.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1934 be and are hereby adopted."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th June, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3919:17s. was examined and signed.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN J. ROCHE, CORONER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by the Chairman:- "That we express our deep regret on the death of Mr. John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, an old and valued official of this Council, who discharged his duties with general satisfaction to all. That we offer our sympathy to Mrs. Roche and family in their bereavement."

The Secretary expressed his regret at the death of Mr. Roche an old and intimate friend.

THE LATE MR. T. MOORE.

CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we offer to Miss Moore our deepest sympathy in the death of Mr. T. Moore, a valued member of the staff of Wexford Co. Council. In the ten years during which he was connected with the Council Mr. Moore carried out his duties with conspicuous ability, tact and courtesy. He was justly esteemed by the staff who feel they have lost a sincere friend and by the members of

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"the Council especially for the careful and thorough manner in which he discharged his duties."

The Chairman, Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor referred to the loss sustained by the Council in the death of Mr. Moore.

FILLING VACANCIES IN STAFF

In connection with the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:-
"That in accordance with Section 1(4) of the Coroners Act 1892 and Section 1 (1) of the Coroners (Ireland) Act 1908, Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Solicitor, Deputy Coroner, be appointed to carry out the duties of Coroner for South Wexford at remuneration calculated at the rate of £135 per annum, until recommendation by Local Appointments Commission has been acted upon or the expiration of six months from 7th June, 1934, whichever first occurs.

"That we recommend the Council to fix the salary of the incoming Coroner at £135 per annum and also to apply to the Local Appointments Commission as regards the filling of the vacant office."

As regards vacancy created by the death of Mr. Tim Moore, the following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to promote Mr. Denis Radford, Junior Assistant, in Co. Surveyor's Department, to the senior position - at his present salary of £157:10s with annual increments of £10 subject to good and satisfactory service, and rising to a maximum of £312, Mr. Radford to hold the position on a twelve month's probationary period."

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Radford was capable of doing the work if he gave his mind wholly to it.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Council be recommended to appoint to the Junior Clerkship in Co. Surveyor's Office, Mr. John O'Kennedy (at present employed there on a temporary basis) at a salary of £156 per annum rising by annual increments of £7:10s. conditional on good and satisfactory service to £234 per annum."

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- State of Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected at 7/6/1934</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	96.4
2. M. Kehoe	94.2
3. J. Curtis	93.2
4. D. Kenny	93.1
5. S. Gannon (No.10)	85.5
6. P. Nolan	85.4
7. J.J. O'Reilly	85.4
8. P. Carty	85.2
9. S. Gannon (No. 6)	84.2
10. A. Dunne	83.8
11. J. Deegan	83.0
12. M. McCarthy	82.8
13. P. Doyle	81.7
14. J. Cummins	81.3
15. W. Doyle	81.2
16. W. Cummins	81.2
17. J. Flood	80.7
18. J.J. Sinnott	77.3
19. J. Quirke	75.1
20. M. Murphy	68.8
<u>Average..... 83.9</u>	

As compared with the corresponding period last year the Collection showed a drop of 12.3%. The amount outstanding to date is £28,212:9:6d and at the corresponding period last year it was £11,302:14:4d.

In reply to resolution of Finance Committee complaining of the backward state of his rate Collection, Collector W. Cummins (No.11 District) wrote that he was putting all the energy in his power into the collection, but a large number of ratepayers were held up with their cattle. He was

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unable to show any improvement at present as it was impossible to get money until the people could make it.

Collector J.J. Sinnott (No.16 District) wrote that his District was over 80% devoted to cattle raising and consequently was worse hit than any other part of the County. The people of the area were doing their best to pay and would do so if they were granted a little time.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE:- Under date 5th June, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.65721/1934 Loch Garman)(Fa) that the Minister was not prepared to reopen the question of the rate collectors' poundage for the 1932/33 Warrant and that having regard to the provisions of Article 101 of the Public Bodies Order 1925, he could not sanction the Council's proposal to pay poundage on each 10% of warrant collected.

ARREARS OF 1933/34 WARRANT:- Under date 26th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.65273/34 Loch Garman) (Fa) that the Minister was not prepared to approve of the Council's proposal to collect arrears of 1933/34 Warrant separately. These arrears should be included in warrants of the current financial year and rate-payers concerned warned forthwith that all arrears were payable with the first moiety of current rate immediately on service of the Demand Notes.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to reconsider his ruling with regard to having arrears of rates on 1933/34 Warrant collected separately from the amount of Warrants for 1934/35. The decision to include these arrears in Demand Notes for current year will mean that the rate collection will be suspended while the work of examining and transferring these arrears into new rate books is being carried out. We consider

"this would be a great hardship on Collectors who are trying to close their warrants, and as the present is an abnormal year relative to the preparation of rate books etc. we would ask the Minister to agree to our proposal for this year only."

LODGING OF CLAIMS FOR ABATEMENT FORMS:- Under date 28th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.67061/34 Loch Garman) that the preparation of Rate Collectors' Warrants could be proceeded with on the basis of the Abatement Claims received up to the 1st June, 1934. Any claims received after that date could be dealt with by way of credit note.

Under date 29th May, 1934, the Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union wrote that the Co. Wexford Rate Collectors had been informed that in the opinion of the Council of the Union, the work of checking forms of claim for rate abatement on agricultural land should be undertaken by them pending settlement.

