

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MEETING HELD 14TH MARCH 1932  
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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th March, 1932.

Present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon,

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

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded a resolution moving Mr. McCarthy to the chair,

After the reading of the Minutes Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided during consideration of the rest of the business.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES  
FOR YEAR 1932-33.

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Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1932-33 as approved by the Finance Committee were submitted:-

Particulars of same on Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table had been furnished to Councillors with agenda paper.

The General Rate recommended by the Finance Committee is  $3/5\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on land and  $8/8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on buildings, a reduction of  $4\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £ <sup>on land</sup> and an increase of 4d in the £ on other Hereditaments as compared with last year.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council adopt the Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges as recommended by the Finance Committee."

Mr. Cummins considered that the matter should be postponed until the Council could approach the new Govern-



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ment and see what could be done to help the people considerable numbers of whom were in a bad way.

Col. Gibbon urged that they should agree to the Rates that day. From the point of view of carrying on the Council and from the point of view of carrying out their legal obligations under the statutes the Rates were the lowest that could be struck.

Mr. Hall and the Chairman held that if they were going to get complete De-Rating no harm could be done by deferring for a short time consideration of the Estimates.

The Chairman said this would be an opportune time to see what was to be the outcome of the promises made at the last election, about the de-rating.

Miss O'Ryan said the amount of money necessary for full de-rating was to come through the retention of the land annuities and nothing could be done in that direction sooner than June next.

The Chairman said the late Government found the money for three-quarters of full de-rating without touching the annuities and he was of opinion the present Government should find the remaining quarter in a somewhat similar way. If the land annuities could not be retained were to they/have no de-rating.

Miss O'Ryan - That is not the case.

After further discussion the following amendment was moved by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That consideration of Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for forthcoming financial year be adjourned until the County Council meeting to be held on 29th March, 1932."

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

For: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Roche and the Chairman - 10.



Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - 10.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which he declared carried.

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion and adopted without dissent.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th February, 1932, as follows, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline:-



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A meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th February, 1932.

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

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

Mr. Sean O'Byrne was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,383: 16: 4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE ESTIMATE FINANCIAL YEAR 1932-33

The figures in connection with Rate Estimate General and Separate Charges were furnished members of Finance Committee but in consequence of the small attendance consideration was adjourned to Finance Committee meeting of 25th February 1932.

#### DAIL ELECTIONS

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That officials of the County Council who are acting as officials at Dail Election be granted leave therefor, provided same be deducted from annual holidays.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Mr. John Leacy, Inspector for N.S.P.C.C. wrote that he had been asked to report that Robert Kelly, late of Ballymore, Camolin, was committed to St. Kyran's Industrial School, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, on 25th February, 1927, under Section 58 (1) (B) Childrens' Act 1908. His period of extension expired on 14th December last, but in view of the fact that the boy is an orphan the Minister for Education



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had directed that he be committed to a senior school until he was 16. Mr. Leacy asked if in the circumstances the Wexford County Council would be prepared to continue payments in the meantime.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the circumstances mentioned in application for the further detention of Robert Kelly in an Industrial School we recommend the County Council to inform Mr. Leacy, Inspector N.S.P.C.C. (Wexford Branch) that the Wicklow County Council should be held responsible for this boy's continued maintenance."



The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect  
of meeting held on 25th February, 1932, were submitted  
as follows:-



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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th February, 1932.

Present - Col. Gibbon, Messrs S. O'Byrne, James Hall, John Culleton, and Thomas McCarthy.

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

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,456: 10: 1d was examined and signed.

#### ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1932/33.

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Under date 8th January, 1932, the following letter (G.988/1932. Loch Garman.) was read from L. G. D. :-

"With reference to this Department's letter of even date sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 on the Council's Accounts up to the 29th proximo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council should provide amply for all their commitments for the year 1932/33 and allow sufficient margin to enable them to carry on their services pending the collection of the rates."

The Secretary stated that if the Finance Committee could see their way to include in Estimate an extra £8,000 to meet portion of advances required by Subsidiary Bodies it would help the Council's finances considerably by reducing overdraft accommodation required and consequent expenditure on debit interest.



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The meeting unanimously decided against the inclusion of this amount owing to the present poor financial position of the Ratepayers.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Col. Gibbon:- "That we recommend the County Council to adopt a Rate of  $8/8\frac{1}{2}$  in the £ for General Charges in respect of financial year 1932-33. That Rebate on Agricultural Land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be  $5/2\frac{3}{4}$  in the £."

"That Separate Charges Estimates be agreed to as follows:-

No. of Separate Charge:	Particulars	:Amount to: :be raised:	Poundage Rate.
4	Arklow Harbour Loan	226:17:3	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d
15	Loan Gorey Union	37: 0:0	$\frac{1}{4}$ d
20	Labourers Acts Enniscorthy	2950: 0:0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
21	" " Gorey	2380: 0:0	7d
22	" " New Ross	1620: 0:0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
23	" " Wexford	2250: 0:0	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
25	Loan Enniscorthy R.D.Charges Account	1328: 0:0	3d
28	Loan Wexford " " Account	2813: 0:0	7d
1A	Public Health Acts	870: 0:0	2d
2A	Lighting Newtownbarry town	35: 0:0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
4A	Post Office Act Oulart Dispensary District	170: 0:0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
5A	Sewerage Clonroche Dispensary District	145: 0:0	2d
6A	Public Health Acts Killanne D.D.	100: 0:0	2d
1B	Sanitary Works and Water Supply Gorey R. D.	700: 0:0	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d
5B	Public Health Acts Coolgreany D.D.	150: 0:0	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d
1-10C	Public Health Act New Ross R.D.	200: 0:0	$\frac{3}{4}$ d
1D	Water Supply Rosslare Wexford R. D.	630: 0:0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
3D	Public Health Act Broadway D.D.	140: 0:0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
4D	Public Health Act Taghmon & Glynn D. D.'s	100: 0:0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
5D	Public Health Acts Crossabeg D. D.	75: 0:0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
245	Criminal Injury Michael Maher E. D. Enniscorthy Rural	6: 7:6	$\frac{1}{4}$ d
246	Criminal Injury. Irish Sugar Manuftg. Co. E.D. Clonroche.	15: 1:0	1d



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The amounts required to meet Criminal Injury Decree E. Supply Board £5: 9: 4d and David Donnelly, Enniscorthy, £8: 5s. are to be included in Demands on Enniscorthy Urban Council. The sum required to meet Criminal Injury Decree Annie and Margaret Kelly, Wexford, (£13: 18: 0d) will be included in Demand on Wexford Urban Council.

"That increments at the scale agreed to by the County Council and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be granted to members of Co. Secretary's and Co. Surveyor's staffs, in view of certificates giving satisfactory service, having been received from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor. That same be included in Estimates for financial year 1932-33."

RATE COLLECTION  
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State of: Rate Collection up to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	71.7 %
2.	E. J. Murphy	66.0 %
3.	J. Quirke (No. 1) ,	64.7 %
4.	J. Cummins	64.6 %
5.	J. Deegan	62.2 %
6.	P. Carty	62.0 %
7.	J. J. O'Reilly	61.6 %
8.	W. Doyle	61.2 %
9.	T. Rowe	61.0 %
10.	T. Bolger (No. 14)	60.8 %
11.	A. Dunne	60.0 %
12.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	58.6 %
13.	S. Gannon (No.10)	58.0 %
14.	M. McCarthy	57.0 %
15.	P. O'Byrne	56.9 %



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N <sup>o</sup> .	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
16.	W. Cummins	56.5 %
17.	P. Nolan	55.8 %
18.	J.J. Sinnott	54.7 %
19.	P. Doyle	53.7 %
20.	T. Bolger (No. 12)	50.0 %
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	46.1 %

Under date 20th February, 1932, Rate Inspector reported that Collector P. Carty did not attend for checking on the 19th and had given no explanation. He had been written to in the matter.

On the 25th February, 1932, Collector P. Carty wrote that he was staying at Fethard the previous week for the collection of Fethard and Templetown Divisions, and did not get the notice in time to turn up for checking. On account of Campile Fair on 24th February he had remained in the district but his books had since been checked.

The meeting accepted the explanation of the Collector.

The following under date 16th February, 1932, (G.7459/<sup>which</sup> 1932. Loch Garman.)/was referred to the Finance Committee from County Council on 22nd February, 1932, was read:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 27th ultimo, forwarding a proposal from the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council subsequently adopted by the Council on the 8th instant concerning the examination of lists of uncollected rates submitted by Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, if by the 29th instant any Collector is in a position to furnish an advance list on Form 53 containing satisfactory evidence that particular rates are totally irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectible, the Minister raises no objection to such lists being then considered and dealt with by the



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Council (or duly authorised committee) under Article 102 (3) of the Public Bodies Order along with the relative reports from you under Sub Article (2).

It will be understood that any rates so dealt with by the Council will not be eligible for the calculation of poundage in respect of the 1931/32 warrants and that the final examination of each Collector's record provided for by Article 102 at the end of the financial year will also be carried out if any other rates then remain unlodged."

It was decided that the question of closing Rate Collectors' Warrants be considered at next meeting.

A resolution was adopted asking Collectors M. McCarthy No. 6 and S. Gannon for explanation as to why no lodgment of Poor Rate had been made by them since 13th February, 1932.

A letter was read from John Parker, Coolakip, stating that he had received a reply from the Land Commission allowing him to let his lands as usual. He wished to know if he did so would the County Council accept Part Payments of his rates, otherwise he would not be in a position to pay anything.

The Rate Collector concerned, W. Cummins, wrote that Parker was in poor circumstances and had practically no stock. It would be advisable, the Rate Collector stated, to make it clear to Parker that all lettings or sales of hay must be made through his auctioneer, as otherwise the stock on the lands would be liable to seizure.

The Rate Inspector agreed with recommendation of Collector.

It was decided that if rates up to 31st March 1930 amounting to £29: 1s. on Coolamain and Coolakip be paid immediately the letting of the lands should be approved.

Under date 23rd February, 1932, application was received from P. O'Byrne, Rate Collector, for payment of £26: 10s. being expenses in connection with seizure of sheep on Bantry Commons. It was now almost seven months



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since the seizure was made, and he stated the amount should be paid.

It was decided to refer the entire correspondence to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor for his advice.

#### PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES

Three Tenders were received for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes :-

Messrs J. English, Quay, Wexford - £28: 10s. Od.

The People, Wexford. - £32: 10s. 6d

The Free Press Wexford - £35: 10s. Od.

The Tender of Messrs English & Co. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon.

