

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.
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M I N U T E S
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OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY, 1927.
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N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 9th May, 1927.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also :- Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, Colonel Gibbon and Colonel Quin.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Rates 1927-28.

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

"That, as set out on Forms 42 and 43, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1927-28, as agreed to at meeting of Wexford County Council on 14th February, 1927, as follows:-

GENERAL CHARGES:-

8/8d in the £.

SEPARATE CHARGES:-

No.	No.	Name of Separate Charges	Area of Charge	Net amount to be raised	Poundage Rate	Included in Demand on Urban Councils
4	4	Arklow Harbour Loan	Barony of Gorey	£ : s : d 214 : 0 : 3	.909(1d)	£ : s : d
14	14	Repayment Loans, - Enniscorthy Union	Enniscorthy R.D.	151 : 19 : 1	.339(1d)	
15	15	Repayment Loans Gorey Union	Enniscorthy U.D.	13 : 3 : 3		13 : 3 : 3
16	16	Repayment Loans New Ross Union	Gorey Rural District	210 : 13 : 2	.620(3d)	Enniscorthy (Urban)
			New Ross R.D.	176 : 9 : 8	.590(3d)	
			New Ross U.D.	21 : 17 : 0		21 : 17 : 0
17	17	Repayment Loans Wexford Union	Wexford R.D.	57 : 7 : 8	.144(1d)	(New Ross Union)
			Wexford U.D.	12 : 2 : 4		£ 12 : 2 : 4 (Wexford Urban).

No.	Name of Separate Charges	Area of Charge	Net amt to be raised	Poundage Rate	Included in Demands on Urban Council
20	Repayment Loans Enniscorthy R.D.Col.	Enniscorthy R.D.	3467:11:11	7.75(8d)	
21	Repayment Loans G Gorey R.D.Col.	Gorey R. D.	1655: 0: 3	4.874(5d)	
22	Repayment Loans New Ross R. D. Col.	New Ross R.D.	1452: 4: 7	4.996(5d)	
23	Repayment Loans Wexford R.D.Col	Wexford R.D.	1237:15: 0	3.105(3½d).	
25	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by Enniscorthy R.D.Col	Enniscorthy R.D.	1483	3.315(3½d)	
26	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by Gorey R. D. Col	Gorey R. D.	830	2.444(2½d)	
27	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by New Ross R.D.Col	New Ross R. D.	932	3.117(3½d)	
28	Part arrears quarries & Machinery due by Wexford R.D.Col	Wexford R.D.	1195	2.998(3d)	
2A	Lighting Newtownbarry Town	Townland of Ballinapark & Newtownbarry	54: 0: 7	8.431(8½d)	
3A	Ferns Water Supply	Ferns Dispensary District	12: 2: 10	.205(¼d)	
4A	Ballymurn Pump	Oulart Dispensary District	73: 1: 1	.751(1d)	
1B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Gorey R.District	47: 4: 6	.139(¼d)	
4B	Sanitary Works & Water Supply	Gorey Town	9:16: 9	.443(½d)	
5B	Coolgreany Sewerage	Coolgreany Dispensary District	2: 4: 0	.032(¼d)	
7B	Sewerage Gorey Town	Gorey R.District	173: 2: 3	.511(½d).	
7B	Sewerage Gorey Town	Gorey Dispensary District	173: 2: 3	1.697(1¾d)	
	Criminal Injury Decrees:-				
209	Mgt Tweedy £20:18:0	County at Large	All		
210	Thos Power £24:18:0	"	Rural		
211	Patk Lambert 24:18:0	"	Districts		
212	John Gleeson 22:18:0	"	in County:-		
	£93:12:0		84: 9:11	.057(¼d)	
			(Urban Districts)-		
			9:2: 1		2: 4: 1 (Enniscorthy Urban)
					2: 2: 2 (New Ross Urban)
					4:15:10 (Wexford Urban)
	Criminal Injury Decrees				
206	Minister of Posts & Telegraphs 2:0:11	E.D.Newtownbarry			
207	N.Thackaberry 11:12:6	" " "			
208	G.T.Lewis 16:16:4	" " "	29:19: 9	1.571(1¾d).	
	29:19:9				
204	Criminal Injury Decree John Brien	D. E.D.of Rathaspeck	15: 6: 0	1.110(1¼d)	
205	Criminal Injury Decree Robert Conway	Polling Districts of Gusserane No.1 and Gusserane No.2	215: 5: 3	7.735(7¾d)	

N ^o .	Name of Separate Charges	Area of Charge	Net amt to be raised	Poundage Rate	Included in Demand on Urban Councils
1343	Criminal Injury Decree Minister for Posts & Telegraphs	D. E. D. of Rathroe	8 : 13 : 0	.629($\frac{3}{4}$ d).	
1414	Criminal Injury Decree James Kennedy	D.E.D. of Ballyhack & Rathroe	152: 19: 6	5.138(4 $\frac{1}{4}$ d)	
9797	Criminal Injury Decree B. Radford	Electoral Divisions of Aughwilliam Killag Kilowan Mayglass Kilmore Newcastle	273: 18: 5	4.26(4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d)	
20202	Criminal Injury Decree John Staples	Electoral Divisions of Aughwilliam Killag Kilowan Mayglass Kilmore Newcastle Rathaspeck	38: 19: 3	.521($\frac{3}{4}$ d)	

"We allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists forwarded by the Valuation Department.

"That the allowance of said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books, signed by the Presiding Chairman, and two members present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

"That the demands of the Wexford County Council on the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from the said Urban Councils being:-

	Roads	Co. Services	Poor Relief Charges	Board of Health Charges.	Separate charges	Total
Enniscorthy	£330	£1064: 19: 9	£1236:1: 4	£30:0:0	£15: 7: 4	£2676: 8: 5
New Ross	£315	999: 14: 4	£1160:11:2	£28:0:0	£23:19: 2	£2527: 4: 8
Wexford	£716	2449: 9: 2	2843:14: 6	65:0:0	£16:18: 2	£6091: 1: 10

"That we hereby strike Drainage rate for financial year 1927-28 as follows:-

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Charging Order.

District of KILMANNOCK in the County of WEXFORD.

