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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 12th MARCH, 1934

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 County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th March, 1934.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Temporary Rates Inspector and five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £7247:7:5d. were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted in silence:-

"That a vote of condolence be adopted to our Colleague, Mr. M.J. Jordan, in the death of his uncle, Mr. John Higgins, Raheenageera, a most respected and popular citizen."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong a vote of sympathy was adopted to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. T.B. Dunbar, Solicitor to Co. Wexford Board of Health.

The Secretary, on behalf of himself and officials of the Council offered sympathy in both instances.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That replies to votes of condolence received from Mr. J.P. Kelly, Co. Councillor, and Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, be inserted on this day's Minutes."



Mr. John P. Kelly wrote as follows:-

"I have your letter of the 19th February, re vote of condolence passed with me by your Council at its last meeting, and I desire to return to the Council my grateful thanks, also to yourself and the other officers of the Council."

Mr. J.F. Birthistle wrote:-

"Will you please convey to the Members of the County Council my best thanks for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of my father-in-law.

"To yourself and the staff I am also sincerely grateful for the kind thought."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MEETING 15th FEBRUARY, 1934: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th February, 1934.

Present - Messrs. James Hall, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,666:18:5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of Rate Collection to 15th February, 1934, was submitted as follows:-

| <u>Name of Collector.</u> | <u>Percentage Lodgments and Discount at 15/2/1934.</u> |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. S. Gannon (No.6)       | 58.2   |
| 2. E.J. Murphy            | 56.4   |
| 3. J. Curtis              | 56.0   |
| 4. P. Nolan               | 55.3   |
| 5. A. Dunne               | 54.5   |
| 6. M. Kehoe               | 54.1   |
| 7. S. Gannon (No.10)      | 52.9   |
| 8. J.J. O'Reilly          | 52.5   |
| 9. J. Cummins             | 52.5   |
| 10. M. McCarthy           | 52.0   |
| 11. J. Quirke             | 51.6   |
| 12. D. Kenny              | 51.2   |
| 13. W. Doyle              | 51.0   |
| 14. P. Carty              | 51.0   |
| 15. W. Cummins            | 51.0   |
| 16. P. Doyle              | 50.2   |
| 17. J.J. Sinnott          | 48.4   |
| 18. J. Deegan             | 48.3   |
| 19. M. Murphy             | 46.2   |
| 20. J. Flood              | 44.9   |
|                           | <u>Average..... 52.0</u>                               |

The Secretary stated as compared with last year there was a decrease of 5.2%.



KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE RATE: Thomas Rowe, Ex-Rate Collector, No.18 District, applied for payment of Poundage for Kilmannock Drainage Rate.

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

"That subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Thomas Rowe, Ex-Rate Collector, No.18 District, be paid £13:1:2d, Poundage Fees on amount of Kilmannock Drainage Rate collected by him."

TEMPORARY RATE INSPECTORSHIP: Under date 13th February, 1934 (G.7520/1934, Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote sanctioning payment of remuneration at the rate of £3 per week plus £2:17:8d per week, expenses, to Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, Rate Collector No.13 District, while acting as temporary Rate Inspector.

Mr. James Kavanagh, Garrynew, Killenagh and James Kane, Park-Annesley, Clonevan, personal Sureties of Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, wrote that they were quite satisfied that Mr. Art Dunne, Rate Collector, No. 15 District, should carry out the collection in Mr. O'Reilly's district, during the period in which the latter acted as temporary Rates Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Mr. O'Kennedy, late Rates Inspector, be paid salary from the date of his suspension up to 12th February, 1934, ~~the~~ date of his resignation, in accordance with letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 8th February, 1934, (G.9975/34 Loch Garman Fa.)"

DISCOUNT ON SMALL DWELLINGS: Collector Art Dunne, No.15 District, wrote claiming £6:10:1d overlodged for the 1932/33 Rate through not being allowed enough discount for Small Dwellings payments.



The Secretary stated that Mr. O'Kennedy had inadvertently omitted one fortnight's discount for the Small Dwellings in Collector Dunne's area which explained the present claim.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Collector Art Dunne, Rate Collector No.15 District, be refunded £6:10:1d in connection with discount on Small Dwellings."

CLAIM FOR £1 AGRICULTURAL GRANT: Under date 6th February, 1934, Art Dunne, Collector No.15 District, wrote that when the Agricultural holdings were being amalgamated in June 1932, for the purpose of the Agricultural Grant, he had grouped the holding of Wm. Bryan, Ballinakill, Ballycanew, (No.116 - Townland, Monroe) in mistake with the holding of Mary Bryan, E.D. Killenagh.

Wm. Bryan now claims that he is entitled to the Rebate of £1 extra Agricultural Grant.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:- "That Wm. Bryan, Ballinakill, Ballycanew, be refunded £1, in connection with the extra Agricultural Grant, in view of circumstances detailed in communication received from the Rate Collector for the District."

APPEAL FOR TIME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES: James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, came before the Finance Committee and asked for time to pay his rates. He had a small farm with seven very young children and if the Council could provide him with haulage work in the Summer, he was satisfied, the amount he would earn should go against his rates.

The Chairman pointed out that the Finance Committee had no power to interfere between Rate Collector and Ratepayer. They recommended Furlong to tender for



haulage work which was now advertised for the four districts of the County.

RATE COLLECTOR No.7: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That in the event of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, being unable to approve of permanent appointment of Mr. John Deegan, Rate Collector for No.7 District, we request his sanction to Mr. Deegan continuing in office for a further year viz. for the collection of 1934/35 Rate."

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

The following report of Mr. Sean O h-Ealuighthe, Local Government Auditor, was submitted:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council, for the three half-years ended 31st March, 1932, 30th September, 1932 and 31st March, 1933.

"Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

"The following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the years 1931/32; 1932/33; and 1933/34:-

|               |                         |  | <u>1931-</u><br><u>32</u> | <u>1932-</u><br><u>1933</u> | <u>1933-</u><br><u>1934</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|               |                         |  | s. d.                     | s. d.                       | s. d.                       |
| In respect of | Roads.....              |  | 2: 4½                     | 2: 5                        | 2: 6¼                       |
| " "           | " County Services.....  |  | 2: 9                      | 2: 10                       | 2: 5½                       |
| " "           | " Poor Relief.....      |  | 2: 11¼                    | 3: 0½                       | 3: 2½                       |
| " "           | " Health District Chgs. |  | 4                         | 5                           | 4½                          |
|               |                         |  | <hr/>                     | <hr/>                       | <hr/>                       |
|               |                         |  | 8: 4½                     | 8: 8½                       | 8: 7½                       |
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The variations in the total rate raised for each of the three years were very slight, and reference to previous reports shows that from the year 1927/28 to the year 1933/1934 inclusive, the maximum variation in the rate raised has not exceeded 9½d in the £., the lowest rate raised during the period being 7/11d, for the year 1928/29, and



"the highest that for the year 1932/33, viz:- 8/8½d.

"The decrease under the head of County Services in the year 1933/34 is offset very nearly by increases under the heads of Roads and Poor Relief, the respective increases and decreases being necessitated by variations in the commencing balances for the year.

"The uncollected balance of Poor Rate at 31/3/32: 30/9/32; 31/3/33 and 30/9/33, were respectively £23,835:10:10d; £34595:13:10d; £18575:11:9d and £47024:5:5d.

"The balances due from the Urban District Councils at 31/3/1933, in respect of the County Council Demands for that year were:- Enniscorthy £2881:14:4d; New Ross £2044:10s. and Wexford £4599:13:6d.

"The Arrears of the Kilmannock Drainage Rate uncollected at the close of the 1932/33 Warrant represented more than a year's total rate. A new Collector has been appointed recently and he has been asked to pay special attention to the collection of these arrears.

"There are no Fidelity Guarantee Bonds in respect of the Harbour Masters at Courtown and Kilmore, but the amount collected in Harbour Dues and Fees is comparatively small.

"All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date."

Tender for the printing of forty copies each for three half years of Abstracts of County Council A/cs at £13:5:6d and forty copies of three half years of Wexford Co. Library Committee's Abstracts of A/cs at £3:12:6d was received from the "People" Newspapers and Accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1934/35

Letter under date 9th January, 1934, Circ.No.24/34 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-



"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that the grants to be provided for the relief of rates on agricultural land in the financial year ending 31st March 1935 will amount to £1,750,000.

"Each County Council will receive the same share of the total grant as in the present year, subject to such deduction as may be necessary to meet draws upon the Guarantee Fund.

"The County Council were notified before the commencement of the present financial year that in 1934-35 the Grant would be applied to the relief of rates on a new basis. The following is the method of distribution for which legislative sanction will be sought in due course:-

(a) The Primary Grant. Occupiers of holdings not exceeding £10 in valuation will receive relief at the same rate in the year 1934-35 as in the current year and an equal rate of relief will be afforded on the first £10 of higher valuations. Occupiers of more than a single holding will receive relief on the first £10 only of the aggregate valuation of all their holdings.

