

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MONTHLY MEETING 8TH MARCH, 1926.  
  
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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.



The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 8th March 1926.

Present-Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs, <sup>W.</sup> Boggan ~~William~~, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John Whyte, Col. C.M. Gibbon and Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin.

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

Minutes of ordinary meeting of 8th February 1926 and of special meeting of 22nd February 1926 were read and signed.

CONTRACT V DIRECT LABOUR.

Mr Jordan moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"That in future all road and quarry work of the Wexford County Council be carried out by piece work or by contract."

Mr Thorpe seconded and suggested that Mr Jordan should add to his motion the words "so far as is possible." It would not be feasible to have contracts in connection with steamrolling or for some work in respect of main and trunk roads.

Mr Jordan agreed to the suggestion of Mr Thorpe and said he would add the words "so far as possible" to his motion.

The County Surveyor having been asked for his opinion stated that the direct labour scheme was a success and he maintained it had not cost more although the expenditure on roads had nearly doubled since 1914. The tonnage on roads was not what it was in 1914 but was less, and a better class of material was being supplied owing to the use of machinery. A better class of material ~~machinery~~ could be obtained by machinery than by hand. He was prepared to invite offers per cubic yard for material from particular quarries and would give ~~them~~ every facility to do so.



The haulage was being done by piecework. He did not think they would get the work on the sides of the roads done by piecework. Prices in connection with road maintenance had doubled since 1914. He had no objection to a limited amount of piece work in quarries but doubted if in the big quarries it could be worked satisfactorily.

Mr Doyle asked for the maintenance cost of roads from Kerlogue to Killinick, portion of which was done by contract and portion by direct labour. This was one of the best sections of main roads in the county.

Mr Birthistle gave figures which showed that the contract system on these roads was cheaper by about £16 per mile. Before the termination of the meeting, however, the Co. Surveyor stated that taking the whole length of road into consideration the cost by direct labour and by contract was 5/- per perch in each case.

Col Quin stated that piecework was the system adopted in big factories, mines, etc., and he could not see any difficulty in having the work in quarries done in the same way. Most of the men working on the roads were good, but he had seen others who were very bad.

Mr Boggan suggested that they confine themselves in the discussion to the production of broken stones, which he was told were costing 8/- a cubic yard. He considered this should demonstrate the necessity of having the work done by the contract system. By doing so they would have a considerable saving which would be beneficial for the workers, because men could be employed at this portion of the year.

Mr Corish said that it was easy to make the suggestion that they were not getting value but if they examined the question of road making from an unprejudiced angle they would have to admit that since direct labour came into operation the roads had become comparatively passable. There seemed to be a difference of opinion between the proposer and seconder of the motion, Mr Thorpe having suggested the addition of the words "where possible" which



meant that the deputy or county surveyor could enter upon piece work to the detriment of the workers which the Labour Party would not stand for. He wished to know if the Council were prepared to go the whole way as regards piecework which made it possible for a man to earn time and a half within the ordinary working hours. The contract system would not provide them with roads capable of bearing modern traffic.

Col Gibbon said they were there as representatives of the public and their first aim and object was economy. Mr Corish had spoken of and pressed forward the employment of the largest number of men possible at a good rate of wages. He was right to a certain extent in doing that, but he was also there as a representative of the ratepayers. It was the duty of the Council to see that the smallest amount of money was raised and that the best work was produced for it. The motion did not ask that the contract system be adopted everywhere in the county but in its amended form wherever the County Surveyor considered that more economic results could be derived from it, so as to reduce the cost of supervision. No labour member had controverted the evidence that the contract work on the Killinick road was costing a shilling per perch less than direct labour. He had been over the road and he would not like to say there was any difference between the portions done by contract and that done by direct labour.

The Chairman stated that the Council had really no power to adopt the amended motion as the Council would have to declare specially the manner in which work on a road was to be done. According to Road Works Scheme the Council would have to specify as regards each individual road on which a contract did not exist whether, as from 1st of April of present year it should be maintained by contract or otherwise than by contract, viz, - by direct labour. If Mr Jordan's motion now passed, it would not prevent any Councillor who so desired raising on discussion of Road Works Scheme the manner in which any individual road was to be maintained.



Mr Doyle stated that when he was a member of the former County Councils the contract system was not a bad one. What killed the contract system was that those who took contracts turned to tillage during the great war, from which they got better results. If it were possible to-day to have the contract system they would have plenty of people willing to accept them. It had been mentioned that contracts were impossible, but "I hold," he continued, "they are not, from the very concrete example I gave you to-day and I defy contradiction on that. It had been stated that the working man had been treated badly lately, and that his wages are cut down from £2-10-0 to 30/-, but I hold that the ratepayers have not to-day a third of what they had at the time that the labourers were paid £2-10-0, and I also hold that they are in a far worse position than the men earning 30/-, particularly a lot of small farmers.

After further discussion, Mr Jordan amended his motion by permission of the meeting to read as follows:-

"That a system of piece work be arranged for all quarries and on all roads except those about being steamrolled or under grant work."

Mr Thorpe seconded.

A poll was then taken on the motion which resulted:-

For--Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, O'Donoghue, Hall, Murphy, Thorpe, Jordan, Doyle, and Whyte, Kavanagh and Walsh  
- 13.

Against--Messrs Cline, Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, J. Connors, Hayes, Colfer, Gaul, Mernagh, Rossiter, Cooney, Pender, Corish and the Chairman--13.

The Chairman decided not to give his casting vote, it being explained that the motion could not come into effect as a result of the division.



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THE LATE MR W.H. JONES, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

The Chairman moved the following which was seconded by Mr Walsh and adopted in silence:- "That we express our deep regret at the death of Mr W. H. Jones, late Assistant Surveyor to this Council. Mr Jones was a faithful and loyal servant who discharged his duties in an upright and conscientious manner. During his many years of office he did everything in his power to assist the Council in their work as regards the execution of roads and public works. He performed his duties with courtesy and tact to everyone with whom he was brought into contact and the Council. That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Miss Jones, daughter of deceased."

THE LATE MRS MULVEY.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Rossiter seconded by Mr Corish and adopted in silence:- "That we express to Mr G. Mulvey, representative of the "Echo" newspaper our deep sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his wife."



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MR. JAMES MURPHY EX-RATE COLLECTOR NO.19  
COLLECTION DISTRICT - APPLICATION  
FOR RE-INSTATEMENT.  
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Mr. Rossiter moved the following of which he had given previous notice and which in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council had been signed by seven members of the Council to allow of its discussion:-

"That the resolution of the Wexford County Council dismissing Mr. James Murphy, Rate Collector for No.19 Collection District, be rescinded and that he be reinstated in his position as such Rate Collector".

Mr. Hayes seconded.

In connection with this matter the following under date 15th February, 1926, was read from Mr. Murphy:-

"I regret very much the decision the County Council arrived at in reference to my suspension and am very sorry they did not give me an opportunity of retrieving the past and proving that it is possible to make amends.

"I again respectfully ask them to reconsider their decision, and reinstate me as Collector and I faithfully promise that there shall be no cause to regret their doing so.

"I know many of the members will recollect the difficulties and dangers I had to contend with after my appointment when for long time after the carrying out of the duties of the position often meant risking life &c, notwithstanding this, as can be ascertained, I successfully collected the Rates for the Council and I now again respectfully ask them to give <sup>me</sup> another chance especially as I have cleared off all outstanding between us and thus made amends as far as lay in my power".

Rev. J. Murphy P.P., Ballymurn and Rev. Wm.J. Harpur C.C., Carroreigh, wrote that if the Council would reinstate Mr. Murphy they felt he would give satisfaction



in future.