No. of Sheets of Ordnance Map on which Lot is represented and annexed to Final Award,	No. of Lot on Map, Same No. to one property.	LANDS CHARGEABLE.						Proportion in which the gross Amount mentioned in Charging Order with interest thereon at 5½ per cent. is charged upon said lands and payable in respect of same.	Proportion in which the gross Amount mentioned in Charging Order is charged upon said parcels or portions of lands respectively.	Amount of each half-yearly Instalment of principal and interest payable in respect of the several parcels or portions of the lands charged by Charging Order.
		NAMES OF				Areas of lands drained or improved, Statute Measure.	Increase in the original value of lands drained or improved.			
		Reputed Proprietors.	Townlands (as named on Ordnance Maps) chargeable.	Barony in which Townlands are situate.	County in which Townlands are situate.					
						A. R. P.	£ s. d.	Decimals.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
39	1	Stafford, James	Ballyedock	Shelburne	Wexford	33 1 16	17 0 9	-02428	20 9 9	1 0 3
Do.	2	Kavanagh, Julia	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	11 0 23	5 14 2	-00812	6 17 0	0 6 9
Do.	3	Rossiter, Martin	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	12 3 2	6 10 7	-00929	7 16 9	0 7 9
Do.	4	Kavanagh, John	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	25 1 24	12 19 9	+01851	15 12 4	0 15 5
Do.	1	O'Neill, J. J.	Kilmannock	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	32 3 2	22 2 11	-03155	26 12 5	1 6 4
Do.	2	Ryan, Colonel	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	48 2 3	79 13 8	+11351	95 15 5	4 14 8
Do.	3	Corcoran, Michael	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	33 0 18	37 5 1	+05308	44 15 9	2 4 3
Do.	4	Henehan, Captain	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	61 0 3	104 14 6	-14918	125 17 4	6 4 5
Do.	5	Harte, Matthew	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	39 0 3	71 6 10	-10163	85 15 0	4 4 9
Do.	6	Clancy, Captain	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	44 3 20	84 2 9	-11985	101 2 5	4 19 11
Do.	7	Barnwell, Major	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	29 3 27	56 1 10	-07990	67 8 4	3 6 8
Do.	8	Great Southern Railways Co. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	8 2 0	15 18 9	-02269	19 2 11	0 18 11
Do.	1	Bryan, Martin	Greatisland	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	0 2 9	1 0 11	-00149	1 5 2	0 1 3
Do.	2	Doherty, William	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	17 2 17	33 2 2	-04716	39 15 9	1 19 4
Do.	3	Connors, Patrick	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	22 3 25	42 11 3	-06063	51 3 1	2 10 7
Do.	3a	Connors, Patrick.	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	0 3 4	1 1 4	-00152	1 5 8	0 1 3
Do.	4	Furlong, Martin (sen.)	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	Do. . . .	3 1 37	6 10 10	-00932	7 17 3	0 7 9

SCHEDULE—continued.

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		NAMES OF				Areas of lands drained or improved, Statute Measure.	Increase in the original value of lands drained or improved.			
		Reputed Proprietors.	Townlands (as named on Ordnance Maps) chargeable.	Barony in which Townlands are situate.	County in which Townlands are situate.					
39	5	Furlong, Martin (jun.) . . .	Greatisland . . .	Shelburne . . .	Wexford . . .	A. R. P. 0 2 39	£ s. d. 1 7 11	Decimals. ·00199	£ s. d. 1 13 7	£ s. d. 0 1 8
Do.	5a	Furlong, Martin (jun.) . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 1 17	0 9 9	·00070	0 11 10	0 0 7
Do.	5b	Furlong, Martin (jun.) . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	4 2 14	6 6 6	·00901	7 12 1	0 7 6
Do.	6	Connolly, Patrick . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	4 0 0	5 10 5	·00787	6 12 10	0 6 7
Do.	6a	Connolly, Patrick . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 2 10	0 5 4	·00038	0 6 5	0 0 4
Do.	6b	Connolly, Patrick . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	6 0 23	8 9 6	·01207	10 3 8	0 10 1
Do.	7	Dunne, Daniel . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	6 1 25	8 16 8	·01258	10 12 4	0 10 6
Do.	7a	Dunne, Daniel . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	1 0 0	0 9 8	·00069	0 11 8	0 0 7
Do.	8	Murphy, Nicholas . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	29 0 14	15 6 4	·02182	18 8 2	0 18 2
Do.	9	Stafford, Anthony . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 1 4	0 2 6	·00018	0 3 0	0 0 2
Do.	10	Irish Land Commission . . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	0 0 36	0 2 1	·00015	0 2 6	0 0 2
Do.	11	Great Southern Railways Co. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	Do. . .	1 0 39	2 6 9	·00333	2 16 2	0 2 9
Do.	4	Henehan, Captain . . .	Formerly in Townland of Greatisland, now in Kilmannock	Do. . .	Do. . .	12 2 20	23 14 9	·03381	28 10 6	1 8 2
Do.	8a	Great Southern Railways Co. . .				0 3 20	1 12 11	·00234	1 19 6	0 1 11
Do.	5	Harte, Matthew . . .				1 0 0	1 17 8	·00268	2 5 3	0 2 3
Do.	5a	Harte, Matthew . . .	Formerly in Townland of Saltmills, now in Kilmannock	Do. . .	Do. . .	14 1 38	27 3 3	·03869	32 12 11	1 12 3
				Totals . . .		509 1 12	£702 0 1	1·00000	£843 14 9	£41 13 11

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Enrolled in the Central Office of the High Court of Justice, Saorstát Éireann on the 21st day of January 1927.

HENRY MAGUIRE.

Dated the 19th day of January, 1927.

Drainage Maintenance Acts, 1866 & 1924

**District of KILMANNOCK,
County of WEXFORD**

CHARGING ORDER

BY THE

**Commissioners of Public Works
in Ireland.**

*The Treasury Solicitor in Ireland,
51 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin.*

Wt. 1959.—20. 125. 2/27. B. and N. Ltd.—Group 6.

THE DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE ACTS, 1866 & 1924.

District of KILMANNOCK,
In the County of WEXFORD.

CHARGING ORDER.

Whereas the necessary works for the Drainage and Improvement of the Lands within the Drainage District of Kilmannock in the County of Wexford having been completed pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 5 & 6 Victoria Chapter 89 and the Acts amending the same the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland hereinafter called the Commissioners acting in execution of the said Acts made their Final Award for the said Drainage District dated the Twenty-sixth day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-nine and it was by said Award amongst other things declared that the Lands drained and improved and the Proprietors of such Lands for the time being should in future be annually charged with the costs and expenses of maintaining the said works which had been so executed in said District in such proportions as are in the said Award and the Schedule thereto set forth and which Award was duly enrolled as by the said Acts directed AND WHEREAS pursuant to the powers given them in that behalf by Section 2 of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924 the Commissioners in the month of January One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four appointed Mr. C. H. Olley Civil Engineer to inspect the said works and duly received the report of the said Mr. C. H. Olley from which it appeared that the works of the District had not been kept and maintained in good order repair and condition so as in the opinion of the Commissioners to be fit and proper for their intended purpose AND WHEREAS the Commissioners with the sanction of the Minister for Finance decided to execute the necessary works of maintenance and repair in the said District AND WHEREAS the Minister for Finance in pursuance of the power given to him by Section 4 (1) (a) of the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924 decided to pay out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas *Twenty-five* per cent of the cost of such necessary works of maintenance and repair AND WHEREAS the Commissioners did cause the necessary works of maintenance and repair to be executed in the District and expended thereon including the costs and charges incidental thereto the sum of *One Thousand and Eighty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence* *Twenty-five* per cent of which or *Two Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Nine Shillings and Two Pence* is to be paid by the Minister for Finance out of funds provided by the Oireachtas and the remaining *Seventy-five* per cent or *Eight Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Seven Shillings and Seven Pence* with interest up to the 31st day of October 1926 making a total of *Eight Hundred and Forty-Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* is chargeable as hereinafter mentioned

