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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD 13th MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th March, 1933.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £7361.0.8d. were examined and signed.

#### RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES -

##### FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

The following under date 4th March, 1933 (G.20037/1933 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and to state that pursuant to Article 3 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, he sanctions such departure from the terms of that Order as will enable the County Council to adopt the rate estimated for 1933/34 by a date not later than the 13th instant."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd March, 1933, were submitted:-

"The preliminary estimate for Co. Services was submitted by the Secretary who had included therein a sum of £5,000 to meet arrears of rates which could be regarded as uncollectable.

"Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Culleton stated in view of the state of the



"Country the present was a most unsatisfactory year to bring in such a figure, which would practically amount to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. on the rural district portions of the country.

"After discussion it was decided to delete this figure from the Estimate and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the County Council to adopt a rate of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. for General Charges in respect of financial year 1933/34. That rebate on valuations for Agricultural Land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be at same rate as obtained last year viz.  $5\frac{3}{4}$ d. That Separate Charges be agreed to as follows:-

| No. in<br>Separate<br>Charges<br>Register | Name, Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate<br>Charge                                                 | Rate in<br>the £.<br>required<br>to raise<br>same on<br>Valuations |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15                                        | Repayment of Loans, Gorey Union - Gorey Rural District<br>Amount, £36.                                        | $\frac{1}{4}$ d                                                    |
| 20                                        | Expenses Labourers' Acts - County Health District of<br>Wexford. Amount £11,317                               | $7\frac{3}{4}$ d                                                   |
| 25                                        | Repayment of Loan, Enniscorthy Rural District Charges<br>Account, Enniscorthy Rural District. Amount £1,240   | $2\frac{3}{4}$ d                                                   |
| 28                                        | Repayment of Loan, Wexford Rural District Charges<br>Account, Wexford Rural District. Amount £2,625           | $6\frac{3}{4}$ d                                                   |
| 1A                                        | Expenses Public Health Acts, Enniscorthy Rural District<br>Enniscorthy Rural District. Amount £940            | $2\frac{1}{4}$ d                                                   |
| 2A                                        | Lighting of Newtownbarry Town - Townlands of Ballinapark<br>and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry E.D. Amount £35. | $5\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                   |
| 4A                                        | Post Office Act, etc. - Oulart Dispensary District.<br>Amount £30                                             | $\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                    |
| 5A                                        | Sewerage - Clonroche Dispensary District. Amount £30                                                          | 2d.                                                                |
| 6A                                        | Public Health Acts - Killanne Dispensary District<br>Amount £50                                               | 1d                                                                 |
| 1B                                        | Sanitary Works and Water Supply, Gorey Rural District -<br>Gorey Rural District. Amount £740.                 | $2\frac{1}{4}$ d.                                                  |
| 5B                                        | Public Health Acts - Coolgreany Dispensary District<br>Amount £120                                            | 2d                                                                 |
| 1-100                                     | Public Health Acts New Ross Rural District - New Ross<br>Rural District. Amount £50                           | $\frac{1}{4}$ d                                                    |
| 1D                                        | Water Supply Rosslare - Wexford Rural District.<br>Amount £640                                                | $1\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                   |
| 3D                                        | Public Health Acts - Broadway Dispensary District<br>Amount £30                                               | $\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                    |
| 4D                                        | Public Health Acts - Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary<br>District. Amount £180                                    | 3d.                                                                |
| 5D                                        | Public Health Acts - Crossabeg Dispensary District.<br>Amount £30                                             | $\frac{3}{4}$ d.                                                   |



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| No. in<br>separate<br>charges<br>register | Name, Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate<br>Charge.                                                                                                       | Rate in<br>the £.<br>required<br>to raise<br>same on<br>Valuations |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 247                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Boggan, Matthew Boggan and James Boggan (Trading as Boggan Brothers) of Anne Street Wexford. - Wexford Urban District. Amount £44.8s. | Included in Demand on Wexford Urban District.                      |
| 248                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Michael Furlong, Tomanine, Rathmure. District Electoral Division of Killanne. Amount £9.11.6d                                                | $\frac{3}{4}$ d.                                                   |
| 249                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Lord Templemore of Dunbrody. Electoral Division of Rathroe. Amount £35.5.7d.                                                                 | $2\frac{3}{4}$ d.                                                  |
| 250                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, John Cogley, Whitehill, Kilmore. Electoral Divisions of Rosslare, Kilsoran, St. Helen's and Killinick. Amount £26.4.6d.                      | $\frac{1}{2}$ d                                                    |
| 251                                       | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Ryan, Gorteen, Templeshambo. Electoral Division of St. Mary's. Amount £7.5s.0d.                                                       | $1\frac{1}{4}$ d.                                                  |

The amount required to meet Criminal Injury Decree to Boggan Bros., Anne Street, Wexford, amounting to £44.8s.0d. is to be included in Demand on Wexford Urban District Council.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That increments on 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 1933/34."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the following amounts be raised for drainage rates for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Areas:-

**KILMANNOCK:-** Amount assessed on various Proprietors as per Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works dated 19th January, 1927, amount £83.7.10d.

**SOW:-** Amount assessed on the various Proprietors or reputed Proprietors in accordance with letter from Office of Public Works No. 25807/32 amount £551.2.6d. This amount to be charged to the various occupiers in the proportions set out in Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929."



The following letter (G.48/1/33) under date 9th March, 1933, from Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted, (Copies were circulated to County Councillors on 10th March, 1933).

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform each County Council that the grants to be provided for the relief of Agricultural land in the forthcoming financial year will amount to £1,750,000.

"Subject to the prompt payment of the reduced land annuities or in default the operation of the Guarantee Fund this sum will be comprised as follows:-

- (a) £599,011 the Agricultural Grant established by the Local Government Act, 1898.
- (b) £150,989 under the Local Government Act, 1925.
- (c) £750,000 under the Local Government Act, 1931.
- (d) £250,000 under legislation to be promoted similar to the Local Government Act, 1932.

This latter grant will be devoted to the first £10 of the valuation of land holdings and will therefore mainly go to the small farmer class. The data necessary for the allocation of this latter Grant was prepared at some considerable cost so recently as last Summer and it is considered that the figures then obtained should suffice for its equitable apportionment between Counties. There is accordingly annexed a Schedule showing the proposed allocation of the various components of the entire Grant between each County and these allocations will be specified in a Schedule to the intended Act.

The Government are satisfied that the basis of Grant allocation hitherto in force, and being followed for this year purely for the purpose of avoiding administrative difficulties, is susceptible of improvement. It is accordingly intended for 1934/35 and subsequent years to revise this basis. The details have yet to be fully considered but it is possible to announce now that

- (a) the maximum rate of relief by way of Agricultural Grant will



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- (a) "be allocated to the occupiers of individual holdings not exceeding £15 in valuation and the same rate of relief on the first £15 of valuation to occupiers of holdings valued either in one or in multiple over that figure.
  - (b) a similar rate of relief will be afforded to occupiers of larger holdings (single or multiple) in respect of each £10 unit of valuation over £15 where it can be shown that full time annual employment has been given to a male adult. For this purpose male relatives of the occupier (not in other employment) and maintained out of the holding will reckon as employees,
  - (c) the balance of any Agricultural Grant voted will provide a lesser rate of relief on the balance of land valuation.

It is the intention that the necessary employment statistics to enable allocation on this basis will depend on the employment afforded in the preceding calendar year and forms on which declarations may be made by occupiers of land will be issued at the end of December. For the year 1934/35 the period for employment figures will, however, be 1st April, 1933 to 31st December, 1933, so that every land occupier will be in a position to know beforehand the basis on which his rate relief will in future be determined and to give employment and make use of his land accordingly.

In conclusion, I am to state that as most counties have already determined the necessary rate for 1933/34 it is now only necessary to proceed with the apportionment of such rate among the ratepayers giving to those in occupation of agricultural land an appropriate relief from the County share of the Grants announced. The rate already determined by the County Councils in question is final and cannot now be revised. Where Counties have not yet determined the rate for next year the Minister consents by way of departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Orders to reasonable extensions of time for this purpose but desires it to be understood that such rate must



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"provide fully for the estimated requirements of the County for the year in question as otherwise he will not be prepared to recommend the Government to proceed with the Grant allocation announced."

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Secretary stated that the amount of agricultural Grant promised for current financial year was £86178 and for year 1933/34 £68194, showing a reduction of £17,984.

In connection with questions raised by Councillors the following telegram was received from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Current year's Agricultural Grant will be paid in full. Older arrears have been absorbed in guarantee fund and cannot be estimated as receipt."

The Chairman said the amount of the older arrears amounted to £12801 so that the deficit on Agricultural Grant was over £30,000.

Col. Gibbon said that it seemed to him that the meeting of the Co. Council Secretaries in Dublin was a vital matter for the County Council. He did not know whether the meeting was called to discuss the matter with the Secretaries or to simply announce it. The members of Co. Councils were very much concerned with such an important matter, and it was not only the Secretaries of Co. Councils who should have been at the meeting but the chairmen and possibly other members should have been invited to it.

The Secretary pointed out that there was nothing unusual in the local Government Department having a conference with Co. Secretaries.

Col. Gibbon said that he would not criticise the Government for calling a conference of Secretaries to discuss the machinery of collection, such as the book-keeping, but if they were discussing questions of policy it seemed to him that it was not quite right.

Chairman - <sup>If</sup> we have to strike 2/0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d to make up the deficit in the agricultural Grant, I do not believe it will ever be paid.



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Mr. D'Arcy - Why should we strike it? Is there any clause binding us in respect of the 2/- in the £. on the £10 valuation? Must the rate be paid by a certain time to enable a member to get the reduction?

The Secretary said that the Credit Note is dead when the rates are not paid before 31st March. At the conference it was admitted that this Credit Note was a very cumbersome machine. As a matter of fact, one would think that nobody in Co. Wexford got a Credit Note. The people mislaid them and lost them, some burned them thinking they were a demand for more rates, and for the same reason some people would not admit getting them.

The fact that Credit Notes were available only up to 31st March had been advertised on a couple of occasions. This fact was also printed on the Credit Note itself. A further advertisement would be issued explaining that unless Rates were paid in full by the end of the present month rebate represented by Credit Notes would not be available.

Mr. D'Arcy said it would be scandalous to strike a rate to cover their expenditure and the loss of over £30,000 owing to reduction on the Agricultural Grant.

The Chairman said that the Government were counting all the £1,750,000 as their grant. The first agricultural grant was no compliment from them, because it was the British gave them that, in substitution of the rates paid by the landlords. It had nothing to do with the Exchequer and it should not be counted in with the grant.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That the same rebate of rate for land as was contemplated by the Finance Committee be agreed to and which provided for the Agricultural Grant being received in full and that the allocations for the various services be reduced in proportion to the reduced Agricultural Grant."

Continuing Col. Gibbon said the Council could not throw the extra amount on the ratepayers. The ratepayers in the County are not in a position to pay a high rate. Even the smaller farmers in Kilmore



parish, whom he knew very well, who tilled a good deal, are unable to sell their potatoes to-day. Small men having three or four acres have comparatively big quantities of potatoes lying on their hands. There is no subsidy on potatoes for the Co. Wexford as in Louth. Everybody knew the state of the cattle trade. In spite of all the protective tariffs the price has not gone up. The new tariffs on seed oats would make it even more difficult for the farmer to get first class seed this year at anything like a reasonable price. One would be inclined to say that the Council should not strike any rate only that would be illegal. They should do it if they could. If the Council was justified in saying, before they heard the terrible news about the reduction of the Grant, if they were then prepared to say that the Co. Council would raise a certain amount they should be prepared to stand by their opinion and raise that amount. They had already stated that the farmers of the County cannot raise more than that.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded Col. Gibbon's motion.

Chairman - I would like a little further explanation. Do you propose that we strike the full rate?

Secretary - Col. Gibbon's resolution is that the rate be reduced by £30,785.

Mr. Gaul said that the Co. Council should not interfere with the amount of the demand already agreed to by the Co. Health Board. If there was any reduction it would cause a great deal of suffering to the sick and destitute.

Mr. D'Arcy - If we continue striking a high rate we will soon have the whole county sick and destitute.

Mr. Gaul - I cannot help that.

Mr. D'Arcy - We can help it and self-preservation is the first law of nature. Is Col. Gibbon's resolution to have the same rate as last year?

Chairman - To cut down our expenditure by the same amount as we



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are being cut down by headquarters.

Col. Gibbon said that they should adhere to the rate they contemplated striking. They should not do anything that would involve collecting any more from the farmers than they contemplated collecting the last time they met.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the following amendment:-

"That this Council do not agree to rate for financial year 1933/34 but that consideration of same be adjourned to meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th March, 1933.

"That we protest to the Government against their unwarranted reduction of the Agricultural Grant and demand that the amount received by Co. Council for said Grant in current financial year, be restored."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded Mr. McCarthy and said it would be time enough for Wexford Co. Council to decide on the rate when they saw what the other Co. Councils were doing.

Mr. Hall - Have they agreed to give equal grants to each County?

Secretary - It is cut down in the same proportion for each County.

The Chairman pointed out that the action of the Government in making a special allowance for the £10 valuations militated against the larger farmers, who were better employers than the small farmers. The Government appeared to have a wonderful anxiety about providing for employment, but it seemed to him that they were going the wrong way about it. The small farmer will not give as much employment as the big farmer gives when he is able to pay for employment. They are doing an injustice even to their own policy by curtailing it to the £10 valuations. If the whole amount of the relief was spread over all the farmers, it would be a better encouragement for employment. There was a lot of talk about the relief of unemployment, but there is no move made yet that would do so much in that direction as if they tried to restore agriculture to its rightful position. When we had good times for agriculture and during the war-time when the farmers were in a position to employ men, there was never a word about unemployment.



To-day when farmers are down and out, we hear of unemployment everywhere. The best of stroke to provide employment is to restore the farmer to a strong position.