PRINTING RECEIPT & DEMAND NOTES:- Three tenders were received as follows for printing of Receipt and Demand Notes for 1934/35:-

<u>Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....</u>	<u>£22:17:6d</u>
<u>Messrs. English & Co., Custom House Quay, Wexford....</u>	<u>£28: 0:0d</u>
<u>"People" Newspapers, Wexford.....</u>	<u>£29:16:6d</u>

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for the printing of Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books and Spares at £22:17:6d be accepted."

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.
WEXFORD DISTRICT

Under date 5th June, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2287/34) that the Minister had no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, as Veterinary Inspector for the Wexford District during the absence through illness of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., for one month as from

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"the 24th May, 1934, remuneration to be at the same rate as paid Mr. Malone."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we hereby request the Commissioners of Public Works to advance to the Wexford Co. Council the sum of Four Thousand Pounds being the balance of the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds secured by Indenture of Mortgage dated 14th day of August 1933, made by the Wexford Co. Council to the Commissioners and that such sum of Four Thousand Pounds be lodged to the credit of the said Council.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this application."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was decided that the following letter under date 29th May, 1934, from Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (County Treasurer) be referred to the County Council:-

"I submitted your further letter to my Directors for extension of Overdraft Accommodation to the extent of £62,500 up to 31st July next, and I am directed to inform you that as no definite provision for repayment has been made, the matter could not be entertained. The application therefore has been declined."

MACHINERY & QUARRY CHARGES 1934/35.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the following charges for use of Machinery and for road material as submitted by County Surveyor be approved until further notice:-

Steam Drill.....	£3.per.day.
Engine and Gramulator.....	£4 per day for 16x9
Engine and Gramulator.....	£3 per day for 12x8
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3 per day
Compressor Drill Plant	£4 " "
Roller.....	45/- per day
Lorry.....	50/- per day

"Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....£1 per week each
As an alternative, tar boilers will be allocated to each Assistant Surveyor, who will be responsible for the actual expenses of running same, and will deal with them out of the Road Proposals.

Concrete Mixer.....30/- per week

FOR MATERIAL - FLAT RATE AS UNDER:-

Rubble Stone.....4/- per cubic yard
Broken Stone.....7/- per cubic yard
Chippings screened from Broken Stone.....7/- per cubic yard
Granulated Chippings.....10/- per cubic yard

The Rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in their Specifications."

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE

CO. COUNCIL STAFFS.

The staffs of Co. Council and County Surveyor's offices viz., C.H. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, J. Maloney, Stephen Hayes, P.M. Donohoe, Miss Killeen, D.C. Radford and Miss Norton, wrote under date 6th June, 1934, protesting against the change of office hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and asked the Council to revert to the original hours.

The Finance Committee decided to make no order on the communication as they believed that as "Summer" Time was not observed in the rural portions of the County the change of hours/made for the convenience of persons residing in these districts and they also pointed out that the original hours would be reverted to on the expiration of "Summer" time.

The amended hours had already been advertised.

AMOUNTS DUE FOR SEEDS & FERTILISERS

List giving amounts due in each case by applicants supplied with Seeds and Fertilisers in 1933 was submitted. Two applicants had paid nothing towards their indebtedness and only one had discharged the full liability.

The amount outstanding was £42:1:9d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the list of persons indebted to the Council for amounts paid for Seeds & Fertilisers in 1933 be submitted to the Co. Solicitor with a view to proceeding against applicants and Sureties."

Co.WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "As the Finance Committee understand that the Department of Education in their annual Grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Committee, make no provision for payment of rent for offices of the Committee, and as this Committee occupied, free of rent to the present, premises at the County Hall, we recommend the Council to allow the Committee to hold their new offices, in West Wing of County Hall, rent free: otherwise the amount of rent fixed by the Co. Council will have to be taken from the contribution made by the Council to the Committee. As all the funds at the disposal of the Committee have been allocated we believe that to charge rent for the new offices would mean the curtailment of some desirable scheme."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to the Co. Solicitor to defend:-

Nicholas Gahan and others, Bolabeg, Templeshambo, £100 for destruction of House.

Laurence Clarke, Kilabeg, Enniscorthy, for £5 - clothes etc., destroyed in house for which the Gahan's are claiming compensation
Kate Nolan, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, £7 for destruction of table etc.

Philip J. Bowe, Kiltaly, Enniscorthy, £20 for burning of motor lorry.

The following resolution was adopted on the meeting of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1934, be received and considered."

NEW CORONER FOR SOUTH WEXFORD:- Col. Quin proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards filling the vacant office of Coroner for South Wexford and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, fix the salary of the incoming Coroner at £125 per annum, the amount received by the Coroner for North Wexford. That when sanction to this proposal has been received the Statutory Request for new appointment be forwarded the Local Appointments Commission."

The following resolution was, on a show of hands, (15 being in favour) adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Appointments Commission be informed this Council decides that a competent knowledge of Irish is essential as regards the appointment of Coroner for South Wexford."

CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT:- The following letter under date 29th May, 1934 (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 25th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that subject to adoption by the Wexford County Council he will raise no objection to the proposal of the Finance Committee on 24th instant to employ Mr. John O'Kennedy as Assistant Clerk in the County Surveyor's office at remuneration of £3 per week while Mr. Moore is absent on sick leave.

"If Mr. Moore has not resumed by 30th June proximo the question of Mr. O'Kennedy's retention should be revived."

RATE COLLECTION:- In connection with the state of the Rate Collection, Mr. Hickey said the men who had taken away the farmers' livelihood should now come to their assistance. The farmers had nothing out of which to pay rates or annuities. It was like starving a horse and then expecting him to do heavy work.