NOW KNOW YE that We the Commissioners in execution of the Drainage Maintenance Acts 1866 and 1924 do by this our Order under our Common Seal Order and Declare that the said last-mentioned sum of *Eight Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* is and shall be charged upon the Lands in the said District of Kilmannock in the County of Wexford and the Proprietors thereof respectively according to the Schedule hereto annexed the quantities of Land belonging to each Proprietor drained and improved and chargeable as aforesaid and the proportions in which such Lands respectively and the Proprietors thereof are and shall be chargeable with the payment of the same being set forth in the said last-mentioned Schedule

And We further Order that the said sum of *Eight Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* shall with interest at the rate of *Five and a-half* per cent per annum be paid to the Council of the County of Wexford by *Thirty* equal half-yearly payments or instalments of *Forty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence* by the Proprietors of the said Lands for the time being respectively until the whole of said sums be fully paid off and discharged and that said instalments shall be paid in the several sums and proportions in said last-mentioned Schedule for that purpose respectively mentioned on every First day of March and First day of September in each year the first of which said payments shall become due and payable on the First day of March now next ensuing the date of this Order And We further Order that the said sum of *Eight Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence* with the said interest is and shall be charged on the County Fund of the Council of the County of Wexford and shall be paid by the said Council of the County of Wexford to us the Commissioners in *Thirty* equal half-yearly payments or instalments and that said payments or instalments shall be paid on every First day of May and First day of November in each year the first of which said payments or instalments shall become due and payable on the First day of May now next ensuing the date of this Order

IN WITNESS whereof We the Commissioners have hereunto caused our Common Seal to be affixed this 19th day of January One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven



T. CASSEDY,
Secretary.

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 14th April 1927.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, E. Mernagh, James E. Walsh, and Patrick Hayes.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

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

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £ 5283-5-7 was examined and signed.

NEW ROSS URBAN COUNCIL AND

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS.

It was decided to receive at meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 28th April 1927, a Deputation from New Ross Urban Council to discuss with them the question of County Council entering into an agreement with the Urban Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the New Ross Urban District.

COLLECTION OF POOR RATE.

The following shows amount of second moiety of Rate for 1926-27 collected to 13th April 1927:- E. J. Murphy 84½: B. Cleary 84: J. J. O'Reilly and J. Quirke 83: T. Rowe 82: J. Curtis 81: Sean Gannon and J. J. Sinnott 78: P. Furlong and J. Cummins 77: C. McCarthy 76: P. Donohoe 72: P. Fitzpatrick and W. Cummins 71: M. Deegan 69: J. Doyle and P. O'Byrne 68: M. Kelly, P. Walsh and J. J. Kelly 66.

On the motion of Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Mernagh, it was decided that the Secretary inform Collectors who had not 70 per cent of their collections lodged that the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the manner in which they are carrying out their work, as the whole amount of second moiety should have been lodged by 31st March.

Under date 4th April, 1927, the Department of Local Govern-

ment wrote(G 13352/1927 Wexford County)that, while the Minister could not see his way to approve of the proposed alterations in the conditions of the employment of the Rate Collectors of the County, he would be prepared ~~in~~ at the end of each quarter to consider the authorisation of interim payments of poundage fees on account in the light of the rates collected provided satisfactory progress had been made-the balance of poundage to be dealt with at the end of the half year.

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

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to allow the proposals of the County Council as regards payment of poundage to remain in force for one year at least."

Under date 11th April, 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote(G 15324/1927 Wexford County), stating that, as regards the proposed permanent appointment of Mr P. J. Furlong as Rate Collector for No 4 Collection District, if this Collector had shown by his past efforts that he was satisfactory, the Minister would be willing to entertain the proposal for his permanent employment on the understanding that the position would be regarded as a part time one not involving pensionable rights.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That letter from Department of Local Government under date 11th April 1927(G 15324/1927 Wexford County) be submitted to next meeting of the County Council for their approval."

NEW ROSS R. D. COUNCIL AND

COSTS OF BANK MORTGAGE

In connection with application from Manager, National Bank, New Ross, for payment of £12-19-0, costs of mortgage to ensure the late New Ross R. D. Council an advance of £6000 for housing purposes, the Department of Local Government wrote under date 7th April 1927(H 576/5394/1927 Wexford County) that the cost of preparation of a mortgage in connection with a loan obtained by a local authority was a liability of such local authority and the

County Council were liable for the payment of the costs of the mortgage in regard to the loan in question.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Mernagh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

That costs of mortgage obtained from National Bank by New Ross Rural District Council be paid and amount of same be debited to New Ross Rural District Separate Charge provided that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, does not think the payment statute-barred under Local Government code.

OVERDRAFT TO COUNCIL.

Under date 24th March 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote sanctioning overdraft of £30,000 to 30th June 1927, Interest to be payable at the agreed rate.

CLAIM OF MR JOHN J. FANNING.

Under date 9th April 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.15480/1927/Wexford County), enclosing copy of Statutory Declaration made by Mr John J. Fanning for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Gorey area and stating that before making a determination in the matter, the Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the County Council may wish to put forward.

Referred to County Council.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP.

Under date 7th April 1927, Thomas B. Larrissey, Primary Scholarship holder wrote for a further extension of one year of his primary scholarship. This scholarship had been already extended by a year but he wished to compete in the Leaving Certificate Examination in June 1928.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to refuse the application.

ILLNESS OF MR TREANOR, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR, GOREY.

The County Surveyor wrote under date 9th April 1927, that Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, was at present unable to attend to his duties owing to an attack of gastritis. He had forwarded medical certificate.

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

"That Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, be granted sick leave until next meeting of Finance Committee and that the County Surveyor make the necessary arrangements for the discharge of Mr Treanor's duties in the meantime."

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

"That the Minutes of the Finance Committee, in respect of meeting of the 14th April, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th April, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 28th April 1927.

Present, Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: Also, Col Gibbon, Messrs W. Thorpe, Sean O'Byrne, and Aidan Mernagh, and J.E. Walsh. The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £37/5-19-9 was examined and signed.

POOR RATE RETURN.

The Poor Rate Return up to date was submitted. The amount of second moiety of Rate for 1926-27 collected was as follows:- E. J. Murphy 91 per cent: J. J. O'Reilly 91: J. Quirke 88: J. Curtis 88: T. Rowe 87: S. Gannon 86: J. Doyle 86: B. Cleary 84: C. McCarthy 83: J. J. Sinnott 83: J. Cummins 81: M. Deegan 79: W. Cummins 78: P. Fitzpatrick 77: P. Donohoe 77: T. Sutton 77: J. J. Kelly 77: P. Walsh 76: P. O'Byrne 72 and M.M. Kelly 70.

The meeting was not satisfied with the collection of Mr M. Kelly and it was decided that he be summoned to next meeting of the Committee to explain the backwardness of his work.

CONSULTATION WITH LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

In connection with above, a letter was read from the Librarian that Rev. R. Fitzhenry, Messrs P. Hickey, D. Whelan and E. P. Foley were appointed to meet the members of the Finance Committee.

The deputation, with the exception of Mr Foley, was in attendance.