Miss O'Ryan said they should not let it go to the public that this is the first year when there were annuities outstanding. Every year there were annuities outstanding.

The Chairman said that no-body wanted to mislead the public. **That** he wished to point out was that if the old amount of unpaid grant be added to the reduction now made, the total reduction would add over 2/- in the £. to the rates.

Miss O'Ryan said they all deplored the state of agriculture, but they did not want to let people think that the Co. Wexford farmers were any worse off than others. Farmers are badly off all the world over, and unemployment is a world-wide problem. This country was doing its best to deal with these problems the same as other countries. Col. Gibbon had referred to the price of seed oats being increased by the new tariff. That is not so. Seed oats can be imported under licence.

Col. Quin - I am told it is absolutely impossible to get oats in from Scotland.

Miss O'Ryan - You can get <sup>them</sup> by licence.

Col. Quin - I have asked the I.A.W.S. and other firms and they say they cannot get the oats in.

Mr. Corish said the Minister for Agriculture stated in the Dail during the previous week that oats could be imported for seed under licence.

Col. Quin said the I.A.W.S. was practically a Government firm because they are told everything by the Government that affects their business, and they told him last week that it was perfectly impossible to get seed oats from Scotland.

Chairman - Maybe the supply ran out.



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Mr. Cummins - It may be impossible for wholesalers but not for a farmer to get it under licence.

Col. Quin - How long will it take to get a licence? The tariff is £12/-. Will you get the oats in free?

Miss O'Ryan - There is no use in putting the people into a state of depression altogether. The agricultural Grant is down from two millions to one and three-quarter millions, but it should be pointed out that if the farmers are losing in one direction they are getting help in another direction.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that the unpaid annuities are not lost to the Land Commission. The Land Commission has been paid at the expense of the Co. Councils.

Col. Gibbon said he was not offering hostile criticism. Miss O'Ryan had said that the farmers would get in another way what they would lose by the reduction of the grant. He presumed Miss O'Ryan meant that the farmers would get the remission of annuities up to 50 per cent. She apparently forgot that some of the members present had not only paid their annuities already, but had paid them on the double owing to the tariffs which were imposed on account of the Government withholding the annuities. The tariffs had cost him a great deal more than the annuities, a point that must not be forgotten when they came to strike the rate.

The Chairman said that the situation with which they were faced was the most serious that ever confronted the Co. Council.

Col. Gibbon - Mr. McCarthy is not putting forward the withholding of the rate, only an adjournment for a fortnight. If the Council was unanimous about that I would withdraw my proposition.

Mr. D'Arcy agreed.

The Chairman said Mr. McCarthy's was an honest proposition, because it did not curtail last year's rate in any way. The rate would be the same as last year, although the country is not in any way as well off as it was last year.

Col. Gibbon then withdrew his proposition and Mr. McCarthy's



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amendment was passed unanimously.

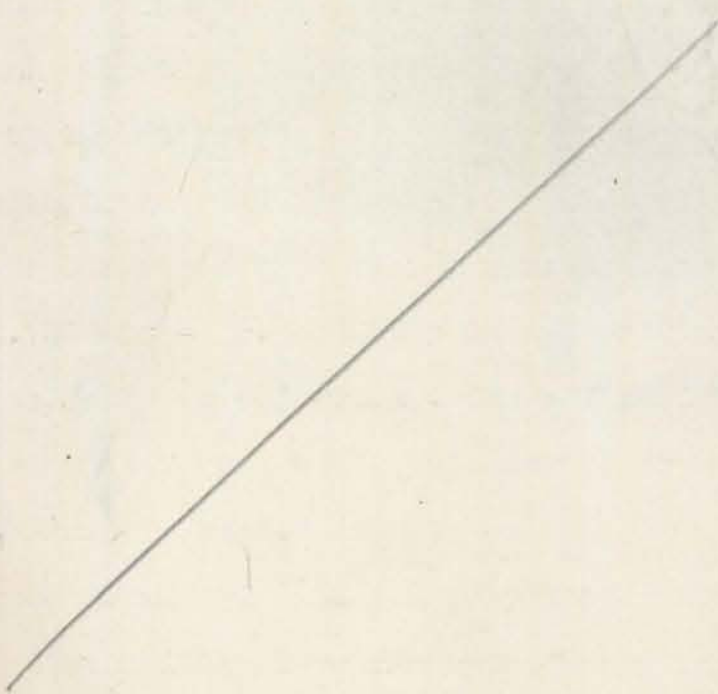
Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted unanimously:- "That the Secretary of the General Council of Co. Councils be requested to summon a special meeting of that body immediately to discuss the reductions in the amount of the Agricultural Grant and to make representations to the Government to have the Grant restored to the figure proposed to be paid to each County for the current financial year."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in order to facilitate, without further delay, farmers to procure their supply of seed oats we call upon the Department of Agriculture to have set up in each County the necessary machinery to allow of the issue of licences and to expedite their issue in every possible way."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE

##### COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 2nd March, 1933, were submitted as follows:-





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FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 2nd MARCH, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd March, 1933.

The following Councillors were present:- Messrs. T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, James Hall and John Culleton.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2064.5.9d. was examined and signed.

CONFERENCE WITH CO.SECRETARIES

Under date 28th February, 1933 (G) letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, asking the Secretary to attend at their Offices on the 7th March, for a preliminary discussion with all County Secretaries as to the procedure which may become necessary regarding the future allocation of the Agricultural Grant, which it is now anticipated would be on a different basis to that hitherto in force.

Proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to attend the conference at the Department on 7th March, 1933, as requested by Local Government Department."

RATE COLLECTION

State of:- The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

| <u>Name of Collector.</u> |               | <u>Percentage of current<br/>Warrant collected<br/>(excluding Arrears)</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.                        | S. Gannon (6) | 70.9                                                                       |
| 2.                        | J. Curtis     | 70.0                                                                       |
| 3.                        | P. Carty      | 66.8                                                                       |
| 4.                        | J. Cummins    | 66.7                                                                       |
| 5.                        | E.J. Murphy   | 66.2                                                                       |



|                          |                  | <u>Percentage of current<br/>Warrant collected (excluding<br/>Arrears)</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Name of Collector</u> |                  |                                                                            |
| 6.                       | W. Doyle         | 62.3                                                                       |
| 7.                       | A. Dunne         | 62.1                                                                       |
| 8.                       | P. Nolan         | 61.9                                                                       |
| 9.                       | J.J. O'Reilly    | 61.3                                                                       |
| 10.                      | J. Quirke        | 60.4                                                                       |
| 11.                      | W. Cummins       | 60.0                                                                       |
| 12.                      | M. Murphy        | 60.0                                                                       |
| 13.                      | T. Rowe          | 60.0                                                                       |
| 14.                      | S. Gannon (10)   | 58.8                                                                       |
| 15.                      | M. McCarthy      | 58.3                                                                       |
| 16.                      | P. Doyle         | 57.0                                                                       |
| 17.                      | J. Deegan        | 56.7                                                                       |
| 18.                      | J.J. Sinnott     | 56.0                                                                       |
| 19.                      | P. O'Byrne       | 55.9                                                                       |
| 20.                      | <u>T. Bolger</u> | <u>53.6</u>                                                                |

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO.14 :- With reference to the resignation of Collector T. Bolger, Mr. P. Doyle, one of his Sureties, wrote that he had no objection to Mr. Art Dunne, Collection District No. 15, closing Mr. Bolger's collection.

At a previous meeting of the Finance Committee a letter was read from Mr. M. McDonald, Milesheogue, Camolin, the second Surety for Mr. Bolger, in which he stated he also agreed to Mr. Dunne closing the collection.

Messrs. Maurice Condon, Donard, Clonroche, and Michael Ryan, Clonleigh, Palace, wrote that the previous arrangement for Mr. Dunne to close the collection had met with their approval.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Rate Collector Thady Bolger, No. 14 District, be informed he could now hand his books over to Collector Art Dunne, No. 15 District, in order to close the collection of the first named."

RATE ESTIMATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

The preliminary estimate for Co. Services was submitted by the Secretary who had included therein a sum of £5,000 to meet arrears of rates which could be regarded as uncollectable.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Culleton stated in view of the state of the Country the present was a most unsatisfactory year to bring in such a figure, which would practically amount to 3½d. in the £. on the rural district portions of the country.



After discussion it was decided to delete this figure from the Estimate and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the County Council to adopt a rate of 8/7½d in the £. for General Charges in respect of financial year 1933/34. That rebate on valuations for Agricultural land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be at same rate as obtained last year viz. 5/2½d. That ~~Separate~~ Charges be agreed to as follows:-

| <u>% in<br/>separate<br/>charges<br/>register</u> | <u>Name, Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate Charge</u>                                                                                                                 | <u>Rate in<br/>the £<br/>required<br/>to raise<br/>same on<br/>Valuations</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15                                                | Repayment of Loans, Gorey Union - Gorey Rural District<br><u>Amount, £36</u>                                                                                                      | ½d                                                                            |
| 20                                                | Expenses Labourers' Acts - County Health District of<br>Wexford. <u>Amount £11.317.</u>                                                                                           | 7½d                                                                           |
| 25                                                | Repayment of Loan, Enniscorthy Rural District Charges<br>Account Enniscorthy Rural District<br><u>Amount £1,240</u>                                                               | 2½d                                                                           |
| 28                                                | Repayment of Loan, Wexford Rural District Charges Account<br>Wexford Rural District. <u>Amount £2,625</u>                                                                         | 6½d                                                                           |
| 1A                                                | Expenses Public Health Acts, Enniscorthy Rural District -<br>Enniscorthy Rural District. <u>Amount £940</u>                                                                       | 2½d                                                                           |
| 2A                                                | Lighting of Newtownbarry Town - Townlands of Ballinapark<br>and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry E.D. <u>Amount £35</u>                                                               | 5½d                                                                           |
| 4A                                                | Post Office Act, etc. - Oulart Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                           | ½d                                                                            |
| 5A                                                | Sewerage - Clonroche Dispensary District. <u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                                       | 2d.                                                                           |
| 6A                                                | Public Health Acts - Killanne Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £50</u>                                                                                                            | 1d                                                                            |
| 1B                                                | Sanitary Works and Water Supply, Gorey Rural District -<br>Gorey Rural District <u>Amount £740</u>                                                                                | 2½d                                                                           |
| 5B                                                | Public Health Acts - Coolgreany Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £120</u>                                                                                                         | 2d.                                                                           |
| 1-100                                             | Public Health Acts, New Ross Rural District - New Ross<br>Rural District. <u>Amount £50</u>                                                                                       | ½d                                                                            |
| 1D                                                | Water Supply, Rosslare - Wexford Rural District. <u>Amount £640</u>                                                                                                               | 1½d                                                                           |
| 3D                                                | Public Health Acts - Broadway Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                            | ½d                                                                            |
| 4D                                                | Public Health Acts - Taghmon and Glynn Dispensary District<br><u>Amount £180</u>                                                                                                  | 3d                                                                            |
| 5D                                                | Public Health Acts - Crossabeg Dispensary District.<br><u>Amount £30</u>                                                                                                          | ¾d.                                                                           |
| 247                                               | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Boggan, Matthew Boggan and<br>James Boggan (Trading as Boggan Brothers) of Anne St.,<br>Wexford - Wexford Urban District. <u>Amount £44.8s.0d.</u> | Included<br>in Demand<br>on Wexford<br>Urban<br>District.                     |
| 248                                               | Criminal Injury Decree, Michael Furlong, Tomanine, Rathmure.<br>District Electoral Division of Killanne. <u>Amount £9.11.6d.</u>                                                  | ¾d.                                                                           |
| 249                                               | Criminal Injury Decree, Lord Templemore of Dunbrody.<br>Electoral Division of Rathroe. <u>Amount £35.5.7d.</u>                                                                    | 2½d.                                                                          |



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| Separate<br>Charges<br>Register | Name, Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate Charge.                                                                                            | Rate in the<br>£. required<br>to raise same<br>on the<br>Valuations |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0                               | Criminal Injury Decree, John Cogley, Whitehill, Kilmore.<br>Electoral Divisions of Rosslare, Kilscuran,<br>St. Helen's and Killinick. Amount £26.4.6d. | ½d.                                                                 |
| 251                             | Criminal Injury Decree, Thomas Ryan, Gorteen,<br>Templeshambo. Electoral Division of St. Mary's.<br>Amount £7.5s.0d.                                   | 1½d.                                                                |

The amount required to meet Criminal Injury Decree to Boggan Bros., Anne Street, Wexford, amounting to £44.8s.0d. is to be included in Demands on Wexford Urban District Council.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-  
"That increments of 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 1933/34."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the following amounts be raised for drainage rates for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Areas:-

**KILMANNOCK:-** Amount assessed on various Proprietors as per Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works dated 19th January, 1927, amount £83.7.10d.

**SOW:-** Amount assessed on the various Proprietors or reputed Proprietors in accordance with letter from Office of Public Works No. 25807/32 amount £551.2.6d. This amount to be charged to the various occupiers on the proportions set out in Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929.



### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Directors of the National Bank Ltd., be requested to allow present overdraft limit of £50,000 to continue until 30th June next or until such time as balance of Agricultural Grant is received.

"That it be pointed out to the Directors of the National Bank that the amount of Interest paid for past year will indicate that the full limit of overdraft sanctioned has only been required for short periods. For the greater part of the year the actual overdraft of the Council was considerably under the sanctioned limit.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of period of present limit of £50,000 being extended to 30th June next."

### APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES

Application was received on behalf of Thomas Sheehan, Irish Street, Newtownbarry, for £6., loss sustained by burning of shed.

Under date 2nd March, 1933, Sergeant Kenny, Garda Síochána, Bunclogh, forwarded a full report dealing with this matter, and pointed out that the applicant had informed him on the 1st instant he had definitely decided to withdraw the claim.