Mr. Hall said up to this he believed that the progress of the Rate Collection was the personal effort of the Rate Collector but now it was really in the district, because districts which were taken up with cattle raising were, all round, in a very bad position from the Rate Collecting point of view.

Mr. Hayes said the Rate Collectors in New Ross were very little behind the amount they had collected at the corresponding period last year and he could not see why there should be such a difference in the ability of the ratepayers, in New Ross and Wexford as was evidenced by the Rate Collection as it stood that day.

The matter dropped.

POUNDAGE:- Under date 1st June, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (G.64687/34 Loch Garman) sanctioning payment of poundage at full rate to Collector E.J. Murphy (District No.17) on the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his current warrant lodged on 15th November last. Poundage at normal rate, less 10% could be paid to the other Collectors in respect of the equivalent of the first moieties and arrears of their current warrants in each case.

ARREARS OF 1933/34 WARRANT:- A short discussion took place with regard to the proposal of the Finance Committee to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision refusing to allow the Council to have the arrears of rates of 1933/34 Warrant collected separately from the rate Warrants for 1934/35.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

This was seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted, Mr. Hall dissenting.

OVERDRAFT:- Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that in consequence of the relief which was to be given to Agricultural ratepayers in regard to the men employed on their holdings, the Demand Notes would not be ready for circulation until practically August, two months later than a normal year.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that the National Bank be asked to reconsider their decision as to increased overdraft.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and mentioned that if all the debts due to the Council were met, they would be in a strong financial position.

The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Department of Local Government & Public Health be requested to advise this Council without further delay as to the distribution of the £300,000 Agricultural Grant."

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE OF CO. COUNCIL STAFF:- Mr. Gaul gave notice of motion that he would move at next meeting that the attendance hours for staff of Co. Council revert to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on all working days except Saturday when hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to replace the hours recently fixed by the Co. Council for the duration of ~~the~~ "Summer" time viz. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on all working days except Saturday when hours were from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Gaul the following resolution was adopted:- "That we hereby approve of the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1934, except in so far as same may have been altered ed. eting."

RATES DUE BY CO. COUNCILLORS

Under date 24th May, 1934, the following circular letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that his attention has been drawn to the failure of some members of local rating authorities to pay rates assessed on them.

"The Minister desires to state that, in his opinion, default in the payment of rates on the part of a member of a local authority should be regarded as a more serious matter than default by other ratepayers. The example of such a member is an embarrassment to the rate collector and generally has a very bad effect. A public representative, who fails to meet his rate obligations, cannot well press for active measures being taken against persons who like himself have not paid their rates: the fact that he himself is in default precludes him from insisting on other defaulters being compelled to pay. By his failure he becomes unfitted to be a guardian of the revenues of the local authority.

"The Minister hopes investigation will show that the evil is not of serious dimensions. But whatever may be its extent it is in the public interest that the facts be brought to light. I am, therefore, directed to instruct the Secretary or Clerk of each rating authority to ascertain the names of the members of the authority from whom any rates are due in respect of the year 1933/34 and the amount due. These particulars should be submitted to the local authority at their next meeting and a copy sent to this Department. The names of those members who have paid no rates for 1933/34 should be distinguished on the list from those who have paid a moiety."

Mr. O'Reilly, Temporary Rates Inspector, reported that the following County Councillors owed rates:-

Mr. J. Doran, Moneyhore, (2nd Moiety, March, 1934.) £11:15:10d.
Mr. J.P. Kelly, Kilpierce, (do do) £9:6:2d.
Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, Annagh and Ballylusk. do) £9:12:8d.
Mr. J.J. Maylor, Ballytory Upper & Lower. do) £44:4:9d.

Mr. Maylor had paid £67:10:1d for the 2nd Moiety, leaving £44:4:9d due.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution:- "That the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to rates due by County Councillors, and any information arising therefrom, be discussed in Committee."

Passed.

Mr. Kelly said he would pay his rates when the Government paid him a sum of over £9 which they owed him.

Mr. Maylor said his rates were £222:19s. He paid £178:14:3d and he did not consider he was doing badly at all. He had a number of stall-fed cattle for the past eight months and was unable to get a permit to sell any of them, although he was entitled to it. If he had received the permit he would have paid his rates long ago. In the circumstances he did not see how any County Council or any Government could expect him to pay. A permit to sell his cattle would be worth a great deal more to him than the amount of his rates. He had never refused to pay rent or rates and if he got a chance to dispose of his cattle he would willingly pay the amount due.

Mr. Doran said he owed a small amount. If he could get his stuff off his hands he would pay everything. If his means of livelihood had been left with him his rates would have been paid.

Col. Gibbon said the Co. Council should certainly propose that the Government should give some concession to men like Mr. Maylor, in connection with the issue of permits for selling cattle.

Mr. Maylor said he was prepared to pay his rates in the morning if a permit was forthcoming.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was very weak on the part of the Department to bring up this matter at the moment, as the Finance Committee found that the rates were being paid according to the ability of the people. One member of the Government stated that the only qualification for a man who had to join a certain society was to be able to prove that he had not paid his rates, a palpable falsehood. He had seen some of the ratebooks lately and found that a T.D. in the County owed two years' rates.

Mr. Corish - That does not refer to me.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the County Council inform the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of the statements made by County Councillors who owe rates and strongly recommend that some concession should be granted to them immediately in order to allow them to sell their cattle and thus obtain sufficient funds to meet their liabilities."

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a sum of £1000 be advanced on account to the Returning Officer, to meet expenses of County Council Elections."

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 7.

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

"That resolution of the County Council which decided to hold a new examination to fill the position of Rate Collector for Rate District No.7 be rescinded and that the Council proceed to fill the position."

