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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

7th JUNE, 1935.

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 Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 7th June, 1935.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, W. Cullimore, J. Cummins, J. Day, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, J. Lawler, S. O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P.W. Quin, Michael Redmond, Thos. Redmond, P. Ronan, M. Smyth, M. Sweetman.

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 £618:6:5d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. KELLY, CLONARD

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted in silence:-  
"That we offer to Mr. John J. Kelly, N.T., Lynd House, Clonard, a Member of our Co. Wexford Scholarship Committee, our sincere sympathy in the death of his wife, Mrs. Gwendoline Kelly, N.T., Barntown."

#### THE LATE MRS. ENNIS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence to Mr. R. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in the death of his Mother be inserted on this day's Minutes:-"

"Please convey to your Council my sincere thanks for their vote of condolence in my recent bereavement. I should wish to thank you also for your expression of sympathy."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 24th MAY, 1935:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1935, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th May, 1935.

Present, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

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

Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3708:4:1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the percentage of Rate on gross warrant collected to date:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage on Gross Warrant.</u>
E.J. Murphy	95.9
J.J. O'Reilly	92.7
J. Curtis	92.7
M. Kehoe	91.2
D. Kenny	90.5
J. Deegan	89.2
P. Carty	88.5
M. McCarthy	87.0
P. Doyle	86.2
J. Cummins	82.9
J. Flood	82.4
A. Dunne	82.2
P. Nolan	80.6
S. Gannon (No. 10)	79.8
S. Gannon (No. 6)	79.7
W. Cummins	76.7
J.J. Sinnott	76.1
M. Murphy	74.8
J. Quirke	72.5
W. Doyle	68.6
	<u>Average.. 83.0</u>

The amount collected at corresponding period last year was 73.6.

The actual amount outstanding is £20721.



EXTENSION CREDIT NOTES:- The meeting approved of the terms of advertisement as follows calling attention of Ratepayers to the validity of Credit Notes:-

"Ratepayers who still hold Credit Notes for 1934/35  
"Rate are hereby notified that Credit Notes applicable  
"to both first and second moieties will be accepted by  
"Rate Collectors up to 31st May, 1935.

"Ratepayers who are in arrear in respect of rates for  
"periods previous to 31st March, 1935, will also be  
"allowed the value of first moiety Credit Notes  
"provided they pay the first Moiety rate for 1934/35  
"by 31st May, 1935, and will in addition be allowed the  
"value of the second moiety credit note, provided they  
"pay the second moiety by 31st May, 1935, even if at the  
"time of payment there are arrears due in respect of  
"previous years."

DRAINAGE RATES - BONDS RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 15th May, 1935, the New Ireland Assurance Company wrote giving formal confirmation of cover in respect of bond for the following Rate Collectors relative to collection of Drainage Rates:-

M. Kehoe.....£160  
W. Cummins.....£300  
M. Murphy.....£30  
W. Doyle.....£10.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Finance Committee approve of Joint Bond for the four Rate Collectors concerned with Drainage Rates in the sum of £500 with the New Ireland Assurance Company and that the Co. Council be recommended to pay premium for same."

ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 20th May, 1935, Michael McCarthy, Rate Collector, (No. 4 District) wrote from St. Bricin's Hospital, Arbour Hill, Dublin, where he was at present undergoing a course of treatment for stomach trouble, that as regards his collection he did his best to close ~~his~~ collection reducing his arrears considerably and had lodged 87% of his gross warrant. This was only about  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  less than the Minister's requirements for payment of full poundage. He asked the Finance Committee to use their influence to have him paid in full.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow Wexford Co. Council to pay full poundage to Rate Collector M. McCarthy, (No.4 District), in view of the fact that he is at present under-going treatment in a Dublin Hospital, and but for which he would have lodged the specified 87½% to qualify for payment of full poundage. At present his collection falls below this percentage by £35:3:1d to meet the amount fixed by the Minister. In view of his illness and to the fact that the Finance Committee are aware he carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner, they request the Minister to agree to this concession."

SOW DRAINAGE RATE: In connection with the visit of deputation of Sow Drainage Ratepayers to Finance Committee at their meeting on 10th May, 1935, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Ryan, Coolnaboy, Oylegate:-

"At the meeting of Ratepayers of River Sow held on Sunday the 19th instant, it was decided to offer the original half year's rate, arrears to be counted from the time the river was completed, which would leave us 1½ years in arrear to the 31st March last, time of payment to be extended by 1½ years for payment of same.

"Also the first work done on the river was useless which the Co. Surveyor can prove. We do not see why we should be held liable for it. They also decided to send a deputation to wait on the Minister for Local Government."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "As we are aware that the collection of arrears of Rate for Sow Drainage for repayment of Sow Drainage Loan, would impose a very substantial burden on the ratepayers concerned, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the collection of this rate to start as from present financial year and to remain in



"force until Loan and Interest along with Maintenance Charges have been paid off. The results of the work carried out by the Office of Public Works is practically now only apparent; and as the drainage ratepayers consider the advantages from the improvement of the system are only now making themselves felt, we would request the Minister to comply with our request, otherwise very considerable difficulty will arise in securing payment of this rate."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES:- The Agent for Courtown Estates, Gorey, wrote asking for refund of rates on "Marlfield" and "Levuka" which had been vacant for some years.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That the Co. Council be recommended not to agree to any rebate in the case of "Marlfield" and "Levuka" premises, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, as the Finance Committee are of opinion that tenants could have been obtained for both places if they had been offered at reasonable rents."

Application was received from Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, for refund of rate on stores and lime kiln which were unoccupied since 1929.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as recommended by Rate Collector P. Carty, (District No. 20) refund of rates on lime kiln and stores, property of Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, for years 1933/34, amounts respectively of 18/6d and 19/4d be agreed to."

COMPLAINT OF RATEPAYER:- Under date 23rd May, 1935, Mr. Edward W. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, wrote:-

"Mrs. Corcoran, Ballybane House, Enniscorthy, Rate No. 10a, Boolabawn, and 8a Moneytucker, was in arrears with her rates and your Collector, Mr. Gannon, and his Solicitors, Messrs. O'Flaherty & Co., wrote to her agreeing to accept payment at the rate of £10 per month, as they were aware she was not in a position to pay more. She made this payment regularly and to their satisfaction, but in spite of that a Decree was taken out against her at the Enniscorthy District Court on the 9th instant, and she considers that this was very unfair treatment, having regard to the fact that she was keeping rigidly to the arrangement made with the Collector.



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"There is a worse feature about the matter and that is that her only means of livelihood is the taking in of monthly stock on the lands in question, and at the time the Decree was obtained she had upwards of 100 cattle and 200 sheep grazing. When the owners, however, saw the publication of the Decree, they presumably became afraid that the stock would be seized, and immediately removed every beast on the place, so that the Court proceedings have had the effect of putting her in the position of having no way whatever of making money. She would be glad if this matter would be brought before your Council, and she will continue to pay her rates at the rate of £10 per month. The Collector is willing to accept same, but she would have no way of doing so unless she is able to get monthly stock again. To enable her to do this a Notice will have to be published in the Local papers which will assure the graziers that their stock will not be disturbed. Mrs. Corcoran would be glad if you would bring this matter before the County Council, and would be grateful if they would instruct their Collector not to take further proceedings provided the instalments are paid regularly."

The Rate Inspector stated he was informed by Mr. Gannon that Mrs. Corcoran had not carried out her agreement to pay £10 per month and that she had refused to sign a consent to a decree causing resultant publication to which she now objected.

It was decided to refer Mr. Warren's letter to Mr. Gannon, Rate Collector, for Nos. 6 and 10 districts, for his observations.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

WEXFORD DISTRICT: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That application of Thomas Mythen, Ballinrooawn, Screen, for loan of £100 be granted, provided he pays amount of rates due by him to 31st March, 1935, to Co. Council in full."

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by the Chairman:- "That application of Philip Kennedy, Shelbaggan, for loan of £250 be agreed to."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That application of Mary Anne Lynch, Ballycoheir, Ballywilliam, for loan of £40 be agreed to."

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: (First Loan):- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That John Mullett, Greenville, Enniscorthy, be accepted for



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"loan of £200 to replace application of Gerald Meagher, St. John's Villas, Wexford, withdrawn."

The Secretary stated that after that day's meeting, the amounts unallocated on the second loan would be:-

New Ross District, £1182, and Wexford District, £75.

Applications had been made for forms from New Ross District during the week.

After consideration it was decided to allocate all outstanding balances at the Finance Committee meeting of 7th June, 1935.

GENERAL MATTERS:- Under date 21st May, 1935, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that he had been notified by Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, that the house of James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey, had been put up for auction, but was not sold. It was quite possible a seller might yet be found as he had received enquiries about the house.

Under date 10th May, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote (H.69972/1935 Loch Garman), approving of loan of £180 to Daniel Sheehan for house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and under date 20th May, 1935, (No.H.80376/35, Loch Garman), the Department of Local Government (Housing Section) wrote approving of loan of £189 to Thomas Dwyer for house at Kilmichael Upper, Gorey.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction *reimbursement of Public Works of* transfer of £5000, portion of second loan, obtained by Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend period of Council's overdraft at £40,000 to the end of July, 1935."