(b) The Secondary Grant. The balance of each county's share will then be applied towards a Secondary Grant which will provide further relief to occupiers of land valuations over £10 where it can be shown that full time employment has been given during the whole period of nine months ended 31st December, 1933, to a male adult over 18 years of age (Male relatives over 18 engaged permanently at agricultural work and maintained out of the holding will reckon as employees). In respect of each such person employed relief will be given on each £10 unit of valuation over the first £10 at the same rate as is given on the first £10. When there is not a complete additional unit of



"£10 the relief will be proportionate. For instance in a holding of a land valuation of £15 on which there is besides the occupier one male adult in permanent employment the relief will be at the same rate as this year on the first £10 and at an equal rate on the remaining £5 only. If the balance of the county's share of the total Agricultural Grant is insufficient to provide in full for the Secondary Grant the rate of relief will be abated proportionately to the amount available.

(c) The Supplementary Grant. After the Primary and Secondary Grants have been allocated the remainder (if any) of the County's share will be applied as a Supplementary Grant at an equal rate in favour of the portion of the land valuations that have received no relief out of the Primary and Secondary Grants.

"A further communication will be addressed to you as to the form in which occupiers of over £10 valuation should be asked to furnish particulars of the employment afforded on the holdings and the manner in which these will be verified.

"Any suggestions you may wish to make with the object of facilitating the operation of the new scheme of relief will be carefully considered. It will be understood that the basis of the scheme is not subject to alteration in any way. Such suggestions may be transmitted to the Department not later than the 20th instant."

#### OVERDRAFT

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period of present overdraft Accommodation of County Council for four months - from the 28th February, 1934 to 30th June, 1934."



APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR  
CRIMINAL INJURY

The following applications for compensation for criminal Injury were received and referred to County Solicitor to oppose:-

- (1) Margaret Lucy Walshe, South Street, New Ross. Plate Glass Window £19:18s. (Also Second Notice 18th February, 1934.)
- (2) John McCarthy, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge. £1:15s. Glass of Door of Ford Motor-car. (31st January, 1934).
- (3) John Walsh, Knockbroad, Taghmon. £50 burning of rick of Straw. (30th January, 1934.)

CRANE AND GRAB FOR  
COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 12th February, 1934, (T.I.D.1294/3259) was received from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade and Industries Branch):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of 19th ultimo and previous correspondence relative to the importation, free of duty, of a Steam Crane and Grab By your Council.

"I am to inform you that your application has received careful consideration and that the Minister regrets he cannot see his way to recommend the issue of a licence in this case.

"The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned herewith."

It was decided to wait the reply of Minister to resolution of County Council asking for a reconsideration of his refusal to allow the importation of the Steam Crane and Grab in free of duty, before taking further action.



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### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Under date 12th February, 1934, Mr. Leacy, Inspector of the National Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children, notified his intention of applying to Wexford District Court on Wednesday 21st February, 1934, for the committal of Anastasia and Catherine Fenelon, Tagoat, to an Industrial School under Section 58 (1) (H) Children Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

### CONVERSION OF WEST WING OF CO. HALL AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Under date 13th February, 1934, the following was read from Miss Connolly, County Librarian:-

"With reference to my Committee's obligation in the re-payment of £1000 loan for the re-building of new Library premises, it is their intention to pay down £400 which is due to them from the Carnegie U.K. Trust, and which will be available when the work is completed and the expenses vouched for.

"In view of this payment, they would be very glad if your Council would permit them to withhold further payments from their annual income for a period of three years.

"They ask this concession in view of the heavy expense they have to meet this year in the fittings and removal to the new premises, which will deplete their ordinary funds to such an extent that it will take at least two years to recoup it.

"Trusting the matter will receive the kind consideration of your Committee."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to allow the Library Committee to hold over payment of their instalment in connection with loan for conversion of West Wing of County Hall for two years."



CO. WEXFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That permission be extended to the County Wexford Horticultural Society Committee to hold meeting in Gorey Courthouse on 22nd February, 1934."

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The Secretary stated that as regards the extra clerical assistance which had been provided for the local Taxation Office, one of the temporary Clerks had been employed for one day beyond the period approved by the County Council and it would be necessary for the Council to agree to the payment for the extra day.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Finance Committee agree to the employment of Mr. Joseph Fennell, George Street, Wexford, for one extra day in Motor Taxation Office.

"That the Local Taxation Officer be instructed to exercise more care in such matters in future."

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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th February, 1934, as submitted to this day's meeting be received and considered."

RATES INSPECTORSHIP: The following under date 10th March, 1934, (G.19482/1934 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 13th ultimo, in regard to the filling of the position of Rates Inspector, I am to state that it does not appear that Mr. Moore's duties in the County Surveyor's Office can be regarded as similar to those of a Rates Inspector and, therefore, it would not be open to the County Council to fill the vacancy by transferring him. In the circumstances it is suggested that the proper course would be to proceed under Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment as Rates Inspector."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Col. Quin:- "That letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.19482-1934 Loch Garman) as to appointment of Rates Inspector be referred to Finance Committee meeting of 15th March, 1934, for recommendation and that Mr. Timothy Moore be requested to attend said meeting."

RATE COLLECTOR No.7 DISTRICT: The following letter under date 28th February, 1934, (G.23691-1934 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 23rd instant, I am



"directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to sanction continuance of Mr. J. Deegan as Rate Collector for a further year. As already intimated the Council should proceed forthwith to make a permanent appointment in the usual manner."

Miss O'Ryan said the Council were unanimous in appointing Mr. Deegan to the permanent post and moved that advertisement be issued for the appointment the question of examination to be waived in Mr. Deegan's case, as he had qualified through service of several years and had proved himself most eminently fitted for the position. The examination was only for the purpose of testing if a man was suitable.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. McCarthy held that the Council could not get out of the examination in this case on Miss O'Ryan's proposal. There was a resolution on the books of the Council that candidates for the rate collectorships must submit themselves to examination in certain subjects and until that resolution was rescinded no Rate Collector can be appointed without an examination.

The Chairman said he considered Miss O'Ryan's motion was hardly in order.

Mr. Elgee (Co. Solicitor) held that the resolution deciding that Rate Collectors should be appointed as the result of an examination should be first rescinded before Miss O'Ryan could move her motion.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That as regards vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 7 District advertisement for candidates be issued in the usual way and that the customary examination be arranged."



After some further consideration Mr. Corish moved and Mr. Cline seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted all other motions having been withdrawn:-

"That as John Deegan has given great satisfaction as temporary Rate Collector for No.7 District we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree without issue of the usual advertisement and examination to Mr. Deegan's permanent appointment. That the T.D.'s for the County be requested to interest themselves in having the wishes of the Council in this matter carried into effect."

AGRICULTURAL GRANT:- Col. Gibbon and the Chairman considered it unfair that no allowance was made by the Government for rates rebate in connection with female agricultural labour and pointed out that on dairy farms female labour was much more useful than male labour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That the Government be requested to include in special rebate of rates by Agricultural Grant through employment of labour, female, as well as male labour, subject to the same conditions etc. as for male employees."

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That further consideration of communications from Department of Local Government and Public Health as to rebate in rates through employment of labour be adjourned until the Council have received instructions as to how claims for such rebate are to be dealt with and verified."

COURTOWN HARBOUR CRANE AND GRAB:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the T.D.'s of the County be requested to approach the Minister for Industry and Commerce and endeavour to procure his consent to the importation of Grab and



"Crane for Courtown Harbour from England free of duty as machinery is required for a National purpose."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 15th February, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 1st MARCH, 1934:- Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 1st March, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st March, 1934.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2891:5:10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

| <u>Name of Collector.</u> |                   | <u>Percentage lodged</u><br><u>28/2/1934.</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1.                        | S. Gannon (No. 6) | 59.7  |
| 2.                        | E.J. Murphy       | 58.7  |
| 3.                        | J. Curtis         | 58.4  |
| 4.                        | P. Nolan          | 56.8  |
| 5.                        | M. Kehoe          | 56.1  |
| 6.                        | A. Dunne          | 55.7  |
| 7.                        | S. Gannon (No.10) | 54.5  |
| 8.                        | J.J. O'Reilly     | 54.5  |
| 9.                        | J. Cummins        | 53.8  |
| 10.                       | M. McCarthy       | 53.1  |
| 11.                       | W. Cummins        | 53.0  |
| 12.                       | D. Kenny          | 52.3  |
| 13.                       | P. Carty          | 52.3  |
| 14.                       | J. Deegan         | 52.0  |
| 15.                       | J. Quirke         | 51.8  |
| 16.                       | W. Doyle          | 51.5  |
| 17.                       | J.J. Sinnott      | 51.1  |
| 18.                       | P. Doyle          | 50.6  |
| 19.                       | M. Murphy         | 49.4  |
| 20.                       | J. Flood.         | 47.4  |
| Average.....              |                   | 53.7  |

The Collection showed a reduction of 7.6 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That Rate Collectors be notified that serious action must be taken by the Finance Committee unless the Collection be very substantially improved within the next fortnight."