At the last meeting John Deegan (Temporary Collector), Ballinure, Marshallstown, Patrick Roche, Tomahurra, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew, were candidates. Deegan failed in Irish at examination, Roche passed, while Balfe secured a high place at a previous examination.

Roche was late for the examination and to explain this handed in a letter from Mr. P.J. Floyd, Manager of the Great Southern Railways, stating that on the 11th of May, the 6.35 a.m. train from Dublin to Wexford was 29 minutes late on reaching its destination. The scheduled time of arrival at Wexford was 9.50 a.m. but the train did not actually arrive in Wexford until 10.19 a.m. He regretted the inconvenience caused.

Mr. Cooney said the explanation was right because he remembered being delayed 25 minutes at Macmine junction that morning on account of the fog.

In moving his motion Mr. D'Arcy said the previous decision of the Council rather surprised him in view of the fact that all the members seemed to be unanimous that Mr. Deegan be appointed to the permanent position. He thought they all favoured Mr. Deegan as they knew he was one of the best Collectors in the County and that was the type of man required.

Col. Gibbon said he voted before for Mr. Deegan when they asked the Local Government Department to approve of his appointment, ^{and} they said they could not approve of it unless there was an examination held to appoint him permanently. The position at the last meeting was that

Mr. Deegan did not qualify and was therefore not qualified under the Local Government Department's decision, while the other men who had put in their applications were not in time. To give an opportunity he proposed at the last meeting that a fresh examination be held and give Mr. Deegan an opportunity of qualifying.

Mr. Keegan, who seconded Mr. D'Arcy, said Mr. Deegan qualified in everything but Irish. I suggest that we give him two years to qualify in Irish for he is admittedly one of the best collectors in the County. It would be hard to turn the man down, more particularly in view of the fact that, where he was reared, he had no opportunity of learning Irish.

The Chairman said he was not like Mr. D'Arcy, surprised at the decision arrived at on the last day. It would have been quite out of order to appoint Mr. Deegan when he failed the examination.

Mr. O'Byrne - The Council tried to put Mr. Deegan into the position and at Mr. Deegan's own request, we unanimously appointed him permanent rate collector. We did that though there were regulations there that we departed from, and the Local Government Department refused to sanction it. The position was advertised, and now we are asked to appoint a man who has not qualified. We were prepared to appoint him if because he was as good a man as Wexford ever had. I say/we were to appoint him after the Department refusing sanction before and, without an examination we would act illegally.

Miss O'Ryan - The Department never asked for an examination in this case. It was absolutely a Council regulation and there is no ruling from the Department with regard to that.

Chairman - Did not the Department decline to sanction him as a permanent rate Collector?

Miss O'Ryan - Mr. O'Byrne says the man is not qualified, which is not true. He was and is qualified and that regulation is merely a Council's regulation.

Proceeding, she alleged that it was because of his politics they voted against him.

Mr. O'Byrne - The Department refused to sanction him and we were ordered to advertise.

Mr. McCarthy - We repeatedly asked the Department to sanction him and they turned us down every time. If Mr. Deegan had passed the examination he would be elected and simply because he failed he was not elected. The Council could not legally elect him because he failed. We have a resolution on the books according to which candidates, for the position of rate collector, must sit for an examination and pass certain subjects. You are bound to comply with that and, if he is elected without doing so it would be illegal.

Mr. Corish said he knew Mr. Deegan gave faithful service to the Council for the past four or five years. He was out for competitive examination all the time and thought the man who was best qualified should get first preference. There were extenuating circumstances in this case for they had his services at their disposal for the last five years, and knew him to be a competent man for the collection of rates. He submitted that the proposal made by Mr. D'Arcy and the suggestion put forward by Mr. Keegan, to give Mr. Deegan a certain period to qualify in Irish, would warrant the Council to give him the position unanimously. He was a married man with a family and had bought a small place on the strength of his rate-collection poundage and if he did not get this, he may be thrown out on the road. He (Mr. Corish) appealed to the Council at this, their last meeting, to be a little charitable and give Mr. Deegan time to qualify in Irish. The Minister would probably agree if it was put up to him.

Col. Gibbon said the Council was only wasting its time in sending up any recommendation for Mr. Deegan's appointment when it was already turned down by them about six times.

Mr. D'Arcy - There is no such thing as Department regulations in respect of Irish with regard to these exams in the adjoining County of Wicklow - in fact, there is scarcely any examination. The position with regard to Irish is a regulation of this Council. I am surprised to hear people talk about illegality. When we were making an appointment recently, requiring candidates to have a competent knowledge of Irish, I saw men sitting there and appoint a girl who had no knowledge of Irish. There was not a word about that.

Miss N. O'Ryan - I would like to ask Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, if it would be illegal to appoint him.

Mr. Elgee - According to your regulations, a rate Collector has to pass an examination in certain subjects. Irish is one of the subjects specified in the regulations for the examination and if a candidate does not qualify he is therefore not eligible.

Miss O'Ryan - Have we power to waive the regulation in certain conditions?

Mr. Elgee - Not unless you rescind them.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. (13)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (13)

The voting being equal the chairman gave his casting vote against the motion which he declared lost.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That the whole matter of appointing a Rate Collector for No.7 District be referred to the new County Council.

Chairman - It is not in order considering the decision to-day. The motion to rescind the holding of a new examination was not carried and therefore the original resolution stands. The date of the new examination will be fixed by the new Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS AND MORTGAGES

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

"That the decision of the Co. Council obliging applicants for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to provide Sureties for repayment in addition to mortgages on houses, be rescinded."