Col Gibbon said that the powers of dealing with all matters in connection with the Library rested ~~with~~ absolutely with the County Council, but it should be admitted that the working of a Library meant knowledge, enthusiasm and a good deal more time

than the County Council could afford to give to its working. He suggested they should have the Library Committee re-constituted on the following basis:-

Six members of the County Council, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as ex-officio members, and one member from each of the four districts of the County: Six members appointed by the Co. Council but not County Councillors; one from each district of the County and an additional one from Gorey and New Ross to balance the ~~represent~~ representation of Enniscorthy and Wexford given by the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Co. Council. The Co. Council should ask the Library Committee to nominate six other members for appointment by the Co. Council, - one from each district and two from anywhere in the County in which energetic and enthusiastic people could be found. The Library Committee would, therefore, consist of eighteen members. He further suggested that the list of attendances at the Library Committee meetings should be examined and that the Co. Council in consultation with the Library Committee should strike out the names of members who had shown by never attending that they took no interest in the work and were not likely to be any help in the future. Then there could be four members nominated by the Urban Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, Wexford and the Town Commissioners of Gorey to directly represent the Urban interests. This would bring the strength of the Committee to 22. If, on going through list of existing members, the Co. Council found that nine were disqualified through non-attendance, three should be members of the County Council, three appointed by the County Council, and three by the Co. Council on the nomination of Library Committee.

In forming a complete Library Committee on this basis they would have a body that would co-operate and work with the County Council. The second point was as to the delegation of powers to the Committee. He was in favour of the delegation which was given by former County Council on 27th April 1925 being restored. This would give the power of appointment and dismissal of their

own officials as far as the County Council were concerned to the Library Committee who would be responsible for the work of these officers.

In connection with the salary of the Librarian, this had been portion of the agreement with the Carnegie Trust when the Library was taken over and could not be less than £250. If at any time the Library Committee thought this amount should be increased or the salary of any of their officers raised, the Library ^{Committee} should have in writing the consent of the County Council to such action. As regards the delegation of powers it should be understood that the delegation included the power of the Library Committee to dismiss officials for incompetence or negligence. He (Col Gibbon) believed the Librarian was a pensionable officer and before the Library Committee hastily dispense with her services they would consult with the Co. Council as to how the matter stood.

As regards funds the Library Committee would have the ^{under the present rate} produce of a half-penny rate in the £ over the County, viz., £824 and in addition a small amount, £10 or £12 per annum, representing subscriptions from members of Wexford Reading Circle. The Library Committee would present to the Co. Council annually, before consideration of yearly budget the proposals for application of their funds showing in detail cost of administration, purchase of books, etc. The amount received by the Library Committee from Wexford Reading Circle should be lodged in full by Librarian with the Treasurer of the County Council, the National Bank, at least once a month. The Local Government Board on 2nd May, 1904 issued a Circular letter as regards the administration of the Library Service and he considered that the following suggestions contained in this circular should be adopted:-

The Library Committee should hold meetings from time to time- it was suggested monthly- for the purpose of examining accounts of expenditure incurred by them and certifying the same for payment by the Co. Council. These ^{several} accounts, having been classified, should be entered on a list by the Librarian, which list, having been totalled, the Chairman and two members of the Committee should sign a request

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thereon asking that the several sums specified may be paid (the total amount being also named) to the persons mentioned. The list with the accounts attached should be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Council at least two clear days before that appointed for the holding of Finance Committee meeting at which it is desired the payments should be made. Library Committee should take care not to incur any large or unusual expenditure without the sanction of the Co. Council and should be specially careful that no liabilities are incurred which would cause an expenditure in any year in excess of the estimate approved by the County Council. All miscellaneous receipts of the Library Committee are to be ~~xxx~~ accounted for by the Librarian each month and lodged with the Treasurer of the County Council.

Continuing, Col Gibbon said that regulations laid down that proper Minutes of the proceedings of the Library Committee should be kept by the Librarian and copy of these Minutes should be forwarded to the Co. Council ~~merely~~ for reference and not necessarily brought before the Co. Council or Finance Committee unless the Library Committee express a wish that any particular matter mentioned therein should be submitted to Council or Finance Committee for instruction and direction. He would further recommend that a quarterly report of the working of the Library be prepared by the Library Committee and brought to the attention of the Finance Committee meeting immediately preceding a meeting of the Co. Council by the Librarian in person and any members of the Library Committee who wished to attend in order to submit to the Finance Committee any matter of special importance. The quarterly report would be read at the succeeding County Council meeting and embodied in the Minutes.

In regard to the selection of books, he believed the County Council would definitely rule that no books would be paid for unless before issue to centres a Certificate ^{was} signed by the Chairman of the Library Committee and two members of Book Selection Committee and the Librarian stating that so far as was practicable they had satisfied themselves that the books were in their opinion

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suitable for circulation. Some centres had been closed because of the unsuitability of the books sent them. He considered that as the County Council had to pay for the books, it was not asking too much of the Library Committee to furnish certificate of their suitability.

The recommendation of the Inspector to transfer the present Librarian to the general County service ^{at her salary of £15 per week} was not practicable.

In the course of further discussion, the Chairman pointed out that the Finance Committee had no power to come to definite decisions at that meeting; they could only make recommendations to the County Council. He agreed with the suggestion as to restoration of full powers to the Library Committee and to the formation of the Committee and the scheme of administration as outlined by Col Gibbon. The latter had, in fact, been already proposed by the Co. Council to the Library Committee. If the latter was prepared to carry out the work, to meet regularly and to report to the County Council, he had no objection to their being granted the fullest possible powers that any Act of Parliament or any Regulation would allow the County Council to give them.

Father Fitzhenry, as Chairman of the Library Committee, said he cordially and whole-heartedly endorsed every word Col Gibbon had said. The Library Committee were most anxious to put before the Co. Council not only the details suggested by Col Gibbon but anything else in the shape of detail which the Co. Council would require. The Committee were most anxious for the most close, the most intimate and the most whole-hearted co-operation between themselves and the County Council. The only regret was that they did not have more co-operation in the past; he thought if they had, it would never have been necessary to hold the present conference.

Mr O'Byrne considered that it might not be wise to select the Committee in geographical units. Personally he believed it would be much better if the Committee- irrespective of residence- consisted of people who had a good knowledge of literature and who were prepared to give their time and knowledge to the selection of suitable and interesting books.

The following resolutions were then adopted on the motion

of Col Gibbon seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to restore to existing Co. Wexford Library Committee the powers contained in County Council resolution of 27th April, 1925."

"That the Co. Council proceed as soon as possible to reconstitute the Library Committee on the lines suggested to this meeting and transmit to the Library Committee the suggestions of Col Gibbon as a guide to future working of Library Service."

"That the resignations of Mr P. Hickey, Enniscorthy, and Mr T. Lungley, New Ross, be accepted and vacancies filled as soon as possible."

The Delegation from Library Service then withdrew.

In presenting these resolutions the Finance Committee desire to point out:-

1. That it is not compulsory on the County Council to restore the powers under the Public Libraries Act (Ireland) 1855 (18 & 19 Vic Cap 40) but we believe the Library Service would be more efficiently carried out by a Special Committee.
2. That in making the appointment of an Assistant to Librarian, the County Council acted entirely within their legal rights.
3. That it would be advisable for the Council to adopt a resolution pointing out the necessity for a fresh delegation of powers with each new County Council. As the relations between the County Council and Library Committee are only those of "Principal" and "Agent", the Library Committee will always remain in a state of uncertainty and doubt unless each new County Council invests the Committee with full powers under Libraries' Acts.