STRIKING OF RATE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend date on which Rate for existing financial year can be struck by Wexford Co. Council to 1st July, 1935."

LAND COMMISSION - ANNUITY DEFAULTERS

In connection with the resolution of the Co. Council asking the Land Commission to make up their accounts for payment of land Annuities to 31st March, instead of 31st January each year, the Land Commission wrote (Corres. No. 3036/35 Co. Wexford) under date 25th April, 1935, that they were under a statutory obligation to furnish their Accounts to the Minister for Finance on 31st January and 31st July and had no power to vary these dates

No order.

GROUND RENTS - OLD COURTHOUSE

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, explained the detailed opinion of Mr. D. Fawsitt, B.L., Counsel, in connection with query as to whether the Co. Council could in any way compel owners of ground rents of the old courthouse to sell same to the Co. Council. Mr. Fawsitt stated that in the absence of a binding agreement the Council had no power to compel the sale of these rents. Although a statutory body they were in no better position legally than an individual in like circumstances.

Mr. Elgee explained that the Ground rents unpurchased were:-

St. Vincent de Paul.....	£13:16: 8
Sandwith Estate.....	£71: 3:10
Hatchell Estate.....	£18: 9: 0

The other ground rents had been bought out at 20 years purchase.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That the Co. Solicitor be instructed to lay before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a statement setting out the position of Wexford



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"County Council as regards rents of old County Courthouse, Wexford. The building was burned out in 1921, and large structural portions of it are ready to fall. The Co. Council will be obliged to spend a substantial amount in securing it to prevent injury to the public. They would further point out that the ground rents in question are at an exorbitant figure, agreed to by the old Grand Jury. The Finance Committee suggest that if necessary, the Minister should introduce legislation to enable the Council to compel the ground land lords in this and similar cases to dispose of their interests. Owing to the very high figure at which these stand it is not possible to dispose of the premises although the site would be most suitable for a business establishment."

PAYMENT OF CO. COUNCIL ROAD ETC. WORKERS.

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 13th May, 1935, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to make provision for the payment of Co. Council workers, who come into employment at a period which will not allow of their payment in the ordinary course until the lapse of practically three weeks and that he also arrange for payment of Road Workers at the termination of their employment."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had examined his records for the past seven fortnights from the beginning of the present year to see how the Imprest A/c. would be affected as regards payment of men on employment and on discharge with the following result:- For the fortnight ended 26th January, 1935, he would require to have in the Imprest A/c, £234; 9th February, 1935, £195; 23rd February, 1935, £306; 9th March, 1935, £198; 23rd March, £216; 6th April, £238; 30th April, £219.

The Secretary stated it would be doubtful if sanction could be obtained to a higher figure than £50 for the Imprest Account. He suggested that as each worker came into employment he should receive a Certificate signed by the Co. Surveyor or the Assistant Surveyor for the district, giving the dates when he entered employment and when his first payment would be made.



This Certificate should also be used when a man was going out of employment.

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to adopt this suggestion, the Co. Surveyor to utilise the present Imprest A/c of £50.

#### TRADES UNION LABOUR

Under date 15th May, 1935, the following was read from Mr. P. Hawkins, Hon. Secretary, Wexford Trades Union Council:-

"I have been instructed by above Council to draw your attention to Notice appearing in Local Press issues of 18th May, 25th May and 1st June viz:- "That on and after June 3rd no Trade Unionist will be allowed to work with or after a Non Trade Unionist or handy man."

The Co. Surveyor said he would take it that the communication did not apply to men working in rural areas.

#### ROADS IN SOUTH WEXFORD.

A memorial and letter from Mr. Michael Rowe, Tinnock, Campile, as to procuring a Government Grant to continue the Tinnock Road to form a junction with the public road connecting Coole and Boderan was referred to Finance Committee for consideration.

The following deputation in connection with the proposal came before the Finance Committee:- Messrs. Ml. Rowe, Wm. Murphy, P. Harte, Thos. Sutton and Edward Walsh.

The Memorial pointed out that the townland of Tinnock was served by a road which was a cul de sac with an entrance at the Council's Quarry at Carroll's Rock, but had no exit. Thirteen families resided on the road including five large farmers. At present when the memorialists wished to reach the village of Ramsgrange, they had to travel in a backward direction. If the existing road were continued in a straight line for about 600 yards they would secure an easy exit on the Coole and Boderan road, within easy reach of Ramsgrange. This road would also serve people from Coole, Boderan, Monachee etc. and would facilitate the carrying of corn and beet to Campile. The memorial was extensively signed.



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The following report as to the Tinneock-Coole Lane was submitted from Mr.P.O'Neill,Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"The extension of the above lane would provide an alternative route to Road 790, and at a short distance from it. It would not be of any use except to the people immediately concerned i.e.,three families living in the lane. The distance from the end of the existing lane to Road 792 is about 160 pers.

The cost of the extension,fencing and surfacing,would be £600 exclusive of compensation for land required."

The Co.Surveyor pointed out that the proposal was to make a parallel road to No.790 which was in a very bad condition and which carried so much traffic that the Council had applied to the Department of Local Government to have it scheduled as a Main Road.

Mr.Colfer said if the proposals were agreed to it would greatly relieve traffic on the road No.790 which was maintained by the Council.

The Co.Surveyor said this lane would never be as wide and as satisfactory for traffic as No.790. Under the Minor Relief Scheme the Government preferred to give not more than £100 and often less for any particular scheme in order to spread relief for unemployment over as wide an area as was possible. If they spent £600 on this project it would mean a reduction somewhere else.

In the course of the discussion it was ascertained that Mr.Wm.Murphy, a member of the deputation through whose land 90% of the new road would run, was willing to give the necessary land required but Mr.Edward Murphy of Coole was expecting compensation for his portion.

After further discussion it was decided that Mr.Cummins and Mr.Colfer,Co,Councillors, with Mr.O'Neill,Assistant Surveyor for the District, should interview Mr.Ed.Murphy, with a view to obtaining his consent to give the necessary land.

The Chairman pointed out that in all applications for Minor Relief Schemes it was necessary that the Scheme should be agreed to by local people and that there should be a guarantee that any



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land required for the purpose of widening would be given without cost to the Council.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council to debar from competition for Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Schemes, the children of ratepayers residing in rural districts and who had a clear income of £300, the following letter under date 23rd May, 1935, No. F.41241 was read from the Department of National Education:-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, and previous correspondence relative to the scheme for scholarships to be awarded by the Wexford County Council in 1936, I am directed to say that, if the Council are of opinion that the suggested clause should be introduced, the Department will not offer any objection, in view of the fact that the question of the conditions to be inserted in the scheme regarding "means" of parents is largely a matter for the Council's own discretion.

"I am to add, however, that it is noted that, in the existing clauses, the "means" of parents in rural areas are assessed on a valuation basis, whilst in the proposed addendum the basis is that of income. It would appear, therefore, that there is a possibility of confusion arising from the inclusion of both these bases, particularly as there is no mention of the number of children in family in the case of the latest amendment. It is not clear that a candidate eligible on one basis might not be ineligible on the other."

The Chairman said that the resolution of the Council had been passed to deal with cases of ratepayers residing in a holding in the Rural area with a very small valuation and yet were well able to provide secondary education for their children. If the valuation basis alone was to be a criterion as to means people to whom she referred could not be excluded. It was, therefore, very necessary that the provision in question as to the limit of £300 income should be included in the Scheme, and she proposed a resolution to that effect.

This was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted.

#### NEW STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that new Standing Orders as submitted be printed, and that copy be forwarded to each Councillor.



ELECTORAL (REVISION OF CONSTITUENCIES) ACT  
1935.  
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Under date 21st May, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (Circ.70/35) forwarding copy of the Electoral (Revision of Constituencies) Act 1935.

It was decided that list of existing polling places be furnished to each Councillor and that they be asked for their observations with a view to further conveniencing electors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE)  
ACT 1935.

Under date 21st May, 1935, (Circ.No.70/35) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding copy of Local Government (Extension of Franchise) Act 1935, conferring Local Government franchise on all Dail Electors.

SALE OF FOOD & DRUGS (MILK) ACT  
1935.  
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Under date 21st May, 1935, (Circular P.H.67/35) the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of above Act and explanatory memorandum with regard to same.

On the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by Mr.Colfer it was decided that Secretary obtain twelve copies of above Act for use of ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Act.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Application for compensation for Criminal Injury for £20 damage to Transformer Bushing at Carriglawn, the property of the Electricity Supply Board was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Kelly seconded by Mr.Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May,1935, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES:- In connection with above, the Secretary in reply to Mr.Doyle said that Mr.Elgee, Co.Solicitor had informed them that some of the owners of the ground rent could not be found. If it had not been that the Co.Council agreed to purchase the ground rents they would not have received the compensation for the burning of the Courthouse.

Mr.Keegan asked why would the people concerned with the unpurchased interests be anxious to sell as long as they are getting the money mentioned in the Finance Committee's report.

Mr.Elgee said he could purchase Miss Sandwith's interest which was only £12 of the amount mentioned as the total for the Sandwith Estate. There were other charges on the estate. There would be no use in buying out Miss Sandwith's small interest.