POUNDAGE FEES: The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 24th February, 1934, (G.20957-1934 Loch Garman) that the Minister was not prepared to reconsider his decision conveyed in letter of 10th instant, that the Rate Collectors who account for 50% of their current warrants (excluding arrears) by the end of February, 1934, should be penalised by a deduction of 10 per cent of the Poundage accruing on their lodgments

It was decided that Poundage fees be paid to Collectors Philip Doyle, J.J. Sinnott and John Deegan who had accounted for 50% of current Warrants excluding arrears.

TEMPORARY RATE INSPECTOR:- Messrs. Ml. Ryan, Clonleigh, Palace East, and Maurice Condon, Donard, Ballywilliam, Sureties for Collector Art Dunne, (No.15 District) wrote agreeing to the appointment of Mr. Dunne to act as temporary Rate Collector for Collector J.J. O'Reilly (No.13 District) while the latter was engaged as temporary Rates Inspector.

Under date 26th February, 1934, (G.20956-1934 Loch Garman Fa) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that no objection would be made to the discharge of the duties of Rate Collector O'Reilly by Collector Dunne, while the former continued to act as Temporary Rates Inspector.



AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1934/35

The following circular letters under date 24th February, 1934 (Circular No.24/2/1934) and 28th February, 1934, (Circular No.24/3/1934) were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it has been decided to amend the scheme of relief from rates on agricultural land for 1934-35 communicated to you by Circular Letter of 9th January last (No.24/34) in the following respects:-

1. Relief on the first £20 valuation of agricultural land will be at the same rate as was given this year (1933-34) on the first £10, that is, the Primary Grant will now cover the abatement of the rates allowed on all land valuations not exceeding £20 and on the first £20 of all land valuations over £20.

2. In the case of land valuations over £20, relief will be on an additional £12:10s. of the valuation in respect of each male worker (including relatives of the occupier) between the ages of 17 and 70 permanently employed on the holding.

It will be noted that the lower age limit at which male workers (relatives or employees) can be reckoned for the purposes of the Grant has been reduced from 18 to 17 years of age and 70 years of age has been fixed as the upper age limit.

Rated occupiers of land of £5 valuation and over who receive rate relief cannot be reckoned as employed or maintained by occupiers of valuations over £20 for the purpose of obtaining relief under the Secondary Grant. Occupiers of agricultural land of less than £5 valuation can be so reckoned.



"It should be clearly understood that relief out of the Secondary Grant on one unit of £12:10s. represents the maximum relief in respect of each male worker. If for example there is one male worker and the land valuation is less than £32:10s., or two male workers and the land valuation is less than £45, the relief out of the Secondary Grant will not be on £12:10s. and £25 respectively but on the actual amount by which in each case the valuation exceeds £20.

"It has been decided that the Grant will be increased but the county shares have not yet been determined. It will be necessary to obtain particulars of the number and aggregate valuation of holdings of agricultural land (a) not exceeding £20 and (b) over £20. These are being called for in a separate Circular letter."

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, in connection with the distribution of the Agricultural Grant for 1934/35, particulars of (1) the number and valuation of holdings of agricultural land (a) not exceeding £20 and (b) over £20 are required, and (11) of the rates of abatement allowed in the current year, 1933-34.

You are requested to furnish this information in the forms enclosed. Table 11 can be returned immediately and Table 1 should be put in hand as soon as the new valuation lists are received.

The Minister will be prepared to sanction such expenditure as may be necessary for the carrying out of this work."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the County Secretary be empowered to employ Timothy O'Leary,



"John Street, Wexford, and Sean O'Kennedy, William Street, Wexford, for work in connection with holdings of a Land Valuation of under and over £20, and also on work in preparation for the applotting of Rates for 1934/35."

REFERRED TO COUNTY COUNCIL  
RATE FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

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

"That the figures of Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1934/35 be considered at Finance Committee meeting to be held on 15th March, 1934."

ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1934/35

The following under date 14th February, 1934, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting the previous day adhering to their decision to provide a sum of only £40,000 under all heads for road work in the coming financial year and to inform you that in the circumstances, no grant towards the upkeep of main roads for the year 1934/35 can be allotted to the County Council."

"The position as regards an improvement Grant for the ensuing financial year will also call for revision in the light of the Council's decision."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman that a query be addressed to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads),



as to whether if County Council be agreeable to provide a sum of £48500 in Road Works Scheme would this figure carry the Maintenance Grant of 40%.

TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That, as requisitioned by the County Surveyor the following allocations be made from Contingency Funds (Roads):-

| <u>MAIN</u>                    | <u>Index</u><br><u>No.</u> | <u>Amt.</u> | <u>COUNTY</u>          | <u>Section</u><br><u>No.</u> | <u>Amt.</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Gorey-Ballycanew               | 27                         | £30         | Wicklow Gap            | 1                            | £15         |
| Ballycanew-Kyle<br>(Gorey)     | 29                         | £48         | Inch                   | 2                            | £15         |
| Tinacre-Kilmore                | 35                         | £30         | Killanne               | 16                           | £15         |
| Enniscorthy-<br>Ballymotey     | 39                         | £30         | Caim                   | 17                           | £15         |
| Balliniry-<br>Wellingtonbridge | 66                         | £30         | Oulart                 | 18                           | £42         |
|                                |                            |             | Oylegate               | 23                           | £12         |
|                                |                            |             | Gusserane              | 31                           | £15         |
|                                |                            |             | Ballycullane           | 36                           | £15         |
|                                |                            |             | Fethard                | 38                           | £15         |
|                                |                            |             | Murrintown             | 43                           | £15         |
|                                |                            |             | Killinick              | 44                           | £15         |
|                                |                            |             | Rosslare               | 45                           | £15         |
| <u>Total £168</u>              |                            |             | <u>Total..... £204</u> |                              |             |

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That as requested by the County Surveyor a sum of £250 be allocated for work at Courtown Harbour from unexpended balances on other harbours in the County."



SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Medical Certificate from Dr. S.A. Furlong, Infirmary House, Wexford, under date 20th February, 1934, was submitted stating that James Druhan, a Scholar under above Scheme, was unable to attend school owing to appendicitis and debility.

Under date 19th February, 1934, Mrs. Anastasia Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway, wrote that as regards application of Johanna Goff, her niece, to be declared eligible to sit for award of scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scheme, the statement that she had two farms and which would bring her over the maximum valuation under the Scheme was incorrect. She had no claim on Allenstown Farm and was only taking care of it for the Goffs - her brother's children.

Patrick Nolan, Rate Collector, for the District, reported that the Receivable Order for Allenstown was still in the name of the Father of the children and Mrs. Cullen was not concerned in the matter.

Mr. J. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote under date 22nd February, 1934, that he had looked carefully into the matter and was satisfied with the statement of Mrs. Cullen that she had only one holding and had no claim to Allenstown. Accordingly he was of opinion that Johanna Goff was eligible to sit for the examination.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in view of the correspondence submitted to this meeting and the opinion of our Solicitor we recommend the Co. Council to declare that Johanna Goff, Allenstown, Broadway, is eligible to sit for examination under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."



### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 17th February, 1934, (H.1948-1934 Loch Garman) sanctioning loan of £130 under above Acts to John Greene, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.

Under date 17th February, 1934, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote in reply to letter from County Secretary that none of the persons who had obtained loans had yet furnished their Policies of Insurance. He was writing again to them.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of the application of Wexford County Council to the Office of Public Works for a further instalment of £2000 on foot of loan of £8000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor to oppose:-

Kieran McNeill, Courtown Harbour, damage to shop and goods from 1st June 1922 to 4th July 1922, amount £34:16:7d, and Matthew Travers, 101 Main Street, Gorey, damage to boots and boot repair machinery, from 9th May, 1922, to the 13th June, 1922, amount £16:7s.

John Grannell, Shanoule, Horetown, burning of dwelling house on 17th or 18th February, 1934, claim £300.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following applications for committal of children to Industrial Schools were received and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-



1. Myles Sinnott (8 years) and his sister, Anne Sinnott (7 years) of Oulart.
2. Michael Cooper (13 years) and Nancy Cooper (12 years) of Taghmon.

#### COUNTY INSURANCES

Mr. Graham of the Ocean Insurance Company, came before the meeting in reference to the Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurances of the Council. He said that his Company which had held these Insurances formerly and lost them through an unfortunate incident were anxious to have an opportunity of again quoting for the business. The Company had an Office in Dublin and employed a number of Irishmen. The difference in price between Tariff and non-Tariff Companies was the difference between security and non-security and the Council this year had dealt with a non-Tariff Company. It was very difficult to get this class of business to pay. The new Compensation Bill in the Dail provided that a disabled man should be paid compensation according to life annuity tables which worked out as high as 6 per cent.