A poll was taken on Mr. Rossiter's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Murphy, Kavanagh, Connors, Hayes, Colfer, Gaul, Mernagh, Rossiter, Cooney and Pender - 10.

Against:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Ald. Corish, Messrs Doyle, Thorpe, Jordan, Walsh, Whyte, Shannon, O'Byrne, Boggan, Cloney, O'Donoghue and the Chairman - 14.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Messrs Hall and Clince declined voting.

Under date 5th March, 1926, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote that the Minister was not prepared to consider the question of payment of poundage to Mr. Murphy until all warrants for which he was responsible had been finally closed and properly accounted for.

#### APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 19 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

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The Secretary mentioned that as directed by last meeting of the County Council he had requested the Superior of the Christian Brothers, Wexford, to set examination papers in Irish, English, and Arithmetic, for candidates for the position of Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District, vacant owing to the dismissal of Mr. James Murphy. The Examination had been held on 5th March, 1926, and the result, according to the report of the Superior of the Christian Brothers, was as follows:-



# 8 573 RESULT OF EXAMINATION.

## Rate Collectorship.

Applicant's Name.	Number of Marks obtained in:-			TOTAL (Maximum 350).
	Irish (Maximum 100)	English. (Maximum 150)	Arithmetic (Maximum 100).	
John Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn.	53	122	100	275 - 1.
Philip Doyle, Barntown.	13	108	100	221 - 2.
Peter Doyle, Kilbraney, Gusserane.	25	88	72	185 - 3.
William Kelly, Adamstown.	22	82	66	170 - 4.
Aidan Byrne, Adamstown.	12	84	66	162 - 5.
Michael Byrne, Tomgarrow, Adamstown	17	83	56	156 - 6.
David Curtis, Raheenvarren Newbawn	0	83	66	149 - 7.
Laurence Ennis, Horetown, Foulksmills.	8	64	50	122 - 8
James Whelan, Taghmon.	0	78	30	108 - 9.
Thomas Clancy, College, Barntown.	0	48	11	59 - 10.



The Secretary pointed out that the following resolution had been adopted by the County Council on 16th December 1921:-

"That no candidate be appointed to any position under Wexford County Council who fails to secure thirty-three and a third per cent of marks in Irish Examination - Gaechta Begd Part I."



Col Quin proposed and Mr Hall seconded:-

"That John Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn be appointed Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District (District Electoral Divisions of Adamstown, Barronstown, Carrigbyrne, Horetown and Kilgarvan) for a probationary period of twelve months- remuneration 6d in the £ on amount of rates collected and lodged according to the terms of Bond; also statutory fees in connection with the preparation of Lists under Franchise Acts. This appointment to be conditional on approval of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to Mr Doyle and to the latter entering into Fidelity Guarantee Bond of £900 and of personal bond of £200 for the due and faithful discharge of his duties."

Mr Shannon moved and Mr Doyle seconded the following resolution:- "That the names of all candidates for the position of Rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District be put to the meeting."

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Elgee, solicitor pointed out that in view of the resolution of the County Council that candidates should obtain thirty-three and one-third marks in Irish examination, Mr John Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn was the only qualified candidate before the meeting.

The Chairman decided that in the face of the opinion of Mr Elgee he was not entitled to take the motion of Mr Shannon.

The resolution of Col Quin as to the appointment of Mr John Doyle was then put to the meeting and passed nem. con.

The Chairman declared Mr Doyle elected.

Mr Doyle returned thanks for his election. He promised to do his utmost to give every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties and would leave nothing undone so far as his ability allowed to meet the wishes of the Council.

The following testimonials were submitted by the successful candidate:-

From Mr J.M.J. Duke, Superintendent, Agricultural Station Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan:- "Mr John J. Doyle acted as foreman at this station from October 1914 to February 1917. About this time he met



with an accident which incapacitated him from further work on the farm. During the past twelve months he has assisted me with my office work. During his time on the farm he had charge of apprentices and men. His duties consisted of superintending the work of both, as well as explaining and demonstrating to the apprentices how the work should be done. This included the working of all kinds of farm machinery such as threshing mill, grinding mill, binders, mowers, ploughs, cultivators, etc. His duties also consisted of teaching the apprentices how to sow seeds and manures by hand. He proved himself a hard worker and did all his work in a thorough, conscientious, and painstaking manner which always gave satisfaction. His office duties consisted of keeping the books connected with the farm account. Of this work he soon had a thorough knowledge and proved himself expert in the matter of figures and neatness."

From Sister M Harrington, St. Patrick's Boys' School, Kilkenny:- "John Doyle has spent eleven months in our employment as working steward. We found him sober, honest and obliging. He leaves at his own request all wages having been paid."

From Canon O'Brien P.P. Newbawn, Co. Wexford:-  
"John Doyle Scullabogue is, I understand, a candidate for the position of rate collector. He is a native of this district and I have known him since his childhood. He is a very intelligent man, temperate and upright."

Some years ago, he was a teacher in an agricultural college but owing to a diseased bone in his foot, through which he lost his foot afterwards, had to give up his position. I have no hesitation in recommending him."

#### FUTURE APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Mr N. J. Murphy gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that in future, candidates who secure the highest number of marks at examinations conducted by the Council for positions in the gift of the Council be appointed to such positions provided their personal character and reference be considered satisfactory."



# HEAVY LORRY TRAFFIC.

Col Gibbon said that arising out of a discussion at the Roads Committee meeting on that morning he wished to propose a resolution that all lorries over four tons in weight be prohibited from using the Wexford-Enniscorthy road in particular. If they did that, however, they would get on the side roads, and if anyone wished he could put up a proposition that the lorries be prevented from using any roads except those certified by the County Surveyor as fit to carry them. The County Surveyor had told the Roads Committee that £11,000 had been spent on the Enniscorthy-Wexford road last year and that only for the heavy lorries £2,500 would have got it in as good condition and he estimated that the damage done this year would mean another £10,000 being spent on it. Actually there were registered in the county six of those heavy lorries, owned by four men, bringing in a total amount of taxation of £180. In connection with the £20,000 spent on and estimated for that road, the County Surveyor estimated that £5,000 would have covered the estimates for that road if they had not the heavy traffic. If that was the case with one of their roads what was the case with the rest of their roads? It appeared that his resolution, if passed, would have to be confirmed by the L.G.D.-that the Council had not power to act on it. The Waterford County <sup>Surveyor</sup> Council had put up very strong recommendations on the matter to that Council and were acting in a somewhat similar way. So long as the present amount of damage was being done to their roads he did not see how they could maintain them at anything approaching an economic figure with reference to the rates to be paid by the people of the county.

Mr Hayes seconded the proposition and asked were they bound to provide an alternative road.

The Secretary said they were bound to do so.

Mr Hayes said that if they had not a suitable alternative road they were going to be in a worse position if the lorries went on roads that were not prepared for them at all.

Col Gibbon said that his proposition meant that all roads in the county be closed against the heavy lorries with the



exception of those certified by the County Surveyor from time to time as capable of carrying them. At the present time the roads were not capable of carrying them, but if they got a dry summer the County Surveyor would be able to certify that roads could be used. He was on the Enniscorthy road last week and there was a broad track on it where lorry wheels had gone, and it appeared as if a plough had been used on it for miles.

Mr Hayes said he was afraid they would be putting the County Surveyor in an awkward position if they wanted him to find an alternative route for the Enniscorthy road. He did not know what the County Surveyor would do.

Mr Thorpe--There are the railways.

Mr Rossiter--And the river.

Mr Thorpe said the Government should adopt the same duty as they had in Northern Ireland for those lorries--£100.

Col Gibbon said £100 was not high enough; it should be £400.