Mr. Keegan - What is the present letting value of the building?

Mr. Elgee - At the moment it is nil, except one small part of it.

On the motion of Mr.O'Byrne and seconded by Mr.Colfer the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted with the addendum that Mr.Elgee forward a covering letter with it.

PAYMENT OF CO.COUNCIL WORKERS:- Mr. Corish proposed and Mr.Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow Imprest A/c in the hands of Co. Surveyor for payment of men entering into employment for first time to be raised from £50 to £100."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr.Cummins:



"That we again call the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the request of this Council that legislation should be adopted by which County Councils would be in a position to advance money for the reconstruction of houses in rural areas under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 7th JUNE, 1935:- The Minutes of above meeting of Finance Committee were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 7th June, 1935.

Present:- Messrs. D. Allen, (Chairman), presiding, also P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, J. P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4046:4:9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Rate Collection up to 7th June, 1935, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected gross Warrant</u>
E.J. Murphy	96.1
J.J. O'Reilly	93.8
J. Curtis	92.8
D. Kenny	92.3
M. Kehoe	91.8
J. Deegan	90.5
P. Carty	89.4
M. McCarthy	87.0
P. Doyle	86.8
J. Flood	84.7
A. Dunne	84.5
J. Cummins	82.9
S. Gannon (No.10)	82.1
P. Nolan	81.8
J.J. Sinnott	81.0
S. Gannon (No.6)	79.9
W. Cummins	76.7
M. Murphy	76.7
J. Quirke	74.3
W. Doyle	71.0

The total collection was 84.4% of gross warrant, the amount outstanding being £19014:2:7d.

Reports of meetings of County Councillors for the four County Electoral areas to examine all outstanding items or rates were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

RATE COLLECTION

CONSIDERATION OF OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS

Meetings for examination of all items of outstanding Rate were held in Wexford, Gorey, Enniscorthy and New Ross, during the week ended 1st June, 1935, of the County Councillors for each area concerned.

WEXFORD DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 27th MAY, 1935:- Miss O'Ryan presiding, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, John Day and W. Kinsella, being in attendance.

The following Rate Collectors were present and were closely questioned in respect of each individual item:-

Messrs. W. Quirke, Philip Doyle, Wm. Doyle and P. Nolan.

Mr. M. McCarthy was absent as he is an inmate of St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin.

GOREY DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 28th MAY, 1935:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, Co. Council, presided and there were also present Messrs. W. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Mr. Smyth.

The following Rate Collectors were present:-

Messrs. J. J. O'Reilly, Denis Kenny, Art Dunne and J. J. Sinnott.

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 29th MAY, 1935:- Mr. P. Ronan, presided and there were also in attendance:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, J. P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, James Lawlor and M. Sweetman.

The following Rate Collectors attended:- Messrs. J. Cummins, W. Cummins, J. Deegan, S. Gannon, J. Flood and M. Murphy.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT - MEETING HELD ON 31st MAY, 1935:- Mr. T. Redmond presiding, also Messrs. M. Redmond, P. Colfer and J. E. Walsh.

The following Rate Collectors were in attendance:-

Messrs. E. J. Murphy, M. Kehoe, J. M. Curtis and P. Carty.

Each Councillor had been supplied with copies of returns received from Rate Collectors setting out the Collectors' recommendations in respect of:-



- (a) Rates on lands etc. in respect of which a number of years' arrears are outstanding and on which Collector recommends that part of the arrears be struck off as irrecoverable.
- (b) Rates on Vacant Buildings and on holdings on which there is no possibility of collecting rates.
- (c) Lists of Holdings in respect of which the Collector recommends that arrears outstanding be carried forward for collection with Warrants for 1935/36.

The various items of outstanding rate were examined and ruled on by the Committees at the different centres.

It was pointed out that sanction of Local Government Department would be necessary to the striking out of arrears referred to at (a).

Instructions were given to Collectors in respect of the collection of some items due by Public Bodies. It was decided that reports be sent to Land Commission in respect of certain derelict farms.

It was pointed out to the Collectors that in cases in which men were employed by the County Council or County Health Board on roads or cottages or in any other capacity and who owed rates, a statement to that effect should be furnished to the Public Body concerned.

Collectors were instructed to furnish lists of any holdings which they could not trace or in respect of which they were doubtful as to the actual occupier so that application might be made to the Valuation Department for further information in such cases.

Collectors Dunne and Sinnott in Gorey Area were instructed to take proceedings in the cases of R. Whitney, W. Byrne, A. Cummins and Col. Bryan, the Co. Council to be responsible for legal costs if these are not recovered by Collectors on Decree against Ratepayer concerned.

Collectors were also given instructions as to inclusion on Revisions Lists of buildings now in ruins or demolished.



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At the New Ross Rates Meeting, Collector Curtis stated that as the Collectors were not paid Poundage on Credit Notes they suffered a heavy "cut" in fees.

It was pointed out to Mr. Curtis that the Local Government Department had stated they would not allow payment for Credit Notes to be made to Collectors in any County. The Department had during the year sanctioned payment at the rate of 7d in the £. to all Collectors who by the 31st May had accounted for 87½% of Warrants. A number of Collectors were provisionally paid at 5d. in the £. and one Collector at 6d.

Sanctions had also been received on representations from Local Government Officials' Union to payment by the County Council for Collectors appointed before 1st April, 1931, of a sum sufficient to bring their poundage up to the amount on the 1931/32 Warrant.

Mr. Curtis said he had been informed by a Rate Collector in Kilkenny, that Poundage fees on Credit Notes had been allowed in that County. He thought that at least an extra 1d. in the £. should be allowed.

As the Collection in the New Ross District was the most satisfactory in the County the Meeting recommended Mr. Curtis to obtain a statement from the Kilkenny Rate Collector as to the amount allowed on Credit Notes in Kilkenny and forward same to the Finance Committee for consideration at meeting on 7th June, 1935.

The following are the amounts recommended by the various Rates Committees for striking off as irrecoverable:-



District	Collector	Strike off Buildings	Recommended to be struck off Land.	TOTAL
Wexford	James Quirke	£ s d 65:19: 7	£ s d 584: 1: 6	£ s d 650: 1: 1
	Wm. Doyle	35: 0:11	738: 1: 8	773: 2: 7
	P. Doyle	23: 1: 4	117:18:10	141: 0: 2
	M. McCarthy	123: 5: 2	189:11: 8	312:16:10
	P. Nolan	128:10:10	620: 7: 5	748:18: 3
		375:17:10	2250: 1: 1	2625:18:11
GOREY	J.J. O'Reilly	64:12: 4	91: 5:11	155:18: 3
	D. Kenny	6:18: 6	118:18: 3	125:16: 9
	A. Dunne	50: 8: 2	517:12: 9	568: 0:11
	J.J. Sinnott	7: 7: 5	423: 3: 2	430:10: 7
		129: 6: 5	1151: 0: 1	1280: 6: 6
NEW ROSS	E.J. Murphy	18: 9:10	-	18: 9:10
	M. Kehoe	13: 6:10	137:19:10	151: 6: 8
	J. Curtis	25: 0: 0	109: 3: 5	134: 3: 5
	P. Carty	51:10: 3	38: 3: 3	89:13: 6
		108: 6:11	285: 6: 6	393:13: 5
ENNISCORTHY	S. Gannon (No. 6)	28: 2: 6	106: 4: 5	134: 6:11
	S. Gannon (No.10)	23: 1: 3	142:11: 5	165:12: 8
	J. Deegan	65: 0: 1	34:10: 0	99:10: 1
	J. Cummins	38:12: 9	376:10: 9	415: 3: 6
	W. Cummins	3:14:10	427: 3: 5	430:18: 3
	M. Murphy	31: 9: 0	421: 3: 7	452:12: 7
	J. Flood	18:18: 2	141: 3:11	160: 2: 1
		208:18: 7	1649: 7: 6	1858: 6: 1
	TOTAL	£822: 9: 9	£5335:15: 2	£6158: 4:11



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It was pointed out that as the £5,335:15:2d represented rates on land, the ownership of which had not changed, they could not be struck off, and would have to be carried forward.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly that £822:9:9d rates on vacant buildings and on holdings in respect of which the rated occupiers were destitute or could not be traced, be struck off as irrecoverable.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE:- Under date 6th June, 1935, Mr. J. J. Byrne, Hon. Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, (Wexford Branch), wrote asking the Finance Committee to request the Minister for permission to pay poundage due to Rate Collectors for year 1934/35. It was understood that Collectors' Warrants would be closed during the week and the Union would be obliged if the Committee requested the Minister to allow the Co. Council to pay in full, poundage due.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of full poundage fees at the rate of 7d in the £. to Collectors, who, by 15th June, 1935, lodge 87½% of the total sum represented by warrant for 1934/35, added to arrears applicable to 1933/34 assessment. The arrears in respect of previous periods are to a large extent uncollectible, and the concession relating to arrears was agreed to by the Minister in respect of interim payment of poundage fees for financial year 1934/35.