It was decided to invite quotations for the Co. Council Insurances for next financial year for Public Liability and Employers Liability Policies from Messrs. Coyle & Co., and McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dublin.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st March, 1934, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The following gives the state of the Collection to date:-

| <u>Name of Collector</u> | <u>Percentage Lodgments and Discount 12/3/34.</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| E.J. Murphy              | 62.1  |
| S. Gannon (No. 6)        | 61.6  |
| J. Curtis                | 60.8  |
| M. Kehoe                 | 59.1  |
| P. Nolan                 | 58.8  |
| A. Dunne                 | 56.8  |
| S. Gannon (No.10)        | 56.1  |
| J.J. O'Reilly            | 55.9  |
| J. Cummins               | 55.5  |
| D. Kenny                 | 54.5  |
| J. Deegan                | 54.3  |
| P. Carty                 | 54.2  |
| W. Cummins               | 54.2  |
| M. McCarthy              | 53.3  |
| J. Quirke                | 52.2  |
| W. Doyle                 | 52.0  |
| J.J. Sinnott             | 51.5  |
| P. Doyle                 | 50.8  |
| M. Murphy                | 49.9  |
| J. Flood                 | 47.4  |
| <u>Average</u>           | <u>55.1</u>                                       |

The Collection was 10% behind that of the corresponding period last year.

Miss O'Ryan asked Temporary Rates Inspector if Rate Collectors had called his attention to cases of ratepayers who were able, but refused or neglected, to pay their rates.

Mr. O'Reilly said that no such cases had been mentioned to him. He did not know of any ratepayer who was not inclined to pay if able.

Miss O'Ryan said that such people existed.

The Chairman said that if Miss O'Ryan would furnish names of such persons to the Finance Committee they would be dealt with.

Mr. O'Byrne said he questioned the four Rate Collectors in his district and they told him that every one able to pay was doing so.



Mr. McCarthy said that he had attended practically every meeting of the Finance Committee and Rate Collectors had never been able to give the names of people who were able to pay and would not.

Mr. O'Byrne said it should not be necessary for a Councillor to give names of such people to the Finance Committee as Rate Collectors had definite instructions from the Finance Committee to take proceedings in these instances and if they failed to do so they were neglecting their duty.

The Chairman said they could leave the matter in the hands of the Finance Committee which was doing its best to push forward the collection which was very difficult to deal with in present circumstances.

The Chairman's proposal was seconded by Col. Quin and adopted.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That as regards application of John Grannell, Shanoule, Horetown, for £300 compensation for the burning of dwelling house Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be empowered to employ a Valuer and that the claim be opposed on behalf of the Council."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st March, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF RATE CLERKS

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That the names of persons to be employed as temporary clerical assistants for preparation of Rate Books and Collectors' Receipt and Demand Notes be ratified by the Council after selection by special Committee."



Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the Committee had been given full power to make the selection and if Mr. Keegan wished to upset the arrangement he could do so only by notice of motion.

After protracted discussion the resolution was withdrawn and it was decided that special Committee appointed for the purpose of selecting temporary clerical assistants meet on 29th March, 1934, immediately on the conclusion of the business of the Finance Committee.

#### MEETINGS OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

The reports of Tenders Committees of the County were submitted as follows and approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:-



ENNISCORTHY TENDERS COMMITTEE

The above Tenders Committee met in Enniscorthy Courthouse on 20th February, 1934, for the purpose of considering tenders for Road and haulage Contracts.

The following Councillors of Enniscorthy County Electoral area were in attendance:- Messrs. James Clince, James Hall, Mr. J. Jordan and J.P. Kelly.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Messrs. Thomas Cullen and R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

From 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.167: 585 Perches from Turn Graiguebeg to turn at Graiguemore with branch towards Clohamon House. Amount allowed £21. No tender given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.233: 305 Perches from new road at Killanure to foot-bridge over Clody River. Amount allowed £6.

Thomas J. Kane, Killanure, Bunclody, tendered at the amount allowed, giving as Sureties, John Harris, Booladurragh, Templeshambo, and Matthew Harris, Killanure, Bunclody.

This ~~was~~ the only tender <sup>was</sup> accepted.

No.234: 240 Perches from Martin Foley's house in Killanure to Craan Lane. Amount allowed £6.

Thomas J. Kane, Killanure, Bunclody, tendered at the amount allowed, giving the same Sureties as for No.233. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No.236: 400 Perches from turn in old road Glasslacken to Martin Foley's house in Killanure. Amount allowed £12.

Thomas J. Kane, Killanure, Bunclody, tendered at the amount allowed giving same sureties as for Nos.233 and 234. This which was the only tender was accepted.



No.240: 365 Perches from turn at Ballycrystal House to the Mountain Road at Ballycrystal. Amount allowed £7.

James Nolan tendered at £4:18s. giving as his Sureties, Marcella Breen, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy, and Timothy O'Neill, Main Street, Enniscorthy.

Denis Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, tendered at £5.

Nolan's Tender - the lower - was accepted.

No.241: 310 Perches from Clorogue Bridge to Mountain road Cloroguebeg. Amount allowed £7.

James Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, Ferns, tendered at £4:17s. giving the same sureties as for No.240.

Thomas Hayes, Cloroguebeg, Kiltaly, tendered at £5.

James Nolan's tender - the lower - was accepted.

No.264: 420 Perches from turn in Clonjordan to road at Monbeg. Amount allowed £21. No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.265: 280 Perches from turn in Ballinure to turn in Woodlands. Amount allowed £14. No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.266: 210 Perches from turn in Hollyfort to turn near Monart Rectory by St. Peter's Church. Amount allowed £12. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.267: 230 Perches from turn in Killalligan to By-road near Monart Bridge. Amount allowed £15. No Tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.281: 320 Perches from turn in Tomadilly to turn at Ballinakill. Amount allowed £20.

Thomas Swaine, Laurel Cottage, Ballycarney, who gave as his sureties, Ralph Swaine, Tincurry, Ballycarney and Alexander Swaine, Scarawalsh, tendered at £18.

This, the only tender, was accepted.



No.282: 400 Perches from turn in Marshallstown to turn near Hollyfort. Amount allowed £21. No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.294: 985 Perches from Road at Ballyrankin to turn at Charlesfort house with branch road Knockreagh and branch to turn at Kilrush Rectory. Amount allowed £40.

No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.365: 220 Perches. Main road Scollagh gap C.B. and Aughnabriskey. Amount allowed £5.

Thomas Ward, Slievegar, Kiltaly, who gave as his Sureties Peter Byrne and William Jordan, both of Cloroguemore, Kiltaly, tendered at £4.

Patrick Ryan, Slievegar, Kiltaly, also tendered at £4.

Thomas Ward's tender was accepted by lot.

No.397: 290 Perches from turn at St. Carthage's Catholic Church to turn at Rathfy lane. Amount allowed £12. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.398: 500 Perches from turn near Dranagh Bridge to turn at Knockmore. Amount allowed £19. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.399: 380 Perches from turn at Dranagh to turn at Cloheadon. Amount allowed £18. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.419: 440 Perches from turn at Annaghfinn to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Amount allowed £14.

Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, who gave as his Sureties Joseph Breen, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, and Peter Dempsey, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, tendered at £12.

John Doran, Kilcotty, tendered at £12:3s.

Joseph Kelly's tender was accepted.



No.422: 250 Perches from Kilcotty Cross Roads to old bounds of barony in Garrymile. Amount allowed £7.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, who gave as his Sureties, Francis Pierce, Coolnahorna, and Peter Kehoe, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £6:17:6d.

John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £7.

Francis Cullen's tender was accepted.

No.425: 355 Perches from Main road at Monawilling to main road at Boolaboybeg. Amount allowed £20.

John Leary, Oulart, who gave as his Sureties John Blake and John Stamp, both of Oulart, tendered at £18:10s.

Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, tendered at the same figure.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £19:15s.

John Leary's tender was accepted by lot as against that of Joseph Kelly.

No.426: 340 Perches from turn at Boolaboy to turn at Ballaghakeene. Amount allowed £20.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, who gave as his sureties Wm. O'Brien, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, and James O'Leary, Crefogue, tendered at £19:15s.

This, the only tender, was accepted.

No.439: 360 Perches from Main Road at Boolaboybeg to turn at Ballybrega. Amount allowed £20.

Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, who gave the same sureties as for No.419, tendered at the full amount allowed.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £19:15s.

The Co. Surveyor considered that with his other



contracts, Myles Sunderland would not be able to carry out the work.

Joseph Kelly's tender was accepted.

No.440: 505 Perches from turn at Ballybrega and Toberlamina Cross roads. Amount allowed £17.

John Parle, Toberlamina, Blackwater, who gave as his Sureties, Edward O'Brien, Toberlamina, and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, tendered at £13:18s.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £17.

Parle's Tender was accepted.

No.443: 400 Perches from North turn Garryvadden to turn at Ballinellard. Amount allowed £14.

William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, who gave as his Sureties, Edward O'Brien of Toberlamina and Patrick McGill, Ballyduff, tendered at £11:9s.

Thomas O'Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £13:4:10d.

Thomas Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £11:10s.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £14.

William McGill's tender - the lowest - was accepted.

No.445: 270 Perches from turn at Ballyvaldon, Graveyard to turn at Knocknasilloge Landing. Amount allowed £7. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.446: 400 Perches between turn at Killeagh and Knocknasilloge landing. Amount allowed £17.

Thomas Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater, who gave as his sureties Murth Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater and John Doyle, 12, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, tendered at £16:5s.

This, the only tender, was accepted.



No.448: 415 Perches from turn at Inch House, Blackwater, road and Crosslaroe Cross roads to turn in Garryvadden Lower. Amount allowed £14.