The Finance Committee have given the most careful consideration to the whole situation, and, in view of the enormous influence for good which a properly equipped and up-to-date Library Service must have on a community, suggest to the County Council that the proposals they now offer afford the best means of putting into effect what everyone concerned has at heart.

It was decided to refer to County Library Committee the correspondence from Bibliographical Society of Ireland as to pre-

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paration of an Irish bibliography with a recommendation that the £5 asked for by the Society to meet the expenses of printing should be voted from Library Funds.

THE CORONERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1927.

Circular letter of 28th March 1927 (B.G. 12282/1927 Mis.) in connection with the above *was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health.*
The various provisions of the Act were also under consideration.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Walsh:-

"That we recommend the County Council to make no change in the salaries of the County Wexford Coroners viz, £125 to Dr. Lawler for North Wexford and £100 to Mr J. J. Roche for South Wexford."

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS - NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

Under date 27th April 1927, the Town Clerk, New Ross forwarded the following resolution which was adopted by his Council on the previous evening:-

"That the Clerk tender on behalf of the Council for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District, for financial year ending 31st March 1928, in accordance with specification received from the Co. Surveyor and at the price mentioned in it, viz, £518."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to enter into an agreement with the Urban District Council of New Ross for the maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban ^{District} to 31st March, 1928, at the amount allowed by Co. Surveyor, viz, £518," said agreement to provide that the work is to be executed according to the ~~specified~~ specification of the Co. Surveyor and to his satisfaction. Agreement is to be deemed as if for full period of financial year as Co. Surveyor has not found it necessary to spend any money for maintenance on main roads in New Ross Urban District as from 31st March 1927 to the present."

Under date 26th April 1927, Sergeant Sweeney, Garda Siothchana, New Ross, wrote applying for order for new set of stencils for sandblast machine.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, it was decided to agree to application of Sergeant Sweeney as regards purchase of stencils for hand-blast machine. ~~The remainder~~

The remainder of the business was referred to the County Council meeting.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 28th April, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed"
County Library Service.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that, in drafting recommendations as regards the County Library Service, he had deliberately refrained from consulting any members of the Finance Committee or of the County Library Committee.

Maintenance of Main Roads in New Ross Urban District.

In connection with this matter Mr. Cboney proposed and Mr. Cline seconded the following:-

"That we dissent from the Minute of the Finance Committee recommending that main roads in New Ross Urban District should be maintained by the said Urban District for ~~the~~ year 1927-28, at a cost of £518".

Mr. Corish inquired what were the wages proposed to be paid to the men on the proposed transfer from the County Council to the Urban District.

The Chairman mentioned that, when this matter first came up, the three Urban Districts sent in estimates as to the amounts for which they were prepared to maintain the main roads in the Urban areas, and these estimates were based on the wages current in the Urban areas.

After considerable discussion, a show of hands was taken on Mr. Cooney's proposal when eleven voted for it and ten against.

Mr. Walsh subsequently served notice of motion for the June meeting of the Council that Mr. Cooney's resolution be rescinded and the recommendation of the Finance Committee adopted instead.

The motion of Colonel Quin was then altered to read as follows:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of 28th April, 1927, (excepting that portion referring to the proposed agreement between the County Council and the New Ross Urban District Council as regards the maintenance of main roads in New Ross Urban District), be and are hereby confirmed".

Passed.

Roads Committee.

Minutes of Roads Committee, in respect of meeting held on 25th April, 1927, were read as follows:-

The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 25th April 1927.

Present:- Col Gibbon (Vice-Chairman) presiding; Also, Col Quin, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, James Hall, Patrick Colfer and W. Boggan.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs John Kehoe, T. Treanor, T. Cullen, Sean Birthistle and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following Report was read from Mr Barry, Co Surveyor:-

"I have arranged that the Contractors for the Enniscorthy - Wexford Road should attend the meeting and discuss question of material from Kerlogue and other matters.

I submit two tenders for the caretaking of New Ross Bridge and recommend that the lower one be accepted. Both proposers have in the past had charge of the bridge and either would prove satisfactory..

As directed by the Council I communicated with the Gangers to obtain the opinion of the workers in regard to working by old or Summer Time and have a number of replies.

At last meeting of the Council I was directed to report on the cost of providing that hauliers should be able to earn 8/- per day. This is, in my opinion, almost impossible to arrive at. However, by taking former average rate @ 7/6 and the quantity hauled at 40,000 cubic yards, the extra cost in providing for the 8/- per day would be £1,000.

In regard to providing for the spraying work this year I have ordered six extra sprayers. The makers have agreed to accept deferred payments, extending over twelve months, and there will be a hireage charge against jobs for the use of these machines which should practically cover the cost within the period, and, of course, this will come out of the cost chargeable on the Grant.

"I have gone further into the matter of the Compressor Plant and have quotations from two firms. There is some difficulty in deciding on the matter of the haulage of the plant, and I believe that the best system to adopt would be to arrange for local traction engine owners to do the haulage, and thus reduce the capital expenditure. One of the firms has offered to accept extended payments with a charge of 5% on the outstanding balance, and this will enable the purchase to be made without unduly depleting this year's estimated expenditure. (1

On the 6th inst. Messrs Jordan and Cline met me at Verona Bridge and we discussed matter of the drainage. The adjoining owner, Mr McCarthy, complained of flooding, but as already reported to the Council, I have endeavoured to settle the matter with him. He has not yet replied to my communication. The Committee considered that a drain through Mr Davis's field would probably meet the circumstances and I have interviewed Mr Davis who is quite willing to give the Council the necessary permission.

In accordance with the directions of the Enniscorthy Courthouse Committee I am at present preparing preliminary draft plans on the lines of the Gorey Courthouse reconstruction and shall submit these in the rough to the Committee.

The work of restoring Gorey Courthouse is now in progress.

On the 13th inst, I again inspected Corramacorra Road, and two of the Committee, Messrs Corish and Hayes, were present.

I have been in treaty with the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society in regarding to taking over some extra ground adjoining Machinery Yard. At the present time the yard is so congested that we require a good deal of extra storage for bitumen and tar products I have had to arrange with the Co-Operative Society for temporary storage and consider that the taking in of the extra ground is essential if this can be obtained at a reasonable figure.

I have had an offer through the Machinery Overseer to make an exchange of one of our rollers for a heavier engine. From time to time, we have found it would be an advantage to have a heavier

roller, and if the one offered in exchange for ours be up to the standard claimed, I think exchange would be advisable. Our rollers are only up to 13 tons fully loaded, and the engine offered, which is a "Marshall" and practically new, runs to 15 tons. Of course, if ^{the Council} decides on exchange, we would have a thorough inspection made of the "Marshall" and be satisfied as to its condition.