"That the Minister be further requested to sanction payment of additional poundage fees, based on warrants for 1931/32 to the following Collectors, who, owing to their failure to account for 87½% of their total warrants by 31st May, 1935, were not entitled to payment of this additional remuneration:-

Philip Doyle (No.3)	£3:5:6
Joseph Cummins (No.8)	£17:19:3d
Walter Cummins (No.11)	£17:17: 9d
John J. Sinnott (No.16)	£ 1:16:10d
Sean Gannon (No.10)	£18: 4: 4d."



ILLNESS OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr.Kelly:- "That we approve of Collector P. Nolan, (District No.5) acting as deputy Collector for Mr. Ml. McCarthy, No.4 District, during the latter's illness."

Under date 6th June,1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.92192/35 Loch Garman (Fa) that if Mr.McCarthy closed his warrant by the 15th June,1935, the Minister would be prepared to entertain proposal for the payment of poundage at the 7d rate.

COLLECTION DISTRICTS NOS. 6 & 7:-Under date 5th June,1935, the following letter (G.86459/35 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 13th ult. regarding the collection of rates in District No.6 and District No.7, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction the continuance of the present arrangement involving merely temporary appointments renewable annually. The Council should now, as originally contemplated, amalgamate Districts Nos.6 and 10, the collection to be carried out by Collector Gannon. A formal proposal to that effect under Article 92 of the Public Bodies Order,1925, should be submitted for the Minister's approval. A map indicating the relative positions of the Districts should be furnished at the same time.

"A permanent appointment to Collection District No.7 should be made as the result of Public advertisement which should be submitted for the Minister's approval before issue."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "Finance Committee recommend the Council to request the Minister to allow the temporary appointments of Rate Collectors Gannon (No.6) and Deegan (No.7), to stand for the present financial year but to offer a guarantee to the Minister that his wishes as regards the two Rate Districts in question will be carried out by the Council at the close of Warrants for 1935/36."

COMPLAINTS RE RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 27th May,1935, John Cowman wrote that he was not satisfied with the explanation of Mr.Deegan with regard to payment of his rates, as he explained to Mr.Deegan on the 1st March that he would pay when he sold his cattle. Notwithstanding this he was summoned on the 20th March



though the rate collection was not closed. He objected to the payment of the costs in the circumstances, and stated that if the Council would not refund it he would have his case put before the Minister for Local Government, "to see if there is a different law for different people".

The meeting declined to re-open this matter as they considered the explanation offered by Mr. Deegan at last meeting of Finance Committee fully met the complaint of Mr. Cowman.

William Farrell of Kilmichael, Arklow, wrote under date 22nd May, 1935, asking how it came about he had to pay £1:2:0d costs on his rates which he always paid in a reasonable time. He was summoned, though he knew other people who had not yet paid but were well able to do so. The favoured friends of the Rate Collector could pay when they like but he would not allow the Collector to have his cronies. Other people as well able to pay as he should be summoned. Unless he received satisfaction he would see further about the matter.

This letter had been submitted to Mr. O'Reilly for his observations and under date 6th June, 1935, Mr. O'Reilly stated he called four times for the rates and the last time he called, although Six Days' Notice had expired, and he knew from Farrell's daughter, that he had the money for rates in the house, he refused to pay him. He had repeatedly given trouble as to payment. It was true that some people had not paid, but they could not possibly pay them, whereas Mr. Farrell could.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That with reference to complaint of Wm. Farrell of Kilmichael, Arklow, as to payment of his rates, we regard the explanation of Rate Collector O'Reilly in this matter as satisfactory."

In connection with the complaint of Mrs. Melinda Corcoran, Ballybane House, Enniscorthy, Rate Collector Gannon wrote under date 5th June, 1935, that Mrs. Corcoran owed to the 31st March last, in rates £102:19:6d, including £31:14:1d carried forward



from previous year, £40 had been paid to the date of the decree 9th May last, and it appeared from Mrs. Corcoran's letter that the Collector would not get any more money before the close of the collection. He, therefore, went on with the Court proceedings which he had threatened for some months. However, four days before doing so he made a final appeal to Mrs. Corcoran and suggested she should sign a consent to the decree in order to avoid publicity. She refused. He told her if she paid £16:2:9d, it would, with the Credit Note, clear up her first moiety and arrears. There was no agreement made with Mrs. Corcoran except the acceptance of her offer to pay by instalments, but the Collector did not feel justified in recommending that £63 arrears should be carried forward into next year's rate, especially in view of Mrs. Corcoran's statement that she had 400 sheep and cattle on her lands. However, as the amount had now been reduced to £36:3:7d and as she held a Credit Note for £10:13:3d the Collector was satisfied she was making a genuine effort to pay and in view of the promises given by Mr. Warren, Solicitor, on her behalf to continue monthly payments of £10, the Council may assure Mrs. Corcoran that no further action would be taken against her, provided the promise was carried out to the close of the coming collection.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided to accept explanation of Collector Gannon as regards collection of rate of Mrs. Corcoran as satisfactory.

OUTSTANDING RATES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That lists of outstanding rates be printed and circulated to each Councillor, said lists to show amounts of arrears due with number of years outstanding."



### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Secretary stated that the amount of unapplied balances from New Ross and Wexford districts for second loan under above Acts was £1337, viz. from New Ross District, £1262, and Wexford District, £75.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That application of John Barron, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, (New Ross District), for loan of £180 be approved."

Taking this application into account the amount of unapplied balances were £1157.

Mr. Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:- "That £600 of the unapplied balances for second loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be allocated to Gorey District, and that ~~the~~ £557 be applied to Enniscorthy District." Passed.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That applicants from Gorey and Enniscorthy districts to cover outstanding balances of loan be selected by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 21st June, 1935."

### COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

Under date 4th June, 1935, the following was read from Mr. Kieran McNeill, Chairman, Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"Will you please kindly read the enclosed at next meeting of your County Council. Proposed by Mr. Butler and seconded by Captain Kearon:- "That as we are now into the month of June and there is still no effort being made to complete the dredging of the inside harbour, we are forced to the conclusion that there must be some influences at work to prevent the development of Courtown as a shipping centre. We fail to see how the County Surveyor can justify the continual blunders which have marked this work from the start - in fact the dredging of Courtown has become a joke through the County. In view of this fact and as ratepayers and Members of a Public Body, we consider that full enquiry be held into the handling of this work by the County Surveyor. As the development of Courtown Harbour would not only benefit Courtown but a great portion of the North of Co. Wexford we trust you will give this matter the importance it deserves. In the event of no inquiry being held we intend to give the County Surveyor an opportunity of justifying his actions through the public press."

The Co. Surveyor stated it certainly was not his fault that any delay had occurred relative to the dredger visiting



Courtown Harbour. He had pressed the Board of Works time and time again to send their boat there. Practically before every meeting of the Council he had written to the Board for a definite reply pointing out that the matter would be probably raised by the Council at their meeting, and he wished to be in a position to afford them some definite information. All he received at any time was an acknowledgment of his letter and that the matter was receiving attention. He had done everything possible to secure the dredger for Courtown Harbour as they now had a channel which would allow of her working there.

Mr. Keegan said those who were acquainted with the facts recognised that neither the Co.Council nor the Co.Surveyor were in any way to blame but it was most unbusinesslike on the part of the Department not to take steps to send the dredger before this as the £400 of the ratepayers' money which had been spent was of practically no use as the corresponding amount from the Department had not been made available. The influences referred to in the letter were not directed to the Co.Surveyor or anyone in the County but referred to an adjoining County where it was believed influences were at work to keep the dredger away from Courtown Harbour. He believed the whole blame for the delay was not on the Co.Council or the Co.Surveyor but on the Department concerned and on the Minister.

The Chairman stated that the Council fully recognised that no effort had been spared on the part of the Co.Surveyor to have the dredger finish the work at Courtown Harbour basin, and he certainly was not responsible for the delay.

After further discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr.Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-  
"That the Chairman and Mr.Corish again interview officials of the Office of Public Works to arrange for their dredger to finish the work at Courtown Harbour inner basin without further delay."

The Secretary called attention to a resolution which had been adopted on the 25th April, 1932, appointing Courtown Harbour



Committee for three years or until their Successors had been appointed.

It was decided that the question of reappointment of this Committee be considered at meeting of County Council on 1st July, 1935.