Mr. Elgee, was instructed to defend an application for compensation for Criminal Injury to a motor lorry. Amount claimed £5, from Michael Doyle, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy.

### GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 1st March, 1933, Mr. T. Powell, Principal, Gorey Technical School, applied for permission to use the body of the Courthouse, Gorey, for the following dates, 12th March, 2nd April, and 30th April, 1933, when visits from students and teachers from



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other County Technical Schools, for matches scheduled in the County Wexford Technical Schools Athletic League, would be held.

Application granted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

#### CLEARING OF SNOW BLOCKED ROAD

Under date 1st March, 1933, Mr. James Nolan, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, wrote as follows:-

"I write with reference to above road which was completely blocked with snow and was with much labour and difficulty got cleared. As most of this work was done by unemployed men whom I promised to do my best to see them paid, I ask you to send me a cheque for £2 of which I promise to give same to the proper people in the proper amounts. This is entirely honestly due."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that the Co. Council had no liability for clearing snow filled roads and they were not in a position to pay anyone for carrying out such work.

It was decided to inform Mr. Nolan accordingly.

#### ORDNANCE MAPS

The Co. Surveyor applied to be provided with a full set of Ordnance maps of the County, the quoted cost being £11.18s. To have these properly bound a sum of £13 would be necessary.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to order a set of maps at the estimated cost £11.18s. and that he be requested to communicate with the printing firms as to binding of the maps and submit cost of same to Finance Committee."

#### LOAN OF ROLLER

The Co. Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District, stating that Father Doyle, at Loftus Hall Convent, was anxious to hire one of the Council's steam rollers which was in the district, for a couple of hours to roll the



avenue of the Convent and was willing to pay 10/- per hour for same. This would cover all expenses.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That use of County Council Steam Roller, when not required for Council's work be allowed to be used for consolidating material at the avenue of Loftus Hall Convent, and on the terms and conditions set out in communication from Mr. O'Neill, under date 27th February, 1933."

#### CO. SURVEYOR'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The Co. Surveyor submitted particulars of his travelling expenses as follows:-

£1.16s. on the 10th October, 1932, attending at Board of Works Office re Sow Drainage and £2.12s. on January, 10th, 1932, attending at Local Government Department Offices re plans for conversion of wing of Co. Hall, and Board of Works Office relative to Ballyteigue Drainage. Total £4.8s.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton that the amount be paid.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the application of William Orr, Ballyduff, Killenagh, for loan of £50 and Patrick Doolan, Grange, Rathmure, for a similar amount under above Acts, Mr. Jordan, Appointed Officer for the district, wrote under date 1st March, 1933, that applications for grants from either of these had not been received by him.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Messrs. Orr and Doolan, and call their attention to the statement of Mr. Jordan.

In the case of Orr, Mr. Elgee had reported that his title to the site for his house was in order.

It was decided to recommend the Council to accept applications of the following, the others being adjourned for further consideration:

Michael Fox, Ballyorrell, Enniscorthy; Loan £150.

John Redmond and Annie Redmond, The Shannon, Enniscorthy; Loan £140.



John Greene, 17 <sup>St</sup>~~Duffy~~ Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.  
William S. Sheil, Templeshannon Quay, Enniscorthy. Loan £150.  
James Rellis, Tombrick Lower, Ballycarney, Ferns. Loan £60.  
James O'Brien, Poulpeasty, Clonroche. Loan £90.  
John Fortune, 4, Esmonde Street, Gorey. Loan £180.  
Wm. Willoughby, Barnadown, Gorey. Loan £150.  
Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey. Loan £50.  
Miss Johanna Fortune, Ballyougha, Killanne. Loan £60.  
Joseph D'Arcy, Main Street, Gorey. Loan £180.  
John Power, Whiterock, Wexford. Loan £100.  
Mrs. N. O'Callaghan, Rosslare Strand, Wexford. Loan £150.  
Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle. Loan £70.

A letter was also received from Mr. Jordan stating that the Government Grant to Wm. O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy, had been increased by the Department from £45 to £70.

Applications for loans were received from the following:-

GOREY DISTRICT: James Dempsey, Oulart, Gorey, Loan £130.  
Thomas Browne, Ballywater, Kilmuckridge. Loan £130.  
WEXFORD DISTRICT: James Kelly, Muchrath, Killinick. Loan £150.  
John Moran, Ballymanane, Killinick. Loan £150.  
William Waters, Loughnageer, Foulksmills. Loan £100  
Thomas Fenlon, Moortown, Ballymitty, Co. Wexford. Loan £30.  
ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Catherine Whitty, Tomanocole, Ballycarney. Loan £170.  
Bridget Murphy, Knocknagrass, Bree. Loan £100.  
Maurice Foley, Ballyhyland, Killanne. Loan £50.  
Wm. Cogley, Irish Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £120.  
Martin Redmond, Greenane, Killanne. Loan £70.  
Michael O'Leary, Blackwater, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.  
Wm. Roche, 13, Court Street, Enniscorthy. Loan £180.  
Laurence Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater. Loan £50.  
Thomas Ormonde, Jamestown, Scoby, Enniscorthy. Loan £130.

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RATE COLLECTION:- The following is percentage of warrants collected

to 11th March, 1933 (excluding arrears):-

| <u>Name of Collector.</u>  | <u>Current Warrant<br/>Excluding arrears.</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. John Curtis             | 75.6                                          |
| 2. Sean Gannon (6)         | 75.5                                          |
| 3. E.J. Murphy             | 72.0                                          |
| 4. Joseph Cummins          | 69.6                                          |
| 5. Patrick Carty           | 69.6                                          |
| 6. Art Dunne               | 68.6                                          |
| 7. Wm. Doyle               | 67.0                                          |
| 8. J.J. O'Reilly           | 66.4                                          |
| 9. Patrick Nolan           | 66.4                                          |
| 10. Thomas Rowe            | 65.0                                          |
| 11. M. Murphy              | 64.4                                          |
| 12. W. Cummins             | 63.3                                          |
| 13. James Quirke           | 62.7                                          |
| 14. M. McCarthy            | 62.4                                          |
| 15. J.J. Sinnott           | 61.4                                          |
| 16. John Deegan            | 60.6                                          |
| 17. Sean Gannon (10)       | 60.6                                          |
| 18. Philip Doyle           | 60.3                                          |
| 19. Thady Bolger           | 60.0                                          |
| 20. <u>Patrick O'Byrne</u> | <u>58.0.</u>                                  |

The total amount collected is £61143.5.9d. equal to 61% of warrant; outstanding £40268 or 39% of warrant. The collection is 3.5 % worse than at the corresponding period last year.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The following under date 24th February, 1933 (H.6096/1933 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the borrowing by the Wexford County Council of a loan of £2,000 for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition <sup>Acts</sup> and he has recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the loan in question from the Local Loans Fund. The advances which the Co. Council will make out of the loan will be repayable on the annuity system and application for sanction to each advance should be made on one of the enclosed forms.

"The Minister notes that the Co. Council propose to have certificates as to market value of houses (on completion) issued by the Assistant Surveyors in their respective areas. The advance in any



"case may be issued in instalments as the work progresses. The County Council are not required by statute to hold up the first instalment until the house is roofed. This proviso was included in the model forms as a desirable safeguard but it may be dispensed with at the discretion of the local authority.

"No objection will be raised to the Council's proposal to arrange with the Appointed Officers for the inspection by the Assistant County Surveyors of plans and specifications in respect of houses for which advances are sought from the Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as recommended by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, in the following cases be approved:-

Wm. Roche, 13, Court Street, Enniscorthy; house at Templeshannon, (loan £180 on house valued at £200)

John and Annie Redmond, The Shannon, Enniscorthy; house at Templeshannon, (loan £140 on house valued at £200).

John Breen, Upper Shannon, Enniscorthy; house at Templeshannon, (loan £180 value of house £200)

Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey, (loan £115 on house valued at £230, Mr. Elgee to be satisfied as to title).

Patrick Grant, Little Johnstown, Duncormack (loan £50 on house valued at £180 - Mr. Elgee to be satisfied as to title).

In connection with the case of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, house at Whitemill, application for loan of £135 on house valued at £250, it was stated that Sutton was a single man.

Mr. Gaul said Sutton would marry when he had the house erected.

The Chairman said that when they had so many married men looking for houses it would not be fair to select a single man.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Corish seconded a resolution to accept the application.

The Chairman took a show of hands when seven voted in favour



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of the application and ten against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

OVERDRAFT:- The following under date 8th March, 1933 (G.20944/33 Loch Garman Pg) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £50,000 on 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."

ORDNANCE MAPS:- The Co. Surveyor said that owing to the state of the Co. Council's finances he would withdraw his application for a set of ordnance maps, for the present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 2nd March, 1933 as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROPOSED SEED SUPPLY SCHEME

Under date 9th March, 1933, the following letter (G.88/3/33) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that representations have been made that it is desirable that farmers who may be unable to obtain suitable supplies from their own resources at present should be facilitated by a Scheme of the nature instituted last year and validated by the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1932.

"You are accordingly requested upon receipt of this circular to place yourself in immediate touch with the Council's Chairman with the object of summoning an early meeting of the Council to consider



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"the position in the County. If a meeting has already been convened for any other purpose a supplemental agenda referring to this matter might at once be issued. If satisfied that need exists the Council should introduce a scheme on lines identical with that of last year. For facility of reference a copy of my circular of 21st March last is enclosed. The forms attached to that Circular can be amended, if necessary, to include Fertilisers or Barley seeds if to be supplied. Necessary legislation to validate the extension of the Act of 1932 to a supply this year will of course be introduced.

"I am to add that the Minister understands that repayments from the recipients of supplies last year have been disappointing. This aspect of the matter should receive special consideration."

Copy of this communication and copy of Circular letter of 21st March, 1932 (S) were issued to Co. Councillors on 10th March, 1933.

The Chairman stated that it rested with the Council to decide whether they would put the scheme into operation, but the letter from the Ministry referred to the bad way in which some recipients paid last year.

Mr. D'Arcy - I think it is very dangerous ground to enter on.

Col. Quin - If these people are solvent they can get the money from the banks, and if they have no security they have no right to ask their brother ratepayers to pay it.

Mr. Cummins - The Banks are very civil as long as you are under no compliment to them. I propose the scheme be adopted.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Mr. D'Arcy referred the Council to a news item in that day's Press stating that in county Leitrim out of £2,970 which the seed Scheme cost last year only £467 was paid.

Mr. Colloton - Is Leitrim one of the poor counties?

Secretary - I would say Leitrim is a poor county.

Mr. D'Arcy - There is no rich county now. The only rich county is Dublin.



The Chairman said he never saw any scheme of the kind which was anything but a failure. In his opinion the Council would be well advised to leave it untouched.

Mr. D'Arcy said the scheme was only protection for the seed merchant who was guaranteed cash and profits by the Co. Councils.

Mr. O'Byrne thought that any honest farmer should have no difficulty in making an arrangement with a merchant.

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

FOR: Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Corish, Colloton, Cummins, Hayes, Shannon and O'Ryan. (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

Messrs. Gaul and Keegan (2) declined voting and Messrs. Jordan and Walsh (2) were not in attendance.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 2nd March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.14819/33 Loch Garman M.) that <sup>ad</sup> it was essential the sum of £135.2.9d due by the Council as their assessment under above Act should be lodged at an early date, payment should be no longer delayed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the assessment due under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 for current year viz., £135.2.9d. be paid and that Pay Order in discharge of same issue from this meeting.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 2nd March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.14820/33 Loch Garman M.) that as it was essential the amount assessed on the Council under above Act viz. £166.16s. for current year should be lodged at an early date payment should be no longer delayed.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Pay Order for £166.16s. amount of assessment due by this Council under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 issue from this meeting."

Proposed by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in the opinion of this Council the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act should be repealed as any small savings effected by it would not at all cover the cost of administration. It has outgrown its usefulness and should be abandoned."

Passed.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 10th March, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.G.K./32) forwarding £2827 under Road Improvement Grant viz., £1374 for T.12; £1218 for T.16; and £235 for T.8.

#### CLOSING OF FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

Col. Gibbon, referring to the Ferrycarrig Bridge contract, stated that when the matter was considered by the Bridge Committee he was assured that nearly a month's work could be carried out without having to close the Bridge to the public. When the contract came on he raised the question, and found that there was no clause inserted in the specification to that effect, but was given the double assurance that the Bridge would not be closed until some work was done. The Bridge was now closed for the reason that the contractor thinks it better to cast the piles on the existing bridge than elsewhere. It looked to him (Col. Gibbon) that for the convenience of the contractor the county is to have the bridge closed for a month longer than was necessary, and that the bridge cannot be re-opened until all the work is completed.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the bridge was closed as from that day. The contractor asked him to be allowed to close it from Friday of last week, but circumstances arose which influenced him to leave the closing over to Monday. There was some point in Col. Gibbon's remarks about the casting of the piles elsewhere, but it was only a minor one. The



erection of the pile frame meant that it was occupying the whole bridge according to the time-table of the contractor the bridge will be opened from July 12th. He would be entitled to have the bridge closed from February 12th.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the County Surveyor stated that so far no work had been done on the bridge.

Mr. Corish stated that there was a stipulation in the specification for County Council works that trades union rates of wages were to be paid. He understood that the contractor was paying 8d. per hour to labourers, and had offered to pay carpenters 1/- per hour. The Council had to pay the standard rates of wages, and he did not see why the Contractor should not be compelled to carry out the terms of the specification. The rate for carpenters was  $1/6\frac{1}{2}$ d., and for builders' labourers  $10\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour.

The Co. Surveyor stated that other contractors never paid that wages to labourers.

Mr. Corish - You do not suggest that a builder's labourer's wages should be at the same rate as the road workers.

Co. Surveyor - I certainly told him that we were paying  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d per hour.