Mr. O'Byrne in moving his motion pointed out that it would simplify procedure for the applicants if they were not obliged to obtain two sureties. It was thought at one time that the documents signed by the Sureties might replace a mortgage but the County Solicitor said the mortgage would be necessary in any case. It was far and away the safest instrument for the Council to safeguard themselves.

Mr. Gaul seconded the motion.

Col. Quin expressed himself as very strongly against it. It was most unbusinesslike and people who were thought well of by their neighbours should not have great difficulty in obtaining security.

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

FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Coeney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy and O'Byrne. (13)

AGAINST THE MOTION: Messrs. Brennan, Doran, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Maylor, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, and Walsh. (12).

Mr. Cummins was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT - CLERKS OF WORKS

Under date 16th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circular 50/34 Ilgh) pointing out that as the onus of seeing that engineering and architectural schemes were properly executed, rested with the Engineer or Architect he must be given responsibility for the selection of the Clerk of Works who would be in charge of the immediate supervision of the work.

The Local Authority should, after issue of advertisement for competent persons, make the appointment on the recommendation of the Engineer or Architect and subject to the sanction of the Minister.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That all appointments of Clerks of Works made by this Council be in accordance with the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (16th May, 1934 - Circular 50/34 Ilgh). "

CLOSING ROADS TEMPORARILY

Under date 23rd May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (IR/107/Circ) that frequently applications for temporary closing of roads did not permit of sufficient time for the preparation and issue of the necessary Order so as to allow for publication before commencement of the period of closing.

In future, therefore, a period of at least 21 days should be allowed between the expiration of the period for lodgment and objections and commencement of the proposed period of

closing. Where difficult cases of objection arose it might happen that the 21 days would prove insufficient.

ROSSLARE CLIFF ROAD

The following under date 9th June, 1934, was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"On the 29th May last, in company with Mr. Elgee and the Assistant Surveyor, I made inspection of the Cliff Road at Rosslare. At the present time this road is extremely dangerous. There is barely room for motor vehicles to pass by bad slips of the bank, and even foot passengers might inadvertently fall down the slope. When this place was becoming dangerous the County Council applied to the Local Government Department for authority to close the road, and asked for an enquiry, but this was refused. Subsequently, on the advice of our Solicitor, we put up special notices. At the present time at each end of the roadway I have a barricade almost closing the road to traffic, and a notification that the road is closed, and there are two red triangle warning signs at each end, so that it is practically impossible for anyone to go along the road without being acquainted with its danger. Mr. Elgee now considers that we should again apply to the Local Government Department for authority to close the road as an accident is quite possible at any time."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor communicate with the Roads Department of the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to have all necessary steps taken to bring about the closing of Rosslare Cliff Road owing to its dangerous condition."

ROAD GRANT

Under date 14th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.G.M.-32) that a payment of £2006 in respect of Road Maintenance Grant 1933/34 had been made to the Treasurer of the County Council on 11th May, 1934.

GOREY COURTHOUSE & DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Under date 18th May, 1934, the following letter (2/37244) was read from the Secretary, Department of Defence:-

"I am directed by the Minister of Defence to inform you that he has had inspections made of premises likely to be suitable for the training and exercise of the members of the Volunteer Force in the Town of Gorey. It is understood that, amongst other places, the Courthouse would be suitable for the purpose. Accommodation would be required for a period of at least one year, and I am accordingly to enquire as to the terms and conditions on which a lease of the premises, excluding the caretaker's quarters, for one year, could be obtained. The following conditions, inter alia, would form an essential part of the lease:-

1. The Owners or Trustees of the premises to accept responsibility for the external maintenance of the building, including water and sanitary services.
2. The Owners or Trustees to be liable for the payment of all rates and taxes now, or in the future, assessable on the premises, or any other outgoings whatsoever payable in respect of the property or the rent thereof.
3. The Minister for Defence to have sole and exclusive use of the premises during the period of his tenancy, subject to use by the Wexford County Council as and when required for Court purposes, and when he may otherwise permit.
4. The Minister for Defence to accept liability for

"the payment of the electricity and water accounts during the period of occupation of the premises, except those incurred in respect of the supply to the Caretaker's quarters, which must be registered by separate meter.

5. The Minister for Defence to accept responsibility for the internal maintenance of the building, excluding the caretaker's quarters, during the period of tenancy.

"I am to request the favour of an early reply so that in the event of it not being possible to come to terms for the renting of these premises, negotiations may be opened with the owners of alternative premises."

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council cannot, in view of their own requirements, see their way to allow Gorey Court House to pass out of their possession."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (15)

AGAINST: Messrs. Glince, Colfer, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan (5).

The following declined to vote:- Messrs. Armstrong, Culleton, Gaul and Hayes. (4).

Messrs. Brennan and D'Arcy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR

The following circular letter under date 5th June, 1934, (S.G.A./202) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and

"Public Health to refer to this Department's Circular letter SGA/202 of the 2nd June, 1933, on the subject of the recruitment of labour for works financed wholly or partly from Central Funds; and to state that the arrangements laid down are now superseded by the following arrangements as from yesterday:-

1. Recruitment through Employment Exchange ceases and no question arises as to whether men are registered or not at Exchanges.
- II. Applications for employment are to be made to the official in charge of the work.
- III. Those in receipt of unemployment assistance are to be employed before men not in receipt of unemployment assistance, it being understood that, where practicable, men longest unemployed will get preference. Men in receipt of unemployment assistance will have cards. The Local Officers of the Department of Industry and Commerce will assist the officer in charge of the works by letting him know, on request, whether the men selected for employment are in receipt of unemployment assistance and whether they are married or not.
- IV. Seventy-five per cent of the vacancies are to go to married men and twenty-five per cent to single men.