Mr Thorpe said it would be much better for the County Council to buy these lorries and have them dumped off Tuskar than to have them breaking up their roads.

Mr Boggan said he thought Col Gibbon's resolution should be accepted and passed without any qualification whatever. It was impossible to put up rates that would keep up those roads and they should not only pass Col Gibbon's resolution but should also call on the Government to prohibit the use of these heavy lorries altogether.

The Chairman said the Government realised the position to the full. He considered the latter should raise a big loan to fit the roads for modern conditions of traffic. The roads were never built to stand the traffic of the present day. The motor lorry traffic could not be successfully put off the roads and would have to be met. The Government should put the main roads into a proper condition as it was not fair to ask County Councils to undertake the task.

After some further discussion the resolution was put and passed.



WITHHELD GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTER OF FINANCE.

The following report was presented :-

"In accordance with the resolution of the County Council Messrs Doyle T.D. and Corish T.D. arranged for a deputation from the County Council to interview the Minister of Finance in connection with Government Grants which had been withheld owing to non-payment of Land Purchase annuities. The deputation were received by the Minister on 3rd March 1926 and consisted of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Council. Mr Elgee, solicitor was unable to attend owing to business at Circuit Court.

It appeared from letter received by the County Council from the Department of Local Government (60261/25) under date 7th January 1926 that a sum of £16,478-16-10 had been withheld. The Council then communicated with the Land Commission and was informed by the Chief of Collection in a letter under date 27th January 1926 that the amount of Land Purchase annuities collectible for the gale due 1st May to 1st June including arrears, was £75798 and the amount thereof in arrear at the 22nd January 1926 was £8042.

At first sight it would appear as if £8436-16-10 in excess of the actual amount outstanding in arrears in Co. Wexford was being withheld. But this is not the case. The account is cleared on the 16th February of each year. On the 17th February, 1925 the amount of outstanding annuities in Co. Wexford was £16478-16-10. This after the June gale dropped to £8042. Unfortunately the arrears at the 17th February 1926 show a great increase. At that date the draw upon the Guarantee Fund was £18618-18-2 which represents the actual amount outstanding in the County Wexford on 17th February 1926. This is £2140 worse than at the corresponding period last year. It was ascertained that twenty other counties in An Saorstát were in a better position as regards repayments than Wexford. There is no pooling of arrears.



Each county bears its own burden.

In view of the above facts, the deputation had nothing to lay before the Minister of Finance who very kindly received the members and spent some time with them in discussing roads, sugar beet and other matters of public interest.

The report was received and approved.

#### PRINTING TENDERS.

Tenders for printing, etc., for offices of County Council and County Surveyor for year 1926 were received from:-

"The People" £171-7-0

"Free Press" £184-9-0

Miss Hanrahan, South

Main St. Wexford £194-11-8.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Col Quin:- "That the tender of the "Wexford People" for supply of printing for County Council offices and County Surveyor's office for year 1926-27 at £171-7-0 be and is hereby accepted."

#### PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The Provisional Road Works Scheme was considered in detail.

Col Gibbon pointed out that the estimate for road expenditure had been already before two meetings of the Roads Committee which examined the figures in detail.

Mr Connors proposed that Road No. 80 be put under direct labour at the expiration of contract on 31st March.

Mr Cline seconded.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following:-

"That road No. 80E be continued under contract as from 31st March 1926."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Hall's proposition to continue the contract:- Col Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Hall, Jordan, Kavanagh, Murphy, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Walsh and Whyte--13.

For Mr Connors' proposition to do the work by direct labour:- Messrs Cline, Colfer, Corish, Connors, Cooney, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, O'Byrne, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon and the Chairman--13.



The Chairman said that as he had not given his casting vote on a division already, he would not now exercise it.

As the motion was not carried the road will be carried out under contract.

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Cline seconded:- "That Road 187R be carried out as from 31st March 1926 by direct labour and not by contract." Adopted.

It was proposed by Mr Thorpe, ~~and~~ seconded by the Chairman and passed:- "That Road 198R be carried out by contract and not by direct labour as from 31st March 1926 and Road No 144R be executed by <sup>not</sup> contract as from 31st March 1926 ~~and not~~ <sup>but</sup> by direct labour."

Mr Murphy proposed that small portion of road between 224R and 225R which is maintained at present by direct labour be added to 224R or 225R and maintained by contract.

The County Surveyor stated there were still existing contracts on 224R and 225R and in view of this no further action was taken in the matter for the present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Cline:- "That the "Provisional Road Works Scheme" as amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting and as recommended by the Roads Committee be and is hereby adopted. That we approve of the figures for the maintenance of each road as approved by Roads Committee. That we direct our Secretary to fill in the amounts allowed for maintenance etc. as regards each road and to have printed at once the Road Works Scheme as approved at this meeting.

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline and adopted:- "That Tenders Committees meet as follows:-  
For Gorey area at Town Hall Gorey on Tuesday 23rd March at 11-30.  
For Enniscorthy area at Board Room, Co. Home on Wednesday 24th March at 11 o'clock.  
For New Ross area at Boardroom, Workhouse on Thursday 25th March at 11-30 a.m.

For Wexford area at County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on Saturday 27th March at 10-30. Adjourned meeting of County Council to consider reports of Tenders Committees for the various



areas to be held on 29th March 1926. That tenders be dealt with by advertisement etc. as per old Rural District areas as we consider this will for the present be a more convenient arrangement for intending contractors."



# FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following minutes of Finance Committee of meeting of 18th February, 1926, were submitted:-

"A meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 18th February, 1926:-

"Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Gaul and P. Hayes.

"The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

"On the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Hayes, the chair was taken by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.

"Minutes of ordinary meeting of 4th February, 1926, and of Special meeting of 13th February, were read and confirmed.

"Treasurer's Advice Note for £3068: 19: 1d was examined and signed.

"This was the only business dealt with".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 18th February, 1926, be and are hereby confirmed".

The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 4th March, 1926, were submitted:-

"A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 4th March, 1926.

"Present:- Mr. W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne and James Gaul.

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

"On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul



the Chair was taken by Mr. Thorpe.

"Colonel Gibbon wrote he could not attend owing to his absence in Carlow in Connection with Sugar Beet"

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

"The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS.

"Treasurers Advice Note for £3850: 12: 6d was examined with vouchers and signed"

#### RATE COLLECTION.

"The Assistant Secretary submitted state of Rate Collection showing the following percentages of current rate collected to 28th February:- B. Cleary 45; J. Quirke 43; J. Cummins 42; Sean Gannon 41; Edward Murphy 40; Michael Deegan 39; M. Kelly 33; T. Sutton 32; T. Rowe 30; J. Curtis 32; P. Sinnott 29; W. Cummins 29; J. J. Kelly 26; J. J. Sinnott 25; J. J. O'Reilly 24; C. McCarthy 24; P. J. Fitzpatrick 22; Pat Walsh 19; Patrick Donohoe 15; Patrick O'Byrne 11."

" Amount outstanding was £54038: 3: 0d: being £3069: 8: 2d in respect of first moiety and £50968: 14: 10d for second moiety"

"The Assistant Secretary stated that the Ministry of Local Government had written that Collectors must close collection by 31st instant and a copy of the Ministry's letter had been forwarded to the Collectors.

"The Committee considered the Collections of Messrs Walsh, Donohoe and Patrick O'Byrne very unsatisfactory particularly the collection of Mr. O'Byrne.