The Co. Surveyor stated he received a letter from the Secretary of the Carpenters' Union which he sent to the contractor and to Mr. Delap, Engineer.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Gaul, it was decided to request the contractor to carry out the terms of the specification in regard to the wages.

Chairman - Would the rates of pay in the vicinity have anything to do with what is being paid?

Mr. Corish - The carpenters' rate is the same all over.

Chairman - I do not think it is the same rate all over the country for carpenters.



Mr. Corish stated that no carpenters were yet employed by the contractor as they would not agree to accept his offer of 1/- an hour. Labourers were being employed by him to do carpenter's work.

Col. Gibbon said he had raised another matter, and it now seemed that the bridge was likely to <sup>be</sup> closed for a longer period if a wages dispute arose.

Mr. Corish - Take it from me there will.

Col. Gibbon - If that is so the bridge should not have been closed until it was absolutely certain that the work is to ahead.

Mr. O'Byrne said they had been given to understand by the engineer and the Co. Surveyor that most of the work would be done before the bridge would be closed.

Chairman - We should try and convenience the public as far as possible, but I do not think we should interfere with the Contractor in his work. He may come along and tell you that he was held up.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had a long discussion with the contractor about the closing of the bridge, and as he put it to him that this work would be holding up his work he had to give way.

No order.

#### SALARIES AND PENSIONS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Wexford Co. Council hereby request the Government to reduce all salaries and pensions payable either from the State Funds or from the funds of local Bodies, and the salaries and pensions should be adjusted in strict accordance with the capabilities of the agricultural industry to pay since this industry is 80% of the whole industry of the 26 Counties."

Mr. D'Arcy said that the salaries being paid at present were the salaries fixed at the time when, he supposed, there was a certain demand for them owing to the high cost of living in the war time. He thought that all present knew perfectly well that the two classes of people being ground out of existence at present were the farmers and



labourers. He thought, if his memory served him right, that the Co. Council, some years ago, made a very deep cut on the labourers employed by them. That being so, he thought the proposition should have been carried on down to every employee of the Council. He believed that the reduction of salaries was long overdue. They all had to admit that no man who was a producer in the country was receiving within 200 per cent of what he received when those salaries were put up, and at the moment there was no production, on the land anyhow, which in itself was able to balance the price of production. Everything being produced at present was a dead loss, and it was only a question of people on the land at present living in hope that to-morrow would be better, but, as far as they could see, to-morrow might be bringing something a great deal worse.

Mr. Brennan seconded the motion, Mr. Gaul opposed.

Col. Gibbon said that the Co. Council salaries were not a very large item, and he thought that a 10 per cent, cut would only mean relief to the extent of a farthing in the £. He thought, on the other hand, that they should say to the Government that they agreed thoroughly with the attempt they were making to reduce the public expenditure. One of the legacies they got from England was the enormous staffs in Public offices in Dublin.

Mr. Hayes - It beats all how we can agree with the Government when it is a question of reducing wages or creating more unemployment

Chairman - Would you think the cutting of salaries would increase unemployment? It would increase employment, I think.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was unfortunate they had never seen that result from it. They were told when the argument was put up to reduce the wages of Co. Council workmen that they would have more employment, but it did not give more employment.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought they had a similar resolution before, and that it was only to affect salaries over a certain rate. She did not see how any member of the Labour Party should object to a



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reduction in extravagant salaries.

Mr. Corish - But the point is if they commence at the top they go down lower.

Miss O'Ryan - Probably this resolution is meant more or less to strengthen the hand of the Government, and probably Mr. D'Arcy means to show that the people would be in favour of such a course.

Mr. D'Arcy - That is quite true.

Mr. Gaul - I do not see that the Government want any strengthening seeing that they are able to pay 24/- a week to unfortunate labourers.

Col. Gibbon said that since they cut the wages of the road workers they had not materially reduced the expenditure on roads. Year after year they had cut the Co. Surveyor's estimates, but he did not think they had cut materially the amount of money that they had put on the roads, and if they were paying at a lower wage, therefore they were paying a larger number of men.

Mr. Corish - Indeed, you cut it down considerably.

Mr. Hayes said it was a very old policy to reduce wages and salaries, and it was like a dog following its tail. The result was that the purchasing power of the people had been cut down, and they had heard over and over again that there was over-production. He would put the matter in another light - he would say that there was under-consumption. If every citizen of the State got all he required he did not believe they would have so much complaint about over-production. He never looked on the reduction of wages as a remedy for economic ills.

Col. Quin - Do not reduce the people who get the present wages, but reduce them in the future, because if you cut any man's wages you make him discontented.

Chairman - Arising out of that, the agricultural community should be all gone mad if your remarks apply to them, because after all their income is certainly cut in two.

Mr. D'Arcy - It is, and in three.

Miss O'Ryan said that they all would agree that too much money



was no fault and an increase of wages might be a solution to the present problem, but another solution might be to increase the income of the farmer. However, that was too big a question for them, a County Council, to discuss. She thought, however, that until the farmer was made better off some people had more than their share in the country.

The Chairman said he thought that until agriculture was put on its feet again they were going to have no cure for unemployment. When they had the farmer in good circumstances there was no talk whatever of unemployment, either in town or country.

Miss O'Ryan - America paid big wages, and still there is a crash.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the matter be adjourned for six or eight months; it would give the Government time to look around. They were not very long in office and perhaps the new County Council would have more brains than the present one.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said he thought it was incumbent on all to take their share of the present depression, and at the moment there were a great many people not bearing any share of it. He referred particularly to people with large salaries. They were not in any way injured by the present depression, because food was much lower in price while the salaries were still at the same level. With regard to those engaged in agriculture, their remuneration was about half what it was about three years ago, and how were they going to exist. They got half, while no other body could bear any cut. He held it was extraordinary to have one or two sections of the community bearing all the brunt of the depression. He regretted that the depression, to some extent, had been forced on the agricultural community, and they had to put up with it, whereas everyone else could argue their point and say "you cannot touch me."



A poll was taken on Mr. Keegan's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (12)

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

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

A vote was then taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (13)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon. (11)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### FORD OF LYN

Correspondence was submitted in connection with the case of the Ford of L yng. It was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the matter be considered in Committee.

The following under date 4th March, 1933, was submitted from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"I enclose copy of a letter received from Messrs. Meldon & Co., Solicitors for the Defendants, from which you will see, that in order to avoid the very heavy expense and cost of the litigation they suggest a Settlement of the case on the terms set out in the Memo attached to their letter, that is, that the Council should carry out the necessary work, which they estimate to cost £300. and that such cost should be borne by both parties in equal shares.

"On receipt of this letter, I submitted same to our Counsel for their consideration, and I send copy of a letter with reference thereto



"received from Mr. Fergus O'Connor, our Junior Counsel, from which you will see, that he strongly advises a Settlement on the terms mentioned, more especially having regard to the heavy cost of the Action if it goes to trial.

"I visited the Lands yesterday with Mr. Fergus O'Connor, and inspected the entire Drainage Area with him. Mr. Doyle and Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, were also present, as well as Mr. Frank Jacob, an adjoining Owner.

"Mr. O'Connor explained the Legal aspect of the case fully to Mr. Doyle, and strongly urged a Settlement of the case, on the terms mentioned.

"The difficulty I see in the Settlement of the case is, that the Council have no Legal Authority to do any work such as is proposed, that is, in cleaning up a natural river or drain. Mr. O'Connor, thinks, however, that this difficulty can be got over.

"I will be glad if you will bring the matter before the next meeting of the Council for consideration."

"The following under date 27th February, 1933, is copy of letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co., 9, Bachelors Walk, Dublin, C.9., written "Without Prejudice":-

"We have consulted our clients on your suggestion that something might be done to avoid litigation in this matter.

"You have the Defence which speaks for itself.

"Our Clients whilst denying all liability for the matters complained of in the Statement of Claim recognize that if the Action proceeds and they succeed they will be at heavy expense and costs which would not be covered by any sum which they might recover. They are therefore disposed to suffer a loss and to contribute to the cost of any necessary works which may have to be done rather than that the proceedings should go on to a finish. Our Engineer estimates the total cost of what would have to be done at £300.



"We enclose for your consideration a Statement of the Terms on which we would advise a Settlement of the Action, and we suggest, that should a meeting become necessary it will be sufficient to confine it to you and your Surveyor and to our Engineer and us."

The following are the heads of proposed terms of settlement suggested by Messrs. Meldon:-

"The Plaintiffs admitting that the obligation imposed on the Defendants as District Commissioners by the Wexford Harbour Embankment Act, 1852 is limited to maintaining the works erected or carried out by the Wexford Harbour Embankment Company under the Authority of the said Act, and further, that the Defendants as such District Commissioners are only empowered by the said Act to levy rates for the purpose of maintaining such works, and without prejudice to the Defendants denial of all liability for the matters complained of in this action, action to be discontinued on the following terms:-

1. The Plaintiffs may, at their own expense construct a drain or other suitable work through the Pill of Rathdowney and emptying into the Catch water Canal adjoining the said Pill lands for the purpose of carrying off surplus water from the Lands of the Ford of Lyng and Ballybro.
2. The Plaintiffs shall be solely responsible for the future maintenance of such drain or other work.
3. The Defendants undertake to procure from the Owners of the Pill of Rathdowney the necessary permission for the Plaintiffs to enter thereon for the purpose of constructing such drain or other work and maintaining the same.
4. The Defendants undertake to procure from the Owners of the reclaimed lands within their District or some of them as a contribution towards the cost of constructing such drain or other work a sum equivalent to one-half of such cost but in no case exceeding £150.



5. The Plans and Specifications for such Drain or other work shall first be submitted to the Defendants' Engineer for his approval in writing and the works shall be carried out in consultation with him and subject to his approval so far as necessary to ensure that the same shall not impair or injure the Drainage works adjoining the said reclaimed lands for the maintenance of which the Defendants are responsible."

Under date 1st March, 1933, the following to Mr. Elgee, from Mr. Fergus O'Connor, B.L., was read:-

"I have just received your letter of the 28th ult., with enclosures.

"I have read the Heads of the proposed Settlement very carefully, and it seems to me, that if they can be carried out, they are eminently reasonable from the points of view of both parties.

"I realise the difficulty to which you have adverted, but I do not think it is by any means insuperable. Frank Fitzgibbon who is leading Counsel for the Defendants had a conversation with me this morning, and he tells me, that as far as the Pill is concerned no difficulty need be anticipated in regard to getting a Licence from the Tyntes who own this particular land.

"Surely there should not be any real difficulty in obtaining the necessary permission from the Owner or Owners of the other Lands where the Streams are, to cleanse and maintain these Streams, if necessary deepening and widening them a little. If unobtainable any other way surely a small monetary payment to these Owners would secure a Licence. Mr. Fitzgibbon assures me, that if the works contemplated by his Engineer are carried out all flooding will cease save where two things combine on exceptionally high tide and a period of heavy rain causing a very large volume of water in the Streams and Canal, and that even then, it will only last for an hour or two at the peak point



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"of the tide. In view of the cost of the litigation if this Action goes to trial and against which I now warn our clients I think a serious and sincere effort should be made to avoid fighting the matter to a conclusion. If the proposed Scheme is effective to bring about a practical disappearance of the matters complained of it would be sheer madness not to make a real effort to have it put into execution. I observed the reference in the latter part of Messrs. Meldons' letter, I think what they mean is, that the preliminary bickering should be done between the parties they mention. If they mean more, then neither Mr. Jellett nor I, nor I think Mr. Fitzgibbon will countenance it for a moment. The idea is, to have the practical details agreed on and have the parties ad idem before we have a final meeting to consider the legal aspects of the situation and close the bargain. I think you had better write Messrs. Meldon to this effect as soon as possible."

Col. Gibbon said he never heard such a ridiculous proposal. Anybody acquainted with the circumstances would realise that any real improvement in the drainage could not be carried out for less than £2000. Then the Defendants in this case proposed they should be released in perpetuity from all liability and in the heads of settlement there was not a single word that the Spillways on the Slob would be reduced to their original height. He considered the County Council should not listen to any talk of settlement until they had a clear admission from the Defendants to maintain the place in future, when the proposed work had been carried out and that they would reduce the Spillways as suggested.

Mr. Elgee contended that the new Act of Parliament under which the present Defendants were functioning did not compel them to keep in repair any drains except those constructed by themselves. The older drains were supposed to have been taken over by the land owners who were responsible for their maintenance.

The Co. Surveyor said he differed with Mr. O'Connor in one



particular point. He contended that the part of the drain going up to the bridge from the embankment was part of the original work while Mr. O'Connor held it was only a natural stream of which the Slob Commissioners had taken advantage.

Mr. Culleton said he never heard of any Act governing the development of this place except that of 1852.

Mr. Corish suggested that Mr. Elgee should get in touch with the Office of Public Works and see all the Acts bearing on the matter.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that Counsel who had seen all the Acts were very strongly in favour of Settlement.

Col. Gibbon proposed that Counsel for Co. Council should be asked for a further report and that all the Acts should be put in. He (Col. Gibbon) had gone to enormous trouble to get these but was not successful. He had, however, been assured at the Office of Public Works that anything which was in the Act under which the Commissioners were first established was still in force and could not be annulled. This was the one matter they should insist upon very strongly. The second point was that the Co. Council should not agree to allow the Defendants to slide out of their liability for the maintenance of the works in future. As for the cost, any work to be of real effect would run to much more than £300. They should have the opinion of the Co. Surveyor as regards this side of the case. Knowing the position extremely well he considered that capitalising the cost of repair and the future maintenance of the works a sum of £2,500 at least would be involved.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That consideration of correspondence in connection with Ford of Lyng be adjourned until next meeting of the Council. In the meantime Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, will ascertain how the position is affected by the Act of 1860, and report to the Council."