#### ROAD GANGERS

In connection with the proposal made at the meeting of the County Council on 8th February, 1932, as to employment of Road Gangers to act as Caretakers of the sewerage systems in Clonroche, Bunclody, Ferns and Duncannon villages, which had been referred to the Finance Committee by the Council for recommendation, the County Surveyor stated that from the point of view of his work the employment of the Gangers as suggested would make no difference. It would be an advantage from the point of view of the Board of Health as they could not pay a full time caretaker. Provided the arrangements to be made would not interfere with the Road Work he (Co. Surveyor) would not raise any objection.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted :-

"That as regards proposal to employ Gangers as Caretakers for sewerage systems for villages, the Finance Committee would be glad to receive from the Board of Health a statement embodying definite duties to be carried out by the Gangers and would also suggest that when this has been received by the County Surveyor, Mr. Flood Engineer to the



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Board of Health, should be invited to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee at which this matter is to be further considered."

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 24th February, 1932, a requisition for articles under above Acts required by Ex-officio Inspectors (Garda Siochana) was submitted from the Chief Superintendent. The requisition, he stated, was based on actual requirements and with every regard for the economical side.

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

"That requisition under Food and Drugs Acts submitted to this meeting be approved. That it be pointed out to the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana that where small articles such as 29 sheets of blotting paper, and 50 foolscap envelopes are required, it might be found more economical to purchase these locally than from the Trade List of the Dept. of Local Government, owing to cost of postage, which would be involved by ordering from Trade List."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following applications for committals of children to Industrial Schools had been received and reported to Mr. Elgee for his attention on behalf of the Council:

Johanna Cummins, Templetown, Fethard; Bridget Power, do; Margaret and Annie Dwyer, Ramstown, Fethard (Sgt. A.J. Lee.)

Thomas Carroll, Byrne's Lane, Wexford, (Sgt. Murphy).

William and Bridget Torney, Green Street, Wexford, (John Leacy Inspr. N.S.P.C.C.).



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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 25th February, 1932, as submitted to this meeting, be received and approved."

The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 10th March, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th March, 1932.

Present - Messrs James Hall, J. Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, John J. Culleton and T. McCarthy.

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

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,319: 19: 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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State of: Rate Collection as follows was submitted:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant Collected.
1.	J. Curtis	78.5 %
2.	E. J. Murphy	74.4 %
3.	W. Doyle	70.8 %
4.	T. Rowe	68.2 %
5.	J. Cummins	68.1 %
6.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	67.7 %
7.	P. Carty	67.3 %
8.	J. Deegan	65.6 %
9.	T. Bolger (No. 14)	65.4 %
10.	J. J. O'Reilly	64.4 %
11.	A. Dunne	64.4 %
12.	M. McCarthy	62.0 %
13.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	61.0 %
14.	P. Doyle	60.7 %
15.	S. Gannon	60.0 %
16.	J. J. Sinnott	59.8 %



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No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
17.	P. Nolan	59.3 %
18.	W. Cummins	58.4 %
19.	P. O'Byrne	58.0 %
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	52.2 %
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	49.4 %

TEMPORARY UNCOLLECTABLE AND IRRECOVERABLE RATES

Advance Lists of Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable Rates in respect of Collectors' Areas in the Rural Districts of Gorey and New Ross were submitted. The following were the principal items included in Irrecoverable Lists relating to land:-

E.J. Murphy	- 8	year's Rates on Bantry Commons	-	£175: 4: 1d
Do.	- 3	" " " Dwyer's Marshes	-	25:14: 1d
T. Rowe	- 2	" " " Bowes Land		
		Great Island	-	26:18: 2d
W. Doyle	-3	" " " Margt. White's Land	-	32: 0: 9d
J.J. O'Reilly	-1	" " " Wm. Breslaun's Holding Glenoge	-	19: 4: 2d
	1	" " " Kinsella's Ballyfad	-	8 : 8: 8d
T. Bolger	-1	" " " H. Sheridan's Land	-	19: 13: 8d
A. Dunne	-1	" " " A. Swaine's Land	-	27: 5:11d
J.J.Sinnott	-1	" " " A. Kavanagh's Land Templederri	-	20: 15:11d
	-1	" " " P.Rath's Land at Coolatrindle	-	12: 2: 7d
	-2	" " " Mary.H.Breen's Curraduff	-	54: 11: 8d

A discussion took place as to the advisability of postponing the question of striking off 8 years' rates due on Bantry Commons, amounting to £175: 4: 1d, but, in view of the fact that the Conference which was held at Enniscorthy between Reps. of Wexford Co. Council and Carlow Co. Council, had recommended this course, it was decided to have the amount struck off as Irrecoverable in view of the fact that two years' rates were being carried forward for collection with next year's warrant.

In the case of the recommendations of Rate Inspector



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that the Rates due on the holding of J. Redmond of Boira be struck off as Irrecoverable, the Finance Committee considered there was a possibility of obtaining at least some of the amount due and it was decided therefore that this amount be carried forward.

It was pointed out in all above cases two years' rates were being carried forward for collection with next year's warrant.

The following are the amounts in each Collector's District approved by the Finance Committee as Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable:-

	Irrecoverable.	T. Uncollectable.	Total.
E.J. O'Reilly -	£43: 6: 3d	114: 4: 9d	£157:11: 0d
T. Bolger -	26:13: 2d	34 :17: 2d	61:10: 4d
A. Dunne -	64:13: 0d	516: 0: 7d	580:13: 7d
J.J. Sinnott -	95:19: 6d	426:13: 1d	522:12: 7d
E.J. Murphy -	201:16: 2d	62: 8: 6d	264: 4: 8d
T. Rowe -	31: 9: 5d	82:16: 1d	114: 5: 6d
W. Doyle -	35:16: 5d	144: 2: 1d	179:18: 6d
J. Curtis -	43: 2: 6d	116:10: 6d	159:13: 0d
P. Carty -	60: 9:11d	123: 6: 8d	183:16: 7d

#### BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

The following letter from the Secretary, Department of Valuation, under date 8th March, 1932 (No.3201290 S/M) was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to refer to your further letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to the difficulties which you have experienced in connection with the collection of rates on these Commons and to state that in the special circumstances he would like to give you such assistance as is possible.

"The Commissioner proposes to send Mr. McAuley, an experienced Valuer of this Department, to meet the Rate Collectors of each rating area concerned, and also the ratepayers, if you will be good enough to suggest a place and a date for such a meeting.



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It is obvious that Mr. McAuley should be given every possible assistance to enable him to come to a decision regarding the correct division of the holdings in question."

It was decided that the date of meeting with Mr. McAuley be fixed for Wednesday 6th April, 1932, at Rathmure Village Hall. That advertisements of notices of meeting be inserted in the local papers and notices posted at Rathmure, Templeudigan and Drummond Churches.

It was further decided that notification be sent by post to each person at present rated in respect of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons.

Mr. Culleton mentioned that it might be advisable for the Council to consider the question of having these Commons taken over by the Forestry Department.

COLLECTOR O'BYRNE'S COSTS - BANTRY COMMONS SEIZURE  
OF SHEEP.

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In reference to application from Mr. O'Byrne for payment of out-of-pocket expenses and which had been adjourned from a number of meetings, in connection with seizure of sheep from Bantry Commons, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Shannon that the Co. Council be recommended to recoup Collector O'Byrne the amount of his outlay amounting to £26: 10s.

FAILURE OF COLLECTORS TO ATTEND CHECKING.

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The following explanation from two Collectors regarding their failure to attend checking were considered satisfactory:-

Collector M. McCarthy wrote:-

"In answer to yours of 2nd instant, re my failure for not making lodgments as from the 13th February. From that date until 19th February I was engaged in connection with the Elections, and from the 21st February until last Tuesday I was down with the flu', so I was not able to do any better. I am sorry that I overlooked not making a small lodgment, on my own so as to avoid this trouble. Please under the circumstances



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excuse me for this occasion as I am since Wednesday lodging  
£200: 0: 0d for this week ending 5th instant."

Collector P. Carty wrote:-

"I attended at Wexford for checking on Thursday 25th February and went back to my collection district from there. I remained collecting till the 4th March and when I came home there was a letter for me instructing me to attend for checking on the previous Tuesday 1st inst., that would be five days between the two checkings. Had I got the notice in time I would have attended promptly. I rang up Mr. O'Kennedy the next morning and explained that I had got his notice on the (previous) Friday night only and asked him might I attend at the County Council office on Monday morning for checking and he said yes. So I attended there at 10 o'clock this morning."

With reference to his failure to lodge rates within a specified period Collector Sean Gannon wrote:-

"In reply to yours asking for explanation as to why I did not make any lodgment in No 6 District from 13th February to 25th February, I beg to state that I had been collecting No. 10 district previous to 13th February and made a lodgment to No. 6 District by mistake which should have been credited to No. 10 with the result that I was overlodged in No. 6 and found that on the 19th Feb. (checking day) I was still over £2 overlodged and of course could not lodge any more.

I may add that for nearly a fortnight in February I was held up with a bad cold and money was slow in coming in.

I have always endeavoured to carry out the order re lodgments in the past and I will do my best in the future. Trusting this explanation will be satisfactory to your Committee."

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COLLECTORS' LAW COSTS  
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The following letter was submitted from Department of Local Government under date 2nd March, 1932, (G.12906/32 Loch



Garman) regarding law costs incurred by Collector J. Cummins in obtaining payment of rates due on the holding of John Cooney Ballinerode, Oulart:-

"With reference to the Minute of the Wexford County Council of the 8th ultimo, regarding the payment by the Council of the sum of £7: 0: 6d, legal costs incurred by Collector J. Cummins in obtaining payment of the rates due on the holding of Mr. John Cooney, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw attention to the terms of this Department's letter of the 23rd June last (48992/31).

It is understood that the Rates were recovered without Court Proceedings and it should not be overlooked that the commission paid to a Collector covers the entire cost of collection. If a Collector employs a Solicitor to assist him in the collection of rates such employment is personal to the collector.

If the Council are thoroughly satisfied that the circumstances of this case were so exceptional that the usual remuneration of the Collector could not reasonably be regarded as adequate the Minister would not object if the Council were to make a small special contribution to the Collector in respect of the abnormal cost of recovery."

It was pointed out that the Account received by Mr. Cummins from his Solicitors, Messrs J.A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy was as follows:-

Costs of Decree	-	£3: 17: 6d
Correspondence		
Fee	-	£3: 3: 0d
Total	-	£7: 0: 6d.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Culleton that a contribution of £5 be made towards Mr. Cummins' expenses in the matter.

#### ROAD GANGERS AS CARETAKERS OF SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

The following letter under date 10th March, 1932, was read from Mr. T.D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health, in



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reply to resolution adopted by Finance Committee at their last meeting:-

"With reference to previous correspondence and to yours of the 4th inst. in connection with the caretaking of Bunclody, Ferns, Clonroche Sewerage systems, I beg to inform you that the Board's Engineer, Mr. Flood, has been consulted in this matter. There are three systems of sewerage under the Board's control which would need caretaking; those of Bunclody, Ferns and Clonroche. Mr. Flood recommends that the Road Ganger in each of these areas be placed in charge of the sewerage systems in the area and that his work consist in (1) regular inspections of the system; (2) keeping all traps cleared; (3) clear any blocked sewers and generally seeing that the system is working properly and not being abused.