"It was decided that the three Collectors named be notified that their collections were in such a backward state that the Committee could not consider they were using their best endeavours to expedite the collection and



that they be asked for an explanation as to the backward state of Collections in their areas"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 4th March, 1926, be, and are hereby adopted."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That Mr. O'Byrne, Rate Collector for No.9 Collection District be informed that the Council will have to dispense with his services unless he shows very considerable improvement in the discharge of his duties. The Council will insist on his lodging the full amount of his warrant by 31st March, 1926"

PROPOSED LOAN FOR CO. HOSPITAL £4763.

In connection with proposed additional loan for improvements at County Hospital a letter under date 11th February, 1926 (S.5767/26) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning this loan, repayment to be spread over a period of ten years at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks Discount Rate with a minimum of 4 per cent .

Under date 23rd February, 1926, the following letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, Treasurer of County Council:-

"I duly submitted your application of the 19th instant to my Directors who direct me to inform you that they regret being unable to sanction the proposed additional loan of £4763 for Co. Hospital Improvements in view of the present high figures of the Council's accommodation"

The Chairman said that in connection with the letter from the bank he thought it would be advisable for a



deputation to wait on Sir Thomas Esmonde, Chairman of the Bank, and point out the position they were in. If they could not get the £4,000, the £10,000 would be more or less wasted and he thought that at the time they got the £10,000 there was more or less of a promise that they would get the £4,000 later.

He proposed:- "That a deputation from this Council wait upon Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart, Chairman of National Bank with a view to securing advance of loan of £4763 to finish improvements at County Hospital Wexford".

Mr. Pender seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Rossiter proposed and Mr. Glince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Chairman, Mr. Corish and Secretary, be appointed as the deputation to wait on Sir Thomas Esmonde in connection with proposed loan of £4763 for completion of improvements at County Hospital Wexford".

#### ROADS COMMITTEE Minutes.

In view of the amount of business to be transacted at the meeting it was decided that the consideration of Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th March, 1926, be adjourned to next meeting.

#### RECONSTRUCTION WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 11th February, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.6345/26) asking for plans, specification and estimate in connection with the rebuilding of Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 28th February, 1926, a letter was read



*Mr A*  
from Delap (Delap & Waller), Northern Bank Chambers, 115, Grafton Street, Dublin, as to interview which he had had with Mr. O'Dwyer, Engineer to Local Government Department. Mr. O'Dwyer was about to recommend a reduction in the amount to be spent from £13,000 to £10,000.

Colonel Gibbon asked if there was any possibility of opening up the question of the amount awarded for compensation. Everybody concerned considered that £5,000 was a very small grant to replace the Courthouse.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, considered that nothing would be gained by appealing against the amount of the compensation. The whole trend in appeals was to reduce amount given against the State.

The matter dropped.

Under date 5th March, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.7088/1926 Wexford County) that the Minister would not raise objection to the payment of £11: 5: 0d to Mr. Wood and £26: 5: 0d to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in connection with the compensation claim for Wexford Courthouse provided there were no other claims for professional assistance.

Mr. Elgee said these were the only claims to be presented.



TRANSFER OF POWERS UNDER LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS  
TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

In connection with the proposed transfer of powers of County Council under Labourers' (Ireland) Acts to County Board of Health which was referred to Mr Elgee, solicitor for advice, the latter wrote that he had looked into the question as to whether in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Health, tenants of incoming cottages should furnish security of £5 to guarantee payment of the rent, and as to power of County Board of Health adopting such a resolution without having first obtained the sanction of the County Council. He considered it was clear that the powers and duties of the Rural District Councils in relation to the Labourers' Acts were now vested in the County Board of Health and the County Council had no voice in the letting of cottages and could not call on the Board of Health to submit any of their proposals as to lettings to the County Council for approval. In conclusion, Mr Elgee wrote, "I may add, however, that I cannot find anything in the Labourers' Acts which would authorise the Board of Public Health to require tenants of cottages to furnish security for the payment of rent and in any event the condition of security could not be enforced without the sanction of the Department of Local Government."

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

"The Council of the County of Wexford in exercise of the powers vested in them by subsection (3) of section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1925, hereby transfer to the County Board of Public Health for the County Health District of Wexford all cottages and plots or gardens provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1919 by the Council of any Rural ~~WEXFORD~~ District in the said County Health District and all lands provided by the Council of any such Rural District for any of the purposes of the said Labourers (Ireland) Acts, and also all rents due and unpaid at the date of this Order in respect of any of the said cottages, plots, gardens or lands."



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PROPOSED SANATORIUM FOR ADVANCED CASES  
OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Under date 11th February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 54424/23 Wexford C.B H) forwarding copy of letter which they had forwarded to to County Board of Health in connection with extension of Tuberculosis Hospital in Enniscorthy. The Department enclosed extract from report which had been received from Mr T.F. Strahan, Architect respecting the plans submitted in connection with the proposed extension of the building with an alternative plan prepared by him. The approximate cost of carrying out the plan would be £3100 to which should be added about £500 to cover equipment and Architect's fees. The County share of the Sanatorium Grant was £3346 and this would be exceeded by £254. Half of this would come from the recoupment under National Tuberculosis Grant which would leave the balance to be provided from rates £127. The Department considered that it would be in the interests of the county to incur this small additional outlay from the rates in order to have the work satisfactorily carried out. In view of the difficulty of adapting the present structure and the small amount of land attached to the Institution at Enniscorthy, the Department urged that before a decision to carry out improvements at Enniscorthy every effort should be made by the Wexford County Council and the County Board of Health to satisfy themselves that there are no other premises more suitable for the purpose in view available or obtainable in the county. Particulars of the proposals adopted by the Council in the matter should be submitted to the Department of Local Government before any commitments in regard to the matter are entered into by the County Council.

It was mentioned that the Co Board of Health had taken steps to ascertain if any more suitable sites could be obtained and on the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman the letter and enclosures from the Department of Local Government were referred to the County Board of Health for suggestions and report.



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TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Under date 3rd March 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 9154/26 Wexford C.B.H.) forwarding copy of letter sent to County Board of Health approving of the appointment of Nurse Lappin as "part time" nurse for New Ross ~~XXX~~ District under Tuberculosis Scheme and of a subsidy of £20 per annum to the New Ross District Nursing Association for her service this proposal to be subject to ratification by the County Council.

The following was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Rossiter and adopted:- "That we approve of the employment of Nurse Lappin as "part time" nurse for New Ross District under Tuberculosis Scheme and of the payment of £20 per annum to New Ross Nursing Association for her services by Co. Wexford Board of Health "

In connection with arrangements for dental services in connection with Tuberculosis Scheme, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 7947/1926 Wexford C.B.H.) forwarding copy of letter which they had addressed to County Board of Health. The letter pointed out that Mrs O'Connor, Gorey, did not appear from the certificates submitted on her behalf to have the qualification of Surgeon Dentist and the Minister considered that only a person possessing such a qualification should be employed under the Scheme. No Order.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

ATTENDING MEETINGS OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF CO. COUNCILS.

Under date 18th February 1926, the Department of Local Government forwarded "The Conferences (General Council of County Councils) Order 1926 empowering Co. Councils to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by any member or members (for not more than three members of the Council) attending any conference or meeting of General Council of County Councils and of one member attending meeting of Executive Committee of the General Council. This is to apply to not more than four conferences or meetings in each year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Murphy:- "That we agree to pay the reasonable expenses of two delegates from the Council at



meetings and conferences of General Council of County Councils in accordance with the provisions of the "Conferences (General Council of County Councils) Order 1926," this resolution to remain in force as for the life of this Council. That within the provisions of said Order we hereby agree to the payment of the reasonable expenses of our delegates, Messrs M. Doyle T.D. and Sean O'Byrne from the time this Council took office and so long as they continue to act as delegates to the General Council of County Councils on behalf of Wexford County Council."