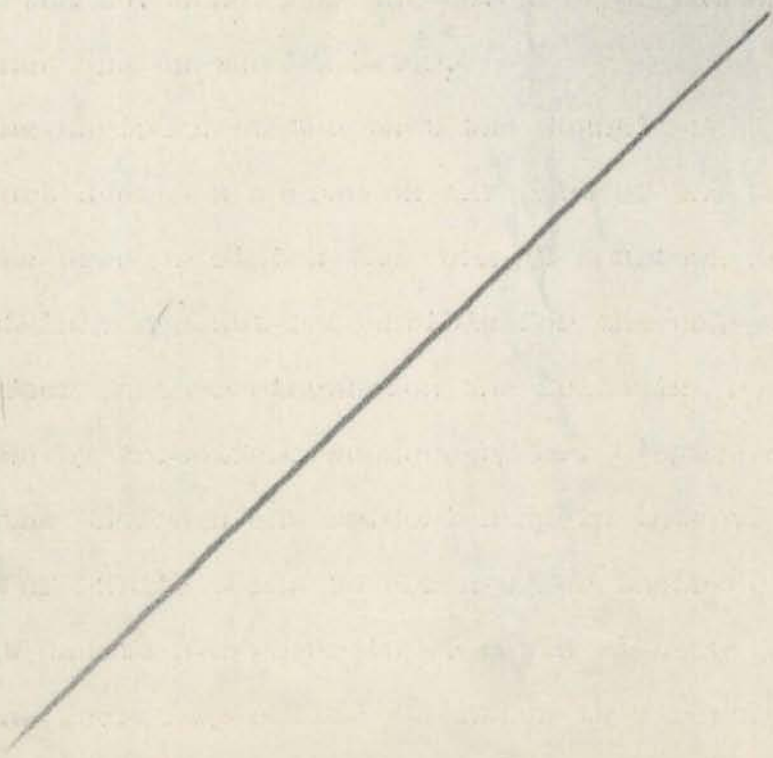
#### FOOD & DRUGS ACTS EQUIPMENT

Under date 3rd June, 1935, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, forwarded with letter (No. 1224/35) requisition for Food and Drugs Equipment for eight ex-officio Inspectors.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That requisition for equipment under Food and Drugs Acts, submitted by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, to this meeting, be agreed to, and that necessary equipment for Inspectors be supplied, small articles to be purchased locally."

#### OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd June, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G. 90708/35 Loch Garman (Fa) sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation at £40,000 to the 31st July, 1935, Interest thereon at the agreed rate to be paid.





The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Lawler:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1935, be received and considered."

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That the Courtown Harbour Committee be informed the County Council are perfectly satisfied with the action of the County Surveyor in endeavouring to secure the dredger of the Office of Public Works for Courtown Harbour and take exception to the observations in the resolution of the Committee as regards this official. Controversy in the Press by the Committee will not help in any way to secure the object they have in view. The Council protest against the tone of the communication from the Courtown Harbour Committee and realise that both on the part of the Co. Surveyor and the Co. Council no opportunity has ever been lost to obtain the services of the dredger."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th June, 1935, be and are hereby approved."

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND STRIKING OF RATE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Monday 1st July, 1935."

In connection with this matter letter under date 5th June, 1935, (G.91436/35 Loch Garman (Fa) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health conveying the consent of the Minister to the making of the Rate for financial year 1935/36 on 1st July, 1935.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That Rates for financial year 1935/36 be struck at annual meeting of Co. Council to be held on 1st July, 1935."



COUNTY COUNCIL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

"That the resolution of the County Council of 13th May, 1935, refusing to allow Patrick Kevin McDonald, Kilmuckridge, to compete for award of University Scholarship owing to parents' means be rescinded and that he be regarded as eligible to compete for such Scholarship."

In moving his motion Mr. Keegan said that when he voted against the boy's eligibility before he was under the impression that a scholarship awarded to his sister had been availed of, but he now understood the girl had gone to a training College for Teachers, so that, if the Council agreed to the motion they would be granting a substitution Scholarship only.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. McDonald, father of the applicant, wrote under date 20th May, 1935, expressing astonishment at the Council declaring his boy ineligible to compete for Scholarship on the score of means as this matter was discussed and decided by the Council on a previous occasion, when it was decided that the boy's sister was eligible to compete. Since then his means had decreased as he had suffered by "Economy Cut" and by decrease owing to fall of "Average". He had seven children none of whom were earning, four being at School. The applicant whose eligibility was not questioned was sent to Blackrock College for the express purpose of competing for this University Scholarship. Now at the very end of his school career was it not a hardship to be told he could not compete?

In a second letter under date 27th May, 1935, Mr. McDonald stated that his salary was £352 and his wife's - she being also a Teacher - £270, total £622.

Col. Quin opposed the motion. These Scholarships were for



the children of poor parents and no one could describe Mr. McDonald, Senior, as a poor man.

Mr. Doyle also opposed. Large numbers of people in the County whose means were considerably below those of Mr. McDonald had to finance the education of their children without help from the ratepayers. It would be a travesty of the University Act to agree to a scholarship in a case where the parents had an assured annual income of £622.

Mr. Corish said that the education of his children must have been a source of great expense to Mr. McDonald.

Mr. Smyth also opposed the motion. If they allowed the children of people with good incomes to compete against really poor children there would be no hope that the latter would ever secure scholarships. In this case the boy would have had the advantage of a special preparation for the Exam. with the result that a poor man's son would be at a disadvantage when they were in competition.

Miss O'Ryan also opposed. She said she understood that a daughter of Mr. MacDonald was also a qualified teacher and would be adding to the income of the family.

Mr. T. Redmond said it was never contemplated that a member of a family who had £12 per week going in would be regarded as eligible to compete for a Scholarship.

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-  
FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor and Ronan. (9).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Day, Doyle, Kinsella, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Smyth, Sweetman and the Chairman. (11)

Messrs. Cullimore and Gibbon (2) were not present when Poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Cummins:-



"That the resolution of Wexford County Council refusing to extend the period of University Scholarship of Patrick Doyle, Duncannon, be rescinded, and said Scholarship be extended up to necessary Degree period."

Mr. Cummins, in moving his motion, said that the boy was the son of very poor parents and had been successful at all his examinations. A year's extension was necessary. If the Council did not agree they would jeopardise the chance of this student being able to secure a position.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Miss O'Ryan agreed with Mr. Cummins. The boy should have his chance of securing his Degree. They should regard the case as exceptional in view of the position of his parents. His father was a labourer.

Mr. Doyle said that an argument had been put up that the boy's whole time would be lost if he did not get the extension. He did not agree with that. A boy's three years in a University would not be lost. He thought the boy was very well fitted to carry on in the world after three years' University education.

Chairman - I would scarcely agree with Mr. Doyle. If a boy has received education in engineering and has not qualified, he could not become even an assistant surveyor.

Miss O'Ryan - He will get no occupation whatever unless he qualifies.

A poll on Mr. Cummins' motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Day, Doyle, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, Lawler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Mr. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth and the Chairman. (19)

AGAINST:- Col. Quin (1). Did not Vote - Mr. Sweetman (1).  
Col. Gibbon (1) was not present for poll.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



NEW VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR ENNISCORTHY

The following motion which had been circulated to Councillors on 15th March, 1935, and consideration of which had been adjourned from last meeting of the Council was moved by Mr. Lawler and seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Council agree to raise by way of loan a sum of £7,000 (Seven Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of making a Grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the erection of, purchase of, <sup>site</sup> and equipment, and payment of Architect's and Engineer's fees in respect of new Vocational School in Enniscorthy, said loan to be obtained from the Local Loans Fund, period of repayment being 35 years, on annuity basis, and with Interest at  $4\frac{3}{4}$  per cent."

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman it was decided that Rev. J. Codd, Adm., Enniscorthy, and Mr. Seumas Doyle, Members of Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, who attended as a deputation from the latter, be heard by the Co. Council, and that the Council resolve itself into Committee during Fr. Codd's statement."

Fr. Codd said that the memorandum issued by the County Vocational Education Committee as regards the six sites which had been examined by the sub-Committee appointed in the matter, and copy of which had been furnished each Co. Councillor, gave in detail the accommodation, price, etc., of all these sites. The Enniscorthy sub-Committee considered the site at O'Flaherty's Park, Lymington Road, as easily the best. When Mr. O'Flaherty was asked the price at which he would be prepared to dispose of the plot, he did not know the figure but said he would have the plot valued. The Valuer fixed the price at £650 - on the basis of the prices for similar sites in Enniscorthy at the present time. Having pointed out to Mr. O'Flaherty that the Committee considered this a very high figure for a site for a school which would be of great benefit to the local people



and district, he agreed to take £500 as a minimum. The Committee had to consider several matters in connection with the selection of a site for a technical school for the town. They had to consider they were about to erect a building which would cost thousands of Pounds and which would be used not for 30 or 40 years but to satisfy the needs of future generations. Therefore the position of the site as regards centrality was a most important factor. The site which had been recommended did not merely represent one acre and three roods of ground, but it was railed in at a cost fixed by Mr. Williamson, a local builder, of £130, for a frontage of nearly 400 feet, and it was planted. The action of the County Council in considering the site too dear raised a new situation and Mr. O'Flaherty was again approached in the matter the Committee pressing him to meet the view of the Co. Council regarding the proposal as for a social civic service and not looking at the site from the point of market value.

Mr. O'Flaherty taking this view agreed to fix the price at £400. The Inspectors of the Department of Education had frequently called attention to the inadequacy of the accommodation of the present building. Two of them had waited on him and said that although they had inspected several places they had seen only one site. He (Fr. Codd) believed that Mr. O'Flaherty would not have much trouble in securing £500 for the site on the market but had agreed to accept the £400 as the new Technical School would be a great asset to the District.

Mr. Seumas Doyle endorsed the statement of Fr. Codd and said that the fever hospital site would be most unpopular from several points of view.

Mr. Doyle (Co. Councillor) considered that in view of the condition of the country the matter of erecting a new Technical School should be deferred and moved the following as an amendment:- "That the Co. Council delay consideration of the granting of £7000 for Technical School at Enniscorthy for six months."



Mr. O'Byrne did not think there was any question as to the necessity for the school but in view of all the loans recently raised by the Co. Council was the present an opportune time to incur further liability?