"In the case of Bunclody the Caretaker would have to divert the effluent from the septic tank over plots in the purification ground as directed by the Engineer. Should any serious block occur in the system or any difficulty arise that the ganger could not remedy in, say, one hour, he should report the matter to the Board's Engineer for the District, who could take the necessary steps to provide a man to do the work, the ganger acting as overseer. In this way the caretaking need not interfere with the ganger's duties on the roads to any considerable extent.

"Mr. Flood suggests that the Board of Health pay £8 per annum for the caretaking at Bunclody and £4 per annum for the caretaking at Ferns and Clonroche.

"If the Engineer's suggestions meet with the approval of your Council, I am quite sure that the Board will be prepared to ratify an arrangement on these lines."

The County Surveyor stated that the suggestion of the Board of Health could be carried out in the cases of Clonroche and Ferns sewerage systems, but he would not recommend the arrangement for Bunclody area.



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Mr. Flood, Engineer to the Board of Health, who was in attendance, stated he did not think that the carrying out of this additional work would interfere unduly with the Gangers' Work under the County Council. The reason he favoured the duties being carried out by the Gangers was *due* to the fact that ~~because~~ he considered them the most suitable men for the work.

After discussion it was decided that the Gangers acting for Ferns and Clonroche Districts be directed to carry out the caretaking of the sewerage systems in their districts on the lines set out in the letter from the Board of Health under date 10th March, 1932.

As regards the contribution payable to the County Council in respect of the Gangers' services for this work, Mr. Flood stated that the amounts mentioned were recommended by himself, but had not been considered by the Health Board.

After discussion it was decided to approve of a payment of £3 per annum for Clonroche and £3 per annum for Ferns Areas and to recommend the Board of Health to fix £10 per annum for Bunclody, caretaking of this work to be carried out by the Co. Board of Health.

#### RESIGNATION OF MISS M. FRIZELLE.

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The following under date 26th February, 1932, was read from Miss Monica Frizelle:-

"I beg to resign my position as Shorthand-Typist owing to my approaching marriage. In doing so I wish to thank the members of the Council for their kindness to me during my period of service.

"I would be grateful if Council could see their way to grant the gratuity they are empowered to allow me under terms of section 44 (4) of Local Government Act, 1925."

Proposed by Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to accept



with regret the resignation of Miss M. Frizelle, Shorthand-Typist in Co. Secretary's Office to take effect as from 14th March, 1932."

It was pointed out that Miss Frizelle had over 8 years completed service, and that the maximum gratuity authorised under Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act 1925 amounted to £81: 0: 0d.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Co. Council to grant a gratuity of £50 to Miss Frizelle, under the terms of Section 44 (4) of Local Government Act 1925, this proposal to be subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The following conditions for appointment of Shorthand-Typist were approved.

Salary £90 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £150. Minimum age 20 years. Appointment to be open to male or female applicants; qualifying examination to be held on the following subjects:-

Irish, English, Arithmetic, Shorthand (100 words per min.) and Typewriting (50 words per min.)

It was decided to request Mr. T. Fane, "The People" Newspapers, to conduct the examination in Shorthand and Typewriting and Mr. Myles Redmond, Secondary School Teacher, Christian Schools, Wexford, to conduct the examination in the other subjects."

50 % of marks to be regarded as qualifying pass mark for Irish, English and Arithmetic.

Advertisement for the vacant position to be inserted in the three local papers.

#### OVERDRAFT

The following letter from Local Government Department under date 2nd March, 1932, (No.G.14722/32 Fa. Loch Garman.) was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government &



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Public Health to state that he sanctions overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 upon the Accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 31st instant. Interest may be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

"A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurer."

No order.

#### DISCHARGING BOAT AT COURTTOWN

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The following letter from Mr. K. McNeill, Chairman Courtown Harbour Commissioners was read:-

"We recommend that a new discharging boat be built for Courtown, as repairs to the old one would cost more than half the price of the new one.

"We, the Commissioners, have come to the conclusion that this place cannot get along without a discharging boat and she will be required immediately."

Letter as follows from Mrs. Kate Callaghan under date 27th February, 1932, was also submitted:-

"I beg to remind you and your Council of the necessity of providing the discharging boat in Courtown. The time is getting short and I would soon have to have the Boat going to sea as myself and the men are badly off to earn something at present."

It was decided to refer both communications to the County Council meeting of 10th March, 1932.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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In reference to proposed committal of Mary E. Nolan, child of William Nolan, late of Yolegrove, Taghmon, whose address was at present unknown, it was decided as this man is in receipt of 45/- weekly army pension, that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Ministry of Pensions with a view to having pprtion of pension applied to the maintenance of his child in Industrial School.



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Rate Collection: The following is the State of the  
Rate Collection to 14th March, 1932:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	80.2 %
2.	E.J. Murphy	77.4 %
3.	T. Rowe	74.3 %
4.	W. Doyle	72.3 %
5.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	70.5 %
6.	J. Cummins	69.1 %
7.	T. Bolger (No.14)	68.8 %
8.	P. Carty	67.3 %
9.	J. Deegan	66.4 %
10.	M. McCarthy	66.0 %
11.	J.J. O'Reilly	65.6 %
12.	A. Dunne	65.0 %
13.	P. Doyle	63.0 %
14.	S. Gannon (No.10)	62.0 %
15.	J.J. Sinnott	61.5 %
16.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	61.1 %
17.	P. Nolan	60.6 %
18.	W. Cummins	60.0 %
19.	P. O'Byrne	60.0 %
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	53.6 %
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	49.5 %

Collector's Law Costs: Mr. O'Byrne proposed the  
recommendation of the Finance Committee agreeing to make  
a contribution to the law costs of Collector J. Cummins  
in connection with recovery of rates on the holding of  
John Cooney, Ballinerode, Oulart,

Mr. Cummins seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the  
following resolution:- "That the recommendation of the



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Finance Committee to pay £26: 10s. to Collector O'Byrne costs incurred by him in respect of abortive seizure of sheep at Bantry Commons be approved."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed:- "That a sum of £20 be paid Collector O'Byrne in respect of costs incurred by him in connection with abortive seizure of sheep at Bantry Commons."

This proposal was not seconded.

A poll on Mr. McCarthy's resolution resulted as follows:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - 14.

Against: Messrs D'Arcy, Gibbon, Roche and the Chairman - 4.

Mr. Gaul (1) did not vote and Mr. McCarthy (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Road Gangers and Sewerage Systems: Mr. Murphy said that some time ago he had raised the question of having some attention paid to the flushing of the traps in Duncannon village.

The County Surveyor said that he had arranged that the Road Ganger when necessary would flush out the traps with a couple of buckets of water but the occasion for doing this had not arisen since the arrangement was made.

Mr. Hall said that so far as Ferns and Clonroche were concerned the gulley traps were taking the water off the roads and in that way were an advantage to the County Council.

The Chairman was of opinion that a very dangerous precedent would be set up if the County Council through their employees took charge of these sewerage systems. The County Board of Health was the proper authority to look after it.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by the Chairman:-



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"That the question of the employment of Road Gangers in connection with sewerage systems of Bunclody, Clonroche, and Ferns be referred back to the County Board of Health for further consideration."

Resignation of Miss M. Frizelle: The recommendation of the Finance Committee accepting the resignation of Miss M. Frizelle, Shorthand-Typist, County Council Office as from 14th March, 1932, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the recommendation of the Finance Committee proposing to grant £50 to Miss Frizelle under Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - 13.

Against: Messrs D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, Murphy, Quin and the Chairman - 6.

Mr. Roche (1) was absent when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That the terms and conditions governing the appointment of Shorthand-Typist as recommended by Finance Committee be and hereby approved."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the position of Shorthand-Typist in Co. Secretary's Office be confined to female applicants."

The Chairman declared the resolution lost and this ruling went unchallenged.

Mr. Murphy proposed:- "That the position of Shorthand-Typist in Co. Secretary's Office be open to transfer of any officer under County Council or Co. Health Board.



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Mr. Gaul seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Jordan, Keegan, Murphy, and the Chairman - 8.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Corish, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - 11.

Mr. Roche (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The resolution of Mr. Hall to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards new appointment was then put and passed nem con.

Discharging Boat at Courtown: Mr. O'Byrne said that by providing a discharging boat they would have a life boat at the place and the boat would be a help when the fishing boats were all out at sea. He proposed:- "That a discharging boat be provided for Courtown Harbour cost not to exceed £60."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

The County Surveyor said the present boat was not worth 30 pence. She could be patched for about £30 but the job would not be satisfactory. It was essential to have a boat in the harbour and a small fee could be charged for its use.

In reply to a query Mr. Elgee said that as there were discharging boats at Courtown when the harbour was taken over from Lord Courtown by the County Council it was quite in order for the County Council to provide the boat.

The resolution was adopted the County Surveyor to advertise for tenders.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th March, 1932, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

HAULAGE WORK  
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Mr. Shannon moved the following of which he had given



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previous notice:- "That a flat rate of 6d per cubic yard mile be fixed by the Council for mechanical haulage."

Mr. Clince seconded.

Mr. Gaul said that the position of the Councillors in Wexford area was to oppose mechanical haulage wherever horse haulage was available.

The County Surveyor said that the Surveyors employed mechanical haulage only when essential - generally where the road could stand the haulage of a large amount of material which had to be got out quickly and over a long distance. He did not see the necessity for fixing <sup>a</sup> flat rate though 6d per yard mile was not unreasonable.

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

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - 8.

Against: Messrs Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche and the Chairman - 9.

Mr. Keegan (1) did not vote and Messrs Brennan and Jordan (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. D'Arcy moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That County Council reconsider their resolution fixing cost of horse haulage at 10d per cubic yard and revert to the practice of having competing tend<sup>e</sup><sub>r</sub>s for this work."

Col. Quin seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Murphy, Quin, Roche and the Chairman - 10.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Gaul, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - 9.

Mr. Jordan (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



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PROPOSED LINK ROADS  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to schedule the following as link roads:- "From Gorey Main Street via Dispensary Hollyfort, Wicklow Gap to County Bounds at Barnadown (Nos. pt.140, 120, 74, 73.)

Mr. O'Byrne seconded. Passed.

Mr. Murphy moved the following of which he had given previous notice.

"That the Local Government Department be requested to schedule the following as link roads:- From turn, Horeswood Catholic Church via Campile to Main Road Ramsgrange Cross Roads (Nos. pt. 701, pt. 682, pt.789 and 790.)"

Mr. Cummins seconded. Passed.

ROAD AT MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE)  
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Mr. Shannon said that repairs in some shape or form would have to be carried out on this road for the protection of the public. It was in a very dangerous condition at the moment.