Michael Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, who gave as his sureties James Murphy, Inch, Blackwater, and Michael Furlong, Ballyvaldon, tendered at £13.

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, tendered at £14 and Thomas Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £13.

Michael Murphy's tender was accepted by lot as against that of Thomas Murphy.

No.449: 200 Perches between turn at Glebe and Crosslaroe Cross Roads. Amount allowed £7.

Murtha Murphy, Knockasillogue, Blackwater, who gave as his sureties Michael Brien, Inch, Blackwater and Michael Furlong, Ballyvaldon, tendered at £6:18s.

Accepted. There was no other tender.

No.490: 550 Perches between North Turn Clonroche and turn at Killegney. Amount allowed £27.

Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, who gave as his Sureties Patrick O'Neill, Rathurtin, Clonroche, and Matthew Larkin, Ballagh, Palace, tendered at the full amount £27.

Clancy's, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No.491: 385 Perches between Main Road at Tominearly and turn at Killegney. Amount allowed £17.

Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, who gave same Sureties as for No.490 tendered at £17, and was accepted, there being no other tender.

No.532: 420 Perches between Urban Boundary on Saville Road and turn at Brownswood. Amount allowed £10. No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.



No.535: 305 Perches between Main road at Garrynisk, Oylegate and turn at Roperstown. Amount allowed £10.

John Kinsella, Scurloguesbush, Oylegate, who gave as his Sureties Joseph Newe, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and John Nolan, Tomlane, Oylegate, tendered at £9.

Thomas O'Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, tendered at £9:14:6d.

Kinsella's tender was accepted.

No.558: 260 Perches between turn at Ballymacoonogue and turn at Ballinamonabeg. Amount allowed £10.

Richard Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, who gave as his sureties John Sinnott, Slievenagorea and Joseph Newe, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9:10s.

Patrick Murphy, Garrymile, The Ballagh, tendered at £10.

The tender of Richard Britton was accepted.

No.562: 335 Perches between turn in Coolamain and on No.549 - Aughar lane. Amount allowed £30.

Francis Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, who gave same sureties as for No.422 tendered at £27:19s.

Patrick Kinsella, Coolamain, Oylegate, tendered at £28.

James Sinnott, Oylegate, tendered at £29:10s.

Cullen's tender was accepted.

No.1014: 220 Perches from East turn in Monglass to West Turn in Monglass to North of road 382. Amount allowed £8. No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.1017: 480 Perches between Bree National School and turn at Sparrowsland. Amount allowed £20.

William Waters, Raheenahone, Bree, who gave as his Sureties James Furlong, Tomfarney, Bree, and Michael Waters, Ballyeden, Clonroche, tendered at £20, amount allowed, and was accepted.



No.1018: 500 Perches between turn in Bree and turn in Kilgibbon through Knockduff. Amount allowed £20.

William Waters, Raheenahone, Bree, who gave same sureties as for No.1017, tendered at £20, amount allowed, and was accepted.

No.1019: 160 Perches between Main road at Ballyeden and turn at Road 487. Amount allowed £7.

William Waters, Raheenahone, Bree, who gave same sureties as for Nos. 1017 and 1018, tendered at £7, amount allowed, and was accepted.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

A large number of haulage tenders was dealt with, the lowest satisfactory tender being accepted in each instance.

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## GOREY TENDERS' COMMITTEE

### ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS

Gorey Tenders' Committee met at Courthouse, Gorey, on 17th February, 1934, and considered tenders for Road and Haulage Contracts.

The following were present:- Messrs. T.F. D'Arcy, James Hall, Wm. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, Col. Quin and M. Smyth.

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

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

### ROAD TENDERS

In all cases only one tender was received. Contracts are from 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.102: Turn Coolgreany - Turn Ballyallon with Branch Turn Scarnagh Upper. 760 Perches. Amount allowed £13.

Richard Keegan, Ashwood, Arklow, who gave as his Sureties William Sharpe, Ashwood, Arklow, and Terence Dunne, Tomcoyle, Kilanerin, tendered at the full amount allowed and was accepted.

No.103: Turn Bolabradra - Turn Gorteen Upper and Turn Coolnagloose, Turn Knockbawn. 720 Perches. Amount allowed £24.

Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at £23:15s. Sureties being Thomas Funge (Shopkeeper) and James Hempenstall, both of Main Street, Gorey.

Accepted.

No.104: Turn in Cullenogue, Main Road, Killybegs. 515 Perches. Amount allowed £14.

No Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.



No.107: Turn Clones Upper to Sea at same. 260 Perches.  
Amount allowed £4.

No Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.  
No.109: Turn at Ahare - Sea at Kilgorman. 240 Perches.  
Amount allowed £5.

No.Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.  
No.181: Turn Kilttilahan - Turn Askamore. 215 Perches.  
Amount allowed £5.

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, tendered at full amount allowed - £5. He gave as Sureties, William Kinsella, Castlewhite, Carnew, and Edward Doran, Askamore, Carnew.

Accepted.

No.183: Turn Ballyellis - Turn Castlewhite. 540 Perches.  
Amount allowed £9.

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, tendered at £9, amount allowed. He gave the same Sureties as for Road No.181.

Accepted.

No.185: Turn Askamore - Turn Ballyduff. 750 Perches.  
Amount allowed £9. No Tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.1015: From Road No.133 in Kilcavan to Road No.134 in Ballinacarrig. 420 Perches. Amount allowed £17. No Tender. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

A large number of haulage tenders was dealt with, the Committee accepting the lowest tender in all cases unless objection was made to the Tenderer not being satisfactory or as having already obtained haulage contracts to his capacity.

Mr. Keegan stated he would raise at the Co. Council meeting the question of people who held land being accepted as haulage Contractors.

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NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

The meeting of New Ross Tenders Committee was held on 22nd February, 1934, in Courthouse, New Ross.

Mr. J. Brennan, presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. Cummins, T. Cooney, P. Colfer and M. Hickey.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J.F. Birthistle, P. O'Neill and T. Cullen, were also in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

From 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.468: 640 Perches. Turn Gurrawn - Cummer Village. Amount allowed £9.

John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, New Ross, tendered at the amount allowed, and gave as his Sureties James Doyle, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, and John Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

This, being the only tender was accepted.

No.469: 260 Perches. Main Road, Ballywilliam - Turn Mountain Road, Templeudigan. Amount allowed £7.

The only tender received was from John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, who tendered at amount allowed. He gave the same sureties as for No.468.

Accepted.

No.470: 310 Perches. Turn Meelgarrow House - Ballindoney Cross Roads. Amount allowed £9.

Peter Somers, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at £8:7:6d. and gave as Sureties, Thomas McGrath, Ballygalvert, and Nicholas McGrath, Ballindoney.

Patrick Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at full amount.

The lower tender was accepted.

No.472: 670 Perches. S.Turn, Clonleigh - E.Turn Knockstown, and Branch to Main Road. Amount allowed £9.



Martin Wickham, Forestwood, Palace, tendered at £8:15s. giving as Sureties John French, South Street, New Ross, and Martin Connors, North Street, New Ross.

This, the only tender was accepted.

No.473: 340 Perches. Middle Turn, Clonleigh, Turn Ballygalvert. Amount allowed £20.

Peter Somers, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, tendered at £18:18s., giving as Sureties, Thomas English, Ballindoney, and Thomas McGrath, Ballygalvert.

Moses Leary tendered at £18:19s. and Richard McGrath, at £19:15s.

Peter Somers' tender, being the lowest, was accepted. No.573: 540 Perches. Turn Ballyleigh - Turn near Poulmounty Bridge. Amount allowed £7.

John Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam, who tendered at full amount allowed gave same sureties as for No.468, and was accepted.

No.575: 880 Perches. Main Road, Ballyanne, two places - Turn Gobbinstown and Branch Main Road, Ballynabanogue. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.580: 325 Perches. Turn Maudlins - Main Road near Talbot Hall. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.599: 580 Perches. Turn Railway Bridge, Aughnaglogh - Turn in Oldcourt; amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.602: 280 Perches. Turn North Courthoyle New - Courthoyle Cross Roads. Amount allowed £10.

The only tender received was that from John Butler, Newbawn, at £9:5s. His Sureties were Joseph Dunphy, Newbawn, Wexford, and Michael Carty, Ballylannon, Cushinstown. Accepted.



No.603: 340 Perches. Turn Raheenacloonagh. Turn Courthoyle Old. Amount allowed £10.

John Butler, Newbawn, tendered at £9:5s. giving same sureties as for No.602.

Bryan Freaney, tendered at full amount allowed.

Butler's tender being the lower was accepted.

No.604: 525 Perches. Turn Raheenacloonagh - Main Road Carrigbyrne. Amount allowed £10.

The tender of John Butler, Newbawn, was accepted at £9:5s; Sureties being same as for No.603.

No.605: 500 Perches. Turn near Aughaloe Bridge - Turn Carrigbyrne Lodge. Amount allowed £9.

The only tender received was from John Butler, Newbawn, at £8:10s., his Sureties being same as No.603 and 604.

Accepted.