"As previously, men now in the employment of Councils and engaged in the improvement or Maintenance of Main Roads (to which the Main Road Grants are applicable) are not, if they should become unemployed, to be subject, in the event of their re-employment in the same capacity to the rules governing the recruitment and selection of men for works financed wholly or partly from Central Funds. Additions to this class will of course be subject to these rules."

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

Intimation was received that the annual meeting of the above would be held on 8th August 1934, and notice of any matters which the Council wished to have considered thereat should be forwarded the Secretary on or before 25th July, 1934.

Under date 30th May, 1934, letter was read from Secretary, General Council of Co. Councils that as regards their resolution that casual labourers' wages, wages paid for female labour and wages paid to boys between 14 and 18 years of age when they were exclusively engaged in farm work should be included for relief under the Agricultural Grant allocation of £300,000, the Department of Local Government and Public Health had replied that it would not be feasible to revise the scheme at this stage but that the resolution of the General Council would be borne in mind when the matter was again under consideration.

In connection with the application of this Grant letter was read from the General Council of County Councils that they had been definitely informed that any proposal to apply the share of a County in this Grant to the relief of Rates on Agricultural Land would not be in accordance with the law. The amount should be lodged in reduction of the Bank overdraft.

FORD OF LYNG DRAINAGE

The following correspondence was read in connection with above:- (Letter from Office of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934.)

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to state that he has had under consideration the representations on the above subject made by the Members of the Deputation from your Council who waited on the Board on the 3rd instant; and that he is prepared to recommend a grant of £200 towards the work of

"remedying the flooded condition of the Ford-of-Lyng on the following conditions:-

1. That the Slob Commissioners also contribute a sum of £200; the joint contributions to be expended by the County Surveyor on behalf of the Commissioners of Public Works, under Minor Relief Schemes machinery.
2. That the Slob Commissioners through their Engineers come to an agreement with the County Surveyor on the subject of the precise works which are to be carried out, and that their Engineers assume with the County Surveyor a joint responsibility for the specification to be adopted.
3. That in the event of the sum of £400 not being sufficient in the opinion of the County Surveyor to relieve adequately the existing flooding, the Slob Commissioners undertake to complete the work at their own expense to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.
4. That the Slob Commissioners undertake for the future to keep the drains in good order and to repair at their own cost.

"If an agreement on these terms can be come to by the Council and the Slob Commissioners, I am to ask you to be good enough to have the necessary agreement prepared and executed as soon as possible and to notify us in due course so that the work may be proceeded with at an early date."

Copy letter under date 26th May, 1934 from Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors for Slob Commissioners, was read:-

"We shall have a meeting of the Commissioners here on next Wednesday afternoon to consider the letter from the Office of the Board of Works to the Secretary of the County Council of which you sent us a copy.

"With reference to Condition No.3 of Mr. MacLoughlin's

"letter, the question of the expense of cutting the channel from the Canal to Rathdowney Bridge, which was advised by our Surveyor Mr. Delap, was the only matter on which it was agreed at the Conference that your Clients were to contribute £200 and our Clients a sum not exceeding £200 for the necessary work - Condition 3 however of Mr. MacLoughlin's letter seeks to put the liability on the Commissioners in the event of the sum of £400 not being sufficient, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, to relieve adequately the existing flooding to complete the work at their own expense to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

"The matter of any additional expense which might be necessary was not considered or discussed, as it was agreed, that nothing further should be done for one or two years about the second Channel advised by Mr. Delap until it was seen what the effect of making the first channel would be.

"We are confident that our Clients will not agree to Condition No.3 and we shall feel obliged if you will kindly let us hear from you by Wednesday next if the Condition is a sine qua non, as if it is, we wish to so inform our clients."

The following letter under date 9th June, 1934, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am to refer to your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing copy of a communication from Messrs. Meldon, Solicitors, to the Ford-of-Lyng Slob Commissioners, adverting to our offer to contribute a sum of £200 towards drainage work at Ford-of-Lyng, and taking exception to one of the conditions which we attached to the grant, viz:-

"(3) That in the event of the sum of £400 not being sufficient in the opinion of the County Surveyor to relieve adequately the existing flooding, the Slob Commissioners undertake to complete the work at their own expense to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the

"Minister for Finance to state that one of the members of the deputation which waited on our Commissioners stated on the occasion that the Slob Commissioners had agreed to expend more than £200 on the work, if necessary; and I am to say that it was on this assurance the condition referred to was made by us.

"Since the date of your letter, however, Messrs. Meldon have sent us a copy of the report of the Slob Commissioners' Engineer which sets out the specific work it was proposed to do and the benefits which are likely to accrue; and as the Parliamentary Secretary is now satisfied that the expenditure of the grant will have appreciably beneficial results he agrees to waive the condition quoted above.

"I am, therefore, to ask you to be good enough to bring the matter before your Council at as early a date as possible and to inform us of their decision so that arrangements can be made to have the work put in hands without delay.

"A copy of the report of the Slob Commissioners' Engineer is enclosed herewith."

The report of Mr. A.D. Delap, Engineer, referred to in this letter stated that the cure for the flooding was a cut from the canal to Rathdowney bridge which would lower the level there by $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The effect of this would be to lower the water surface at the Ford of Lyng bridge and Ballybro bridge to some slightly lesser extent and thus to reduce water level over all the area above Rathdowney Bridge which is at present flooded or waterlogged.