The County Surveyor said there were three ways of dealing with the road (1) To put up a post and wire fence in the same way as on the lower part (2) a retaining wall and paling but the cost would be considerably more than for No. 1 (3) To widen the road. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Shannon saw the landowner with a view to getting sufficient land from him to permit of this being done but they were not successful the landowner saying he would not agree on any consideration. The widening of the road would be the proper thing to do but apparently they could get the land only by compulsion and the cost of this as the law stood put it out of the question. Consequently they would have to fall back on post and wire fence. At a recent Conference between the County Surveyors and the Government the former had called



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attention to the necessity of having some simple procedure for taking of land required for County purposes. There was no simple procedure by which they could obtain land for widening roads or altering corners, but eventually they were bound to have it. When it came they could widen the road they had under discussion. It would be a mistake to spend a lot of money now because it was almost certain the Council would be widening the road later.

After discussion it was decided to instruct the County Surveyor to submit to next meeting an estimate of the cost of the work he proposed to carry out on this road.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

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Under date 1st March, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (S.G.R. 201/32) that a sum of £14,134 had been provisionally allocated to the Council out of Road Improvement Grant 1932-33 for Main Road Improvement.

New-Ross Wexford Road £6,870; Enniscorthy-Bunclogh Road £6,090 and Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross £1,174.  
Total - £14,134.

The conditions under which the Grant will be available as set out in communication of the Department were also read for the meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the L. G. D. (Roads) be requested to confirm in writing their approval to the proposals of the County Council to have the works referred to in their letter of 1st March, 1932, (S.G.K.-201/32) carried out by direct labour."

Under date 4th March, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote to County Surveyor stating that the authority of the Minister for Finance had been received for the making of a grant of £1,463 out of the Road Fund to Wexford County Council for the improvement of John Street,



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Maudlintown and Trinity Street, Wexford, on the usual conditions.

Under date 7th March, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) (RGM/32) wrote that a payment of £2,164 in respect of Road Maintenance Grant had been made to the County Treasurer on 15th February, 1932.

#### ARTRAMON WATER SUPPLY

The Department of Local Government forwarded copy of sealed Order (P.H. 8212/1932) fixing Crossabeg Dispensary District as the area of charge for Artramon Water Supply.

The Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H. 11803/1932) fixing Broadway Dispensary District as the area of charge for Tacumshane Water Supply.

#### HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

During the reading of Circular Letter (No.H.16171-1932 Ilgh) re above Mr. Corish said that it was unnecessary for the Council to listen to the document. The Act was most complicated and unworkable and the officials of the Government were beginning to find this out.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for a month.

#### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the temporary closing of the following roads in consequence of Road Improvement work:-

1. Trunk Road (T.12 No.22.) from New Ross to Wexford, between Butlersland Cross Roads and Piggott's Turn, from the 1st day of May, 1932, until the 30th day of June, 1932.

Alternative route available for Public traffic is the County Road from the Urban Boundary near the Workhouse to Turn at Piggott's (No.650).



2. Trunk Road (T.12 No.21) from New Ross to Wexford between Ballinaboola and Raheenvarren Cross Roads, from 21st day of May, 1932, until the 21st day of October, 1932.

Alternative routes available for public traffic are the County Road via Old Ross (Nos. 590 and 591) or the County Road via Newbawn (Nos. 728 and 730.)

3. Trunk Road (T.6 No.24) from Buncloody to Enniscorthy between Coolattin Bridge and Tombrick Bridge from 1st day of May, 1932, until the 30th day of September, 1932.

Alternative route available for ~~the~~ public traffic is the road through Ballycarney and Clohamon (Nos. 284 and L33 No.47) on East Bank of River Slaney).

Any person interested may lodge with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin, not later than 26th March, 1932, an objection to the closing of any of the above roads."

#### NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That repairs to capping of New Ross Bridge be, as recommended by the County Surveyor, carried out by direct labour. That advertisements be issued for tenders for the painting of New Ross Bridge."

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 1st March, 1932, (L.5536-32) the Office of National Education wrote that as regards the request of the Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy, for a supply of application forms for admission to County Council Scholarship Examination, in view of the fact that the Scheme prescribed 5th February, 1932, as the latest date of receipt of such applications, it was not open to the Council to accede to the request.



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The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had been furnished Rev. Br. Wilson, Superior, Christian Bros. Schools, Enniscorthy.

The Examination would be held on March 30 and 31 and on April 1st. There were fourteen candidates, seven boys and seven girls.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION

Mr. Seumas Rossiter, Hon. Secretary to Wexford Easter Commemoration Committee wrote inviting the County Council to take part in the Annual Commemoration Procession to Crosstown Cemetery, Wexford, on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That the full Council take part in the Annual Commemoration Procession to Crosstown Cemetery on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Passed.

#### ROAD 262

Mr. James Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, whose son, John Doyle, had been accepted as Contractor for maintenance of Road No. 262 wrote in regard to a statement at last meeting of the Council that John Doyle was a minor, admitting that his son was only nineteen and a half years old.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Contract for maintenance of Road No. 262 with John Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, who is a minor be cancelled and work given in charge of County Surveyor for a year from 1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933."

#### CLOHAMON BRIDGE

The following under date 27th February, 1932, re above from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was considered in committee:-

"I attended at the above Bridge yesterday accompanied



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by Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, and Mr. Ennis, the Assistant Surveyor, and inspected same, and the walls alongside of the Road leading thereto.

The walls in question extend along both sides of the Roadway leading from the Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road to the Bridge at Clohamon, the distance being approximately 80 perches.

The walls are in the Main, loose built without mortar except the top course which is built in.

In many places, the wall, especially on the North side of the Road, has fallen. This, I am informed, was caused by flood waters which come from the river on the North side of the Bridge across the adjoining lands.

The lands on both sides of the Road are on practically the same level of the Road itself, and there is no evidence of the Road being on an embankment. This being so I am of opinion that the County Council are not under any legal liability to maintain or repair the walls in question.

I have made enquiries as to whether the County ever repaired these walls, but I cannot find any definite information on the subject only rumours to the effect that some years ago small repairs were carried out by the County.

Accordingly, I am of opinion, that the County Council should repudiate all liability in respect of the walls in question or the repairs of same."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as advised by our Solicitor, we repudiate liability for repair of walls situate between Ryland Cross and Clohamon Bridge."

#### RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That easement of the following dangerous corners be carried out under Relief Schemes Vote, as recommended by



County Surveyor:-

Road No. 9. Three corners at Leap Cross, £30; Road No. 24. Ease corner and erect two post and wire palings near Tombrick £38; Road No. 49. Corner at Kiltaly £20, and corner at Byrne's Cross £35; Road No. 62. Dangerous Corner at turn to Stokestown £15; Road No. 63. Two corners near Horeswood Church £14; Road No. 111. Corner and road widening at Loggan £35; Road No. 362. Three corners £24; Road No. 374. Two corners £20; Road No. 387. Corner at Monglass £15; Road No. 475. Two corners £10; Road No. 593. Two corners £12; Road No. 683. Corner at Dunmain Cross £10; Road No. 701. Move wall and erect post and wire, fence corner at Portobello £10; Road No. 714. Turn at Gusserane £8; Road. No. 797. Two dangerous turns at Shelbaggan £20; Road No. 980. Lower two corners and erect paling at Ballymore, Killinick, £18; Road No. 982. Lower four corners and erect paling at Greenfield, Killinick, £35; Road No. 984. Lower corner at Grageen £10 and do at Twelveacre £25; Roads Nos. 34 and 970. Randallstown Corner £45 and Roads No. 433 and 556, Crosslaghroe corner £25. Total £474.

TRANSFERRING ROADS : CONTRACT TO DIRECT LABOUR

In reply to query raised at last Co. Council meeting by Mr. D'Arcy as to why certain roads which had formerly been under Contract had been transferred without a notice of motion to the Direct Labour Section, the County Surveyor stated that when he prepared his Provisional Road Works Scheme for the forthcoming financial year he set out his opinion under Article 48 (b) of the Public Bodies Order 1925, that these roads should be carried out otherwise than by contract. When this scheme was under consideration by the Council it was open to them under Article 50 (5) to alter or amend the Scheme in any way which commended itself to them except by including therein any work of improvement and this resolution did not require any notice of motion. The Council could not make any change for the forthcoming financial year.



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NEW BUILDING ON PUBLIC ROAD  
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The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 23rd February, 1932, that on 4th ult. he found a new building in course of construction at Red Pat's Cross Road No. 9, by Peter Kinsella, Tourduff, Enniscorthy. Kinsella was not at home but his wife was informed as was himself on 6th February, 1932, that no further work should be done but that application should be made to the County Council for permission to erect the building, within the prescribed distance from the road centre. The building was now practically completed.

The County Surveyor said that the building was an obstruction to traffic. It was erected at a very narrow place on the leading road from Enniscorthy to New Ross.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to take the necessary steps with a view to having building erected by Peter Kinsella on Road No. 9 removed from its present objectionable position."

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE  
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Report of Gorey Tenders Committee meeting held on 24th February, 1932, was submitted:-



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GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE  
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The County Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area acting as Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, Gorey, on 24th February, 1932, to consider Tenders for maintenance of roads and haulage.

The following were in attendance: Messrs T.F.D'Arcy, W.P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Treanor and Ennis were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Keegan the chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

TENDERS FOR ROADS FROM 1ST APRIL 1932  
TO 31ST MARCH 1935.  
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The following roads in respect of which no tenders had been lodged were given in charge of the County Surveyor:

Nos. 87, 103, 107, 109 and 1015.

No. 84. Thomas Gaynor, Cummer, Tinahely, tendered at £5 (Amount allowed £6: 10s.) and Thomas Flynn, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, at £6: 10s. Gaynor's tender being the lower was accepted.

No. 85. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15 (amount allowed £15). This being the only tender was accepted.

No. 86. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15 (amount allowed £15) and was accepted.

No. 88. The only tender received was from Patk. Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, at the full amount £18.

Accepted.

No. 89. The only tender received was from Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, at the full amount £18.

Accepted.

No. 90. Michael Kilty, Ballinabarney, Tinahely,



tendered at £16: 8s. and Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, at £17, the amount allowed. Kilty's tender, was accepted, being the lower.

No. 105. James Mills, Junior, Clone, Castletown, Inch, tendered at £9 and John Bergin, Clone, Castletown, who did not answer, at £8: 17: 6d. Mills' tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £9).

No. 106. James Mills, Junior, Clone, Castletown, Inch, tendered at £9, the amount allowed, and John Bergin, same address, at £8: 17: 6d. Bergin did not answer and Mills' tender was accepted.

No. 108. James Doyle, Tara Hill, Gorey, tendered at £27: 18s. and was accepted. Amount allowed £29.

No. 123. James Gethings, Cumner, Coolboy, Tinahely, tendered at £13 and Thomas Flynn, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, at £15 (the amount allowed). Gethings' tender was accepted.

No. 124. Michael Kilty, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, tendered at £20 : 18s. and was accepted. Amount allowed £21.

No. 142. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at £13: 10s. (amount allowed £13: 10s.). This being the only tender was accepted.