Mr. Doyle concurred with Mr. O'Byrne's suggestion. He was not opposed to the School. He was a member of the County Vocational Education Committee, but was unable to attend the meetings as well as he desired. Although he supported the erection of the school their commitments were tremendously large. If it were only a matter of £3,500 they would support it willingly but they had in the offing loans for Wexford Harbour, which would approximate £100,000 for hospitals in Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, and for the Mental Hospital, the total of which would run to £170,000 or £180,000. It was the duty of Department Inspectors to recommend the erection of a school, but he did not mind such recommendations. If they were to listen to recommendations of inspectors for the past 25 years he did not know what the rates would amount to. The rates were thousands in arrears, and he suggested that the matter be delayed until they would be in a better position to meet their liabilities.

Mr. Lawler pointed out that the number of pupils in the existing school was increased from 170 in 1931/32 to 270.

Miss O'Ryan said the Vocational Education Committee could raise the money, but they would have to pay the whole amount whereas by asking the Co. Council to raise it the ratepayers would be responsible for only half the amount. As regards other loans to which Mr. Doyle referred, those stood on their own feet. They were living in an age of progress.

Mr. Lawler - The other loans should not be brought into this.

Miss O'Ryan - If we are to keep up the social services and expect a higher standard we have to pay for them.



Col.Quin stated that Mr.Doyle's estimate of the total amount of loans was under the figure. With the demolition of houses and cottage schemes, the amount would be nearer to a quarter of a million. He did not know where the money was to come from. They were rapidly going to destruction and bankruptcy.

Mr. Corish said that they had heard for years the cry that education was starved. Wexford County had a lower indebtedness on foot of loans than any other County in Ireland. Apart from Inspectors' reports the environment of the present school was undesirable. There was a shortage of skilled men in Ireland to-day proving that they would have to take every advantage to further vocational education and should not, therefore, lose the present opportunity.

Mr. T. Redmond spoke in favour of the motion.

Fr.Codd said that a very large percentage of the pupils in the existing school resided in the rural area.

Mr. Sweetman supported the motion.

The Chairman opposed the amendment. The Council adjourned the motion to satisfy themselves on the matter of a site. They had obtained that day information which satisfied them. They were also agreed that the necessity for the school existed. Technical education was a policy of the Government and its predecessors. The people had been agitating for hundreds of years to get better educational facilities for their children. He did not agree with those who said there was no scope for the future. There was great hope and never was there a better outlook for the country than at the present time.

Mr. Cummins said it was ridiculous to be drawing the red herring of the ratepayers across the motion. There was not a single ratepayer who would begrudge the money for the school.

A poll was then taken with the following result:-



FOR:- Messrs. Connors, Day, Doyle, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth. (6)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawler, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13).

Messrs. Culleton, Gibbon and Kinsella, (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and carried by 14 to 5. The voting was the exact reverse as for amendment but Mr. O'Byrne voted in favour of the resolution.

Fr. Codd thanked the members for their kindly reception of the deputation. He hoped the statements made by them helped to clarify the position which was their purpose in attending.

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following resolution from the Mental Hospital Committee adjourned from the meeting of May, 13th, was read:-  
"That subject to sanction by Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Co. Council be asked to approve of this Committee carrying out the following improvements under the Hospitals' Trust Sweepstakes Grant Scheme for the improvement and equipment of Mental Hospitals: Installation of refrigerator; installation of steam generating and central heating plant; installation of laundry machinery; building hospital for treatment of newly-admitted patients; building nurses' home; building chapel; provision of bathing accommodation, at an estimated cost of £61,450."

The following is a summary of estimate of cost furnished by Mental Hospital Committee as to the above improvements:-  
Engineering - Installation of refrigerator, £600; installation of steam generating and central heating plant, £15,000; installation of laundry machinery, £3,600; contingencies, £1000; total, £20,200. Architectural - Building an admission hospital, £19,000; building a nurses' home £10,000; building



a chapel, £7,000; providing bathing accommodation, £5,250; total £41,250; Gross total, £61,450.

The refrigerator is needed to deal properly with the food supplies. Installation of steam generator, central heating and laundry plants is the replacement of worn out machinery. Building of chapel is because (a) the premises occupied by the existing chapel are required for patients' use; (b) the existing chapel is too small, and is incapable of extension. Building of admission unit, nurses' home and provision of bathing accommodation are proposals which <sup>have</sup> their origin in mental science to modernise the hospital and as such form part of general scheme on which Grants out of the Sweepstakes' Funds will be made.

The Mental Hospital Committee, on the grounds that the heating, laundry and refrigerator installations are services requiring immediate attention should be proceeded with without delay, while the others, though desirable, are not of like immediate urgency, have asked the Department to permit the Committee to carry out services requiring immediate attention and agree to a postponement of the others to a perhaps more opportune time, but to this the Department would not agree.

The following explanatory Memo. from the Mental Hospital Committee was circulated to Co. Councillors with Agenda paper for meeting of Co. Council on 7th June, 1935:-



# WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS—CO. MENTAL HOSPITAL.

At the meeting of Wexford County Council on 13th May, 1935, the following resolution from Co. Mental Hospital Committee was under consideration:

"That, subject to sanction by Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Co. Council be asked to approve of this Committee carrying out the following improvements under the Hospitals' Trust Sweepstakes Grant Scheme for the improvement and equipment of Mental Hospitals:

- 1.—Installation of Refrigerator.
- 2.—Installation of Steam Generating and Central Heating Plant.
- 3.—Installation of Laundry Machinery.
- 4.—Building Hospital for treatment of newly-admitted patients.
- 5.—Building Nurses' Home.
- 6.—Building Chapel.
- 7.—Provision of Bathing accommodation.

Estimated Cost: £61,450."

The following is a summary of estimate of cost furnished by Mental Hospital Committee as to the above improvements:

### ENGINEERING:

	Estimated Cost.
Installation of Refrigerator .....	£600
Installation of Steam Generating and Central Heating Plant .....	£15,000
Installation of Laundry Machinery .....	£3,600
Contingencies .....	£1,000
Total for Engineering Works .....	£20,200

### ARCHITECTURAL:

Building an Admission Hospital .....	£19,000
Building a Nurses' Home .....	£10,000
Building a Chapel .....	£7,000
Providing Bathing Accommodation .....	£5,250
Total for Architectural Works .....	£41,250
Gross Total .....	£61,450

Notes as to necessity for carrying out of improvements:

The Refrigerator is needed to deal properly with the food supplies. Installation of Steam Generator, Central Heating and Laundry Plants is the replacement of worn out machinery. Building of Chapel is because (a) the premises occupied by the existing Chapel are required for patients' use; (b) the existing Chapel is too small and is incapable of extension. Building of Admission Unit, Nurses' Home and provision of Bathing Accommodation are proposals which have their origin in mental science to modernise the Hospital and as such form part of general scheme on which grants out of the Sweepstakes' Funds will be made.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

The Mental Hospital Committee, on the grounds that the heating, laundry

and refrigerator installations are services requiring immediate attention should be proceeded with without delay, while the others, though desirable, are not of like immediate urgency, have asked the Department to permit the Committee to carry out services requiring immediate attention, and agree to a postponement of the others to a perhaps more opportune time, but to this the Department would not agree.

The following is the detailed report submitted by the Mental Hospital Committee as to the Improvements:

### ENNISCORTHY MENTAL HOSPITAL

Detailed report on Improvements to be carried out under the Hospitals' Sweepstakes Scheme as read and approved of by Mental Hospital Committee at meeting on the 9th April, 1935.

Periods which involve heavy capital outlay on modern equipment necessarily recur in the life of this Mental Hospital, because, not only must costly machinery and equipment, which is worn out after years of constant and heavy usage, be replaced, but as well new and improved services, which are made effective through research and invention, become indispensable to the proper employment of the Institution, and must sooner or later be installed. The history of this hospital in regard to this question of periodic re-equipment is that it was built and equipped in a thoroughly modern manner, for the period, less than 70 years ago, and in less than 30 years from its opening as a Mental Hospital the original cooking, heating, washing and sanitary arrangements were in such a defective and worn-out condition that an entirely new set of these services had to be installed along with other necessary equipment. As a consequence during the years 1896 to 1904 over £40,000 were borrowed and spent on re-equipment works. Incidentally in this connection it may be remarked that it is a matter of Mental Hospital history, that during the years immediately preceding the Great War, Enniscorthy was among the three best equipped Mental Hospitals in Ireland. However, that is a position which could only be maintained by spending considerably more each year than would be required to meet ordinary capital and maintenance charges; and in view of the charge on the county rate to repay the loans of the '96 to '04 period together with the increase of maintenance cost because of conditions arising from the war, Committees of Management during the past twenty years have refrained from asking the Co. Council to provide for more than ordinary maintenance and capital outlay. So that the condition of the institution at present is relatively similar, in regard to equipment, to that of 40 years ago. In this connection, however, the fact that a portion of the Hospitals' Sweepstakes Funds is being set aside for the improvement and equipment of Mental Hospitals should make the question of re-equipment easier on the ratepayer than was the case in years gone by.