The Chairman said at the Conference between the representatives of the Co. Council and the Slob Commissioners he was certainly under the impression that

the Slob Commissioners agreed, if the £400 was not sufficient to obviate the flooding to put up any further money that was required.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said the matter was discussed but it was finally decided that everybody concerned would wait to see what would be the result of the work for the £400 as the Engineers were confidently of opinion that the expenditure of this sum would provide a remedy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That we suspend legal proceedings against the South Slob Commissioners in respect of the flooding at Ford of Lyng. That the suggestions contained in the letter from the Office of Public Works of 16th May, 1934, as amended by their letter of 9th June, 1934, be approved. That the County Surveyor communicate with the Office of Public Works in regard to carrying out the proposed works. That the Co. Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary agreement in this matter and that the seal of the Co. Council be attached thereto.

"That this resolution is not to be regarded as, in any way, prejudicing any rights which the Co. Council hold in their proceedings against the Slob Commissioners."

SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

Under date 26th May, 1934, letter was read from the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture that the resolution passed by the Co. Council as to securing a Grant for dredging the harbours of South Wexford would have consideration.

EMERGENCY DUTY CRANE & GRAB COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 9th June, 1934, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward Street, Dublin, (T.I.D.1294/359) with reference to Emergency duty in connection with the importation of crane and grab by the Wexford County Council

for Courtown Harbour, wrote asking if the duty had been already paid, otherwise the Council should furnish the Department with copies of the quotations received from both British and non-British sources.

The County Surveyor said this was being done.

In connection with the dredging of Courtown Harbour basin, Mr. Corish mentioned that they expected the dredger of the Board of Works in Wexford town during the coming week and it might be well if the Council made application for its use for Courtown.

The Co. Surveyor said he was up in Arklow interviewing the Captain of the dredger and seeing about using it. Of course they would have a proper channel for her to get in, which was not sufficient at the present time. The crane, which they ought to have delivered a week ago, was not yet delivered. He wrote about it and they promised delivery this week. The local people were satisfied instead of making a shallow basin the whole way up, to make a deep channel the half way down so as a bigger vessel coming in could swing. He made no arrangements at present about the dredger, because he was not in a position to offer a free channel. The captain of the dredger said there was no difficulty of getting in if they got that channel. He hoped to arrange for that within the next fortnight.

Mr. Keegan said the County Surveyor was making them the same promise that day as he did at the last meeting.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor stated that the Crane was on order for five weeks. He had a letter from the firm stating that it would be delivered within one week from the 7th instant.

The Chairman pointed out that in his opinion all possible steps to secure the equipment had been taken.

The Co. Surveyor said that as the emergency duty would

come to close on £150, it was better to wait for a week or two if it could be saved.

Mr. Keegan contended that the securities of Mr. Donovan, Contractor for the dredging of the Courtown Harbour basin, were now released from their bond on account of the delay in carrying out the work.

The Co. Surveyor said this was a legal matter. The sanction of the Department to hold over the Grant to allow of the work being completed by September had been obtained. The difficulty of obtaining the services of the dredger and utilising them at this particular place had been explained in detail to the Sureties.

The matter dropped.

HAND-BREAKING IN QUARRIES

In connection with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Council, as to the submission by the County Surveyor of particulars regarding the cost of hand-breaking of quarry material, the County Surveyor submitted reports from the various Assistant Surveyors.

The following is a summary of these reports:-

In Mr. Treanor's district, the number of yards of material broken in Ballythomas Quarry was 400 and the men were paid at the rate of 3/6d per yard showing average earnings of £1:4:6d per week. In Comer, 150 yards were broken and the earnings of the men 17/6d per week. In Gorey Hill 250 yards were broken and the average earnings of the men £1:4s. There were 300 yards broken in Tara Hill where the average earnings were 16/-. He reported on other quarries where the earnings were £1:4s.

Mr. Ennis in his report stated that the machine breaking cost from 2/4d to 2/8d including dumping and shifting of stones. In Kiltrea 600 yards were hand-broken and the men's earnings 21/- per week, and as the stones must

be more finely broken in future, it would cut down their earnings. The material was put on third class roads and they gave up using it on main roads. In Carrigduff quarry the average earnings was 17/- per week and the stone was soft. Hand-broken material for rolling, for Ryland Quarry, was paid for at the rate of 3/6d per yard and the average earnings of the men were from 11/- to 17/- per week. In Monfin gravel pit 900 yards were taken out and in Clohamon gravel pit 1,000 yards were taken out, and bigger stones hand-broken. There was no use for hand-broken material in some of the quarries and the cost of the gauge recently broken would be extremely higher if the men were to have an opportunity of earning a fair wage. From this point of view of road-making, the products given from the machine and hand-breaking were quite different. In the case of the machine broken stone they were given a graded choice of material for the varieties of use in modern road-work, and in handbreaking their great trouble was to get a gauge of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch stone and three-inch stone and chippings.

Mr. Birthistle reported that at Trinity Quarry with 148 cubic yards scabbelings men earned about 18/- per week. Kilmore - 425 cubic yards of sea stone - average earnings 12/- to 15/- per week. Seaview Quarry - a loose soft stone - always worked by hand - average earnings 25/- per week.

Mr. Cullen reported that 10/- per week was the average earnings in Ballymurray, and 15/- per week in Ballyvaldon (sea stones); 13/- to 18/- per week in Clonhaston; 15/- to 18/- per week at Dunanore; Edenvale 18/- to 22/- per week. Barmonney £1 to 25/-. Carrigbawn - 15/- per week, Tomgarrow 15/- per week.