No. 143. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at £14: 10s., Patrick Doran, Ballycomclone, Gorey, at £15 and Michael Codd, Ballyscarton, Gorey, also at £15, the amount allowed. The tender of Patrick Kinsella was accepted.

No. 144. Michael Dwyer, No. 2 McCurtain Street, Gorey, tendered at £11: 19: 6d., Michael Kane, The Moor, Killena, at £13, Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, at £12: 15s., John Kinsella, Ballyduff, Killena, at £13 and Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey, at £12: 10s. and John Duffy, Ballinagran, Gorey, at £12: 5s. Michael Dwyer's tender being the lowest was accepted. Amount allowed £13: 10s.



No. 182. Michael Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew, tendered at £28: 10s. and Edward Doyle, Kilcavan, Carnew, at £26 (Amount allowed £29). Edward Doyle having no experience and <sup>as</sup> it was stated that his father with whom he lived was unsatisfactory, as a Road Contractor, Loughlin's tender was accepted.

No. 184. The only tender received was from John McDonald, Clonee, Camolin, at £15 (amount allowed).

Accepted.

No. 186. The only tender received was from Patrick Higgins, Ballydarragh, Craanford, at £16: 10s. (the amount allowed). Accepted.

No. 187. Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, tendered at £20 and Patrick Fox, Knockbrandon, Gorey, at £21. Wadding's tender, being the lower, was accepted.

Amount allowed £21.

No. 203. The only tender received was from Patrick Higgins, Ballydarragh, Craanford, at £13: 10s. the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 218. John Kinsella, Ballyduff, Killena, tendered at £13., Michael Dwyer, No. 2 McCurtain Street, Gorey, at £13: 10s., Michael Keane, The Moor, Killena, at £14: 10s., James Doyle, Grattan Terrace, Gorey, at £15: 0s., Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey, at £14: 8s., Patrick Kinsella Market Square, Gorey, at £14: 5s., Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, at £14.

John Kinsella's tender, being the lowest, was accepted. (Amount allowed £15).

No. 333. The only tender received was from Peter Doran, Monagrena, Boolavogue at £18 (the amount allowed). Accepted.

No. 334. The only tender received was from Nicholas Redmond, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, at £14: 19s. (amount allowed £16). Accepted.



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No. 354. John Kinsella, Ballyduff, Killena, Gorey, tendered at £10 and Patrick Hughes, Mangan, Killena at £11.

John Kinsella's, <sup>tender</sup> being the lower, was accepted. (Amount allowed £11).

No. 355. The only tender received was from David Doyle (Snr.), Ballinagam, Clonevan, Gorey, at £7. Accepted (amount allowed £9).

No. 356. The only tender received was from Myles Ennis, Cahore, Clonevan, Gorey, at £8. Accepted, (amount allowed £9).

No. 1016. William Murphy, Monasootha, Camolin, tendered at £30 (amount allowed). This, being the only tender was accepted.

#### HAULAGE

A large number of haulage offers were then disposed of.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Clince:-

"That the action of Gorey Tenders Committee in provisionally accepting various Contracts for roads and works be approved and that we hereby confirm on behalf of the County Council the acceptance of said Contracts."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That as recommended by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Garda Martin Dwyer (4597) New Ross be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts vice Garda Thomas Moylan (2320).

Miss Phyllis Ryan M.Sc., Co. Analyst, 12 Dawson St., Dublin, wrote asking that the following letter from L.G.D. under date 2nd February, 1932, (P.H. 7142/32 Loch Garman h.) should be published in order to clear up any doubt in the minds of the public as regards the competence of the Analysts who had analysed Milk samples in the case of the Co. Council versus Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 23rd November last, and to previous correspondence relative to the divergent findings of Public Analysts in respect of samples of milk analysed in connection with the recent legal proceedings in the Wexford District Court against Mr. Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it is understood that as a result of enquiries in the matter, the Authorities of the Garda Siochana are satisfied that the variations in these samples of milk were due to the fact that the sampling Officer did not properly mix the sample before dividing it into three parts. The necessary action has been taken in connection therewith and it is learned that



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fresh instructions have been issued to the Gardai acting as Sampling Officers drawing special attention to the procedure already laid down for the taking of samples under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME  
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The following under date 7th March, 1932, was read from Major Barnewall, Kilmannock House, Campile:-

"Re my letter of December 14th, 1931, concerning "Drainage" Kilmannock, I have received a reply to my complaint from the County Surveyor, to the effect that the obstruction is not on the line of any of the drains the Co. Council are responsible for.

"That may be correct, but if it be, I should be thankful for an explanation from some responsible person as to why I am being charged under the Charging Order of 1927, the sum of £6: 13: 4d, per annum, as well as a proportional share of the Annual Cost of maintenance to the Main drain.

"The County Council has been collecting about £10 per annum from me for drainage which according to the County Surveyor they are not responsible for, and I am inclined to think the County Surveyor is right; as the drainage for which these charges were levied on me, has certainly not improved my lands, nor has any drain within one mile of my lands ever been cleaned by either the Board of Works or the County Council. Consequently I demand a refund of the sums I have been charged in error."

The County Surveyor said that Major Barnewall's land was inside the drainage area and he, therefore, had to pay for the maintenance of the General drainage Scheme. The drain complained of by him was between himself and another man who according to Major Barnewall had stopped the drain. But as this particular drain had nothing to say to the drainage system the Council could not comply with Major Barnewall's request to interfere .



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The County Surveyor was instructed to explain the position to Major Barnewall.

Under date 23rd February, 1932, the Commissioners of Public Works wrote that the matter of the future maintenance of the embankment and sluices on the E.M. Gallwey (Otherwise Power) Estate Rec. No. S.855 was receiving attention.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES  
LTD.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That Mr. Sean O'Byrne M.C.C. be appointed as Nominee of this Council to attend and vote at General meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd and to exercise every other right or power incidental to this nomination."

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be attached to the agreement between said Council and the Irish Tourist Association relative to the rate contributions to be paid over to the Association."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to John Doyle, 22 North Street, New Ross,"

MONEY DISBURSED BY LABOUR EXCHANGES  
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It was decided to further adjourn for a month resolution from Kilkenny County Council asking the Minister for Industry and Commerce to formulate a Scheme under which there would be allocated to County funds the amount of money disbursed weekly at the various Unemployment Exchanges.

This in Kilkenny County amounted to £6,495 per annum.



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING HELD ON 29TH MARCH 1932

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N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th March, 1932.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,000: 6: 7d was examined and signed.

#### AGREEING TO RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES 1932-33

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In connection with the above, consideration of which had been postponed from County Council meeting of 14th March, 1932, the following under date 23rd March, 1932 (G.19009/32/ Fa. Loch Garman.) was read from Local Government Department:-

"In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, regarding the consideration of the Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1932/33, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in order to avoid dislocation of the Council's finances with consequent administrative embarrassment and possibly increased expense on interest for overdrafts the Minister would strongly urge that an adequate rate for 1932/33 be made and apportioned without further delay.

"In the circumstances which have arisen the Minister



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consents to a further departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order to enable the necessary meeting for the purpose to be held not later than the 29th instant.

The Estimates for the forthcoming financial year do not admit of any further relief from rates than the grants already announced."

In connection with this matter the Secretary called attention to the following statement made in the Seanad on 22nd March, 1932:-

"Any local Authorities who were so foolish as to anticipate the Budget proposals, as far as de-rating was concerned, must bear the responsibility themselves."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted unanimously on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That we approve and confirm the figures in regard to rates for financial year 1932-33 as recommended by meeting of Finance Committee held on 25th February, 1932. That rate for General Charges for financial year 1932-33 (in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42) be and is hereby agreed to at 8/8½d in the £. That holders of Agricultural Land receive a rebate on the Valuation of said land representing a poundage rate of 5/2¼d in the £ being the poundage rate represented by the Agricultural Grant. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1932-33 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43) as presented to this meeting be also agreed to.

"That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts of the County:-

Enniscorthy	--	£2,881: 14: 4d.
New Ross	--	£2,726: 0: 0d
Wexford	--	£6,132: 18: 0d.

"That Drainage Rate for Kilmannock Drainage District as set out in Charging Order issued by the Office of Public Works, Dublin, and signed and sealed on behalf of that body



by their Secretary on the 19th January, 1927, amount £83:7:10d be agreed to and that the several amounts be levied on the persons whose names are set out on Schedule of said Charging Order or their Successors in title, and in addition we agree that a sum of £40 be raised for maintenance of Kilmannock Drainage Area said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above mentioned Charging Order or their Successors in title in the same proportion as the amounts leviable under Charging Order."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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The following Report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"As the Local Government Department has now sanctioned carrying out by Direct Labour the three Road Improvement jobs, I have put the quarry work in hands. I ask for full authority from the County Council to deal with all matters connected with the work, i.e., hire or purchase of plant, purchase of materials, haulage and employment of labour, etc. I have already got quotations in regard to some of these, and will make best terms on receiving your authority.

I have prepared specification for painting of New Ross Bridge and have advertised in local press asking for tenders. Regarding the repairs of capping of piers I have to report that on the 25th instant I made a close inspection of the old caps, and am satisfied that their repair is not advisable. The work could not be done in a sound permanent manner, and, moreover, the cost of repair will be altogether out of proportion. The caps are not essential to the Bridge, but their removal would leave the Bridge in an unsightly and unfinished condition. I recommend that the present caps as they stand be now painted with the rest of the structure, and that new caps be gradually substituted. The new caps could be made in our workshop during next Autumn and Winter, when there would be less demand on the time of the Machinery



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Overseer and blacksmith. As the new caps be completed, a couple at a time, they can be put in place of the old ones, and painted to correspond with the piers, etc. There are in all twelve caps over the piers and also two half caps, one at each abutment under the centre of Bridge. I estimate that the cost of each cap will be about £25, for materials, making and placing in position, and that the total cost will be £350.

I now have particulars of the discharging boat for Courtown Harbour, and shall advertise for tenders as directed by the County Council at meeting on 10th instant.

The new sluice gates at Courtown, though in position, are not effective, and I have, on a couple of occasions, called upon the Contractor to complete the job. No payment has been made the Contractor up to the present.

At a former meeting of the County Council permission to build a house adjoining the Public Road at Tomgarrow Cross, Ballycarney, was applied for, and on the 26th February last I inspected the site, with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. We met a representative of the Owner, and arranged about the site, pointing out that the face of building must be 30 feet from centre of concrete road. The house has now been built, and is within the 30 feet (only 26' 4"). I have notified the owner, and ask for your instructions.

At Golf Hotel, Rosslare, an addition has recently been built, and is within 30 feet of road centre (only 14 feet). Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, notified the owner, just as the work was commenced, but the work has been proceeded with. I recommend that the matter be put in the hands of the County Solicitor.