#### POUNDAGE FEES TO RATE COLLECTORS.

Under date 18th February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G. 7063/26 Wexford County) that the Minister was prepared to sanction payment of 75 per cent of poundage fees in respect of 75 per cent of the amount lodged by the collectors.

#### VENEREAL DISEASE.

Under date 22nd February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 7338/26 New Ross U.D.) forwarding copy of letter which had been addressed to New Ross Urban District Council regarding the question of the provision of treatment for cases of venereal disease. The letter pointed out that if an approved scheme was adopted by the Wexford County Council 75 per cent of the cost of same would be recouped from a State Grant.

Under date 27th February 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H. 8561/26 Wexford C.B.H.) forwarding copy of letter received from the Secretary C.B.H. relative to the prevalence of gonorrheal disease in Fethard No. 1 Dispensary with copy of the Minister's reply.

The letter from the Minister stated that he saw no objection to the supply of special vaccine which Dr Travers desired to procure for the treatment of about 30 cases of this disease in his district. The likely cost of a full course of injections would be £2 for each case.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Cooney seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Local Government Department be asked to submit particulars of scheme for treatment of venereal disease to this Council. In the event of these being considered satisfactory, the Council would be prepared to adopt



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the scheme. They are of opinion such a scheme should be administered by the County Board of Health."

COASTGUARD STATIONS.

Consideration of communications from Office of Public Works with reference to handing over to the County Council coast-guard stations and cottages etc. attached to same at Curracloe, Courtown and Rosslare were adjourned for report of Co. Surveyor in each case.

GUARANTEED 2½ STOCK 1933.

Under date 24th February 1926, letter was read from Accountant General, Bank of Ireland that the resolution of the Council transferring this stock, formerly in the name of Wexford Rural District Council to the County Board of Health was not, in his opinion, sufficient to give the Bank power to have the transfer asked for effected as it would not come under the designation of an Order under Seal in accordance with the provisions of sub-section 3 of section 10 of the Local Government Act 1925.

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

"The County Council of Wexford in exercise of the powers vested in them by sub-section (3) of section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1925, hereby order that the sum of £226-13-3 (Two hundred and twenty-six Pounds, thirteen shillings and three pence) 2½ Guaranteed Stock 1933 standing in the Books of the Bank of Ireland in the name of the Wexford County Council be transferred to the County Wexford Board of Health, and hereby authorise and direct the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland to transfer the same in their books into the name of the County Wexford Board of Health.

That we further direct that the Seal of the Council be attached to this resolution and that it be signed by the Chairman and <sup>two</sup> ~~three~~ members present at this meeting."



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DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

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Under date 2nd March 1926, the Office of Public Works wrote (2709/26) that their engineer had arranged to confer with the County Surveyor and the Engineer to the Slob Land Company concerning this scheme. Later the Office of Works would decide whether or not the circumstances are such as to justify the preparation of a detailed scheme.

Ballyteigue and Kilmore Districts.

Under date 22nd February 1926, the Office of Public Works wrote that these districts had been inspected by their engineers and it was not proposed to restore them under the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924. In the circumstances they did not propose to have another inspection made now.

Kilmannock Drainage District.

In connection with above, the following under date 19th February 1926 (3377/26) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"As regards the statements reported to have been made by Mr Murphy we have to observe:

1. That we cannot trace any record of having written some months ago that Drainage Trustees were appointed in 1849 in the Drainage District.
2. The persons to whom we wrote in 1901 replied to our letters, but for personal reasons declined to act as Trustees.
3. In 1914, there but three land<sup>ed</sup> proprietors and four tenant purchasers in the District. We have no knowledge of a meeting having been summoned in that year but an Inspector from our Office interviewed representatives of two proprietors concerned, and they refused to act as Trustees. The third proprietor died before he could be approached by our Inspector.
4. As explained in our letter of the 5th July 1925, when the works of restoration are carried out, the District in accordance with section 3 of the Drainage



Maintenance Act 1924, must be transferred for maintenance to the County Council by order of the Minister for Local Government. Neither that Minister nor the County Council have any option in the matter. The legislature took this step in order to repair the exceptional state of neglect into which Drainage Districts have fallen all over Ireland and the Kilmannock District is a case in point."

*From Carthy  
in 1926*







WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL MEETING

29th MARCH 1926.

MINUTES.

N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY.

WEXFORD.

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A special meeting of the above County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on Monday 29th March 1926 for the purpose of considering and accepting the reports of Tenders Committees as to Road Contracts for which tenders had been provisionally accepted by these Committees.

Present, Mr T. McCarthy, Chairman (presiding), also present Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne, M.M. O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, James Shannon, Wm Thorpe and John Whyte.

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

#### ENNISCORTHY ROADS.

The Tenders Committee for Enniscorthy District reported having accepted the following tenders at meeting held on Wednesday 24th March 1926:-

Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor
62	$\frac{31}{26}$	$\frac{31}{29}$	£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Thomas O'Hara Ballingate, Carnew.
Pt 63	"	"	£22-10-0	£19-19-0	Same.
" 72	"	"	£26-0-0	£22-19-0	James Molloy Corragh, Buncloody
92	"	"	£14-0-0	£14-0-0	Hugh Byrne Kilmyshall.
95	"	"	£18-0-0	£18-0-0	Thomas Finn Ryland.
97	"	"	£40-0-0	£40-0-0	James Kehoe Kyle
99	"	"	£40-0-0	£32-0-0	Michael Kearns Ballycrystal.
340	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-10-0	James Hendrick Ballycrystal.
345	"	"	£33-0-0	£27-0-0	Patrick Kearns Ballycrystal
354	"	"	£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Peter Murphy Clorogue more
80	"	"	£30	£27-0-0	Edward Kavanagh Rosemary Hill, Ferns.



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Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
84	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£50-0-0	£44-0-0	Denis Lancaster Ballyboy, Strahart.
86	"	"	£15-0-0	£15-0-0	Michael Nolan Askinamoe, Ferns.
129	"	"	£18-0-0	£15-0-0	Edward Kavanagh Rosemary Hill, Ferns.
339	"	"	£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Edward McDonald Kilbora, Camolin.
103	"	"	£17-0-0	£16-10-0	Edward Leary Cullentra, Kilttealy.
252	"	"	£18-0-0	£16-10-0	Martin Cullen Newtown, Grange.
253	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Michael Foley Killanne.
254	"	"	£18-0-0	£17-10-0	Philip Howlin Ballyhyland.
334	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-10-0	James Fenlon Grange Upper.
341	"	"	£10-0-0	£8-0-0	Michael Cooney Carrigeen, Grange.
351	"	"	£22-0-0	£17-0-0	James Fenlon Grange Upper.
355	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Edward Leary Cullentra, Kilttealy.
357	"	"	£10-0-0	£8-0-0	Michael Cooney Carrigeen, Grange.
123	"	"	£30-0-0	£29-10-0	John Byrne Ballydaw, Marshalstown
289	"	"	£23-0-0	£23-0-0	Same
107	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-10-0	Edward O'Connor Coolree, Ballindaggin.
118	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{30}{6}$	£24-0-0	£21-0-0	Walter Doyle Mohurry, Kilttealy.
242	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£32-0-0	£29-0-0	William Doran Tomonia, Kilttealy.
287	"	"	£14-0-0	£13-15-0	Myles Slevin Kiltrea.
336	"	"	£17-0-0	£16-15-0	Same.
243	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Edward Leary Cullentra, Kilttealy.