No.661: 390 Perches. New Ross Urban Boundary - Turn Arnestown. £7 amount allowed.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed, giving as Sureties Michael Carty, Ballylannon and Samuel Elmes, Rochestown, Ballynaboola.

This was the only tender and was accepted.

No.662: 546 Perches. Ballymacar Road - Turn near Park School. Amount allowed £15.

Nicholas Lennon, Meyler's Park, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed. He gave as Sureties Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross and James Prendergast, Quay, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.666: 630 Perches. N.Turn Camblin and Main Road, Oldcourt, Turn Creacon Upper and W.Turn in Camblin. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, tendered at £6:16s.



and gave as Sureties John Whitty, Camblin, New Ross, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile.

This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No.668: 300 Perches. Turn Arnestown - Turn Finchogue.  
Amount allowed £7.

The only tender received was that from Nicholas Lennon, Meyler's Park, New Ross, at full amount allowed; his Sureties being Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross, and James Pender, Quay, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.669: 390 Perches. Turn Ballylane East - Turn Meyler's Park Village. Amount allowed £4.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed. His Sureties were the same as for No.661.

Accepted.

No.684: 880 Perches. Turn Landscape - Turn in Dunganstown and Branch to Main Line in Ballinteskinn. Amount allowed £10.

No Tender, given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.688: 280 Perches. End of 671 Pilltown Pier. Amount allowed £4.

No tender, given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.689: 460 Perches. Burnt School Cross Roads - Main Road Ballinamona through Priesthaggard. Amount allowed £9.

No tender, given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.690: 320 Perches. Fisherstown Turn - Dollar Point.  
Amount allowed £4.

James O'Connor, Great Island, Campile, tendered at full amount allowed, his Sureties being Richard Walsh, Camblin, New Ross, and William Power, Ballinteskinn, New Ross.

This being the only tender was accepted.



No. 691: 260 Perches. Turn Great Island Rectory - River at Newtown. Amount allowed £4.

Only one tender was received, that of James O'Connor, Great Island, Campile, at the full amount allowed. His Sureties were the same as for No. 690.

Accepted.

No. 692: 420 Perches. Turn in Great Island - River opposite Cheekpoint. Amount allowed £4.

James O'Connor, Great Island, Campile, tendered at full amount allowed, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 690 and 691.

Accepted.

No. 693: 530 Perches. Main Road Ballinteskinn - Turn in Ballybrazil. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Connors, Ballylane, New Ross, tendered at full amount allowed, giving same Sureties as No. 661 and 669. Accepted.

No. 695: 340 Perches. Turn Ballysop - Main Road, Ballykelly. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 697: 270 Perches. Turn Bawnacrooka - Turn Aclamon. Amount allowed £7.

No tender, given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 698: 220 Perches. Ballykerogue more Crossroads - Turn Ballybrazil. Amount allowed £4.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 725: 360 Perches. Turn Gusserrane School - Turn Boley. Amount allowed £20.

The only tender received was that of Michael Kinsella, Boley, Ballycullane, at £18:14s. He gave as Sureties Martin Rossiter and Luke Day, both of Boley.

Accepted.



No.742: 575 Perches. Turn near Ballyshannon Bridge - Turn Assagart. Amount allowed £7.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.743: 280 Perches. Turn Assagart - Turn Shanoule. Amount allowed £17.

James Clegg, Shanoule, Foulksmills, tendered at £15:14s giving as his sureties, Patrick O'Brien, Dungulph, and Michael Kinsella, Boley.

Accepted.

No.748: 425 Perches. N.Turn Horetown North - Goffs Bridge. Amount allowed £13.

A tender was received from Marks Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, at £12:19s., his Sureties being Brian Berney, Clongeen, and Aidan Creane, Clonerane, Taghmon.

As this was the only tender it was accepted.

No.749: 510 Perches. S.Turn, Horetown North - Turn Hillburn. Amount allowed £7.

No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

No.751: 265 Perches. Turn Raheenduff - Horetown Church. Amount allowed £4.

Marks Hanlon, Clongeen tendered at £6:19s., but as the amount allowed was only £4, the tender was rejected.

No.800: 680 Perches. Turn Knockea - Turn Coole. Amount allowed £7.

Patrick Murray, Killesk, Campile, tendered at full amount, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Forristal, South Street, New Ross, and Martin O'Connor, North Street, New Ross.

Accepted.

No.801: 330 Perches. Turn Rathimney - Turn Drillistown. Amount allowed £8.

No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.804: 200 Perches. No.674 - Nook Bay. Amount allowed £4.



No tender; given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.805: 380 Perches. Road 806 - River below Buttermilk Point.  
Amount allowed £4.

No tender; given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No.830: 305 Perches. Turn, Kinnagh Cross Roads, S.Turn  
Coolroe. Amount allowed £8.

John Slator, Sheilbaggan, Ramsgrange, tendered at £7:15s.  
giving as his Sureties Patrick O'Neill, Sheilbaggan, and  
John Murphy, Bridge Street, New Ross.

John Slator's tender was accepted.

No.831: 320 Perches. Turn Taylorstown - Turn Ballycullane.  
Amount allowed £5.

No tender; given in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

No.834: 830 Perches. Main Road Clonmines -Cross roads,  
Tallaught by Windmill. Amount allowed £20.

Michael Roche, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, who  
tendered at full amount allowed, was accepted. His Sureties  
were Patrick Walsh and Michael Roche, both of Clonmines,  
Wellingtonbridge.

No.847: 320 Perches. Garrycullen Cross Roads - Turn Tintern.  
Amount allowed £6.

Only one tender was received that of Maurice Fitzgerald,  
St. Kierans, Saltmills, who tendered at £5. He gave as his  
Sureties James Creane, Ballygarrett, Saltmills, and  
Patrick Walsh, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge.

Accepted.

No.849: 210 Perches. Turn Ballygarrett - Turn Gorteens.  
Amount allowed £4.

Philip Kennedy, Gurtins, Saltmills, tendered at full  
amount allowed and gave as Sureties P. O'Brien, Dungulph,  
and William Clegg, Kilbride.

Kennedy's tender was accepted.



No.852: 370 Perches. Turn near Templeboy, Oldcastle - Turn Kilbride. Amount allowed £5.

Clement Molloy, Battlestown, Ramsgrange, tendered at full amount allowed and was accepted. His Sureties were James Crean, Ballygarrett, and William Clegg, Kilbride, Ramsgrange.

No.872: 250 Perches. Turn Road in Connagh. Turn in Ralph. Amount allowed £4.

Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, tendered at £3:18:11d. His Sureties were F. Duffin, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, and William Devereux, Lambstown, Fethard-on-Sea.

Accepted.

No.875: 410 Perches. Turn near Ladyswell Bridge - Cliff Road, Pettit's Bay. Amount allowed £4.

Thomas Mallon, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, who tendered at £3:19s. was accepted, giving same Sureties as for No.872.

No.1023: 220 Perches. From Smithy in Forristalstown to Turn in Rathfarden. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS

A number of haulage tenders were accepted.

Mr. Cooney considered that the Committee should in no case accept mechanical haulage, where horse haulage, even at a higher figure, was available.

The Secretary pointed out that the Committee were bound to accept the lowest satisfactory tender.

Mr. Cooney argued from the point of view of meeting unemployment and saving the surface of the roads, horse haulage should be accepted.

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WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

Wexford Tenders Committee met on 24th February, 1934, in Courthouse, Wexford.

Present - Miss O'Ryan (presiding) and Mr. James Gaul.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors T. Cullen and J.F. Birthistle were in attendance.

ROAD CONTRACTS

From 1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1937.

No.893: 575 Perches. Turn Kilcavan - Quitchery Cross-Roads and Branch to Turn Whitty's Hill. Amount allowed £13.

No tender: given in charge of County Surveyor.

No.976: 470 Perches. Turn Sallystown - Murrintown. Amount allowed £8.

Benjamin Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, tendered at £7:10s., and gave as Sureties, Peter Kelly, South Main Street, Wexford, and John Cullimore, South Main Street, Wexford.

James Boggan, Walshestown, Ballycogley, tendered at full amount allowed.

The lower tender was accepted.

HAULAGE TENDERS

A large number of tenders for haulage was disposed of, the Committee allowing a slight preference to horse over mechanical haulage.

In the case of tenders for horse haulage the most satisfactory tender was accepted in each case.

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The following haulage tenders for No.12 were submitted from New Ross Tenders Committee:-

1. E. Kehoe, Templeudigan, New Ross. 6d. per cubic yard.  
(Lorry) Total....£4: 0: 0d
2. James Lannan, Clodiagh, Innistioge, Co.Kilkenny. (8d)  
(Lorry) Total....£5: 6: 8d
3. Patrick Doran, Rathgarogue, Ballywilliam, New Ross. (9d)  
(Horse) Total....£6: 0: 0d
4. Laurence Harrington, Courthoyle, Raheen. (9d)  
(Horse) Total....£6: 0: 0d
5. Thomas Kennedy, Arnestown, New Ross. (10d)  
(Horse) Total....£6:13: 4d.

The Secretary read Section 61 (2) of Local Government Act 1925 for the guidance of the Council.