There is an application from Mr. Michael Kelly, Rosslare, for permission to build. Some time ago the County Council, on the advice of a Committee, allowed a building to remain



though within 30 feet, and this application now is for an extension on the same frontage line."

As directed by the County Council I report on the Monamolin Road. The existing fence at the lower end of Road should be repaired at a cost of £22.

"To fence the upper length in similar manner to lower length I estimate will cost £86: 10: 0d. In default of widening the Road at a cost of £210 I consider the road should be fenced.

"Some time ago I called on the Railway Company to make good the walls on the Road Diversion adjoining Newtown Railway Bridge, Ferrycarrig, and I now have letter stating that "arrangements have been made to have this work carried out."

"I submit list of allocations to be made for Public Works, and also out of Contingency Fund for Roads.

"I submit my recommendations for Machinery and Quarry Charges for the coming year."

PUBLIC WORKS ALLOCATION 1932-33

Courtown Harbour.....	£100:	0:	0d
Poulduff.....	£ 25:	0:	0d
Carne.....	£ 10:	0:	0d
Kilmore.....	£100:	0:	0d
Fethard.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Slade.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Duncannon.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Arthurstown.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Ballyhack.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Courthouses.....	£100:	0:	0d
County Buildings.....	£100:	0:	0d
Total =	£535:	0:	0d.

MACHINERY AND QUARRY CHARGES.

I recommend the following charges for Machinery and Road Material for the year ending 31st March, 1933 :- Minister's (see) of the 1st March, 1932.



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Steam Drill.....	£3 Per day
Engine and Granulator.....	£4 per day for 16 x 9
Engine and Granulator.....	£3 per day for 12 x 8
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3 per day
Compressor Drill plant.....	£4 per day
Roller.....	45/- per day
Lorry.....	50/- per day
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1 per week each
Concrete Mixer.....	30/- per week

FOR MATERIAL A FLAT RATE AS UNDER

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

The rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in the Specification."

Improvement Works and Direct Labour: The County Surveyor explained that he would have to procure some extra plant and some steel screens which he intended using instead of wooden ones, as the latter he considered useless. The steel ones could be utilised on other works of the same kind.

The following letters from L. G. D. were read under date 22nd March, 1932 (R/SGK/32):- "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant relative to the works under this year's Improvement Grant and to state that no objection will be raised to having the works in question carried out by Direct Labour."

"With reference to forms No. 11 (Roads) received here on the 16th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the Scheme of road improvement proposed to be carried out by the Wexford County Council under the terms of the Minister's Letter (SGK) of the 1st March, 1932.



The following works numbers have been assigned to the sections of the scheme submitted and should be quoted in Requisitions (Form No. 97) for instalments of the Grant and in correspondence.

<u>Works No.</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Grant.</u>
K.851.	T.12.	£ 6,870.
K.852.	T.16.	6,090.
K.853.	T.8.	1,174.
		<u>£14,134</u>

As to the conditions regarding men to be employed see Circular Letter SR/1 of the 19th March, 1932.

A statement will be required in due course giving the total number of men employed on the work."

The Chairman asked what quarries would be used in connection with the improvement of the roads.

The County Surveyor said that for New Ross Road, Carrigbyrne quarry and for the Bunclody road Brownswood Quarry would be used. He could work Brownswood quarry cheaper than Cherryorchard quarry though Brownswood was a little further away. There would be one run on a concrete road from Ennis-corthy and they would avoid the very steep hill to Cherry-orchard.

Mr. D'Arcy - You are getting no stuff out of Ryland Quarry ?

The County Surveyor said that Ryland quarry would not suit at all. He would have to be present at every blast there.

In reply to a further query, the County Surveyor said that the material for the Rosslare Road would mostly come from St. Helen's.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to make the necessary arrangements to allow of the road improvement work already agreed to by the Council to be carried out."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution which passed nem con.



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Caps New Ross Bridge: The County Surveyor said there was only one cap missing and unless a person was close up the others looked all right. The difficulty about repair was that the caps originally were put in before the girders. The bridge was on a main road so they would receive 40 % of the cost from the Government and of the remainder Co. Kilkenny would pay half leaving Wexford 's contribution £105.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That we approve of expenditure on New Ross Bridge as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, also to the issue of advertisements inviting tenders for the painting of this structure."

Discharging Boat for Courtown Harbour: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy: "That we approve of Co. Surveyor inviting tenders for construction of discharging boat for Courtown Harbour."

Courtown Harbour Sluice Gates: The Co. Surveyor in reply to query said he believed the Contractor would carry out the work though he failed to start on the date stipulated. The gates were hung but were not water tight. The cill would have to be dried out and the <sup>run</sup>~~road~~way under the gates could then be made all right.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour be called upon to finish - within one month from this date - the necessary work thereat according to specification."

House at Tomgarrow Cross: The following under date 26th March, 1932, was read from Mrs. C.E.B. Swaine, Ballycarney, School:- "In reply to your letter re house I beg to state that the house is about 2 feet further back than the stump of the tree on which Mr. Ennis was standing while you were viewing the road, and said that would do. When we were agreeable enough to go as far up from the corner, we should get a little concession.



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"If we have to move the present construction, we intend placing it 30 feet from each road, which will place us very near the corner and much nearer the road as the road near the cross is much wider than where we have the house erected.

"Trusting to hear your decision at your earliest convenience, as I have two men employed, and must pay them even if they cannot work."

The County Surveyor stated that Mrs. Swaine said if compelled to re-erect the house she would put it within 30 feet of the two roads below but she could not do that as the Council could control up to 30 yards with the approval of the Minister in any case in which the structure would obstruct the view. The 30 feet from the centre of the road was absolutely prohibitive.

Col. Quin who said the structure was in the nature of a shed roofed with corrugated iron proposed that steps should be taken to have structure at Tomgarrow Cross removed and that the Council refuse to allow of its re-erection except on a site to be approved by the Co. Surveyor and which will be at least 30 feet from the centre of the road.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which passed nem con.

Extension of Golf Hotel Premises, Rosslare: The following report from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted:

"Mr. James Sinnott, proprietor of above Hotel, called on me with regard to above. I visited the site this day and advised him to apply to the Council before going further.

"I attach full particulars for your information, and hope the matter is clear. As shown on sketch his premises are situated on the wider part of the road, and the extra width of the road at this point is largely due to the fact that in erecting his boundary wall some years ago Mr. Sinnott kept in from the old fence."

"The new premises will be used as a Bar and grocery with entrances as shown."



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The following under date 26th March, 1932, was read from Mr. Sinnott:-

"I wish to obtain from your Council the necessary permission for a building I am erecting within the Hotel Grounds at Rosslare.

"This building shall contain my Spirit and Wine stores together with a fancy Goods and Souvenir Shop, and shall be the first of its kind to be erected in Rosslare, this resort being minus any establishment solely devoted to Souvenirs and Seaside Novelties, being practically the only place in Ireland from which such is absent.

"The situation of the site upon which the Building is being erected is absolutely the only place within the Hotel Grounds that could possibly be selected, and be accessible to the General public, and there shall be no projection of the building whatsoever beyond the boundary wall and railing adjoining the Public Road, and is therefore strictly speaking within the Hotel Grounds."

The County Surveyor said he had pointed out to Mr. Sinnott that it did not matter whether the proposed building was inside or outside his own boundary it would have to be at least 30 feet from the centre of the public road, The concrete road there was only 16 feet wide and the building was only 14 feet from the centre of the road.

Mr. F.M. O'Connor, Solicitor, appeared for Mr. Sinnott.

Col. Gibbon said they should have some definite plan for buildings in Rosslare. Applications of this nature should be considered by the Rosslare Development Association.

The Chairman was not in favour of delegating their powers to any outside body.

The County Surveyor said that the County Council had no powers as regards the details of the structure but had as regards its position.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out that Mr. Sinnott had given four or five feet to the County Council in straightening the



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boundary fence.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Sinnott did this for his own convenience.

Mr. O'Connor said that Mr. Sinnott was quite willing to do what the Council wanted. He was not aware of the regulation regarding the 30 feet and did not wish to do anything behind their backs. The structure would be of great benefit to Rosslare.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Sinnott had a big plot at the other side of the gateway on which he could put up the building.

Col. Gibbon said that this would spoil the outlook of the hotel.

Mr. Keegan considered the Council should facilitate a man who had spent £5,000 in Rosslare.

The County Surveyor said if this application was agreed to there was no reason why any houses erected on the sites below Turner's would not follow on the same line. In his opinion it would be a mistake to agree to Mr. Sinnott's application.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following:

"That Mr. James Sinnott be directed to remove structure at Golf Hotel which is within 14 feet of the centre of the road, and that proceedings be taken against him unless said structure is removed within a reasonable time."

Mr. Birthistle, in reply to Mr. Corish, said that Mr. Sinnott had only half a day's work done when his attention was called to the regulation and in spite of this Mr. Sinnott continued to build.

The resolution was then put and passed the Chairman stating that Mr. Gaul was the only dissentient.

Application from Mr. Michael Kelly:- The following application was read from Mr. Michael Kelly, Chemist, Rosslare, under date 8th March, 1932:- "I wish to continue my building at Rosslare to a distance of about twenty-six feet. May I have permission to do so."



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The County Surveyor said that the present premises of Mr. Kelly had been erected within 30 feet of the centre of the road. A committee had seen the place and recommended that no proceedings be taken. The building was allowed to remain one reason being that the road there was very wide and besides the house was really replacing a high bank.

Col. Quin proposed :- "That Mr. Michael Kelly, Ross-lare, be informed that any new structure which he erects must be at least 30 feet from the centre of the road and on a site approved by Co. Surveyor."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Birthistle in reply to a query said that the road was certainly 20 feet wide and the "Burrow" was on the other side of the road.

The Chairman said that if this application was agreed to they could not refuse similar applications from other people in the same locality.

Mr. Gaul proposed as an amendment that the necessary permission be given but the proposal was not seconded.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Repair Monamolin (Rathnure) Road: Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a sum of £22 and £86: 10s. be expended in repair of road at Monamolin (Rathnure) as it is absolutely necessary this work should, for the safety of the public, be carried out.

Mr. Brennan thought the matter could remain as it was until they were in a position to widen the road.

The County Surveyor said that 25 % of the material used could be utilised for other works if they were in a position to widen the road.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Public Works' allocations: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr.

D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-



"That the various allocations for Public Works as recommended by the County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to."

Contingency Fund: Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the payments out of 1932-33 Contingency Fund, £131, as recommended by the County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to as follows:

Main Roads: Clohamon Bridge (47) £45; Wall at Camolin (4) £22.

County Roads: Morriscastle Gap (353) £14 and Campile-Haggard Road (790) £50."