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275	<u>31</u> 3	<u>31</u> 3	£18-0-0	£17-0-0	John Leonard Moneytucker.
278	26	29	£21-0-0	£20-0-0	Same.
279	"	"	£21-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Dunne Cloheaden.
269	"	"	£20-0-0	£19-10-0	John Leonard Moneytucker.
270	"	"	£36-0-0	£35-10-0	Same.
327	"	"	£4-0-0	£4-0-0	Patrick Cosgrave Ballybrennan.
328	"	"	£5-0-0	£5-0-0	Same
330	"	"	£7-0-0	£6-17-0	Same
131	"	"	£14-0-0	£11-10-0	James Kenny Effernogue.
132	"	"	£18-0-0	£17-0-0	Same
320	"	"	<del>£27-0-0</del> £15-0-0	<del>£26-12-0</del> £15-0-0	<del>Patrick Cosgrave</del> Robert Kinsella Tinnashrule, Ferns
152	<u>30</u> <del>6</del> 26	"	£24-0-0	£21-10-0	James Kenny Effernogue.
165	<u>31</u> <del>3</del> 26	"	£30-0-0	£28-19-0	Patrick Brien Kyle, Oulart.
170	"	"	£34-0-0	£32-17-6	Joseph Hyland Coolgarrow.
173	"	"	£17-0-0	£16-15-0	Same
346	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	John Doran Kilcotty.
226	"	"	£11-0-0	£11-0-0	Same
232	"	"	£36-0-0	£36-0-0	John Redmond Crannroe, Edermine.
238	"	"	£40-0-0	£40-0-0	Joseph Cullen Ballyrannel.
239	"	"	£45-0-0	£45-0-0	James Brien Glenteigue.
240	"	"	£50-0-0	£50-0-0	Same.
168	"	"	£11-0-0	£9-5-0	Bryan Murphy Ballyought.
199	"	"	£23-0-0	£21-10-0	Same
220	"	"	£36-0-0	£35-0-0	Joseph Cullen Ballyrannell.
176	"	"	£18-0-0	£17-9-0	William McGill Ballingown Blackwater.



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Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
177	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£28	£26-9-0	James Rossiter Tubberlamina.
178	$\frac{26}{"}$	$\frac{29}{"}$	£14-0-0	£14-0-0	James O'Brien Ballytarsna.
182	"	"	£16-0-0	£14-9-0	William McGill Ballingown.
186	"	"	£16-0-0	£14-0-0	Owen Murphy Knocknasilloque.
191	"	"	£10-0-0	£7-0-0	Same.
192	"	"	£20-0-0	£14-15-0	Same.
193	"	"	£20-0-0	£19-10-0	Thomas Mangan Balliconnigar.
195	"	"	£21-0-0	£21-0-0	Thomas Walsh Ballinclash.
201	"	"	£20-0-0	£18-10-0	Edward Roche Garryvadden, Blackwater.

With reference to Road 118 in respect of which the tender of Walter Doyle, Mohurry, Kildealy had been accepted by the Tenders Committee at £21 per annum, a second tender had been received from Doyle at £23-10-0. In addition a tender had been received from Mr Edward O'Connor, Coolree, Ballindaggin at £23.

The meeting considered the question of cancelling the contract in view of the fact that the second tender of Doyle may have been made for an unfair or fraudulent purpose.

Mr Elgee, solicitor said that in the absence of any specific rule of the Council to the contrary, an intending contractor was entitled to submit more than one tender for the same road.

The contract to Doyle at £21 was confirmed.

In connection with Road No 72, Mr James Molloy Corragh, Bunclody wrote under date 25th March and asked to be allowed to substitute the name of Patrick O'Reilly, Mechanic, Carrigduff Street, Bunclody as one of his sureties vice Hugh Kavanagh who was unable to attend to sign Bond at Enniscorthy.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Jordan seconded by Mr Cline:- "That Mr Patrick O'Reilly, Carrigduff Street, Bunclody be accepted as surety for James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody vice Hugh Kavanagh.

Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr Jordan and adopted:- "That tenders for Roads taken by Tenders Committee at Enniscorthy on 24th March 1926 as set out on Minutes of this meeting be and are hereby confirmed subject to alteration made by resolution in name of surety for road No 72. That the Seal of the County Council be embossed on said tenders.

The following roads in this district were, on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline placed in charge of County Surveyor up to the 31st March 1927:-

120	£25-0-0
Pt of 218	£18-0-0
263	£24-0-0
285	£11-5-0
304	£9-0-0
347	£8-0-0
348	£8-0-0
349	£8-0-0
350	£16-0-0.

#### GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The Gorey Tenders Committee which sat on 23rd March 1926 reported the acceptance of the following tenders:-

Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor
42	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{30}{3}$	£22-0-0	£21-9-0	Abraham Storey Croghan, Ballyfad.
44	"	"	£25-0-0	£25-0-0	John Kinsella Croghan, Ballyfad.
45	"	"	£25-0-0	£22-9-0	Abraham Storey Croghan, Ballyfad.
58	"	"	£27-0-0	£27-0-0	Terence Dunne Tomcoyle Inch.
48	"	"	£40	£40-0-0	Morgan McDonald Searnagh.



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Index No. From To Price per annum Accepted tender per annum Contractor.

63	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£32-0-0	£30-10-0	Patrick Higgins Parkbawn, Gorey.
80	"	"	£12-0-0	£7-10-0	John Kinsella Kilgorman, Castletown.
83	"	"	£30-0-0	£25-0-0	Denis Doyle Tomnahely, Inch.
100	"	"	£10-0-0	£7-10-0	John Kinsella Kilgorman.
68	$\frac{31}{26}$	"	£35-0-0	£32-19-0	Joshua Kilty Custodium, Kilanerin.
94	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-0-0	Thomas Sheehan Ballymenane, Gorey.
95	"	"	£24-0-0	£20-10-0	Same.
Pt 73	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	William Kavanagh Parkbawn, Gorey.
103	"	"	£28-0-0	£23-0-0	Michael Codd Ballyscartan, Gorey.
88	"	"	£36-0-0	£36-0-0	William Kinsella Castlewhite, Carnew.
109	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Ormonde Ballyellis, Carnew.
114	"	"	£42-0-0	£41-0-0	James French Ballyshane.
118	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	Patrick Higgins Ballydarragh
190	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£40-0-0	£33-10-0	Patrick Fox Knockbrandon.
120	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Higgins Ballydarragh.
188	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Nicholas Redmond Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge.

As regards roads Nos 94 and 95 for which £20 and £24 had been allocated, Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminaun, Gorey tendered at £17 and £20-10-0 per annum respectively, it was pointed out that Bonds for both roads had not been completed, Sheehan stating when names of sureties were called for signature to bond that they had left. Sheehan was subsequently notified that bond could be perfected in Gorey on Friday 26th March to which he replied- "Understood stones five shillings at time of tendering. Will complete bond at full money if allowed."



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Sheehan was informed that terms of specification providing for cost of material at 8/- per cubic yard for broken stones and 4/- for screenings could not be altered.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:- "That roads 94 and 95 be placed in the charge of the County Surveyor at amount allocated by the Co. Council with instructions that he is not to employ Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminnaun, Gorey, in connection with any work thereon."

In connection with road 98, Patrick Fortune Knockavota, Gorey, the old contractor, wrote that he would be prepared to enter into a contract for this road to 31st March 1929 at amount allocated by County Council viz, £42.

A letter was read from Daniel Kinsella, Market Street, Gorey, offering to maintain the road at £42 per annum.