ARTHURSTOWN AND DUNCANNON PIERS

Under date 2nd March, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce - Transport and Marine Branch - wrote (TS.1450) as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd November last and previous correspondence relative to the piers at Arthurstown and Duncannon, I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to say that these two works would appear to have been transferred to the County Authority under the Grand Jury Act, 1853. I am to point out that the duty on the County Council of maintaining these piers imposed by the Act referred to is accompanied by the power to levy such tolls and rates in respect of the use of these works as may be fixed by the Minister with the approbation of the Minister for Finance. So far as the Minister is aware Schedules of rates in respect of these undertakings have not been fixed up to the present time, and I am to add that he would be prepared to consider an application from the Council for the fixing of such rates as they might consider reasonable.

"The Minister would, however, be glad to be informed of the nature of the new legislation which the County Council propose and also of the reasons for such legislation."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That in reply to letter of 2nd March, 1933 (T.S.1450) from Department of Industry and Commerce we desire to point out that as Waterford Harbour Commissioners levy tolls at the piers of Arthurstown and Duncannon it would not be desirable that Wexford Co. Council should apply for powers to enable them to levy a second set of dues at these piers. The legislation which the Co. Council desire is a repeal of the Acts which compel them to maintain these structures and such a change in the Waterford Harbour Act as will oblige the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to be responsible for the maintenance of piers and harbours at which dues are collected by them."



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF WEXFORD HARBOUR

The following under date 4th March, 1933, was read from the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners:-

"I am directed to ask you to thank the Members of your Council for their kindness in granting our request to contribute through the rates towards the intended scheme of improvement of Wexford Harbour which we trust will be an everlasting benefit to all concerned."

Mr. Brennan - Did they thank the Chairman?

Chairman - I do not mind, they are mostly Englishmen, and I do not mind the Cockneys.

Mr. Colloton - There was a lot of uncalled-for criticism of the Chairman.

In reply to Mr. Colloton, the Secretary stated the resolution agreeing to pay the rate could be rescinded.

Chairman - We were told by the Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners that the rate would not be payable in perpetuity. The loan will run for perhaps sixty years, and it is, therefore, in perpetuity for the present generation at least. The matter was taken very lightly on the last day. I do not think it is worth while meddling with it; not that I am afraid of the criticism of the Harbour Board.

CAHORE PIER

Under date 8th March, 1933, the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote (D/84/2) acknowledging the resolution adopted by the Co. Council at their meeting of 27th February, 1933, regarding the proposed extension of Cahore Pier.

DREDGING COURTTOWN HARBOUR BASIN

Under date 7th March, 1933, the Office of Public Works wrote (26030/32) asking what progress had been made with the work of dredging Courtown Harbour basin, the expenditure incurred to 28th February and the estimated expenditure to 31st March, 1933. As it was essential



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that as much of the State Contribution as was possible should be paid during the current financial year they wished a claim for payment, as near the end of the year as could be arranged, would be made.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would deal with the matter.

#### DUNDRUM - TINACREE QUARRY

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Office of Public Works under date 6th March, 1933, (M.R.S. 2869) that as the grant for Minor Relief Schemes had been exhausted it was not possible to consider in the immediate future the proposed work of repairing the road at Dundrum - Tinacree .

The Co. Surveyor said it would be necessary for the Council to open the quarry at this place and any money which might become available should be applied to this work before the claims of other works were dealt with.

#### CLEARING RIVER AT RIVERCHAPEL

The Co. Surveyor submitted from Office of Public Works letter under date 6th March, 1933, (M.R.S. 2868) stating it was not possible to consider in the immediate future the proposed work of clearing the river at Riverchapel as the amount of the grant for Minor Relief Schemes had been exhausted.

#### KILMICHAEL LANE, CRAANFORD

Under date 9th March, 1933, Messrs. John Davis, Daniel McDonald and Catherine Drumgoolde wrote calling attention to above lane and asking to have it repaired under Minor Relief Scheme.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall a resolution was adopted referring the application to the Co. Surveyor for report.

#### PORTOBELLO CORNER, CAMPILE

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the owner of land at Dunmain Cross proposed to be taken for easement of Dunmain Cross had refused to accept £2 the amount of proposed compensation. He recommended that the money be transferred to a much



more urgent work at Portobello Corner near Campile.

Mr. Thomas Barron, The Moor, Bannow, - the owner of the land referred to - wrote that unless he received £3 he would not agree to allow the corner to be interfered with.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the ~~£10~~ set aside for improvement of corner at Dunmain, be transferred to work to be carried out at Portobello corner, Campile."

#### CONTINGENCY FUNDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That as requisitioned by Co. Surveyor the following allocations be made from Contingency Fund:-

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Road</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2              | £5            | 17          | £19           |
| 6              | £5            | 29          | £19           |
| 9              | £5            | 42          | £19           |
| 13             | £5            | 59          | £19           |
| 23             | £5            | 61          | £19           |
| 24             | £5            | 63          | £19           |
| 31             | £5            |             | <u>£114</u>   |
| 38             | £5            |             |               |
| 45             | £5            |             |               |
|                | <u>£45</u>    |             |               |

#### TRANSFERS ROAD ACCOUNTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That as requisitioned by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £20 be transferred from Account 9M to Account 10M. And, that as requisitioned by Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, £10 be transferred from Section 400. and £5 from Section 420 to Section 380.

#### CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY

Seven of the former employees of Carrigbyrne quarry wrote asking for permission to work this quarry to get chippings for New Ross Urban Council as they had been employed only six months during the past two years.



It was decided that the Co. Surveyor endeavour to arrange with Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, New Ross, as to supply of chippings from Carrigbyrne quarry.

#### FLOODING OF CAMPILE BRIDGE - ROAD 789

The following report was submitted from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-

"During the heavy rain last week there was a flood under the Railway Bridge at Campile for two days. The employees of the Co-Op. Store opened up the pipe line, and a considerable quantity of coal and ashes was found in the pipes. The Manager has agreed to construct a trap, but unless some pressure is brought on the Company it will be left until there is another flood. There was some damage done to the recently rolled section of road that was covered with the flood."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the report of Mr. O'Neill re flooding at Campile Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, Col. Solicitor, with a view to having suitable action taken against the Committee of Co-operative Stores to obviate flooding in future."

#### COMPLAINT OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF HAULAGE TENDER

Mr. James Kavanagh, St. Johns, Enniscorthy, wrote that he tendered at New Ross for the haulage of stones to several roads from Palace quarry and notwithstanding the fact that his tender was the lowest the work was given to a higher tender. He thought, as a ratepayer, he was entitled to an explanation.

Mr. Cummins said that he was Chairman of New Ross Tenders Committee and as Mr. Kavanagh tendered for haulage by steam -engine horse haulage was accepted because it would cause less injury to the road and would give more employment.

The meeting considered this explanation satisfactory.



SEAN ETCHINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Under date 7th March, 1933, Mr. D. Mac Colum wrote in connection with a site at the Weighbridge, Courtown Harbour, for the purpose of erecting a hall to be known as the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall.

In a subsequent letter Mr. Mac Colum asked that consideration of his application should be adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

It was decided to comply with Mr. Mac Colum's wishes and to have the communication considered at Co. Council meeting to be held on 27th March, 1933.

RATHDUFF LANE

A largely signed memorial from the residents on Rathduff Lane and adjoining ratepayers was submitted asking the Co. Council to have it put into repair, was submitted.

Dr. Patricia M.J. Daly, Larkfield House, Killanne, wrote that a spring of her motor-car was smashed and she was nearly killed in broad daylight while attempting to travel this lane.

Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy wrote on behalf of the residents asking that the lane should be repaired under Minor Relief Scheme and that the Council should appoint a Committee to inspect the lane and report as to its condition.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 11th March, 1933, that the lane was approximately a mile long and seven feet wide - except in a few places where it was 8½ feet. There were five corners requiring improvement, two new gulleys and repairs to a large culvert would also be required. The people living on the lane were prepared to widen where required and put back corners. The cost of repair was estimated at £200.

Messrs. Robert Rowe and Simon Doran attended as a deputation before the Council and explained the difficulty of using the lane which they said was of great convenience to the general public.



Mr. Shannon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That a Committee be appointed to inspect and report as to the condition of Rathduff Lane. That, in the event of this Committee recommending the lane for repair, the necessary work to be carried out from the first available money which will be received out of the Minor Relief Grant."

It was decided that the Committee should consist of the County Councillors for Enniscorthy Electoral Area with Mr. Brennan.

TOURDUFF LANE

Under date 7th March, 1933, Mr. David Doyle, Tourduff, Killena, wrote asking the Council to put into repair the lane leading from Donamore Churchyard to his farm. Of late years about 200 yards of the lane was used by Contractors of Co. Council to draw gravel for roads and for building labourers' cottages, as well as by the public. It was now in a very bad state, worn hollow, while it was filled with water after rain storms. It was the only way he had to and from his farm.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he had inspected the lane on the 10th March, 1933. It was badly water torn and uneven. It required full drainage and considerable repair work the cost of which he estimated at £55. Part of the lane was used by hauliers and others for carting gravel from seaside.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we recommend repair of Tourduff Lane not to exceed £55 to be borne by grant from Minor Relief Scheme"

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908 issue to Michael O'Neill, 89 North Main Street, Wexford, provided no objection to same be received from Garda Siochana."

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*Michael Doyle*



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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 27th MARCH, 1933

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th March, 1933.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £298.13.6d. was examined and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Councillor Keegan in the death of his nephew - a promising young man who was cut down in the prime of life. That copy of this resolution be furnished Mr. Keegan."

#### AGREEMENT TO RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR

1933/34

The following under date 16th March, 1933 (G.24532-1933 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and I am to draw the Council's particular attention to the last paragraph of this Department's circular letter of the 9th instant, (G.48/2/33). It is incumbent on the County Council to proceed forthwith with the striking of the rate for the service of the forthcoming year and consideration of the rate should be taken up



"without delay on the basis of an Agricultural Grant of the amount stated in the circular letter."

The paragraph referred to in the letter stated that the Minister consented by way of departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Orders to reasonable extensions of time for the purpose of striking the rate but he desired it to be understood that such rate must provide fully for the estimated requirements of the County for the year in question as otherwise he would not be prepared to recommend the Government to proceed with the grant allocation.

The Chairman said that Mr. O'Byrne and himself attended the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, which was held in Dublin last Friday, when a deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister for Local Government to ask him to reconsider the departure from the usual procedure in curtailing the agricultural grant. The deputation made every effort to secure an interview with the Minister, but failed, as he had gone to the country ~~or~~ somewhere. He could not be found, and it was only left to the meeting to adjourn their visit to the Minister until Tuesday, and if possible, to find out in the meantime if County Councils could adjourn the striking of the rate until the deputation had met the Minister and the result of the deputation's visit was known. The Secretary of the General Council of County Councils was asked to notify the County Councils on Monday morning if the Minister would agree to the adjournment of the rate. No such notification had been received but every member of the General Council meeting was of the opinion that they were right to adjourn the rate until the result of the deputation's visit was made known.

Mr. O'Byrne said the General Council members were unanimous in agreeing that no rate should be agreed to until the result of the deputation was known.

Mr. Cummins proposed that as no reply had been received about the matter, the Council adjourn the striking of the rate. In proposing that, he had no great hope that they were going to get anything out of



it, but there was nothing like trying. As they would probably have a reply by Wednesday, he proposed that the Co. Council meeting adjourn until Friday.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Chairman - There is no other course open to the General Council of County Councils except this. The deputation is ready to attend at the Department as soon as they are called any day or hour.

Col. Quin - I would be very glad to come.

Chairman - None of the members at the General Council of County Councils wanted the curtailment of the agricultural grant, and there were all shades of political opinion represented but I think they were all unanimous about that.

Mr. O'Byrne - It was the unanimous decision of the Council to let the deputation do their best and to adjourn striking the rates until the deputation had seen the Minister.

Mr. D'Arcy - I think we cannot do anything else in the circumstances. It is a very serious matter.

Miss O'Ryan - How would it affect the Co. Council administration to adjourn the matter to-day?

The Secretary said that they could manage, provided there was only this one adjournment. If the rate is not agreed to very soon it would be impossible to get the books out in time.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that the special meeting be held on Monday 3rd April at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Hall seconded and the proposition was passed unanimously.

At a later stage the Chairman announced that a message had been received that the Minister would see the deputation on Wednesday. Mr. Frizelle would arrange to have a wire from Mr. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary to the General Council of County Councils on Wednesday evening, so that the special meeting could be called for the following Monday.

On the suggestion of Mr. Murphy, it was also decided that the meeting on Monday be the ordinary monthly meeting for April.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the time for agreeing to Rate for financial year 1933/34 from 13th March 1933 to 3rd April 1933 in view of the difficulty which has arisen in respect of Agricultural Grant."

#### SEEDS AND MANURES

Mr. D'Arcy said that since the last meeting a lot of small farmers had called on him about the matter of providing seeds and manures. He explained to them the reason why the Co. Council could not put the scheme into operation. He thought that the Council should put up some feasible recommendation to the Minister for Agriculture, as it appeared that he was prepared to put a scheme into operation if it was feasible. He did not see why the Co. Council should not recommend the Minister to give the people seeds and manures on the same terms as the loans to buy heifers. Let the Department of Agriculture deal with the people directly.

He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Department of Agriculture be requested to formulate a scheme through which farmers will be enabled to secure seeds and manures in the same manner as persons are able to obtain heifers by loan."

Chairman - I think we should agree to Mr. D'Arcy's idea. We have no ambition to keep the people from getting seed and the Council would be very pleased under normal circumstances to do what they could to help but we have the Small Dwellings Act and a terrible amount of money borrowed on the security of the rates and we cannot go any further.

Mr. Cummins said the Scheme of loans for the purchase of heifers had been criticised by every County Committee of Agriculture. If Mr. D'Arcy's resolution recommended that applicants for seed



should have a second security besides their own it would be a farce.