Quarry and Machinery Charges: Mr. Hall said he thought the cost allowed for the material was very high. The Council believed they were going to get cheaper material this year. Was there any chance of reducing the cost? The County Surveyor replied that after this coming year they would probably be able to reduce the costs. In most of the quarries at the present time the cost of the machinery jaws was very high. The average was one set of jaws every five days, and they cost £12 a set. The Council had a breaker hired out to the Tipperary Co. Council and the one set of jaws did them for five months. The Pioneer Road Co, when getting the material from Brownswood Quarry had only to use the one set of jaws for the whole period of working and for that reason he (County Surveyor) would use that quarry again for the remainder of the Bunclody Road. Another matter that increased the cost was the fact that there was double handling of the material at present. They had to get the material out of the quarries and bank it outside for breaking and that added another 1s. a yard to the cost.

Mr. Culleton said that Contractors thought that 7s. a cubic yard was very dear.

The County Surveyor said the Contractors lost nothing by that. The money was allowed to them and they had only to calculate on haulage and dealing with the material.

Mr. Culleton - They say that if they were allowed to procure the stones themselves they could do it cheaper.



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Mr. O'Byrne proposed the approval of the charges recommended by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

The Chairman asked if there was any amendment.

Mr. Keegan said the only economy possible would be to break by hand and let the 7s. a cubic yard be spent in giving employment to men instead of machinery.

Co. Surveyor - There are a few quarries where we could break by hand, but it would cost more.

Mr. Keegan - I am not asking it to be done where it costs more.

Co. Surveyor - Except in a few cases where we do not want chippings and where it is easy to break by hand.

Mr. Keegan - Wherever it is possible to employ men at 7s. a yard it should be done. It would be more in line with the present conditions in this country to have the men hand-breaking than to be paying £12 every five days for a set of jaws for the breaker to a foreign country.

Mr. Culleton - The contracts would cost less if the Contractors were allowed to get the stones themselves.

Chairman - Will the material be from the same quarries.

Mr. Culleton - They claim it would.

Co. Surveyor - We have a set of quarries now with very good material, and the only point is that unfortunately, we have extra haulage compared with the other counties, because we have comparatively fewer quarries. The material we used to get before was either ground to dust or in wet weather made into mud by the traffic. We had to reject a lot of quarries on that account.

Mr. Hall said he saw roads made of sea stone that were better than from some of the quarries.

Mr. Hayes said the question of employment was the burning question today. It was not economy to have rubble stone broken by machinery when men were idle. The men would be very glad to do the breaking by piecework.



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The Co. Surveyor said the stone was broken by hand wherever possible. In steamrolling they could use the hand-broken material, but with the modern traffic this material would not do, and they had to use small gauge material and chippings. To use the coarser hand broken material they had to make special arrangements, and in one instance to get a special grant and to do a couple of hundred yards to use it up.

The Chairman said the only thing was to leave it to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

The Chairman's suggestion was adopted, and the resolution was passed.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

#### BLASTING GOREY HILL QUARRY

Under date 22nd March, 1932, Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, New Road, Gorey, wrote on behalf of Miss Harriet J. Palmer, claiming £5 as compensation for damages to her field caused by Co. Council blasting road material at their quarry in Gorey Hill.

The matter was considered in committee after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to defend any proceedings which may be taken on behalf of Miss Harriet J. Palmer as to alleged damage caused on 9th March, 1932, by blasting in Gorey Hill Quarry."

#### STREET OBSTRUCTION

Col. Quin complained that a Mr. Toole of Arklow who was building a house in St. Michael's Place, Gorey, for Mr. Kavanagh was causing a serious nuisance by allowing sand and building materials on the road. He (Col. Quin) understood the Contractor had a yard in which he could have mixed cement etc.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said the building was to replace a house which had been burned down. The Contractor had asked for permission to put some stuff on the footpath which he



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could have had blocked up to allow the building to be erected. He had placed stuff on the road also but this was removed on his (Mr. Treanor(s) directions. The work would be finished in a fortnight and the Contractor had been working under great difficulties.

Mr. Keegan said no one had made any complaint in the matter but Col. Quin.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Treanor should use his influence with the Contractor to create as little obstruction as possible.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Contractor had made very good progress and as the work would finish in a fortnight he considered no action should be taken.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the Contractor for erection of house in St. Michael's Place, Gorey, be directed to remove all building material etc from the footpath."

Mr. Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Quin and Walsh - 6.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon and Smyth - 15.

The Chairman (1) did not vote and Mr. Murphy (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

LOAN FOR SUPPLY OF SEED OATS AND SEED POTATOES.  
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Under date 21st March, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote stating that upon representations received from the Minister for Agriculture regarding a shortage of seed oats and seed potatoes in several districts and the necessity of farmers who being ratepayers were unable to obtain suitable supplies at the present time it was considered advisable that Co. Councils should at once consider whether there was any



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immediate need for introducing a seed supply scheme for their area or any part thereof. If Co. Council's were satisfied on considering the position that the need existed for enabling farmers to obtain seed supplies they should make arrangements to obtain suitable supplies by way of loan repayable at the end of the harvest season or in any case not later than December 31st, 1932. The Minister would be prepared to facilitate County Councils in such steps as they deemed necessary ~~for~~ by sanctioning a requisite loan for the purchase of seeds. The necessary legislation ~~to~~ to validate the procedure would be introduced at a later date. In carrying out any scheme to be decided upon Councils would no doubt be able to arrange for the co-operation of Committees of Agriculture and their officers. It would be necessary for the Councils to make arrangements for the supply of seed through local merchants on the best terms possible.

Accompanying this circular letter were forms to be completed by applicants for seeds and undertakings for the repayments of the amounts advanced by the Co. Council for the payment of the seed.

The Secretary pointed out that there was nothing in the Circular as to whether interest was to be charged to the Councils or the farmers. He had seen in the Press a reference to the matter which stated that presumably the loan was free of interest as far as applicants and councils were concerned, but the matter was cleared up by the following telegram from the Local Government Department:- "Seed supply Circular of 21st inst. appropriate share of Overdraft interest of financing of scheme that may be decided upon to be charged to each recipient of seeds."

Chairman - We ought to look at the financial side of the proposal. Is it the County Council who are to be responsible for the loan?

Secretary - Yes.

Col. Quin - I think the whole thing is a bit of a gamble.



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Who are going to recoup you ? We may lose a lot more in trying to recover the money paid for seeds supplied to the applicants.

Miss O'Ryan said it was very important that the land should be tilled and not left idle.

In reply to a query as to whether barley would be included in the scheme, the Secretary stated it was confined to oats and potatoes.

Chairman - We are not going to be responsible for the loans. We are already responsible for enough and the rates are sufficiently high already. They are abnormally high without going to pledge the credit of the ratepayers as well for this scheme. The scheme has come a bit late this year. I don't know if we should embark upon it.

Mr. D'Arcy - I had two or three people with me about this scheme.

Chairman - You will have dozens of applicants. If the Government want to formulate a scheme we'll administer it, but do not let us have the job of collecting the money.

Mr. D'Arcy - If the Government would allocate the loans themselves it would be better.

Mr. Corish - That would alter the situation.

Mr. O'Byrne - The Government are giving absolutely nothing in this case.

Chairman - They are giving nothing only their sanction. As far as I can see it is a most dangerous matter. I remember we had a scheme like this before.

Mr. Culleton said he considered the Government should be responsible for the finances of the scheme as in the case of schemes for the relief of unemployment.

Chairman - We are quite agreeable to have the Government financing a scheme, and we are prepared to administer it, but I certainly say we are not going to pledge the rates for it.

Mr. D'Arcy - We should ask the Government to allocate the money on their own and we will do the remainder.

Chairman - It would be an imposition on the ratepayers.



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Col. Quin - Absolutely.

Col. Gibbon said that with the tariff on oats the price of seed oats was going to be high, but that would not be the case in the matter of potatoes because there was no tariff on them. Referring to the scheme he asked what was to prevent a man from getting a quantity of seed and instead of sowing it disposing of it at a ready money price.

Chairman - Nothing whatever.

Col. Gibbon further stated that he did not think in the existing state of the law there was anything which permitted a chattel mortgage under which a loan could be given for the produce of agriculture. Deductions were made in the case of supplies of seed for beet but in that case the growers had only one market for their produce, but in the case of seed oats and potatoes the grower was free to sell in any market he chose. If the oats or potato crop were a failure how was the money to be recovered from the persons to whom the seed was supplied? In the present financial position of the Council and with some rates irrecoverable, whilst it might be desirable that farmers should get some help he did not see how the Council were going to carry out the scheme.

Mr. Corish said the scheme was an admirable one if it was properly financed, but as it was now proposed he did not think the Council could undertake it. They did not know what the extent of their liability might amount to. The Secretary of the Council had no power to discriminate as to whether an applicant was a suitable person to whom seeds could be given. If money was to be advanced it should be done through the Agricultural Credit Corporation which was established for the purpose of making advances to farmers. The Corporation made a thorough investigation into all the circumstances of applicants for advances. There would be considerable difficulty in obtaining decrees against defaulters on the scraps of paper suggested in the procedure and he feared the whole



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thing would end in chaos.

Mr. D'Arcy - Let the Government go security for the money themselves.

Chairman - Can't they authorise the Agricultural Credit Corporation to finance the scheme ? I remember a seed scheme being put into operation through the Board of Guardians and I say that one-fourth of the money was never paid and the ratepayers were at the loss of it. We would have a repetition of the same thing if the Council were responsible for this scheme. If the Government are anxious to help the seedless men they should make all their arrangements themselves and we would be prepared to administer them if they give us the money.

Mr. Hall said he agreed with Mr. Corish that the scheme should be carried out through the Agricultural Credit Corporation otherwise it would not be of any use.

Mr. Hayes expressed the opinion that if the scheme were carried out through the Agricultural Credit Corporation the rate of interest might be high.

The Chairman replied that the persons to whom loans were given by the Corporation got seven years to repay them.

Miss O'Ryan said that they should show that they were in favour of the scheme and ask the Government to put it into operation immediately.

Mr. Murphy expressed the opinion that the scheme should apply to barley as well.

Secretary - The scheme says seed oats and potatoes specifically.

Mr. Culleton - There is no use in supplying a man with seed without manure. A man who cannot get seed cannot get manure.

The Chairman remarked that it was the silliest scheme which he ever heard propounded. There was neither head nor tail upon it.

Mr. Hayes also referred to the difficulties some farmers experienced in obtaining supplies of manure, notwithstanding



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which the agricultural instructors were advising them as to the manuring of their land.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr Corish :-

"The Council cannot see their way to provide funds for the granting of loans for the purchase of seed oats and seed potatoes by Ratepayers, but if the Government allocate immediately money from the Agricultural Credit Corporation or other Department of State for the purpose of providing supplies of cereals and potatoes for seed the Council would be prepared to administer such a scheme and facilitate the Government in every way in this matter."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction extension of period of present limit of overdraft accommodation of £20,000 until 30th June, 1932.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF DEMOBILISED ARMY MEN

The L. G. D. wrote under date 19th March, 1932 (SR/1) that any regulations or directions hitherto issued by the Department requiring Local Authorities to give a preference to demobilised men of the National Army as such in the matter of employment had been withdrawn. Where additional men were required for the purpose of carrying out works financed in whole or in part by State Grants such men are to be sought through the Employment Exchange.