This fund was inaugurated about 3 years ago and since then the various Mental Hospital Committees have been at work preparing improvement schemes so as to establish their respective county and district claims on the fund. As regards the administration of this money it is necessary to point out that



it is under Governmental control not only in regard to the proportion which grants from the fund will bear to money supplied by Committees of Management, but also in regard to the improvement on which grants are to be expended. This, in effect, means that grants will only be given for the carrying out of improvements which are approved of by the Department and that the present policy of the Government as regards financing is that works carried out, must be financed in equal parts by grant and money raised by borrowing and repaying same on the instalment system through the county rates.

Under the machinery set up for the purpose of enabling Committees of Management to submit schemes for Departmental approval, this Committee has secured approval of the carrying out of the following list of improvements: Installation of steam generating and central heating plant; provision of up-to-date laundry machinery; installation of refrigerator; building an admission block for patients requiring special treatment on admission; building a nurses' home; provision of adequate bathing accommodation; and building a Chapel. The gross estimated cost of these improvements is £61,450.

As regards the necessity for undertaking the carrying out of this list of improvements, the most urgent and incidentally the cheapest is the refrigerator as this is a much overdue necessary modern appliance to deal properly with the food supplies of the institution. The need for building a Chapel, while not a matter of great urgency, is due to the fact that the premises occupied by the existing Chapel is badly needed for extra accommodation at the female side. As well, the present Chapel is too small for its purpose and is incapable of extension. The proposed new steam and laundry installation is simply because of wear and tear effects of close on forty years' constant and heavy usage. The actual condition of these services at the moment is that the laundry machinery is in a worn-out condition and is only kept in use by constant repairing and renewing of broken and worn-out parts. The condition of the steam boilers is that two of them cracked and were patched some ten or twelve years ago and are working since then 25 per cent. under the normal original working pressure and are at any moment in danger of giving way under this reduced pressure which would necessitate a further reduced working power and thereby render them incapable of working the institution. From the present obsolete central heating system has not been in use for the past fifteen years. As a service it was never satisfactory on account of the heavy coal consumption required to work it, thus making it too costly for general use. As the price of coal was only about half the present-day price when this machinery was installed, it is not unlikely that a rise in price of this fuel was fully appreciated by those responsible. As well, central heating 40 years ago belonged to the luxurious and experimental, rather than general and established order of things.

The building of an admission unit, a nurses' home and the provision of adequate bathing accommodation are improvements called into being by medical research on the treatment of insanity as a disease. It is a matter of history that institutions such as this were ori-

ginally built to relieve congestion in jails and other forms of detention, and thus provide a less costly place of safe-keeping for those suffering from mental derangement. In those days insanity was among the incurable diseases and the afflicted were, as a consequence, relegated to lives of isolation and detention apart from their fellow beings. This, to say the least of it, harsh method of treating the afflicted has given way through the influence of medical science to a humane way of dealing with the sufferers. To-day insanity, under modern methods of treatment, is a very curable disease. Hence it is that, a detached hospital for the treatment of insipient cases without bringing the sufferer into contact with the patients and life of the main institution and a nurses' home, with suitable sleeping and recreation quarters, in order to attract the most suitable type of candidate for nursing, are features of the Hospitals' Sweepstakes scheme for the improvement and modern equipment of Mental Hospitals.

The foregoing, apart from the duty or obligation of the Committee to claim a share of funds from an outside source for equipment of the institution, are the main reasons for undertaking this extensive improvements' programme. And as may be observed, while all the proposals are necessary to the equipment of the hospital on modern lines, it is at the same time evident that while some are services requiring immediate attention, others could easily be postponed for a time. As the carrying out of works which entail increased public expenditure is never popular and at present owing to a variety of causes abnormally so, it is right to point out in regards to the proposed improvements that the Committee as public representatives, have been placed in the position of claimants to this county's share of money which is being set aside from an outside source for the improvement of institutions such as this. In this connection, it is necessary to repeat that although the fund is available, its distribution is under the control of experts appointed by the Government and only works approved of by them can be carried out, so that the Committee have not been at liberty to do as they would wish. In explanation of this, it is pointed out that, as the heating, laundry and refrigerator installations are services requiring immediate attention, while the other improvements are not of like immediate urgency, the Committee asked the Department to agree to a postponement of building an admission unit, nurses' home, and provision of bathing accommodation, but to this the Department would not agree on the grounds that the provision of an admission unit is of the utmost importance, and the building of a nurses' home desirable, and should be proceeded with.

The Co. Council adjourned consideration of the Scheme to next meeting, and directed that the above particulars be furnished each Co. Councillor.

In the course of the discussion at last meeting, it was pointed out that the contribution from the Hospitals' Trust would not exceed 50 per cent., and that the Co. Council would be responsible for the other moiety.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Co. Council,  
Co. Council Offices, Wexford,  
15th May, 1935.

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Fr.Codd, Adm.,Enniscorthy, Chairman of the Mental Hospital Committee, said that the Committee had agreed to have certain items postponed, but the Department would not agree. The latter stated that as the expenditure on items proposed to be postponed was so small it was better go on with the whole scheme. The laundry, heating and refrigerator were badly needed.

Mr. Doyle said that if the Government insisted on the entire scheme they would be only beating the air by proposing to postpone portion of it. They should pass it on its entirety or reject it in full.

Mr. Kelly said that the Government never insisted on the whole scheme being put through - but items which the Committee were anxious to go on were not approved.

The Chairman said the Department had no power to compel the Co.Council to go on with the Scheme.

Mr. Sweetman said that the Scheme had been drawn up before the present Council came into power. It should be gone into again, particularly as regards the electric supply from Kilcarbery.

Col. Quin considered the whole scheme had been over-estimated. He could not see where the full money estimated for the heating scheme could be required.

The Chairman proposed that the portion of the amount set aside under the head of "Engineering" viz. £20,200 should be approved.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the Council approve of the full estimate, viz. £61,450.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr.P.Ronan seconded the following resolution:- "That consideration of resolution of Mental Hospital Committee in respect of proposed improvements be further adjourned to next meeting of the Co.Council, the Mental Hospital Committee, in the meantime, to consider the



"the point raised by Mr.Sweetman as to Electric power for the Institution and also to submit to the Co.Council a Scheme, independent of any suggestions of the Department of the improvements which the committee themselves are of opinion should be carried out.

The Chairman withdrew his motion in favour of Mr.O'Byrne's proposal and the latter was adopted nem.con.

#### CARRIG-ON-BANNOU WATER SUPPLY

Sealed Order P.H.21602/1935 fixing area of charge for Water Supply and maintaining same at Carrig-on-Bannow on the Bannow Dispensary District was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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

Under date 23rd May,1935,the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.82791/1935 Loch Garman) that the Co.Council had no statutory authority enabling them to make ex-gratia grant of £100 to Mr.R.Malone, M.R.C.V.S.,in the event of his retirement from the position of Veterinary Inspector under the Council.

Under date 25th May,1935, (No.G.1271/35) the Department wrote asking when it was expected that Mr.Malone would be fit to resume duty. If it appeared to be unlikely that he could resume for an indefinite period, the Minister would have to consider the question as to whether he could continue to accord his approval of the employment of a substitute in Mr.Malone's place.

The Secretary read letters from Miss Malone under date 1st June,1935, and 5th June,1935, stating that Dr.Walker,who was attending her father, would see him in the course of the week and she would then endeavour to furnish a reply to the letter of the Department.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-



"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction the appointment of Mr. Staples, V.S., as substitute for Mr. R. Malone, V.S., until the points raised in the letter of the Department ~~to the Department~~ (25th May, 1935 - G.1271-35) have been dealt with."

#### APPROVAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 28th May, 1935, the Registrar, University College, Dublin, wrote that the Academic Council had approved of the University Scholarship Scheme of Wexford Co. Council for year 1936/37.

#### HACKNEY MOTOR TAXATION

Under date 13th May, 1935, the Organising General Secretary of National Motor Hackney Trade Association, wrote requesting the Council to pass a resolution calling on the Minister or Ministers concerned "to reduce the heavy burden of taxation which is crushing the motor hackney traders of the Country".

In an enclosed memorandum it was submitted that the Minister should carefully consider the following recommendations:-

1. A flat rate of £10 per annum.
2. Quarterly payments of tax to be pro rata, viz. £2:10s per quarter.

It was estimated in the memorandum that this concession would cost £25,000, assuming that no additional hackney cars would be placed on the road as a result.

Col. Quin did not think they should change anything.

Mr. Corish thought some of the hackney people were suffering very great disabilities. Of course, the main grievance was that as they were only able to take out their licences quarterly they had to pay a higher rate.

The Secretary said that if they applied the recommendation to hackney motors they would have to apply it



to private motors as well. Any man who took out a quarterly licence had to pay higher.

Mr. Corish - There could be special legislation for hackney people.

Mr. Doyle said he thought the increased rate for quarterly licences was a terrible injustice not alone on hackney people but on everybody. Of course, a well-off man could afford to pay tax for a full year, but others would on some cars have to pay, probably, £18 as compared with £15. He thought they should have a resolution of protest against it

Mr. Corish proposed that the Council request that legislation be introduced under which the amounts of all quarterly motor taxes would be one-fourth the amount of the yearly tax.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought some small addition to the quarterly licences would be necessary to cover the cost of issuing them.