Mr. Cooney strongly advocated acceptance of horse haulage tender and proposed the acceptance of the tender of Patrick Doran, Rathgarogue, at £6.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said that Mr. Cooney should be prepared to justify his action in accepting the highest tender before the Auditor.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:— "That the tenders for haulage in New Ross district No.12 work be referred to the County Surveyor to accept the lowest and most satisfactory tender."

The Chairman took a show of hands on this motion and as 15 (fifteen) voted for, he declared it carried.

#### VACANCIES ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee recommended the appointment of the following to fill three vacancies on the Committee:-

Rev. John O'Connor, C.C., Duncannon, Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, and Mr. James J. Bowe, Kiltaly.



Mr. Corish proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:- "That Rev. John O'Connor and Rev. W.B. Furlong be appointed to two of the vacancies on Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

Mr. McCarthy moved that the vacancies be dealt with individually.

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

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following:- "That Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, be appointed a member of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee."

Passed.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the appointment of Rev. John O'Connor, C.C., Duncannon, to the second vacancy, while Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the appointment of Mr. Michael Kehoe, National Teacher, Glynn.

A Vote was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Fr. O'Connor:- Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hickey, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (9)

FOR Mr. Kehoe:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Culleton, Clinee, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Kelly, McCarthy and O'Byrne. (11)

Messrs. Hall and Keegan (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Kehoe elected.

For the third vacancy Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Clinee seconded the appointment of Mr. Kelly, County Councillor.

Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the appointment of Mr. Bowe.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR Mr. Kelly:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Kelly, Hayes, Keegan, Gaul and O'Ryan. (11)

FOR Mr. Bowe:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (9).



Messrs. D'Arcy and O'Byrne (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Kelly elected.

#### CO. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That as recommended by Co. Library Committee, Rev. W.B. Furlong, Rector, Bannow, be appointed a Member of this Committee vice Rev. T. Talbot, Rector, New Ross, resigned."

#### LOAN OF £5000 WATER SUPPLY BUNCLODY

The following motion of which he had given previous notice (and which had been circulated to the Members of County Council on 2nd February, 1934) was moved by Mr. Hall:-

"That the County Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £5,000 (five Thousand Pounds) for the installation of a water Supply for the Village of Bunclody."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

The Chairman said it was proposed that the area of Charge should be the District of Enniscorthy.

Col. Gibbon said that the public of Bunclody should understand that if they put in a water supply there would be a demand for a sewerage system at very high cost. The County Council should call a meeting of ratepayers and explain the matter fully to them.

The Chairman said that the County Board of Health advertised for objections to the Scheme and had not received any. The Chairman of the Health Board was at first opposed to the Scheme as he considered the levy should fall on Enniscorthy and Gorey districts combined.

Mr. D'Arcy said all these schemes should be hung up until there was a definite improvement in the state of the country.



The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. D'Arcy but in this case no one on whom the levy would fall made any objection. He was fighting the imposition of compelling a levy for the sewerage Scheme for Rosslare and would fight it to the bitter end.

Mr. Cooney said that one-third of the cost of the Scheme was covered by Government Grant.

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

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Quin. (15)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy and Smyth. (4)

Declined Voting:- Col. Gibbon, Mr. Hickey and the Chairman. (3)

The motion was declared carried.

#### FIRE AT COUNTY HALL

The following under date 10th March, 1934, was read from George Sinnott, Foreman-in-Charge of West Wing, County Hall, reconstruction work:-

"I beg to report that on Friday 9th instant, John Butler, painter, was engaged distempering the Vocational Education portion of the County Hall building. The linoleum being laid on the floor, the painter thought it necessary to cover the linoleum for protection against paint drops using large sheets of brown paper in doing so.

"Between the hours of 1 o'clock and 2 o'clock (dinner hour) when all workmen were off the building, some person or persons entered the building and dropped lighting matches on the floor causing the paper to ignite, and damaging about ten superficial yards of linoleum. About a dozen spent matches were found strewn on the floor.

"The painter is a non-smoker and had no occasion for



"the use of matches, and no other person worked in this particular room for over an hour prior to 1 o'clock.

John Quirke, labourer, was the first to return to the building, and he found the paper in a regular blaze. He immediately extinguished it, and reported the matter to me at 2 o'clock.

"No persons were seen around the building."

The County Surveyor said he had taken precautions against a recurrence of the incident, as well as having the premises closed to the public during dinner hour. The fire was supposed to have occurred through the carelessness of people who were inspecting the new reconstruction work and who threw half extinguished matches to the floor.

#### ROAD GRANT

Under date 21st February, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that a payment of £2556 in respect of Road Maintenance Grant of £11603 had been made to the County Treasurer on 19th February, 1934.

#### FORD OF LYNG

Mr. Culleton said that he came across Mr. Meldon, one of the owners of South Slob, in Dublin the previous week, and Mr. Meldon raised the question of having a settlement arrived at as regards the Ford of Lyng. Mr. Meldon stated he would be prepared to go further than his first offer.

Miss O'Ryan said they should welcome a satisfactory settlement of any kind, and suggested that the case might go to arbitration.

The Chairman said they would be all pleased to have a settlement outside Court as the legal proceedings would involve the Council in a large sum.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, suggested that Mr. Meldon



and some others concerned with his side of the case should meet the Finance Committee or a special Committee appointed for the purpose.

Col. Gibbon said the great objection made to the previous offer of the Slob owners was that it provided for the future maintenance of the place by the County Council and of course there was also the fact that the amount offered in settlement was not enough. The slob owners contended that their liability went only as far as the new bridge but the Council held it went to Ballybro and nearly to Milltown.

The Chairman said a settlement was the proper thing if it could be effected, but he would not agree to the Council taking over the future maintenance of the place as no one would know where it might land them.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the County Councillors of Wexford County Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to discuss with Mr. Meldon and any other representatives of the owners of South Wexford Sloblands the question of the Ford of Lyng with a view to arriving at a satisfactory settlement."

#### DREDGING SOUTH WEXFORD HARBOURS

The following under date 22nd February, 1934, (D/50/14) was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries:-

"In reply to your letter of 26th January, 1934, on the subject of certain fishery harbours in South Wexford I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that dredging is needed at Ballyhack, Duncannon and Slade. These harbours are understood to be in the charge of the County Council which body is responsible for their care and maintenance including dredging. The Department



"has no funds at its disposal out of which the cost of dredging harbours could be met."

Mr. Corish said he had tabled a question in the Dail to try and ascertain if a Grant towards the cost of dredging these harbours would be available.

Mr. Cummins said that when Mr. Denis Allen was T.D., he met the representatives of the fishing industry with the Parish Priest and Curate and he said he had a promise or guarantee from one of the Ministers that Ballyhack would be done.

Mr. Corish said he had put down a question that as the County Council had no funds at their disposal for the purpose would the Government be prepared to advance the necessary amount to enable the fishermen to get in and out of the harbours.

Col. Gibbon said that the proposal that the County Council should carry out this work would mean very heavy expense. The County Surveyor should prepare a survey and estimate of the cost of the dredging of the harbours in question.

This suggestion was agreed to.

Mr. Elgee said that Ballyhack belonged to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners and not to the Wexford County Council.

#### ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1934/35

The following under date 14th February, 1934, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting the previous day adhering to their decision to provide a sum of only £40,000 under all heads for road



"work in the coming financial year; and to inform you that in the circumstances no grant towards the upkeep of main roads for the year 1934/35 can be allotted to the County Council.

"The position as regards an Improvement Grant for the ensuing financial year will also call for revision in the light of the Council's decision."

The following under date 7th March, 1934, (R/RGM/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant stating that the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council inquire whether a Main Road Upkeep Grant of 40% would be allowed if the County Council increased their allocation for the maintenance of Main Roads by £8,000 and for that of County Roads by £500, thus bringing the total sum allowed under the Road Works Scheme to £48,500, and to say that the Minister regrets he could not see his way to authorise the making of an upkeep grant on such figures. It is to be noted that when three years ago the estimated sum required for the upkeep of main roads was £32,162, the County Council allowed £25,405, while the estimated sum for the ensuing financial year is £41,374 for main road upkeep the Council would, even if they increased their original allowance for main roads by £8,000, allow only £21,239. The Minister is not prepared to notify a Main Road Upkeep Grant unless the Council on reconsideration allow at least approximately, for the upkeep of main and County roads respectively, the sums allowed in the current financial year."

The Secretary said that the reason the Finance Committee asked the question was that if the Department



had agreed to the £48,500 the Council would have got the £8,500 back and would not have been spending any more from the rates than £40,000.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said that to qualify for the grant would mean it would be necessary for the Council to give about £4,000 more. Last year they estimated for £55,000 odd and got £11,000 back, leaving approximately £44,000 to be raised from the rates.

Miss O'Ryan - If you spend the same as last year you will get the same grant?

Secretary - Yes.

Col. Gibbon - Supposing we strike the same rate as last year I want to know if we have any guarantee that the grant will amount to £11,000?

Col. Quin - I personally cannot see any guarantee in what has been read out.

Secretary - If you provide the same rate as last year you will get it.