Mr. D'Arcy - Amend the resolution to say that each applicant should be his own security.

Mr. O'Byrne - Would it be fair to ask the Department to give the seed on personal security of the applicant when we would not do the same ourselves? We turned down the same thing.

Chairman - Let the Department make provision for security themselves.

Col. Quin said that the necessitous people were the very people who would be unable to repay the loans. Very few people in other Counties had repaid the money last year.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. D'Arcy's resolution did not put any responsibility on local rates. The Scheme would be financed by the Department of Agriculture.

After further discussion Mr. D'Arcy amended his resolution to read as follows:- "That the Department of Agriculture be requested to formulate a scheme through which farmers will be enabled on their own security to obtain seeds and manures necessary for this year's crop. "

Mr. Hall seconded and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### EMERGENCY DUTIES - SEED OATS

The following under date 23rd March, 1933 (E.5826-33) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by your Council at their meeting on 13th instant relative to the issue of licences to farmers for the importation of seed oats, I am desired by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he is satisfied that oats of a quality suitable for seed purposes is available in this country in sufficient quantities for the requirements of the sowing season, and that he does not, therefore, propose to recommend the issue of licences for the importation of seed oats, free of duty, under the above-mentioned Order."



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## REPAIR OF LANES

GARRYNISK LANE, BLACKWATER:- A memorial signed by residents of Garrynisk was read making representations to have the lane from the new cottage on Ballyroe road to the licensed premises on the new line, a distance of about one mile, repaired. It was a public roadway to both a forge and cornmill and as it was in a very bad condition it was impossible to get crops removed from the land. They suggested that the lane be repaired under contract as it connected two important public roads.

The Co. Surveyor said he presumed it was proposed to repair the lane under the minor relief scheme, but all the Council could do was make a recommendation because he received several letters from the Board of Works in regard to several other lanes and stating that the funds were exhausted.

Mr. M. Sutton and Mr. P. Breen attended as a deputation in favour of the proposal. The former who acted as spokesman said that the memorialists were not asking that the lane should be repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote but that it should be taken over by the Co. Council. At present it was in a very bad condition. There was a broken bridge on it and there was no room for a car to pass. There was never anything done by the Council to the lane. Six families resided on it but there was a good deal of traffic outside this over the lane.

Miss O'Ryan - If this were done would it be a great short cut for the people of the district.

Mr. Sutton - It would.

Mr. Corish - My information is that the lane is used by everyone.

The Chairman explained that if the work were done under the minor relief scheme the Council would not be obliged to take over its subsequent maintenance if the lane had a dead end.

Mr. Gaul - Has not Mr. Barry told us there is no money available?

Mr. Corish - The Government cannot do anything until after the



end of the current financial year. All the money that was available for the current year is exhausted.

Mr. Sutton said that the lane had been very badly damaged when used as an alternative route owing to a bridge having been blown up and it was never the same since.

Mr. Hall proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That the Co. Councillors for Enniscorthy County Electoral area be appointed a Committee to inspect and report in regard to the memorial for repair of Garrynisk lane, (Blackwater). That County Surveyor fix date and hour of meeting and inform Mr. Sutton when Committee will inspect the lane.

BALLINROOAUN LANE:- Patrick Doyle, Ballinrooaun, Aidan Conway, do., and Mrs. Quirke do., wrote asking to have the lane leading to their houses repaired under the minor relief scheme.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton, it was decided to recommend the inclusion of the lane in the proposals for a minor relief scheme grant.

KILMICHAEL LANE, CRAANFORD:- John Davis, Daniel McDonald, and Catherine Drumgoold, wrote applying to have Kilmichael Lane repaired under the Minor relief scheme.

It was decided on the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, to recommend the inclusion of the lane in a minor relief scheme.

MEELGARROW LANE:- Ratepayers of Meelgarrow and surrounding districts forwarded a memorial suggesting that the lane leading through Meelgarrow townland upon which five families resided was urgently in need of repairs. At seasons it was impassable and the people were practically isolated. Engine owners and lorry owners complained that unless something was done with the lane they would be unable to carry out their operations. Up to now the memorialists had done everything possible to make the laneway passable. They asked the Council to allocate a minor relief Grant.



Messrs. Thomas Deacon, Denis Condon and Patrick Flynn attended as a deputation.

Mr. T. Deacon, who acted as spokesman, stated the lane was impassable at times. They were asking the Council to do something with it as they saw that steps were being taken in regard to lanes elsewhere. The lane was leading to the Chapel and school and on occasions the people were compelled to take to the land when the lane became impassable. They had no outlet, but were promised one of forty yards, which would bring them to the road. The lane was one statute mile in length and there were six families living on it.

Chairman - The idea of the inhabitants is to get the forty yards converted into a connecting link between the road and the lane.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that until the lane was connected with the road he was afraid that anything better than a minor relief scheme would not succeed, and then if the road was of utility to the public the probability was that the Council might take it over.

Col. Quin - I am afraid they will take that as a promise.

Chairman - I am not making any promise and no member of the Council can say I did, and I am not to be taken as a spokesman for the deputation.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall, a recommendation was adopted that the Committee already appointed to inspect Rathduff Lane should inspect Meelgarrow Lane on same day.

The Co. Surveyor said he did not see how they could do anything until they saw what would happen in connection with the application for a grant for this lane under the Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

Mr. Shannon then proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That application be made under Minor Relief Scheme for repair of Meelgarrow Lane."

Passed. X



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STONEHOUSE AND GURTINS LANE:- A memorial was read from ratepayers of Stonehouse and Gurtins (Fethard) applying for a grant under the Minor Relief Scheme to be used for repairing the Stonehouse-Gurtins Lane.

On the proposition of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Gaul, it was decided to recommend the proposal for inclusion in a minor relief Scheme.

KNOCKLAHANE LANE:- A memorial was submitted from the people of Croghan, Tinnabawn, Rathpierce, Tomatone, Kilminer, Tomcoyle and Ahullen, asking to have money allocated for the improvement of this laneway which was being used by people attending the church in Kilanerin and school children. The ordinary highway open to traffic from the townlands during the summer months was closed during a great part of the year, even in the summer during a prolonged wet spell of weather. The same obstacle prevented the people from availing of the use of the ordinary highway for the reason that a large part of the road at the foot of Limbrick Hill was covered with water during wet weather and all pedestrian traffic was diverted to the laneway. The attendance of the clergy on the sick was cut off by the flooding of the road. The proposed work would relieve ~~the~~ unemployment and the Council could rely on the willing co-operation of the people and their readiness to allow the widening of the laneway. There was a quarry beside the laneway which would be at the free use of the Council.

Col. Quin stated that a man came to him on the previous night and told him the chief grievance was that on one of the roads the water came to a height of four feet. He (Col. Quin) travelled the road and never saw water to that extent on it.

Mr. D'Arcy - I certainly say if it were not four feet it might be five feet.

Co. Surveyor - Are you talking about a lane?

Mr. D'Arcy - No, it is a public road. To obviate the flooding of the road Mr. D'Arcy suggested that it would be necessary to make a



deep drain for a distance of two or three hundred yards.

Chairman - If it is as great as that something should be done. It would be easier to make the drain than anything else.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That Knocklahane lane be scheduled for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. " Passed.

Col. Quin said if their own road was as badly flooded as was represented the matter should be remedied.

The Co. Surveyor said he would make a special report as to this road

BALLINCASH LANE:- Sixteen resident Ratepayers wrote asking the Co. Council to construct a new road from Ballincash to Tinnick.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the application of Ratepayers from Ballincash district as to new road be referred to the Co. Surveyor for report." Passed.

Rev. J. Maher, P.P., Oulart, wrote that the road was badly needed from every point of view and he was strongly in favour of its construction.

BALLYMOTHEY LANE:- Nine residents on Ballymothey lane wrote that although a grant through Minor Relief Schemes had been obtained for repair of this lane the work was held up by William Murphy and they had been informed he was looking for an exorbitant sum for compensation. They appealed to the Council to have the work started as soon as possible.

Mr. Hall said this was really the most important lane which the Council had dealt with up to the present.

Mr. Colloton proposed that as it was possible the opposition by Mr. Murphy might be met through the Land Commission, consideration of the letter be adjourned for the present.

Mr. Brennan seconded and the motion was adopted.



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LANE - BALLYNASLANEY - POULDARRIG:- The Co. Surveyor forwarded a copy of letter received by him from the Commissioners of Public Works regarding his communication about the lane from Oylegate through Ballynaslaney and Pouldarrig, and pointing out that it was included in his list of suggested works furnished in December last. It was regretted that as the vote was exhausted the project could not now be considered.

#### DANGEROUS CORNER

Col. Quin asked that a wall at a dangerous corner a quarter of a mile from Ferns on the road from end of Tomgarrow Bridge to Ballycarney be improved by removing a wall and erecting a fence. So far as he remembered there was some difficulty about the matter before, but the wall appeared to belong to a Health Board cottage.

Mr. D'Arcy said it was a dangerous corner.

The Co. Surveyor said he would see to it.

#### WHITE LINES ON ROADS

Col. Quin referred to the necessity of a white line being on the road at Ferns.

The Co. Surveyor stated it would be no use except a Guard was on duty there. They had black lines on the road to Ferrycarrig and there was not one motorist in fifty who would not cross it.

Col. Gibbon - The reason they do not take notice of it is because there are two black lines.

The Co. Surveyor stated he never saw any more than a black line on the Ferrycarrig road.

Col. Gibbon - You will find two lines under the Railway bridge.

The Co. Surveyor undertook to attend to the matter of having the lines laid on both roads.

#### COAST EROSION

Mr. Cummins said that the Secretary had received a letter from the Land Commission stating that with reference to the matter of the



Coast erosion at Slade, and the provision of a right-of-way to the holdings of Messrs. Fortune and Moran, this was under consideration and was being expedited.

Mr. Cummins said that five years ago that matter was brought up before the Council, and several letters had been written and resolutions passed, but it was still receiving attention. These people have no chance of getting into their houses. He would like to draw the attention of the gentlemen in office to the fact that it is the work they wanted done and not letters.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That as the Council have been receiving letters for years past from the Land Commission that the necessary work of laying down road for Messrs. Fortune and Moran at Slade is receiving attention, the Council call on the Land Commission to have the work put in hands without further delay."

#### ETCHINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Letter was read from Mr. D. MacColuim, Riverchapel, stating that he had been appointed by the Sean Etchingham Memorial Committee to approach the Council with regard to acquiring from them a site at the Weighbridge at Courtown Harbour, for the purpose of erecting thereon a hall to be known as the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall. It was quite unnecessary for him to say anything to the Council about the late Sean Etchingham, and they would agree that the erection of a memorial such as was proposed would, besides commemorating a noted figure in the struggle for freedom, be of great benefit to the people of the locality. Their object was to provide accommodation to be utilised for all purposes to promote the National interests.

The Co. Surveyor said he saw no objection to the granting of the site, but it might be recollected by the Council that a private individual asked permission to erect a house there and they turned it down. The present application was, however, more in the nature of a public body asking for consideration. With regard to the obstruction



of the view it would make no difference as the weighbridge house was on the plot which was part of the ground taken over from Lord Courtown by the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the application be granted subject to the Co. Surveyor being satisfied in the matter.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Col. Quin remarked that there were a good many halls in Courtown and another would hurt the owners of the halls already erected.

Mr. D'Arcy - Opposition is good.

Col. Quin said that the hall was not needed in Courtown.

The Co. Surveyor stated that permission to erect a house at the place was refused to a private individual about twelve months *ago*.

Mr. Cummins - There is no question of considering a private individual as against the object the site is proposed to be used for now.

The Chairman asked if the Hall would be for the personal benefit of those in control of it, or if it was to be erected by the public.

Mr. Cummins - The public are erecting it in memory of Mr. Etchingham.

Chairman - Are you sure?

Mr. Corish said he thought a hall of the kind should be made available to every section of the public.

Col. Quin said he thought the name of Mr. Etchingham was being used as a red herring in the matter.

The Chairman said that if a private individual was going to get the ground for a hall under the title of the Sean Etchingham Memorial Hall it was another matter altogether.

Col. Gibbon suggested that as a rule when memorial halls were erected there were trustees. He thought they should ask for particulars.

The Chairman agreed that they should ascertain the ownership of the hall and said he had no objection whatever if the hall was to be erected by the public as a memorial but he thought they should



safeguard themselves against anyone snatching the name of the hall for their personal advantage.

Mr. Corish considered they should get an undertaking that the hall would be available for all sections and they should make a small charge say 1/- per year to keep alive their rights to the plot.

Mr. Hall said that some provision should be made in the agreement giving the plot that it was given on the understanding that the building would be used as a public hall.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for further consideration Mr. Elgee in the meantime to get in touch with Mr. MacColuim and ascertain from him (a) the names of the proposed Trustees (b) if the hall will be available to the public (c) will the Trustees sign an agreement that in the event of the hall falling into disuse or its use being restricted to a section of the community that the plot will revert to the Co. Council.

Mr. O'Byrne said the present intention was that the hall should be used for Irish language and dancing classes.

#### FLOODING AT CLOHAMON

The Co. Surveyor reported that the Committee appointed by the Co. Council were summoned to meet at Clohamon on 24th March, 1933, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, and himself attended and waited a considerable time. Mr. Armstrong turned up but no one else. They discussed what would be possible, and it was suggested that under the road improvement grant they should do the road through Clohamon Village in concrete. That would raise the surface of the whole road about six or seven inches, and at the actual deep holes they might get in six or twelve inches in ordinary filling under the concrete, so that there would never, except in extraordinary floods, be any big depth of water, and being concrete, the road would not be torn up. To provide for pedestrian traffic during minor floods - not during excessive floods - it was suggested that there should be a little



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footbridge along the side, timber trestles on concrete posts. Excessive floods occurred very rarely.

Col. Quin - Very, very rarely.