Col. Quin suggested that the issuing of quarterly licences meant a great deal more work.

The proposition was passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That Gorey Town Commissioners be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for Enquiry into Housing Scheme promoted by them and which is to be held by Inspector of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That Gorey students' Union (Technical School, Gorey) be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for Wednesday evening 26th June, 1935, for the purpose of holding a short Scoraideacht in connection with the termination of Academic year, Committee of Students'



"Union to be responsible for the building while in their custody and agree to give up the premises in a clean and satisfactory condition."

#### PROPOSED MOTOR PARKING PLACE

A Memorial was received from a number of residents at Ballymoney, Gorey, Seaside resort, asking that the derelict plot of ground situate near the foreshore at Ballymoney, and containing approximately 2 Roods, statute measure, should be converted into a motor car parking place for the convenience of visitors during the summer months.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the Council had no title to the plot in question.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan, to schedule the application under Minor Relief Scheme.

#### WALL AT HOPELANDS, ROSSLARE

Under date 23rd May, 1935, the Co. Surveyor reported that he had made a further inspection in connection with the proposed wall at Hopelands, Rosslare. At the meeting of the Council on 11th May, 1931, he reported that the wall required would be 913 lineal yards long, at an estimated cost of £960. He saw no reason to modify this estimate.

Adjourned to next meeting.

#### PROPOSED BRIDGE OVER CLODY RIVER.

Under date 15th May, 1935, the Secretary, Carlow Co. Council wrote that his Council would be prepared to include the above bridge in its Provisional Road Works Scheme for year ended 31st March, 1937, if Wexford Co. Council would do likewise.

The Co. Surveyor considered that Carlow Co. Council were really the party most interested in this particular bridge.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the matter be referred to Co. Surveyor for report.



### CARNE PIER

A Memorial signed by a number of ratepayers in connection with improvements to the above was received. The Memorial asked that the Pier should be raised to the first level, extended by 25 yards and storm wall also raised. At present boats could not get in or out except at high water, and had to be pulled up on Slip during period, October to April, and the outer portion of the Pier was under water with ordinary tides. The proposed improvements would obviate these difficulties.

The Co. Surveyor considered that the extension of the Pier by about 20 feet, which was the length suggested under the Scheme at present under consideration, would be quite sufficient. He had made arrangements to take some borings on three or four occasions but had been unable to do so up to the present. However, he would have this work carried out as soon as possible, and would furnish the particulars to the Office of Public Works.

### BALLYCARNEY FIANNA FAIL CUMANN

Extract from Minutes of County Council Meeting of 13th May, 1935, as to employment of a man named Jordan and reply from Mr. Ennis thereto, appearing on Minutes, was read.

Mr. Ennis said he understood these people were an anonymous body.

No order.

### TAGOAT AND KILRANE

#### COTTAGE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION AND LABOUR PARTY

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 13th May, 1935, complaint was read from the Secretary of above body that the County Council did not employ men from either Tagoat or Kilrane for work on the roads, while the same thing partly applied to work in the local quarry. Members were unanimous in agreeing that unemployed in the vicinity where



work was being carried out should have first preference.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, stated that ~~there~~ the men employed in the area were old employees of the Co. Council. During busy spells they took on three or four additional men. All the men with the exception of one were married and had dependants. The single man referred to was one of two brothers, who depended mainly for their existence on the work given on the roads. The local quarry was very tough and only skilled men were suitable. With the limited funds at their disposal they could not take on extra hands for road work, and all things considered it was only possible to carry on with the ordinary staff.

This explanation was regarded as satisfactory.

OLD ROAD, COURTOWN TO GOREY.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter under date 8th May, 1935, from G. Langley Taylor, Agent Courtown Estate, asking that as this portion of the estate was about to be developed the Co. Council should deal with the old road and make it up to modern standards. Two plots had already been disposed of on building leases and a third was likely to follow shortly.

The Co. Surveyor said that as far as he could make out <sup>road</sup> this/ was never formally closed. With the development proposed now in Courtown Demesne, he thought it was a very proper request that the road should be taken up and maintained by the Co. Council again. They would have to bring it forward next November.

Mr. Keegan - Why should we take it up? I remember a time that if you carried a gun along the road it was private. It was always kept as a private road. I know it since the year 1891, and it was kept by the Courtown family during that period.

Co. Surveyor - There is no question about it, the County road as at present running from the end of the concrete to the square is a new road, and before that the other was the only public road in the locality.



Chairman - The matter can come up again.

#### ROAD FROM GOREY TO KILTENNELL

The Co.Surveyor submitted letter from Mr.G.Langley Taylor, Agent, Courtown Estate, asking that above road, both ends of which were in the possession of the Council, should be taken over by them in its entirety. The portion held as a private road by the Courtown Estate would be dedicated to the public if the Co.Council would take it over. The traffic on the road was nearly all other traffic than that going to Courtown House.

Mr. Keegan stated that this road had been always kept as a private road by the Courtown family, and he was opposed to any change being made in the matter.

It was decided that consideration be adjourned for the present.

#### LINGSTOWN ROAD

The Secretary, Tomhaggard Branch, Irish Labour Party, asked that much needed repairs to Lingstown Road should be carried out. Its present condition was the cause of great inconvenience to a number of families who reside in the district. In stormy weather it was impossible for men to get to their work or to Mass or children to school.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Keegan seconded by Mr.Colfer:- "That the Councillors for Wexford County Electoral area be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect and report on Lingstown Road. That they also inspect and report as to road from the Village of Tagoat to the Strand at Carne (through Lady's Island), Mr.Culleton to arrange date and hour of meeting with Co.Surveyor, and to inform the local people concerned as to the visit of the Sub-Committee."



### HAND BREAKING IN QUARRIES

Report under date 24th May, 1935, as to hand breaking in Tara Hill, Belcarrig and Cummer Quarries, from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was read.

No order.

### FEIS CHARMAN 1935.

Invitation to the Members of the Council to be present at the official opening of Feis Charman, New Ross, on Whit Sunday at 2 p.m. was received from the Hon. Secretaries.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Colfer a resolution was adopted that all members of the Council who could possibly do so, attend.

### APPLICATION - ERECTION OF KIOSK AT COURTOWN

Application was received from Mr. Patrick Doyle, 75/76 Main Street, Gorey, for permission to erect at the Square, Courtown Harbour, a kiosk for the purpose of selling tobacco, cigarettes, papers etc.

The Co. Surveyor said he could not recommend the Council to accede to the request and it was accordingly refused.

### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

The Co. Surveyor stated he had received a list of districts in which the Office of Public Works thought Relief Schemes should be carried out, as it was believed it was in these districts the incidence of unemployment was highest. So far as he could ascertain they would get a very small amount of relief money and he might point out that so many works had been put on the list that even if they spent ten times as much as they were granted they would not be able to deal with half the applications agreed to.

Applications in connection with the repair of the following lanes were scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Scheme when money was available:-  
Lane off Ballywilliam Road; Flynn's Lane (Caim)  
Road, Gurteen - Ballyfad (Inch).



### MINOR DRAINAGE WORKS

Mr.Colfer proposed that Office of Public Works be requested to provide relief Grants for drainage of "Marshes" at Ballylannon (Wellingtonbridge), and Marshmeadows,(New Ross), which were going out of cultivation because the drains had not been attended to, and the present owners were unable to deal with them.

Mr.T.Redmond seconded the resolution which was passed.

The Co.Surveyor said as regards reclamation work such as that referred to by Mr.Colfer, and which had gone into disrepair by the neglect of the owners, it was very doubtful if the Office of Public Works would provide a Grant. It was a totally different proposition to the cleaning of rivers which were flooding land, and in respect of which grants had been made available.

### DANGEROUS CORNER AT CLONROCHE.

The Cloughbawn Fianna Fail Cumann wrote asking for easement of a dangerous corner in the Village and repair of road surface at Leech's "Bend", about a mile from the Village.

Report was submitted from Mr.T.Cullen,Assistant Surveyor for the District, that a special proposal had been adopted to improve this corner and work would be put in hands as soon as funds were available.

The road at Leech's Turn would be dressed with tar-bitumen mixture in a short time which would remove to a great extent the risk of horses slipping.

### FOOTPATH AT BLACKSTOOPS,ENNISCORTHY.

In reply to Mr.Ronan, Mr.Ennis,assistant Surveyor for the District, said the work at the footpath at Blackstoops, Enniscorthy, cost £52 this year and £53 last year. It was too big a job to carry out in any one year.



LICENCES POISONS & PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.Colfer seconded by Mr.Lawler:- "That new Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Walter Doyle (Doyle Bros.), Bridgetown, and renewals of licences under same Act to N.Tackaberry, Bunclody, and James J.Codd, 26/27 Court Street, Enniscorthy."

CONGRATULATIONS TO COL.GIBBON,  
COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Mr.Kelly proposed the following resolution:- "That we offer our esteemed colleague Col. Gibbon, our heartiest congratulations on his success in the Hospital Sweep and express the hope that he will be even more successful on the next occasion.

Mr. Keegan, in seconding, expressed surprise to find Col. Gibbon a gambler. He was one of the pillars of the Church Representative Body which condemned these Sweeps in all moods and tenses.

The resolution was adopted.

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