Mr. O'Neill reported that in his area in Burkestown and Haggard Quarries the average earnings were 30/- per week and in Palace Quarry 25/- per week (piece work).

Mr. Colloton - Where is this report going to lead us?

The Co. Surveyor said he wanted to point out that, where possible, they were carrying out hand-breaking in quarries and certainly, as regards the men generally, it was not very remunerative.

The matter ended.

CARNE PIER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to carry out the repairs to Carne Pier, reported by him to the meeting of Co. Council on 14th May, 1934."

ROAD MATTERS.

Letter from Mr. J.R. McDonald, of Ballywater, Kilmuckridge was read asking if Mr. T.F. White would be granted permission to erect gate at eastern end of Ballinoulart road to prevent trespass of livestock. The only alternative to this would be a wire fence along the sand banks for about three miles. *and* the gate would not interfere with the passage to and from the strand.

The Co. Surveyor submitted report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, of the district, who with Mr. Smyth, M.C.C. had been instructed to act as a Committee in this matter. Their report stated that to make road diversion at the place it would be necessary to acquire portion of lands of two separate holdings. The amount asked for by the land holders to provide a site for the roadway was out of all proportion to the value of the land, so much so as to make it impossible to recommend the adoption of the scheme to the Council. It was decided to make no order on the matter.

Under date 5th June, 1934, Mr. D. Connolly, Secretary, Crossabeg Fianna Fail Cumman, forwarded resolution from that body, asking for the reconstruction of footpath from

Ferry carrig to Enniscorthy, as owing to the amount of traffic the road was very unsafe for pedestrians, particularly children, who had to attend school in Kyle. A footpath would provide a badly needed safeguard and the work would relieve unemployment in the district. They also recommended that a larger percentage of stone breaking in the different quarries should be broken by hand to counteract unemployment.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in his opinion it would cost at least £1000, to reconstruct this footpath.

Mr. Colleton - People near towns will not use footpaths.

Co. Surveyor - That of course is because the road is more attractive.

Mr. McCarthy held that even if this footpath was reconstructed people would not walk on it, in preference to the concrete road.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded a resolution that the matter be referred to the new County Council.

Passed.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall that the following applications for improvement of lanes etc. be scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

Devereux's Lane (Garrymoyle); Ballyclemock Lane and Askakeele Lane (Carnew).

In connection with an application for repair of main drain in several townlands commencing at Ballygullen Bridge, and ending near the village of Camolin - a length of about two miles - it was decided that it be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that unless the Grant was available, it would not be possible for the Co. Council to undertake this work as they had no legal power to do so.

CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 30th May, 1934, letter was read from Mr. J.P. O'Brien, General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, that the representations of the Association regarding attention to Tourist Roads had not been very successful. They were not dropping the matter however, and were seeking a definite answer before next week. If any assurance of interest was received he would communicate with the Council.

BOARD OF HEALTH AND PAYMENT FOR COTTAGE PLOTS

Under date 23rd May, 1934, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote that in reference to the complaint of Rate Collector E.J. Murphy, as to payment for Cottage Plots the temporary Solicitor to the Board was endeavouring to speed up the work of land transfer for the purpose of cottage building, and since his appointment no unavoidable delay had occurred.

BOILER OLD UNION BUILDINGS

Under date 9th June, 1934, the Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote that the Board proposed to instal temporarily at the District Hospital, Gorey, a boiler, owing to the fact that the present boiler had been damaged. There was such a boiler in the old Union Buildings which was suitable. The Board requested the permission of the Co. Council to transfer the Union Boiler to the District Hospital.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That County Board of Health be informed the Co. Council have no objection to the transfer of old Union Boiler at Gorey to the District Hospital there provided this proposal obtains the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

PLACING POSTERS ON ROADS

Mr. Walsh called attention to the practice of pasting advertising posters on roads. Horses shied from these and injury to life and limb might occur. The Council should take some notice of the matter.

He proposed that an advertisement be issued in the local papers that any person found pasting advertising or other posters on public roads be warned that proceedings will be taken against them by the Council.

Mr. Cooney seconded the resolution which was adopted.

TINACREE QUARRY

Letter was read from Mr. P. Hughes, Hon. Secretary, Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Branch, as to new lane to Quarry at Tinacree and asking if a grant had been ever received.

The Co. Surveyor stated that no money was yet available.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908, be issued to the following:-

NEW LICENCE: P.J. O'Connor, 39, North Main Street, Wexford.

RENEWALS: James J. Codd, 7, Court Street, Enniscorthy.

Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford.

John Roche, Merchant, Camolin. Nathaniel Tackaberry, Bunclody.

Myles Byrne, Market House, Main Street, Gorey.

Michael R. Moran, Hardware House, Castle St., Enniscorthy.

Daniel Keating, Merchant, Quay Street, New Ross, provided no objection be received from Civic Guard Authorities.

"J.K.L." CELEBRATIONS

The Secretary mentioned that in connection with the "J.K.L." celebrations in New Ross, a special train would leave North Station, Wexford, on 17th June, 1934, at 10.20 a.m., arriving in New Ross at 11.30 a.m. and would return at 7.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN RETURNS THANKS

At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman said he wished to thank each and every member of the Council for the courtesy they had shown him during his term of office. He was very much obliged to them indeed and he was sure that any little differences which had cropped up during the life of the Council were now forgotten. He hoped the next County Council would get on as well as the one which was now relinquishing office.

Michael Doyle