The Co. Surveyor stated that they did not propose to deal with the excessive floods. What they suggested would enable all vehicular traffic to get by in any ordinary floods, and the little footpath would allow pedestrians to pass in ordinary floods. In excessive floods no one could get by.

Col. Quin said he thought that a tremendous mountain had been made out of a mole hill. It was only in extraordinary floods that everyone could not get across. They might wet their feet a little.

The Co. Surveyor said it had been suggested that the weir at the mill was the cause of the flooding but Mr. Ennis on a couple of occasions found that the first flooding was caused independently of the weir.

Mr. Armstrong said it was evident to everyone acquainted with the place that the weir was not the cause of the flooding. Col. Quin had stated that the flooding was very very rare, but it was not. For the past eight or ten years he (Mr. Armstrong) was confident that the road had been flooded to a depth of from twelve to eighteen inches four or five times every winter. He would be satisfied if the Council made provision in regard to minor floods. He would not expect the Council to deal with extraordinary floods, which probably did not occur except once in twenty-five years.

In reply to the Chairman, the Co. Surveyor said that if they were going to do concreting they might as well go through the village and finish the job. The distance would be about three-quarters of a mile which would cost about £3,000 and would be done out of a grant.

Mr. Armstrong said that apart from the flooding he thought it was the intention that the road would be resurfaced in any case. It was a place on which they would be entitled to spend the usual grant.



The Co. Surveyor said the road was a link road, and he took it that it would come within the grants they were getting for the coming year.

Mr. O'Byrne remarked that concrete was the only surface that would stand the flooding.

Chairman - The expenditure of £3,000 is a fairly big item. We will get it of course, but there are places in the country worse wanting expenditure than this place.

The Co. Surveyor said that in future he would be inclined to do road improvement works on steep hills in concrete. It was going down hills particularly that the horse traffic felt the danger of slippery roads.

Mr. Armstrong proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the acceptance of the Co. Surveyor's recommendation.

\* In reply to the Chairman the Co. Surveyor said that any alternative route for vehicular traffic would mean a detour of about six miles.

The Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor's estimate was a tremendous amount of money for such a short distance.

Mr. D'Arcy said that he would in future oppose any concreting of roads. It was the concreting of roads and streets that was putting all the unemployed on the market. When they put down a concrete road they put men absolutely off the employment market. What would happen if they had all the main roads in the County concreted? What work would they have?

Co. Surveyor - You would have the money for other improvements.

Mr. D'Arcy - If the roads are all concreted I am sure the Ratepayers are not going to agree to the striking of a rate for roads that are not wanted.

Co. Surveyor - They could do it for other things. They could do drainage work.

Mr. D'Arcy said it was proposed to spend £3,000 on three-quarters



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of a mile of road, and the Co. Surveyor stated that his chief reason for concreting was to prevent slippery roads, but on the road between Enniscorthy and Gorey there was not a word about slipperiness. He did not see why they could not leave a margin on tarred roads for horse traffic. There was not a bag of cement manufactured in Ireland while the stones put on tar macadam roads were dug out of the quarries of the country giving men work. It was time they opened their eyes to what they were doing.

Col. Quin remarked that he thought Mr. D'Arcy was there in the interests of the ratepayers. If they could get all the roads concreted it would make the cost to the ratepayers less.

Mr. Armstrong said that no one would suggest that a road which suffered from flooding should be repaired in tar macadam.

Col. Gibbon said it would be useful for Councillors if the Co. Surveyor would give them some idea as to how the road rate had been affected by the concreting of Wexford-Enniscorthy road taking into account the capital expenditure.

Mr. D'Arcy said that if they got £25,000 in grants for the roads this year he understood that the amount derived from all motoring sources in the County was in the neighbourhood of £24,000, so that it meant that they would be getting back their own money plus £1,000.

The Co. Surveyor said that even if they only got something less than their own money it was a perfectly proper proposition, because £1,000,000 had been expended that had to be paid back.

Mr. D'Arcy - But you must remember that the taxation on motor parts coming in is £2,000,000 a year.

After further discussion Mr. D'Arcy proposed that the road at Clohamon except the portion actually subject to flooding should be repaired in tar macadam.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Department expected that where possible cement should be used in reconstruction of main and link roads.



The cost of laying a road in tar macadam would be something less than half the cost of cement but, owing to maintenance he believed in a twenty year period the cement road would work out cheaper. The average cost for re-spraying a tar macadam road would be £90 a mile per year while the maintenance of the cement road would be very small. He wished Councillors would give him suggestions as to road improvement works.

After further discussion Mr. Armstrong and Mr. D'Arcy withdrew resolution and amendment respectively and the following motion proposed by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy was passed, Col. Quin dissenting:- "That the road at Clohamon from cross roads in village of Clohamon to Ryland Cross be repaired in concrete and the balance in tar macadam."

SOUTHERN PIERS AND HARBOURS

Under date 22nd March, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch wrote (T.S.1450) that the resolution of the Council as regards the piers at Arthurstown and Duncannon was receiving attention.

UNEMPLOYED IN HOOK DISTRICT

The following which bore eighteen signatures was read:-

"We the unemployed of Hook District beg to draw the attention of the Council to the immediate need of having a continuation of the recent work on the Hook-Fethard road carried out under a further grant in order to enable us to provide a living for ourselves and our families. We have been unemployed since the recent work (which was but a small thing) finished and we have nothing else to look forward to. We therefore suggest that the Council make some provision as soon as possible to have the work continued as we are in a very bad way.

"We further wish to state that notwithstanding the fact that six cottages are about to be built in our midst not one of us have got a chance of a day's work at blockmaking or of being otherwise employed, we know that this is a matter for the Health Board and not for the



"Council, but we mention it in order to bring home to your members who are members of the Health Board the manner in which they seek to treat us. We understand that blockmaking is in progress at Ballykerogue, Campile, and that this centre is intended to cover our area also. We strongly protest against this, holding it is most unfair whilst there is as good, if not better material on our shores as there is at Ballykerogue or Cullenstown.

"Mr. Shortall, Engineer, made some tests of the sand here, but he made sure to keep far away from the place where he might easily acquire the material he wanted."

Mr. Colfer proposed that about £400 be spent in finishing the road from Porter's Gate to Slade, when money was available.

The Chairman said the question of blockmaking of labourers' cottages was in the hands of the Engineers of the Health Board and they were prepared to start at any place they found convenient.

Mr. Colfer said the men of the district contended that Fethard was not getting a fair show.

Miss O'Ryan said that there was a good deal of discontent because the work was given to a particular set of men. There was also an allegation that men had left farmers to take up road work.

The Chairman said the men concerned should send in representations to the Board of Health, the Body in charge of the erection of labourers' cottages.

Mr. Cummins said that the members of the Health Board should inquire into the discontent prevailing in the Hook.

The Chairman said that at the blockmaking centre in his district the men were changed about.

Mr. Cummins, who seconded Mr. Colfer's motion, said that if the men were changed about in his district there would not have been any discontent in the Hook.

The resolution was then put and passed.



SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as recommended by the Finance Committee we agree to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts being advanced to the following applicants whose title to plots on which they are erecting houses have been approved by the Co. Solicitor, and on condition that certificates of value by Assistant Surveyors are found in order.":-

|                                                        | Loan   | Est Value of House |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| <u>Daniel Bolger</u> , Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.     | £130 ✓ | £200               |
| <u>John Whelan</u> , Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.       | £180 ✓ | 200                |
| <u>Daniel Tomkins</u> , Esmonde Street, Gorey.         | £115 ✓ | 230                |
| <u>Denis Keane</u> , Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour.    | £100 ✓ | 200                |
| <u>J.T. Sutton</u> , Whitemill Road, Wexford.          | £125 ✓ | 250                |
| <u>Mrs. N. O'Callaghan</u> , Rosslare Strand, Wexford. | 150 ✓  | 200                |
| <u>John Webster</u> , The Shannon, Enniscorthy.        | £180 ✓ | 200                |
| <u>Patrick Doyle</u> , Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy.   | £135 ✓ | 270                |
| <u>Michael McGrath</u> , Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.    | £180 ✓ | 200                |
| <u>Patrick Hayes</u> , Kilmannon, Cleariestown.        | £75 ✓  | 190                |

Col. Quin gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution agreeing to consider chattel mortgages on houses as sufficient security for repayment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded and that the Council oblige applicants for loans under these Acts to provide ordinary security by themselves and two solvent sureties jointly. This resolution not to be retrospective and to apply only to applications dealt with after 3rd April, 1933.

John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, whose application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was rejected at last meeting on the ground that he was a single man, came before the meeting and contended that he had as much responsibility as he had to support his father (who was an invalid) two sisters and a younger brother. His



work was mainly agricultural.

Miss O'Ryan gave the following notice of motion for consideration at Co. Council of 3rd April, 1933:- "That the resolution of the County Council rejecting the application of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, for loan under Small Dwelling's Acquisition Acts be rescinded and the application accepted."

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE REPAIRS

The following letter under date 24th March, 1933, was read from the Irish Piling Company, Contractors for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge:-

"Our attention has been called to a motion adopted by your Council requesting us to carry out the terms of the Specification with regard to wages.

"We would remind you that we entered into this contract with you as a result of negotiation between our Mr. O'Rourke and a sub-Committee acting on behalf of your Council. Mr. O'Rourke was informed by the sub-committee that the local rate for labourers was 8½d per hour, and the contract price was decided on that understanding. We are not prepared to pay more than this unless we have an undertaking from your Council that the extra cost will be paid to us over and above the Contract price.

We understand that members of your Council advocated a rate of 10½d per hour, and further, made certain statements which we consider were an incitement to the men we have working to go on strike. As a result the men are agitating for the rate mentioned, and we wish to advise you that we will hold your Council responsible for any loss or damage which we incur as a result of these statements."

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brennan, it was decided the matter be considered in Committee.

Messrs. O'Byrne, Corish, D'Arcy and Gibbon said that the question of wages was not discussed with Mr. O'Rourke when he met the sub-committee.



Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that under Clause 93 of the Contract it was provided that the Contractor should not pay to his workmen a less wage than the minimum standard wages of the district and wherever possible to employ local labour.

The Co. Surveyor said he had informed Mr. O'Rourke that at the work on concrete roads he had paid 8½d an hour for labour. Mr. O'Rourke was now paying 9d or 9½d. The question was, could the unskilled labour at Ferrycarrig be described as builders' labour. He (County Surveyor) contended it could <sup>not</sup> and was at variance with Mr. Corish on the point.

Mr. Elgee, said it was plain on the face of it that it was not anything which the sub-committee said to Mr. O'Rourke that affected the wages question as his tender was in before the sub-committee saw him.

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

"That Mr. P.G. O'Rourke B.E., of the Irish Piling Co., be requested to meet the sub-committee which interviewed him regarding the tender of his Company for this work on Monday 3rd April, 1933, at 11 a.m. in County Surveyor's Office to discuss various questions in connection with the Bridge Contract."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 16th March, 1933, was submitted:-

"Inspector Harte of the I.O.C., came before the meeting in regard to a request for the Company to be allowed to use the road from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross in order to get on to trunk road to Enniscorthy.

"The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Harte had informed him that since the Ferrycarrig Bridge had been closed the bus lost a considerable amount of traffic between Wexford and Enniscorthy and were getting practically no traffic between Ballymackessy and Wexford the alternative route. He (Co. Surveyor) did not know if the Co. Council had any legal power to prevent the Bus Company from using the route from Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but in his (Co. Surveyor's) opinion the road was dangerous for both bus and public. It was very narrow and if a common cart or motor-car was coming in an opposite direction



"to the bus there would be danger of collision as the bus would not be well able to get off the crown of the road. He was afraid that if the request was agreed to there might be an accident.

"Mr. Harte said they had four bus services daily; one at 8 o'clock a.m., second at 1 o'clock p.m.; the third at 4.30 p.m. and the last at 10 o'clock. It was only the one at 4.30 p.m. which would cause any inconvenience and that would be for a few minutes only. Most of the traffic went now by Castlebridge.

"Mr. Culleton said he understood that when the bridge was closed traffic was to go by a certain route, which was not via Castlebridge.

"The Co. Surveyor said that it was published by advertisement that Ballymackessy was the alternative route but this would not bar traffic from the use of the Castlebridge road.

"Mr. O'Byrne said if the bus was compelled to use the alternative route it would be a great hardship on the people from Kyle into Enniscorthy who were in the habit of taking this means of transport.

"Mr. Harte said it was not the desire of the Company to do anything against the wishes of the Co. Council.

"The Co. Surveyor said he was not against the use of the road from the Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross but the Company should give an undertaking that if found dangerous to the public or destructive to the road surface the route should be abandoned.

"Mr. Culleton said it appeared as if all motor traffic formerly using Ferrycarrig Bridge in and out of Wexford had now come on to the Castlebridge road, the repair to the damage of which, before the work at the bridge was completed, would run into three times the cost of a temporary bridge.

"In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Harte said the Company would be only too pleased to take the bus off the route if the Council objected.

"The Co. Surveyor said the speed going down the hill from Kyle should be limited to ten miles an hour.

"Mr. Harte said that the Company would confine themselves to any



"specified speed.

"It was then decided that the request of the I.O.C. to use road for bus from Killurin Civic Guard Barracks and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross via Newtown, be agreed to, speed to be limited to ten miles per hour the Company to withdraw this service at any time on the request of the Co. Surveyor".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we hereby confirm resolution of Finance Committee at their meeting of 16th March, 1933, allowing Irish Omnibus Company to use road from Killurin Civic Guard Barracks and Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross via Newtown."

The Co. Surveyor said that no damage had apparently so far, been done to the road.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Mr. Corish said representations had been made to him by the people of St. Helen's to try and get something done with the pier there. He had brought the matter before the Minister for Lands and Fisheries and also the Fishermen's Association. He had received a letter from the Minister but had forwarded it to Mr. O'Brien, Secretary to the St. Helen's Fishermen. He believed there was a good chance of obtaining a grant provided the Council would spend the £10 or £15 necessary in the preliminary work of borings.