It was decided to place the road in the charge of County Surveyor to 31st March 1927 at £31-10-0.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by the Chairman:- "That the tenders ~~accept~~ accepted by Gorey Tenders Committee on 23rd March 1926 be and are hereby confirmed and that the Seal of the Wexford County Council be embossed thereon. That the following roads be placed in charge of the County Surveyor:-

94	£20.
95	£24
98	£31-10-0. "

#### NEW ROSS ROADS.

The Tenders Committee for New Ross District which met on 25th March 1926 reported having provisionally accepted the following tenders:-



## New Ross Roads

Index No. From To Price per annum Accepted tender per annum Contractor.

64	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£16-0-0	£14-0-0	Denis Connors Tomanine, Rathmure.
	$\frac{26}{29}$				
65	"	"	£11-0-0	£11-0-0	James Tobin Monamolin.
66	"	"	£15-0-0	£15-0-0	John O'Brien Ballygibbon.
75	"	"	£19-0-0	£18-9-6	Patrick Nolan Templenacrow.
77	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Richard McGrath Knockroe, Palace.
260	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Laurence Joyce Templeudigan.
287	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	James Tobin Monamolin.
90 <del>88</del>	"	"	£30-0-0	£29-0-0	John Doran Gobbinstown.
104 <del>88</del>	"	"	£37-0-0	£35-0-0	Samuel Elmes Rochestown, New Ross.
105	"	"	£20-0-0	£19-0-0	Same.
157	"	"	£7-0-0	£7-0-0	Patrick Hanlon Ballyverogue, Campile.
145	"	"	£24-0-0	£23-0-0	Terence Doyle Tinnecarrig.
218	"	"	£25-0-0	£24-18-6	Thomas Cooney Ballykelly.
219	"	"	£27-0-0	£27-0-0	James Cleary Killowen.
221	"	"	£5-0-0	£4-19-0	Thomas Cooney Ballykelly.
222	"	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	James Cleary Killowen
231	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Patrick Hanlon Ballyverogue.
234	"	"	£8-0-0	£8-0-0	Simon Murphy Ballysop.
235	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Moses Browne Garryduff.
240	"	"	£12-0-0	£11-0-0	Edward Byrne Rathimney.
171	"	"	£9-0-0	£8-0-0	Terence Doyle Tinnecarrig.



Index No. From To Price per annum Accepted tender per annum Contractor.

174	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£25-0-0	£23-17-6	Peter Stafford Coolboy, Foulksmills.
	$\frac{26}{29}$				
175	"	"	£15-0-0	£13-18-10	Martin Kehoe Loughnageer.
182	"	"	£26-0-0	£22-14-6	Same.
186	"	"	£11-0-0	£11-0-0	Edward Byrne Rathimney.
276	"	"	£24-0-0	£22-17-6	Richard Miskella Coolboy.
294	"	"	£6-0-0	£5-10-10	Martin Kehoe Loughnageer
180	"	"	£20-0-0	£16-10-0	Marks Hanlon Clongeen
191	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	James Furlong Coolroe, Ballycullane.
192	"	"	£8-0-0	£7-0-0	Same.
207	"	"	£20-0-0	£17-0-0	William Walsh Tallaught.
208	"	"	£18-0-0	£16-0-0	Same.
292	"	"	£13-0-0	£9-10-0	Marks Hanlon Clongeen.
198	"	"	£22-10-0	£17-10-0	Same.
244	"	"	£21-0-0	£19-15-0	Patrick Murray Killesk.
246	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Edward Byrne Rathimney.
251	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Patrick Power Nuke, Arthurstown.
252	"	"	£21-0-0	£21-0-0	Same.
255	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Patrick Keating Nuke, Arthurstown.
256	"	"	£4-0-0	£4-0-0	Same.
257	"	"	£17-0-0	£17-0-0	Same
263	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	Patrick O'Neill Shelbaggan.
266	"	"	£20-0-0	£20-0-0	Same
267	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£30-0-0	£29-10-0	Thomas Whelan Ballyphile, Duncannon.
	$\frac{26}{26}$				
271	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£19-0-0	£19-0-0	Joseph Fitzgerald Battlestown.
	$\frac{26}{26}$				



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272	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£26-0-0	£26-0-0	Patrick O'Neill Shelbaggan.
	$\frac{26}{29}$				
274	"	"	£13-0-0	£13-0-0	Michael Neville Haggard.
275	"	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	John Murphy Ballygow, Duncannon.
277	"	"	£12-0-0	£12-0-0	James Cusack Levistown, Duncannon.
281	"	"	£21-0-0	£21-0-0	Michael Neville Haggard.
282	"	"	£12-0-0	£11-10-0	John Egan Ramstown, Fethard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Colfer seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the tenders for roads provisionally accepted by New Ross Tenders Committee on 25th March 1926 be and are hereby confirmed and that the Seal of the Wexford County Council be embossed thereon.

Col Quin proposed and Mr Doyle seconded:- "That the Roads untendered for at New Ross Tenders Committee meeting be re-advertised."

Mr Colfer proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded:-

"That the following roads untendered for at New Ross Tenders Committee meeting be placed in the hands of Co. Surveyor to 31st March 1927 at amount allocated by County Council:-

82	£20	141	£18
88	£12	150	£15
98	£16	154	£14
99	£14	189	£20
110	£16	Pt 226	£10
113	£12-15-0	227	£12
114	£28-10-0	230	£18
115	£10	232	£12
		238	£15
		242	£29
		270	£13
		280	£6
		293	£12

A vote was taken on the amendment of Mr Colfer with the following result:-

For- Messrs Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, P O'Byrne, Shannon, Colfer, Connors,



Clince, Sean O'Byrne, and the Chairman--10  
Against-Messrs Gibbon, O'Donoghue, Thorpe, Quin, Whyte, Jordan,  
Doyle and Boggan--8

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE.

The Wexford Tenders Committee which met on 27th March  
1926 reported having accepted the following tenders:-

Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
73	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£17-0-0	£16-10-0	Denis Murphy
74	$\frac{26}{26}$	$\frac{29}{29}$	£18-0-0	£16-5-0	Johnstown. Charles Murphy Johnstown.
75	"	"	£25-0-0	£23-15-0	Same
78	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£26-0-0	£25-5-0	John Roche Ballyhoo, Screen.
82	"	"	£16-0-0	£14-15-0	Charles Murphy Johnstown.
84	"	"	£10-0-0	£10-0-0	Denis Murphy Johnstown
55	"	"	£40-0-0	£40-0-0	Joseph Doyle Mountainmuck, Killuri
61	"	"	£16-0-0	£16-0-0	Thomas Doyle The Deeps, Kyle.
87	"	"	£50-0-0	£48-19-0	John Keily Blackhall, Glynn.
88	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£20-0-0	£19-10-0	Martin Handley Blackhall, Glynn.
89	$\frac{26}{31}$	"	£25-0-0	£24-10-0	John Furlong Barmoney, Bree.
91	$\frac{3}{26}$	"	£36-0-0	£35-9-0	James Dowd Glenview, Barntown
206	"	"	£21-0-0	£20-15-0	Nicholas Fortune Barmona
93	"	"	£27-0-0	£26-9-0	James Dowd Glenview, Barntown
94	"	"	£36-0-0	£30-0-0	John Merriman Kingsford, Barntown.
127	"	"	£22-0-0	£19-15-0	John Cooney Barntown, Wexford.
128	"	"	£16-0-0	£13-15-0	Same
134	"	"	£14-0-0	£13-10-0	James Dowd Seaview, Barntown.
155	"	"	£21-0-0	£18-0-0	Same
255	"	"	£14-0-0	£11-15-0	Same.