The following resolution was read from the Army Comrades Association:-

"That we protest against the action of the Government in withdrawing the preference which existed for ex-army men for employment as temporary officials and workers in the various services, and call on all members of Dail Eireann to have the preference re-established.



"We feel that we are not asking for anything unreasonable as in all countries there is a very definite preference in employment extended to all ex-soldiers who served their State in time of danger."

The Secretary read an extract from the Press of a discussion at Limerick Co. Board of Health in which it was suggested that all able bodied recipients of Home Assistance should be employed in view of their heavy cost on local rates.

The Chairman said he believed the suggestion that ex-army men should be given preference came from the late Government. Public Bodies had to obey <sup>this</sup> mandate. It was no worse to obey the mandate of the new Government. He concurred with the suggestion made at Limerick.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the order of the Ministry would apply to men on direct labour.

Mr. Corish - It only deals with the employment of men who are to work under Government grants.

The Co. Surveyor said the unemployed were being advised to register at the Exchanges. Only the most suitable men were selected by the Council for employment.

Chairman - It ought to be an advice to the Surveyors to get the men to register.

Mr. Hayes - Will the County Surveyor be content with a list of the names of the unemployed submitted to him ?

Co. Surveyor - We are only bound to take on those who are suitable.

It was decided that men on Home Assistance should be advised to register at the Unemployment Exchange and that where possible such men should be employed on grant work.

#### HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

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The following extract of Minutes of Finance Committee of 24th March, 1932, was submitted:-

"In connection with grants under above attention was directed to Memorandum A.H.A.I. prepared by Local Government



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Department in which it was stated there are no restrictions on sale or letting in respect of houses erected under Act and for which grants had been made available. The County Council had by resolution limited their grant only to houses which were to be used as residences by the applicants.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in view of Article 3 of Memorandum furnished by Local Government Department in connection with grants for houses erected under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931, that there are to be no restrictions as to the sale or letting we request the Co. Council to reconsider their resolution making their grants applicable only to houses which are to be used by the applicants as residences

"As Government Grant is not payable unless the Co. Council make a grant of an equivalent amount and as the Co. Council have full control over the selection of applicants the Finance Committee would be glad to have the Council review the position in the light of Memorandum of Local Government Department (A.H.A.I.)"

Mr. Corish said he had had a conference with the Minister for Local Government and discussed with him the matter of recent housing legislation. He had pointed out that it would be useless unless altered in certain directions. The Minister had sent out a Circular to all public bodies and was waiting their recommendations before proceeding further. In view of that he (Mr. Corish) thought the Council should condemn the provisions of the Act in so far as they applied to housing in rural districts. Under the Act they could only build labourers' cottages to let at the uneconomic rent of 5/- per week. This showed that in rural areas the Act was absolutely unworkable. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted nem con:- "That we condemn the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 as being entirely <sup>unsuitable</sup> ~~unworkable~~ to present needs, and call upon the Government to have its financial provisions so altered as to enable houses to be built at a figure within the power of



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the agricultural labourer to pay as rent without any undue strain on local rates."

Application under date 18th March, 1932, was read from Mrs. N. O'Callaghan, Sea Verge, Rosslare Strand, asking for the grant of £20 by County Council under new housing scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we agree to pay over to Mrs. O'Callaghan, Sea Verge, Rosslare, Strand, the grant of £20 under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 on receiving intimation that the Local Government Department approve of plan and Specification of building and when appointed officer certifies that the building has been properly erected."

Mr. W. Orr, Ballyduff, Killena, Gorey, wrote that he was going to build a house and had been sanctioned for the Government Grant. He asked the Co. Council to sanction their grant to him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Mr. W. Orr be asked to supply the County Council with plan of house which he proposes to erect and with any information in his possession as to Government Grant for which he states he has been sanctioned."

Mr. Thomas Whitty, Kilmannon, Cleariestown, asked for award of Co. Council grant of £20. The walls of his house were ready for roof and he had no money to finish the structure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall :- "That the Examining Officer appointed under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 be requested to inform the Council if he considers house erected by Thomas Whitty, Kilmannon, Cleariestown, is one in respect of which the Co. Council could pay over their subsidy of £20."

#### PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND TYPIST

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Under date 24th March, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (No.G.19646/32 Sc. Loch Garman.) that the Minister raised no objection to the conditions proposed in connection with above appointment except that examination should be



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competitive, the post going to the candidate getting first place if in other respects suitable. A qualifying standard of 50 % should be stipulated for.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision in letter of 24th inst. (No.G.19646/32 Sc. Loch Garman.) as to competitive examination for Shorthand-Typist, and agree to the request of the Council to have it made on a qualifying examination basis."

#### TENDERS FOR COUNTY PRINTING

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The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "Tenders for printing for Co. Offices for financial year 1932-33 as follows were submitted.

Messrs J. English & Co.	£83: 4s. Od.
The "Free Press"	£106: 6s. 6d.
The "People".	£116: 13s. 6d.

The tender of Messrs English & Co. at £83: 4s. Od. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF HAY SHED

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John Redmond, Poulshone, Courtown, applied under date 21st March, 1932, for permission to erect a hay shed on his land beside the road at Poulshone Cross Roads. It was a bit too near one of the roads according to regulations but did not obstruct the view. The shed would be in a line with the other sheds and he believed if Co. Surveyor saw it he would not offer any objection to its erection.

The County Surveyor said the place was on a by-road between Ballygarrett and Courtown going down to the sea. The shed would be in a line with others which had been there for years, and would be 20 feet from the centre of the road. It



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would be 52 feet from the main road and personally he (Co. Surveyor) had no objection to its erection.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That no action be taken by Wexford Co. Council in connection with proposed erection of hay-shed at Poulshone Cross road by John Redmond. " Passed.

#### LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS

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The following resolution passed by the Wexford Rural Library Committee was submitted:- "That we ask the Co. Council to renovate the right wing of the County Hall, so that the County Library Committee may obtain one floor for their headquarters' accommodation. For this purpose the Committee will be prepared to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of reconstruction."

Mr. O'Byrne gave the following notice of motion for consideration at meeting of County Council on 9th <sup>May</sup> ~~March~~, 1932:

"That the Wexford County Council apply to their Treasurer for loan of £2,000 for development of right wing of old Jail premises the middle floor of which to be set aside for accommodation of County Rural Library Service."

#### RATE PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

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Miss O'Ryan stated she was approached by Mr. Patrick Lacey, Bolgerstown, who informed her that he received a Civil Bill for rates in which a decree was obtained at last week's district court in Wexford. The civil bill was for the rates for the period ended 31st March of the present year, and he said that if he had known it was to be heard at last week's court he would have been there. The man considered it was rather sharp practice to go on with the proceedings when he had until 31st March to pay. He also said that he had an interview with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, from whom he understood that the proceedings were not to be on at the Court.



Mr. Elgee said he wrote to Lacey for the rates which he refused to pay. The rates should be paid by 31st March and the civil bill was served. Lacey told him that he never paid his rates until March 31st. He pointed out to Lacey that the rates became due on October 1st and that on 1st October last a civil bill could be issued for non-payment. Lacey said he would not pay until the usual time he paid. He told Lacey that he could not give him time without seeing Mr. Quirke, the collector. He might have told Lacey that he need not be in Court and if Lacey said he made that statement he accepted it. <sup>Mr.</sup> He (Mr. Elgee) saw Quirke, who stated he was being pressed to close his collection by March 31st and that he could not give any time. The case came on last week in the Court and a decree was given.

In reply to a query, Mr. Elgee stated the costs in the proceedings were £1:19: 6d. which was the amount in accordance with the scale in operation in the court.

The Chairman said he also considered the action taken in the case was fairly sharp. Lacey was mistaken as to the time he should pay the rates.

In reply to Mr. Hall, Miss O'Ryan stated the amount of the rates was £12: 19s.

Mr. D'Arcy stated the amount of the costs was scandalous.

Mr. Elgee - It is the scale in the district court.

The Chairman said he thought that Mr. Lacey's principal grievance was that the proceedings would be more or less injuring his credit. Lacey informed him that a lot of people thought the decree was granted for old rates, whereas it was for the current rates.

Mr. Elgee said that Lacey had been given ten days to pay and if he had any grievance/<sup>he</sup> should have come about it between the time he was written to and the expiration of the ten days.

Mr. D'Arcy - How was it this man was singled out for one



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half-year ?

Miss O'Ryan remarked that she would say there were people who owed more than one half-year's rates and were not brought into Court on that day.

Mr. Elgee asked if he were to take it that no civil bills were to be issued where only one half-year's rates were due.

Chairman - No; the thing has been more or less rectified now.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE -----

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Michael Furlong, Ironmonger, South St. New Ross, whose application for said licence has been approved by Garda Siochana authorities."

#### RETURN FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT -----

The following resolution was submitted from Kilkenny Co. Council:- "That we, the members of the Kilkenny Co. Council, having considered the great amount of money paid out in this County as unemployment benefit, which the ratepayers at large have to pay without any productive return to the county, request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to formulate a scheme which will have the effect of giving the ratepayers a return and give employment to the men who are idle, and for this purpose to allocate to the county funds the amount of money disbursed weekly at the different Labour Exchanges in this county, which amounted to something like £6,495 paid in this county for that year. We suggest an arrangement can be made by which this sum if spent on roads, reclaiming waste land and planting, etc., or drainage can be carried out by the co-operation of the County Council and the responsible Department through their officials."

The Secretary said the resolution had been brought before the Council several times and adjourned.

On the proposition of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan the resolution was adopted.



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## ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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Waterford County Council submitted the following resolution under date 7th January, 1932:- "That a copy of the part of Co. Surveyor's report dealing with requirements and finance of road reconstruction be forwarded to each Co. Council in the Free State and to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to our County T.D.'s and if the other councils agree with it, a conference of representatives of the various councils be convened, with a view to getting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to the borrowing of the loan on the terms suggested by the Co. Surveyor or on similar terms."

Chairman - We can't possibly deal with the scheme at the moment, and I think you should adjourn it further.

On the proposition of Mr. Hall consideration of the matter was further adjourned for six months.

## POSITION OF THE RAILWAYS.

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The following resolution from Cavan Urban District Council was read:-

"Resolved, that we, the Cavan Urban District Council, in view of the conditions of grave economic peril to which the railways of Saorstát Éireann have been reduced owing to the unfair competition of badly organised road service, appeal to the Oireachtas to take immediate steps to save for the Saorstát the valuable national asset represented by the existing railway system, and the Council also appeal to the manufacturers and traders to distribute their custom with due regard to the present position."

Mr. D'Arcy - The Dail could deal with that, I think that's their business.

Consideration of the resolution was adjourned to next meeting.

*Michael Doyle*