The Secretary stated that the Council had no power to spend money on an unscheduled pier.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the people of the district should try and raise the amount.

After further discussion Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That Mr. Corish T.D., make representations to the Minister for Lands and Fisheries as regards the expenditure of £10 or £15 for preliminary borings at St. Helen's Harbour from State Funds, and, failing this, that he ascertain from the Department of Local Government and Public



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"Health if there be any way possible by which the Council can expend the amount in question without running the risk of surcharge."

#### BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE

Mr. Gaul referred to the drainage meeting at Kilmore Quay on Saturday, and said he would like the Council to pass a resolution strengthening the hands of the drainage boards in their efforts to obtain a grant.

Mr. Culleton - What have we to do with the drainage down there?

Col. Gibbon - It is an unemployment grant.

Chairman - I think you have as much to do with it as with Wexford Harbour.

Mr. Gaul proposed that a resolution be adopted.

Chairman - I am sure I am not adverse to it if it do any good.

Mr. Shannon seconded the proposition, and it was passed.

#### FORD OF LYN

Consideration of correspondence relative to this matter had been adjourned from meeting of 13th March, 1933, when the following resolution had been adopted:-

"That consideration of correspondence in connection with Ford of Lyng be adjourned until next meeting of the Council. In the meantime Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, will ascertain how the position is affected by the Act of 1860, and report to the Council."

The following under date 20th March, 1933, from Mr. Fergus O'Connor, B.L., to the Co. Solicitor was read:-

"With reference to your third paragraph - there appears to be a misapprehension, perhaps occasioned by a misprint on my part, as to the Statement referred to. What I wished to point out was ~~this~~ - that whilst the Company were given certain powers of reclamation provided they did not injure the draining of the adjoining lands once the reclaimed lands were sold there was nobody on whom the mantle of the Company fell, and who would be liable if the work



"of reclamation carried out by the Company did in fact ultimately result in injury to the drainage of the adjoining lands. As I read the Statute the only duty of the Commissioners is to keep in proper working order and repair the drainage works erected by the Company in pursuance of its Statutory powers. For this reason I was particularly anxious to inspect these works, and as the Council is aware I carried out a complete inspection of the whole place about a fortnight ago in company with you and Mr. Barry. Mr. Doyle was there, as was also a neighbouring owner Mr. Jacob. In my former letter I must have written "Commissioners" by mistake for "Company" and this has given rise to the difficulty you mention. Mr. Barry was unable to point out any elements of disrepair in the drainage Scheme or the doing of any Act by the Commissioners in the maintenance or repair of the works which would occasion the flooding we complain of.

"I am not to be taken as trying to force a Settlement on the Council, but I should consider myself as failing in my duty to them if I did not point out (a) the Action is one<sup>in</sup> which in my opinion, it will be very difficult to succeed (b) Whether they win or lose it will cost them a great deal of money, much more of course if they lose and (c) apparently if the suggestions in Messrs. Meldons' letter are carried out and the work properly done the result we want will be achieved, and at a very much lesser cost than even if we won the action.

You see, my view is, that there is nobody now who can be made liable for the fact that the Scheme which was thought perfect at the time has through the effluxion of time and the lack of scouring action on the part of the Tides and without default on the part of the Commissioners, has injured the draining of the adjoining lands."

Col. Gibbon said that within recent years the present owners of the Slob had raised the spillway and thereby raised the height of the water outside the Sloblands.

The Co. Surveyor maintained that the channel from the



embankment to the road bridge was part and parcel of the Drainage System. Making the canal and ponding back the water should be regarded as a structural work.

Col. Gibbon asked if Mr. O'Connor contended that the entire Drainage Act had been abrogated because of the fact that the land had been sold to the tenants. There was no provision in any Act repealing the Act of 1855.

Mr. Elgee held that the new Company had kept in order the drain which they had made themselves and this was the limit of their responsibility.

Col. Gibbon held that the present Company had made themselves liable by raising the spillway.

The Chairman said it was very funny if the Company could shed their responsibility by selling to tenants.

Mr. Culleton pointed out the case of the North Slob the present Company had all the responsibilities of the old one.

The Chairman said that the flooding was mainly caused by the water in the canal not being as deep as when it was first constructed through lack of dredging.

Mr. Elgee said he should inform the Council that if they went to law and were beaten they would have to reconcile their action with the Auditor in view of the opinion of Counsel advising settlement.

The Chairman said any effective work at the place could not cost less than £1000 and the Council should not accept the proposal to be responsible for future maintenance.

Mr. Corish said the matter was of sufficient importance to submit to a Government Department and if they found the grievance could not be remedied they might try and promote a short Bill to meet the situation. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to receive a deputation in connection with flooding at the Ford of Lyng. "



The following were appointed as the deputation:- The Chairman, Col. Gibbon, Messrs. Culleton, Corish, with Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

It was also agreed that the County T.D.'s. should be asked to assist the deputation at their interview at Office of Public Works.

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF WAGES

Under date 18th March, 1933, Mr. Patrick Kehoe who described himself as Harbour Master at Kilmore applied for an increase in his wages of £1. per week.

The Secretary stated that on the sudden death of the former Harbour Master who was applicant's father the Widow was appointed, applicant being then a minor and the position had not been changed since.

Mr. Corish gave notice of motion that Patrick Kehoe, provided no objection be received from his mother, be appointed Harbour Master of Kilmore and that when said appoint<sup>ment</sup> has been ratified his application as to increase of remuneration for the position be considered.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following appointments of Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for Summer and Autumn Dipping periods of 1933 be made, remuneration in each case to be £1 per week with refund of actual cost of postage incurred:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- James Murphy, Ferns; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural, Killanne, Killoughrim, Killmallock, Kiltaly and The Leap.



GOREY DISTRICT:- Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew; for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnahue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart; for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rossminogue and Wells.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, Enniscorthy.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

#### SELECTION OF TEMPORARY STAFF

In connection with Committee appointed to select temporary staff to write up Rate Books and prepare Receipt and Demand Notes for Rate Collectors it had been decided on the motion of Mr. Colloton seconded by Mr. Brennan that the Chairman replace Mr. Roche who was unable to attend.

This Committee met at the conclusion of the business of the County Council on 13th March, 1933, when the following attended:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:- Messrs. T. McCarthy and James Shannon.

GOREY DISTRICT:- Messrs. S. O'Byrne and James Hall.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:- Messrs. J. Cummins and J.E. Walsh.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:- The Chairman and Mr. R. Corish.

The following were selected as the temporary staff the first twenty named to be first employed, and the remaining ten as the exigencies of the work require:-

1. Thomas O'Rourke, 16, John Street, Enniscorthy.
2. Laurence Doyle, 14, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.
3. Aidan Leacy, Garrydaniel, Monamolin.
4. Patrick Dempsey, 19, Garden City, Gorey.
5. Hugh P. Kenny, 14, George Street, Gorey.
6. Charles Kavanagh, Clonattin Road, Gorey.
7. James Brennan, Chapel Lane, New Ross.
8. William Halloran, 1, Chapel Lane, New Ross.
9. M. Ffrench, Kilhile, Arthurstown.
10. Michael J. Crosbie, Nethertown, Carne, Broadway.
11. Denis Curran, Ballinleck, Crossabeg, Co. Wexford.
12. Patrick Kearns, Lady's Island, Broadway.
13. D.J. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway.
14. J. Doyle, Sleadagh, Murrintown.
15. Liam J. Cosgrave, Taghmon.



16. Patrick Beary, Trinity Street, Wexford.
17. William Busher, Faythe, Wexford.
18. Capt. J.J. O'Leary, Monument Place, Wexford.
19. Thomas Kearns, William Street, Wexford.
- 20 Roderick O'Connor, 34, Faythe, Wexford.
- 21.M. Flusk, John Street, Wexford.
- 22.James Devereux, South Main Street, Wexford.
- 23.Desmond Horan, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.
- 24.James Murphy, George Street, Wexford.
- 25.Joseph Fennell, George Street, Wexford.
- 26.William Harris, High Street, Wexford.
- 27.William Ebbitt, High Street, Wexford.
- 28.Richard Ormonde, Johns Gate Street, Wexford.
- 29.Nicholas Kelly, 4, Swan View, Wexford.
- 30.Frank Roche, 16, Upper King Street, Wexford.
- 31.Thomas O'Farrell, 24, Faythe, Wexford.
- 32.Patrick O'Brien, 5, Clifford Street, Wexford.
- 33.P. Healy, Castlebridge, Wexford.

#### PRINTING CO. COUNCIL OFFICES FOR YEAR 1933/34

The Finance Committee had at their last meeting considered the following tenders for the annual printing:-

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| Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....  | £95. 8s.    |
| John English & Co., Wexford..... | £105.9s.    |
| "Echo" Enniscorthy.....          | £119.14s.   |
| "Free Press", Wexford.....       | £127.2s.6d. |
| "People" , Wexford.....          | £138.2s.6d. |

They recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender - Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, at £95.8s.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the recommendation of Finance Committee to accept the tender of Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for the annual printing of the County Council at £95.8s. be confirmed."

#### EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

Mr. R. Ormond, Secretary of P.H. Pearse Club, wrote asking the Council to take part in the commemoration ceremony of the men who fell in 1916 and which would be held on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Cummins - I propose that the whole Council go. The least they might do is pay a mark of respect to the memory of those men. Only for them we would not be here at all.

Mr. Colfer seconded.



Chairman - That is not going to use any compulsion, I suppose. I think the best thing to do is to leave everyone to his own opinion.

Mr. Cummins - That will not compel you to go at all, but it will be recorded on the Minutes.

Col. Quin - I am against it. I mean that anyone who likes can go, but I do not think we should bring in a political motion like that.

Mr. O'Byrne - It is with reference to the men of Easter week, and it is not political. It is national, and something we should all be proud to do.

Chairman - I think if you propose such a resolution it will not be carried out.

Mr. Cummins - I have proposed the resolution anyhow and it is seconded.

Col. Quin - I propose that any man go who wants to go, but we should not go as the County Council.

Mr. Murphy - I suggest that if you have a discussion you will spoil the whole thing. Let the members go if they like.

Mr. Cummins - I proposed the resolution and whoever likes can vote against it.

Chairman - Your resolution is surely not going to compel members to go?

Mr. Cummins - That is their own business. Let them vote against it.

Mr. Mayler seconded Col. Quin's proposition.

In reply to Mr. Shannon, the Chairman pointed out that Mr. Cummins' resolution was asking the whole Council to go as a body.

Mr. Cummins - Yes, and I am standing by the resolution.

Mr. O'Byrne - I do not think we are doing any good by having a discussion on this. I believe we all sympathise with Easter week.

Mr. Corish - Is it not ridiculous? Supposing the motion that the whole Council go is carried, do we not know that the whole Council will not go?

Mr. Cummins - I am moving the resolution, and I do not care if you



all vote against it but myself.

A poll on Col. Quin's amendment resulted as follows:-

For: Messrs. Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (5)

Against:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, and Hayes. (7)

Declined Voting:- Messrs. Colloton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon. (7)

Miss O'Ryan (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A vote was then taken on the resolution of Mr. Cummins with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy and Hayes. (6)

Against:- Col. Quin (1)

Declined Voting:- Messrs. Corish, Colleton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)

Miss O'Ryan (1) was not present when vote was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### RELIEF OF RATES

The following resolution was received from New Ross Urban Council:-

"That in view of the abnormal depression in trade, lessening the earning power of the community of the towns, and with a view to assisting Ratepayers in Urban areas to meet the increased Rates Demand without reducing purchasing power, it is the considered opinion of the Council that it is high time something should be done by Local Administration to press forward a campaign with all possible speed and energy towards relief in Municipal Rates.

"The Agricultural Community has succeeded in retaining both Rates and Annuities on their holdings in a way which is too recent to require repetition. Following on the lines conceded to the farmers, the obvious method to be adopted in towns appears to be immediate recognition by the Government of the fact that the town is labouring under a heavy annual burden, occasioned by the loans obtained from time to time



"from the Commissioners of Public Works to build houses under the Working Classes Acts, to construct sewers and to provide a sufficient supply of water for the people amongst other things.

"The repayment of Principal and Interest on such loans constitutes a very heavy tax amounting to more than half the annual liabilities of an Urban District Council at a time when ratepayers can ill afford the payment. It is admitted **that** as the farming community are suffering and have been suffering severe losses, the towns dependent on the prosperity of the farming community must be suffering and have suffered. Recognition that the Land Owners are entitled to relief in their annuities, is tantamount to a recognition of the rate which is assessed for the purpose of repaying the annuities due to the Local Loan Fund. Now, we, therefore, in meeting assembled, resolve that the Government be requested to consider legislation if necessary, to mete out the same treatment to the annual payee in the town as they have to the farming community, that is to say, by the granting of a moratorium for two years and the halving of the annual payments thereafter."

The Chairman said they could not accept the resolution in its entirety as it was incorrect to state that farmers had been able to retain their Rates and Annuities.

Mr. McCarthy **proposed** and Mr. Corish seconded the adoption of the resolution.

After discussion Mr. McCarthy withdrew his motion and proposed the following:- "That the Government be requested to consider legislation, if necessary, to mete out the same treatment to the annual payee in the towns as they have to the farming community, that is to say by the granting of a moratorium for two years as regards repayments to the Local Loans Fund and the halving of the annual payments thereafter."

Mr. Corish seconded the amended resolution which was adopted.



COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A resolution was received from Sligo Corporation calling on the Government to amend the Local Government franchise so that the forthcoming County Council Elections would be consessed on the Dail franchise.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following proposal which was adopted:- "That resolution from Sligo Corporation asking to have County Councillors elected on the Dail franchise be marked "read".

H. Connell.