I have thoroughly examined into the allocation of the Tourist Grant for Rosslare area, and believe that the best way to lay out the money will be in widening the road from the Station to the Strand in Rosslare. I have interviewed the owner of the land on the northern side, and he is willing to give necessary permission for the widening, including taking down of annex to his dwelling house. If the work be done in this manner, we could make a very satisfactory road leaving only to be dealt with in the future the removal of the projecting house of Mr. Murphy's on the southern side. Mr. Swan, owner of the land, seeks compensation for disturbance which he estimates at £90. I have gone into this figure with him and do not consider it unreasonable. If the Council approves of the work, I can at once submit particulars to the Roads Department for sanction. I have been in communication with the Railway Company in regard to their contributing towards the cost of the improvement work, and they await further particulars as to what is proposed to be done. These particulars I can supply at once if you agree to my suggestions.

I have recently had an interview with the representative of the Cement Marketing Company in regard to the use of "Ferrocrete" cement for road work. They have made me an offer to supply ten tons free on condition that we purchase a further 15 tons of cement, and / carry out concrete road work adjoining Ferrycarrig Bridge. This portion of the road is very difficult to maintain owing to the soft substratum, though we have placed a quantity of rubble filling as foundation for our surfacing. The use of concrete will distribute the pressure over a larger area, and I believe will enable the road to stand up to the traffic. The cost of the work

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"including material will, I estimate, be £200, and I ask for permission to transfer this sum from Contingencies Fund.

There has been a dispute between the Engineer in charge and the Clerk of Works on the work being carried out on the County Hospital Road, and the matter has been reported in the local Press. I have written a special report on this and submit it to you. I am sending a copy of this report to the Secretary of the Health Board and also to the Engineer."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The Co. Surveyor submitted correspondence from the Pioneer Road Construction Company, East Wall, Dublin, contractors, for work of improvement, Wexford-Enniscorthy Road. Under date 15th April 1927, the Company wrote that they had not lost sight of the terms of their contract as regards date of completion and hoped that by erecting a large production plant at Brownswood Quarry they would be able to finish the work quicker than they anticipated and earlier than was called for by the terms of the contract. As a matter of fact it was quite possible that with the Council co-operating on deliveries of stone from Kerlogue Quarry, they might be able to complete the whole contract this year instead of only the seven miles provided for by the specification.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the main point as regards this contract was the supply of material from Kerlogue Quarry and the working of Brownswood Quarry. There was the difficulty about securing the extended area in Brownswood Quarry and he (County Surveyor) was afraid it would be necessary to put the matter into the hands of the County Solicitor as the owner of the quarry was not agreeable to come to any terms. Of course by taking a supply from Kerlogue they would relieve the necessity for a big extension of the area in Brownswood, but some extension would be required because a dumping ground for waste and for clearing stone would be required. He was in favour of the Co. Council taking the proceedings that would be necessary to acquire the land required.

Mr C. O'Brien, Director of the Pioneer Road Construction

Company (who was in attendance) said that even if it was not found possible to obtain the necessary addition at Brownswood for a month, there would be no handicap to the work. The Company would require about 5,000 cubic yards from Kerlogue, viz, about 60 cubic yards ~~macadam~~ concrete stone and 30 cubic yards macadam each day.

The County Surveyor pointed out that he had already 600 or 700 cubic yards in Kerlogue Quarry.

Mr O'Brien said they intended starting work on the 27th April. They were only bringing Key men from Dublin.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in order to meet the requirements of the contractor it would be necessary that he and his Assistants should have full control over the work at Kerlogue Quarry.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, mentioned that at present some of the men were prepared to "take a chance" as they knew that small matters would not be reported to the County Council, and it would tend to greater efficiency if, as regards this particular work the Surveying staff had complete control so that they could dispense with ~~the~~ undeserving men without having to wait investigation of complaints by the Roads Committee or the County Council.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Boggan seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council, in view of the extreme importance of the work on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road, to give power to our Surveying staff, dealing with this special work, to dismiss any unsatisfactory employee engaged at Kerlogue Quarry, and that the rule of the County Council obliging the Surveying staff to suspend a man pending investigation of a complaint against him, be not enforced for this particular work."

The County Surveyor further pointed out the necessity of having hand-breaking of material at this quarry done by piece work.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That we recommend the County Council for this special

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" work of preparing material at Kerlogue Quarry for improvement of Wexford-Enniscorthy road, to agree that men engaged in hand-breaking should be paid at a piece rate approximating 2/6 per cubic yard. "

In reply to queries, Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that haulage for this work would be mainly done by engine, the cost being somewhat less than 4/6 per cubic yard. If carters were available, however, he would be prepared to employ them at the same rate as was paid for mechanical haulage.

Mr Sean O'Byrne mentioned that it had always been understood that a small addition to rates charged for mechanical haulage was to be allowed to carters, owing to the fact that they caused less damage on roads than engines.

Co. Surveyor--- A string of carts hauling along a road, would do a lot of damage.

The Chairman stated that the County Surveyor could furnish a report as to what the haulage from Kerlogue would cost, to what extent carters would be employed, and what would be the cost of wear and tear on the road by haulage of engines and ordinary carts.

A long discussion took place between Mr O'Brien, the Co. Surveyor, and the members present relative to the price to be charged the Pioneer Road Construction Company for the material to be supplied from Kerlogue Quarry.

The following resolution was proposed by Col Quin seconded by Mr Hall and unanimously adopted:-

"That, as regards supply of stone from Kerlogue Quarry to the Pioneer Road Construction Company, we recommend the County Council to sell to this Company broken stone which is to be used for concrete at the rate of 11/6 per cubic yard and macadam stone (of from 2 to 6 inch gauge) at 10/- per cubic yard, all to be delivered on the road from Ferrycarrig to Kyle; if haulage is to be done beyond Kyle, the Co. Council to be prepared to deliver material at an increased price of 8d per cubic yard per mile beyond Kyle Cross. The amount to be supplied to be approximately 5,000 cubic yards."

Mr O'Brien mentioned that sections of road as they were concreted would want at least twenty-eight days to "cure." As far as possible, they would meet the case of farmers who resided along the road and would take steps to see that they were put to as little inconvenience as possible.

The Chairman considered that it would be advisable if the County Surveyor and Mr O'Brien would prepare a statement which could be issued to the Press giving the public some indication as to the closing of the various sections on this road.

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Caretaking of New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted tenders for above to the 31st March 1928, from Thomas Lee, Quay, New Ross at £37-10-0 and from E. Lawlor & Son, Bridge Quay, New Ross at £40.

The tender of Thomas Lee was accepted on the motion of Col Quin, seconded by Mr Shannon.

Old and New Time.

In connection with the above question, the Co. Surveyor reported that the majority of the men employed by the Co. Council on roads and in the quarries were in favour of working by Summer Time, which was being observed at present.

The meeting decided to take no action.

Hauliers at 8/- per Day.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Co. Council.
Compressor Plant.

In connection with above, the Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs Fleming & Co. 10 Burgh Quay, Dublin, stating they would be agreeable to supply Compressor Plant, payment to be spread over a period of twelve months, the outstanding balance to carry 5% interest.

Mr Gibson, representing Messrs Fleming & Co. came before the meeting and stated he had just finished a three days' demonstration in Cavan county in respect of which the Co. Surveyor of Cavan made up figures showing that the Compressor Plant meant a saving of 75% in drilling work. He would be prepared to guarantee to

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sink three 20 feet holes inside of eight hours.