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Index No.	From	To	Price per annum	Accepted tender per annum	Contractor.
85	$\frac{31}{3}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£40-0-0	£39-14-6	John Furlong Barmoney, Bree.
86	"	"	£22-0-0	£21-15-0	Nicholas Fortune Barmoney, Bree.
96	"	"	£32-0-0	£31-0-0	Walter Creane Clonerane, Taghmon.
99	"	"	£24-0-0	£24-0-0	Patrick Cullen Forest, Taghmon.
100	"	"	£50-0-0	£49-14-6	John Furlong Barmoney, Bree.
113	"	"	£16-0-0	£14-19-0	Thomas Kelly Skeeterpark Clearistown.
175	"	"	£15-0-0	£13-0-0	Patrick Byrne Ballykillane
176	"	"	£50-0-0	£33-8-0	Same
177	"	"	£13-0-0	£10-0-0	Same
181	"	"	£30-0-0	£27-10-0	Thomas Pitt Ballibernagh, Bridgetown
182	"	"	£30-0-0	£29-0-0	John Bruton Ablinstown Ballycogley.
183	"	"	£33-0-0	£30-0-0	Thomas Dunne Sleedagh, Murrintown
184	"	"	£42-0-0	£32-0-0	Benjamin Wilson Ablintown, Ballycogley.
102	"	"	£26-0-0	£26-0-0	Thomas Cleary Coolcliffe, Foulksmills
105	"	"	£25-0-0	£24-17-6	Patrick Doyle Ardinagh, Taghmon.
108	"	"	£30-0-0	£30-0-0	Walter Creane Clonerane, Taghmon.
141	"	"	£20-0-0	£18-18-0	James Wade Danescastle, Bannow.
137	"	"	£42-0-0	£29-14-0	Same
153	"	"	£15-0-0	£13-9-0	John Sinnott Robinstown, Duncormick.
156	"	"	£20-0-0	£15-0-0	Same.
157	"	"	£24-0-0	£15-12-0	Thomas White Scotsland Duncormick.



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195	$\frac{30}{6}$	$\frac{31}{3}$	£16-0-0	£9-19-6	Robert Sherida Blackhall, Bannow.
196	$\frac{26}{31}$	$\frac{29}{3}$	£30-0-0	£21-19-6	Same
197	$\frac{26}{31}$	$\frac{29}{3}$	£10-0-0	£7-0-0	Same
136	"	"	£27-0-0	£27-0-0	Thomas Sinnott Heavenstown, Clearistown
163	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£22-0-0	£21-2-6	Same
169	$\frac{26}{30}$	"	£20-0-0	£18-7-0	Thomas Kelly Skeeterpark, Clearistown.
170	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£18-0-0	£17-4-0	Thomas Sinnott Heavenstown, Clearistown
171	"	"	£12-0-0	£11-9-0	James Murphy Newbog, Murrintown.
191	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£25-0-0	£23-0-0	Patrick Keeling Bridgetown, Wexford
198	"	"	£11-0-0	£9-8-0	Thomas Kelly Skeeterpark, Clearistown
260	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£14-0-0	£13-6-0	Same.
208	"	"	£20-0-0	£14-15-0	James Jordan Reahouse, Duncormick.
214	$\frac{30}{6}$	"	£50-0-0	£39-19-0	James Sheil Newtown, Kilmore.
215	"	"	£18-0-0	£16-19-0	John McGrath Tullibards, Bridgetown.
216	$\frac{31}{3}$	"	£23-0-0	£20-19-0	Same.
234	$\frac{26}{3}$	"	£30-0-0	£20-0-0	John Barry Lake Little, Rosslare.
236	"	"	£17-0-0	£11-5-6	Same.
238	"	"	£13-0-0	£12-10-0	John Power Butlerstown, Broadway.

In connection with roads 74, 75 and 82, it appeared that Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castlebridge had tendered for these roads and that lower tenders for them were provisionally accepted from Charles Murphy, son of Denis Murphy, and who lived with the latter.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Boggan seconded by Mr Whyte:- "That the tenders for roads 74, 75, and 82 provisionally entered into with Charles Murphy Johnstown, Castlebridge be cancelled and that said roads be placed in charge of the County Surveyor up to 31st March 1927."

As regards road No 156 it was pointed out that Edward Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormick tendered at £13-10-0 and John Sinnott, Robinstown, Duncormick tendered at £15. Sinnott had stated at meeting of Tenders Committee that he had been contractor for 20 years. It was now ascertained from the Co. Surveyor that Sinnott was first accepted as contractor in 1915 while Furlong's father had the road before that for 25 years.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Whyte seconded the following resolution:- "That the contract for road 156 provisionally accepted with John Sinnott be rejected and that the tender of Edward Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormick be accepted at £13-10-0."

This was carried on a show of hands, 13 being in favour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Cline:- "That the report of Tenders Committee for Wexford District unless where specifically varied by resolutions adopted at this meeting be and ~~are~~ is hereby confirmed. That the Seal of Wexford County Council be embossed on each accepted tender."

Proposed by Mr Colfer seconded by Mr ~~EE~~ O'Byrne:-

"That the following roads in Wexford District untendered for at meeting of Tenders Committee at Wexford be and are hereby placed in the charge of the Co. Surveyor up to 31st March 1927:-

67	£40
79	£8
107	£25
112	£18
257	£16.

#### General Resolutions re Road Tenders

Proposed by Mr Jordan seconded by Mr Thorpe and adopted:-

"That it be an instruction to Tenders Committees in



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future that where the same person lodges two or more road tenders for the one road, said tenders are not to be taken into consideration by Tenders Committees. Also that where more than one tender is received from the same household, said tenders be not taken into consideration as the Council are of opinion that one tender only should be submitted from the same household *for the one road.*

Proposed by Col Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Donoghue and passed:- "That in the case of all roads placed in the hands of the County Surveyor at this meeting, it be an instruction to the latter that he cannot exceed (without the permission of the Roads Committee) the amount allowed under the last expiring  $\phi$  contract for said roads and in the case of roads on which no contract existed, the previous yearly cost. of maintenance."



DEPUTATION TO SIR THOMAS H.G.ESMONDE.

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The following was submitted by the Chairman:-

"In connection with the refusal of the Directors of the National Bank to advance to the Wexford County Council a sum of £4763 on loan for completion of work at County Hospital, the County Council appointed the Chairman, Mr R. Corish T.D. and the Secretary to wait on Sir Thomas H.G. Esmonde, Chairman of Irish Board of Directors with a view to securing his interest in having the matter reconsidered by the Directors.

The Deputation was received by Sir Thomas Esmonde on 25th March 1926 at Head Office of National Bank, College Green, Dublin.

It was pointed out to Sir Thomas that the renovation and improvements of County Hospital would cost £14763 and that the £10000 which had been already advanced would be practically wasted unless the building could be finished according to plan. The Council had asked the Bank to advance the full amount in the first instance but had not been successful.

Sir Thomas referred to the very large amount which was owing by Public Bodies  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the Bank-a liability which, it had been anticipated, would be considerably reduced by now. Unfortunately this was not the case, and the Bank would find it difficult to agree to any further advances to Public Bodies until the position showed improvement. But, as it appeared in the present instance, that the amount already spent would be of very little use unless the contract for improvement at County Hospital was carried out in full, he would be prepared to recommend the application as a special case and would endeavour to induce his fellow Directors to agree to the advance of £4763.

The Deputation which was very cordially received by Sir Thomas Esmonde expressed their thanks for his promise."

Mr Boggan proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-



"That the best thanks of this Council are hereby  
tendered to Sir Thomas H.G. Esmonde Bart. for the kind and ~~most~~  
courteous manner in which he received the deputation from this  
Council relative to supplemental loan of £4763 necessary to  
finish the work of renovation and improvement at County Hospital  
Wexford. That a copy of this resolution be furnished Sir  
Thomas Esmonde."

*Wm. Esmonde*  
*Sept 26*