Col. Gibbon asked if, taking into consideration the amounts for agricultural relief and the estimates for public Health and the Mental Hospital and everything else, the rate to be raised for all purposes in the County would be higher than last year. He said he would like to see the road estimate increased, if they could possibly increase it, so as to increase the amount spent amongst the workers of the County, but at the same time what they had got to look at was what the farmer was able to pay. He did not think there was a single man in the room who would deny that the farmers were in a worse position this year than last year, and, that being the case, were they able to pay even the same rate as last year? If they did not give some relief for the roads, what other brand of the County work could they give relief for? How much would the farmer have to pay?



Mr. Cummins said that if they did not agree to spend another £4000 on the roads to come from the rates they would lose the Government Grant of over £11,000.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the Assistant Secretary said that the rate would be the same approximately as for last year. The Health Board's estimate was down by £1,000 and the Mental Hospital estimate by £800, but public works were up by £1,539, and the Vocational Education Committee's Estimate by £400. The increases were approximately equal to the decreases. If the Council agreed to spend the same on the roads this year as last year the rates would, approximately, be the same.

Col. Gibbon said he would like to see the money spent amongst the workers as much as possible, but the money for main roads would be very largely expended on tar.

Mr. D'Arcy - Approximately £4,000 was spent last year on tar.

Col. Gibbon - And if we provide it, really the workers would not be getting the whole of that money; it would be spent on tar. I think the Government should recognise that times are not as good and should give us a proper grant on some little reduction, and give the farmers and people, who have to do with agriculture some little encouragement by some lowering of the agricultural rates.

The Co. Surveyor said he thought that if the Council put up the extra money a large proportion, at any rate, should go on what were called link roads - second-class main roads.

Mr. Keegan - Would not that relieve the question of tar?

Co. Surveyor - The amount of money spent on the trunk roads a few years ago was a very large proportion of the main road expenditure, but these roads are dealt with now, and in the last year or so we have been spending a good



deal of money allocated to the second-class main roads - link roads.

Mr. Hayes - It will be absolutely necessary to expend money on tar on some of the roads that have been rolled. If not they will tear up.

The following resolution was ~~pro~~posed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That, as obtained in financial year 1933/34, a sum of £55,755 be allocated under Road Works Scheme for financial year 1934/35 provided that a maintenance Grant of £11,603, amount of Government Grant, be forthcoming."

Chairman - I wish to say that I am totally opposed to this increase, for the reason that I think we are treated most arbitrarily by the Local Government Department. They could give you a grant on the rate struck just as readily as on this one. It is a matter of removing us altogether. For two or three meetings we decided on a certain amount to spend on roads, and this is the big rod they hold over us now - that they will not give us a grant. It is not alone this year they have done this, but in connection with former rates. They are totally liable for the withholding of the Grant, and not the County Council. The Government know as well as we know the state of the country at present. They know we are not as well off as in other years.

Proceeding, the Chairman referred to farmers with houses full of cattle and to the difficulty of getting money to carry on. He added that, therefore, he would vote against the proposition to spend the same amount of money on roads this year as last year, though he would like to see money spent in the County. He held no one to blame in the matter only the Local Government Department and the Government.

Col. Quin - It is up to the officials to try to get



as much as they can for the roads, and they are trying to bluff us into this.

Chairman - Are you going to stand by the bluff all the time?

Mr. Cummins said that no matter what they said about bluff the fact remained that they would not get the grant unless they put up the rate, and would not it be false economy to lose £11,00 for the sake of £4,000? He agreed that the Government could give them a grant on £20,000 or on nothing, but they had not done it, and they were the Government.

Chairman - Why do we come here at all?

Mr. Cummins - That is the point. I thought they were preparing the way to put a man here <sup>who</sup> ~~would~~ would carry out their wishes.

Chairman - Does anyone say the roads are going to take as much this year as last? You have had the finest winter for generations, and the roads were never in better condition at this time of the year. I agree that you could spend £80,000, but in times like these I think it is up to officials to try to economise as much as the Council.

Mr. Cooney referred to people coming along and wanting more money spent on roads.

The Chairman said they could do with worse roads now with less rates. They had very few deputations wanting more money spent on the roads.

Col. Gibbon said that the money the Government was holding up was not raised in ordinary taxation. It was a very heavy taxation put on the motorists to pay for the upkeep of roads. The immense cost thrown on the Council for the upkeep of roads was due to motors, and the motorists in the County were paying the Government for it, and now the Government were taking up the attitude that they were



not going to give the Council the money because they were not spending as much as in the past. If he remembered correctly, when Mr. Quigley, Inspector, came to talk about all the work on the Enniscorthy road, and when the Council put up money for various schemes, the Council were told it was a good investment for them and that there would be reduced rates in coming years. They had had an exceptionally fine twelve months and there was very small damage to roads, and yet the Government took up the attitude of going back of what their inspectors told them, and said that unless the Council spent as in the past they were going to hold back the money and give it to somebody else.

Mr. Cooney remarked that motors and lorries were the curse of the country.

A poll on Mr. O'Byrne's motion resulted as follows:  
FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. (12)  
AGAINST:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, McCarthy, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (10).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### CURRACLOE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The following was submitted by Mr. Philip Tobin, Hon. Secretary to above Association:-

"In view of the approaching Tourist Season we request that the following public works be carried out on the roads at Curracloe:

(a) Road from Curracloe Village to Strand. This road is in a bad state of repair and resurfacing is urgently required.

(b) Road from Cloney's Corner to Strand. Sections of this road are very narrow and two motor vehicles are unable to pass. We request that widening operations be carried out so that two lines of traffic can be accommodated.

(c) We request that a sign board pointing the route to Curracloe be erected on the existing sign post at Fahy's



"Cross. (d) We request that danger signs be erected at the dangerous bend at Cloney's Corner and another at the bend near Mr. John (Creane) Murphy's on the road leading to the House of the Steward of Slob."

The following attended as a deputation:-  
Messrs. John (Creane) Murphy, Richard Neville, Matthew Murphy and John O'Connor.

The Co. Surveyor said the roads in question were difficult to maintain owing to sandy sections. With regard to portion from Cloney's Corner to the Strand which required widening the County Council had no funds for the work. An application had been made to the Tourist Association to endeavour to obtain a Government Grant for the improvement of the Curracloe Roads.

Mr. Cullen said that the specified tonnage on the road, 30 cubic yards, from Curracloe Village to the Strand was not sufficient to maintain it particularly for the Summer Season.

Mr. Gaul said that £1,100 of Government Grant had been spent on the road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe but this portion was not dealt with on account of lack of funds.

The Co. Surveyor said that more money would have to be allowed for this road than was allocated last year.

Mr. Culleton said that the Development Association pointed out that there was increasing traffic to Curracloe and that a hotel was about being started near a narrow section. Other seaside places were having good roads and Curracloe should not be neglected in this respect.

The Co. Surveyor said it would cost £400 or £500 to carry out the proposals of the Development Association, but £50 would serve a very useful purpose at the moment.

Mr. Corish said if the Council decided to spend £40 or £50 he would raise at next meeting of the Tourist



Development Association the advisability of approaching the Government for a Grant for the improvement of the Curracloe Roads.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That an extra £50 be spent on the untreated portion of Curracloe Road."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That representations be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a Grant for improvement of the road in Curracloe area. That the Tourist Development Association be requested to help the County Council in this matter."

Mr. Culleton in reply to the Chairman said he was not in a position to state that the necessary land to widen one of the roads would be given free but he believed there would be no difficulty experienced on this point. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That Mr. Corish, T.D., be requested to use his influence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in furthering the application of the Council for allocation of State Grant for the improvement of Roads in Curracloe district."

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was instructed to make a report as to how best the £50 allocated at meeting could be spent and the County Surveyor was requested to prepare a short report as to what amounts would be necessary to bring the untreated portion of the road up to the standard of road recently improved.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

BALLYCAPOGUE LANE:- Mr. Richard Dillon, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown, came before the meeting to advocate the repair of Ballycappogue Lane under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

With three others there were 160 acres held by them



without any other approach. They had their rent and rates paid. There was 45% of the land tilled. There were a forge and Garage connected with the lane and it also carried traffic to a Corn-mill.

Col. Gibbon advocated the granting of the request of Mr. Dillon.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That Ballycappogue Lane (Bridgetown District) be scheduled for consideration for repairs under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That applications in connection with the following be scheduled for consideration under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when funds under this Vote become available:-

Newcastle Lane (Newbawn to Little Cullenstown); Tinnick Lane (The Ballagh); Ballyrannell Lane; Ballindoney Lane and Bleach Lane (Monasootha)."

#### CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD WORKERS

Mr. Culleton said that some road-workers who lived in Castlebridge and who had been employed on the relief work at Curraclloe Road wished to come before the meeting in connection with their employment. They appeared to think they were entitled to more money than they had received.

It was decided to refer the complaint to the Finance Committee for consideration at meeting to be held on 15th March, 1934.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman said that as several Members had to attend a meeting of the Co. Board of Health the remainder of the business of the Co. Council would be adjourned to the meeting to be held on 9th April, 1934.

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*Michael Doyle*