The County Surveyor stated that with steam-drilling they could only get 20 feet per day and the cost ran a great deal higher proportionately.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council on the point of finance, otherwise the Roads Committee were convinced that the employment of Compressor Plant would mean a great saving in drilling.

Verona Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the cost of the proposed drain as referred to in his report would be about £50.

Mr Elgee contended that the Council had no power to make a drain through private property.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the drain was really to take away the water from a place which was causing great damage to the recently constructed Verona Bridge.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.
Corramacorra Road.

Consideration of this matter was adjourned pending receipt of report from Messrs Hayes and Corish.

Extension of Machinery Yard.

The Co. Surveyor read letter from the Manager, Co-Operative Society, Enniscorthy asking £5 per annum for the waste piece of ground referred to in his report .

In reply to this letter, the County Surveyor pointed out that the price asked was exorbitant as the ground was really waste and of no use at present to the Co-Operative Society. He had asked them to make a further offer at a more reasonable figure.

The action of the County Surveyor in this matter was approved.

Further consideration was adjourned for result of ~~negot~~ negotiations between the Co. Surveyor and Co-Operative Society.

Exchange of Steam Roller.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the heavy roller referred to

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in his report was in County Louth where the County Surveyor was wanting a lighter roller. He was prepared to exchange the "Marshall" without any cost to the Wexford County Council.

The Committee recommended the County Council to agree to the proposed exchange of rollers.

GRANT FOR TOURIST ROADS.

In connection with Grant of £1000 from the Local Government Department for improvement of roads in Rosslare area, the Chairman proposed and Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to submit plan of road from Railway Station to Strand Road in Rosslare to meeting of County Council to be held on 9th May 1927, and in the meantime that he endeavour to obtain from Mr Murphy, Merchant, a definite figure as to the amount of compensation he would be prepared to take for the removal of the projecting portion of his premises on this particular road. If a real improvement is to be effected on this thoroughfare, it is absolutely necessary that the projecting portion of Mr Murphy's premises should be taken away."

Letter was read from the Rosslare Tourist Development Association recommending that the Grant of £1000 for Rosslare area should be applied in part to the widening and surfacing of the road leading from the Railway Station to the Strand.

"Ferrocete".

It was decided to accept the offer of the Cement Marketing Company, the work to be carried out when haulage for the improvement work on the Wexford-Enniscorthy road has been completed.
Road to County Hospital.

In connection with the above, referred to in report of County Surveyor, the following special report was submitted from him:-

"I have read in local papers the report of meeting of Health Board at which the above was under discussion. It is necessary that I should place clearly my position and action before the County Council.

"In the first place, I do not accept responsibility for the work as carried out. From the commencement I have considered the question of stability of the retaining walls as of the first importance and pointed out to the Roads Committee and also to Mr Flood in Mr Kelly's presence the necessity of safeguarding this. At first I suggested concrete or grouted work at the side of the filling, but later agreed with Mr Flood that the large stones laid as headers and well packed would prevent undue side pressure from the filling. I found that the rubble was being filled in "random" and few large stones used. I therefore objected and Mr Flood and Mr Kelly promised to amend this. Later I inspected and found this work being carried out properly, and as I was dealing with other officials and not with a contractor, I concluded that the whole of the work would be so carried out. It now appears that Mr Kelly has not followed these instructions. Further Mr Kelly states that I approved of the work and gives this as his excuse for not following Mr Flood's instructions. I most emphatically deny this. I never approved of loose random rubble being used along the side of filling. I did not object to large stones used in centre as I now understand Mr Flood does, but his objection appears to be to the waste of good material that might be profitably used elsewhere.

I pointed out to Mr Kelly that it will be necessary to erect buttresses against the retaining wall adjoining the stream on up-stream side. This with the proper laying of the large stones at side of filling will safeguard the walls.

As regards the gradient, I pointed out to Mr Kelly that it will be necessary to raise the several gateways to get a proper grade. I also told him how this can be done but left details of grade, etc. to Mr Kelly, of course, as I expected he would be acting under Mr Flood's directions.

As the paper states, Mr Kelly is at "loggerheads" with Mr Flood and seeks to put me in the position of supporting him against Mr Flood. I am quite certain Mr Flood would carry out the work as agreed upon between us, and Mr Kelly has no authority to refuse to take Mr Flood's directions because of fancied approval of his (Mr Kelly's) action by me.

"I shall be only too pleased to meet Mr Flood on the ground and discuss the whole matter-walling, gradient, etc. but I shall decline in the future to give my instructions directly to Mr Kelly, who is Mr Flood's subordinate and an official of the Health Board that initiated the work."

The meeting recommended that the Co. Surveyor should arrange to meet Mr Flood and have the work on this road completed as satisfactorily as it was possible at the moment.

Brownswood Quarry.

The County Surveyor read letter from Messrs P. J. ~~XXXXXXX~~ O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, stating that Mrs Ryan, owner of above quarry was ill and they were unable to approach her about the matter.

It was decided to instruct Mr Elgee to take the necessary Court proceedings to enable the County Council to secure the additional portion of the quarry required.

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 19th April 1927, the following letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners:-

"At a meeting of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners held to-day, reference was made to the inconvenience of the hoarding erected outside the old Courthouse whereby pedestrians are deprived of the use of the footpath.

Arising out of this discussion, it was proposed seconded and passed that the Commissioners are of opinion that some steps should be taken immediately to have the Courthouse rebuilt on the old site which they believe the most suitable for the convenience of the general public."

Col Quin proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the communication of Wexford Harbour Board relative to Wexford Courthouse be marked read:-

The County Surveyor pointed out that the hoarding in question had been erected for the safety of the public and the work had been carried out under his own supervision and approval.

John Walsh, St Leonard's, Ballycullane wrote under date 18th April 1927 asking permission to erect dwelling house 15 feet from side of the public road at St. Leonard's.

Mr J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that the proposed house would not interfere in any way with the road or water-table.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Walsh be informed that he must submit plan of proposed house before the Roads Committee can entertain his application."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from John Cullen, Ballykelly, Ballymurn, stating he wanted to build a shed at the end of his house on Ballykelly Lane and requested the necessary permission from the County Council to erect same.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Col Quin, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That John Cullen be informed that he must submit plan of proposed shed before the Roads Committee can entertain his application."

In connection with permission given to Mr Michael Kelly, M.P.S.I., Rosslare Strand, relative to erection of new premises, the following letter under date 4th April, 1927, was read from Mr Kelly:-

"During my absence the front of my new premises was not, as I had originally intended, placed five feet from the road. My workman mistook the outer line of the wall for the inner line which would account for the difference. The wall was too far advanced when I returned to have it rectified and as it is, there is a good footpath between the edge of the road and my shop."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the Co. Surveyor inform Mr Michael Kelly M.P.S.I. that, as he has failed to comply with the terms of the permission given him for erection of premises at Rosslare, the County Council are

"recommended to withdraw the permission already given through the Roads Committee and that Mr Kelly be informed that he must carry out the erection of this premises on his own responsibility."

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from John McGurk, Carnival Grounds, Rosslare, as to erection of pillars on the sea side of road at Rosslare Strand.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor arrange with County Councillors from Wexford Electoral Area to inspect all premises at Rosslare in respect of which application had been made at this meeting and report to next meeting of Roads Committee. That he further communicate with Rosslare Tourist Development Association and point out to them that if dwellings are erected too close to the roadside or allowed to encroach on the road, it will be to the detriment of Rosslare as a sea-side resort particularly when it may be found necessary to widen certain thoroughfares in the district.

KILMORE PIER.

The following report was read from Mr J Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor under date 23rd. April, 1927.:-

"I beg to report that a vessel belonging to Mr Rochford, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, when leaving Kilmore Harbour last week collided with the railing protecting the stairway at the outer end of the pier and carried it away.

The railing should be re-erected as soon as possible as the water is deep out there and an accident might occur at any time?"

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

"That, owing to urgency, work at Kilmore Pier be carried out immediately by the Co. Surveyor and that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to recover cost of same from Mr Rochford, Ballyhealy."

BURROW, ROSSLARE.

Mr James Bent, Burrow, Rosslare, wrote, asking for 300 tons of stone which he stated would be required to save his house from flooding. If something was not done by next winter, he feared his whole place would be washed away.

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Mr Elgee, Solicitor explained that he had written to the Board of Works asking for the names of the Commissioners of Drainage Board and had a reply that the Board was unable to supply them. He then wrote to Messrs Meldon & Co, Solicitors, 8 Merrion Square North, Dublin, who in reply wrote the following letter under date 26th March 1927:-

"We are writing our clients for their permission to furnish the particulars and also to the Tynte agent and asking him if Miss ~~xi~~ Miss V. Tynte is his owner.

We wrote you a good deal about the Ford of Lyng but you have not favoured us with your point of view. If we had your case and the reasons why the Commissioners or Owners are bound to drain the Ford of Lyng we could judge the matter better, and it might not be necessary for you to do as you say, but as we view it, neither the Commissioners nor the Owners have anything to say to the matter.

Could you give us the levels from the road down to the canal which would save us getting a survey. Until we know this it is not possible for us to say anything, but from viewing it, it seemed to us that there was a considerable fall before the Slobbs were even reached by the stream. The land adjoining the road is not part of the Slob."

Continuing, Mr Elgee said he did not like, without taking instructions from the Council, to furnish the opinion of Counsel to Messrs Meldon, but he did not think any harm could be done to Council's case if they did furnish a copy of the opinion.

Col Quin proposed, Mr Shannon seconded and it was carried:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to supply copy of Counsel's opinion re Ford of Lyng to Messrs Meldon provided Mr Fergus O'Connor B.L. who furnished the opinion has no objection to the adoption of this course."

DEPUTATION FROM CARTERS - BANNOW DISTRICT.

A letter under date 4th April 1927, signed by ten carters employed in Bannow district asking the Council to receive a deputation, was read.

This pointed out that the present rate of haulage was a

"degrading" one and the men wished to put their views before the Council.

It was decided that the deputation be received.

John Davey, Cullenstown, Bannow, acted as spokesman and pointed out that on some days the men were only able to earn from 1/6 to 5/-. They could only bring 14cwt. on their carts and they had to go half a mile to the strand.

Report was read from Mr J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, stating that the earnings of these hauliers at present was from 6/- to 6/6 per day working a full day. The horses and carts were generally on the smaller side and they could not expect to earn as much as men drawing from a quarry with strong horses and larger carts.

He (Mr Kehoe) would like ~~as an official~~ to see the men paid better but up to the present he had no difficulty in getting sufficient hauliers to do the work.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Boggan seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That no change be made in the haulage rate paid to carter^S in the Bannow district."

Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Colonel Quin seconded:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee of 25th April, 1927, be considered".

Passed.

Wages of Hauliers.

In connection with this matter, the Chairman, after discussion, said that, as there seemed to be a desire in the minds of some members that an increased rate should be paid to some hauliers, he would ^{rule} ~~rate~~ this could only be done on notice of motion.

Mr. Corish favoured the consideration of this matter at the next meeting of the Council so that a carter would earn at least 7/- per day. He asked the County Surveyor to go into the matter and see what exactly this increase would represent in the County rates.

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Mr. Gaul gave notice of motion that the question of allowing carters an increase over present remuneration be considered at the next meeting, and that said meeting fix a new rate should they consider same expedient.

Compressor Plant.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the amount estimated by him for machinery for last year had included a sum of £1220 for arrears of Loan repayments. This year he had brought in the same estimate so that they ought to have £1000 to the good at the end of the year. Messrs Fleming & Co., offered to give them extended payments. He discussed the matter with their representative who suggested that they should pay £100 per month payable at the end of every three months; this to carry interest on the outstanding balance.

The meeting accepted this suggestion of the County Surveyor and decided to purchase Compressor plant in view of the great saving that would be effected by its utilisation.

Verona Bridge.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cline seconded:-

"With reference to Verona Bridge, as the proposed drain through Mr. Davis's field would save the structure of Verona Bridge and the expenditure of a very large sum by the Council in the event of the bridge being undermined, we agree to an expenditure of £50 for the making of said drain; provided the County Surveyor obtain in writing the consent of Mr. Davis^S, the owner of the field, and that of Mr. McCarthy, the adjoining owner".

Passed.

Corramacorra Road.

Messrs Hayes and Corish reported that they had inspected this road with the County Surveyor and Mr. Hayes proposed:-

"That, on the completion of the promised work by the inhabitants of the district as proposed to the County Surveyor, the County Council carry out the further repairs of ^{this} work, including the necessary drainage".

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Passed.

Extension of Machinery Yard.

The County Surveyor stated that he had not yet received any reply from the Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-Operative Society.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the Roads Committee to consider reply of Manager of the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society when it comes to hand.

Exchange of Steam Rollers.

The County Surveyor mentioned that, when this matter was first mooted to him, he understood there was to be an exchange of rollers pure and simple, neither Council making any cash payment. Since then, however, he understood that the County Surveyor of Louth was looking for a substantial cash payment for the exchange of his Marshall roller for the light roller in the County Wexford

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to inform the County ^{*Surveyor*} of Louth that the Wexford County Council will be prepared to exchange steam rollers in accordance with the proposal of their County Surveyor, provided that no cash payment is involved on either side"

Ferrocrete.

In connection with the proposal of the Cement Marketing Co., to present to the Council ten tons of Ferrocrete free on condition that they purchased fifteen tons, a letter was read from the Cement Marketing Co., regretting the delay of three months for the experiment, as the object of the test was to enable the County Surveyor to judge the value of this form of road surfacing in cost, durability and method of laying. The delay of three months would not enable them to do so and they suggested that a trial section should be laid on some other road if this were possible.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the offer of the Cement Marketing Co., to the County Council in connection with the presentation of ten tons of ferrocrete be refused, as this Company was responsible for the closing of Drainagh Cement Works"

Mr. Clince seconded.

Some members of the Council were against the proposal as they believed it was a mistake to reject a free gift of cement costing £38: 2: 6d but the resolution was put and carried nem.con.

Grants for Tourist Roads - Rosslare Section.

The County Surveyor produced a plan showing the proposed alterations and extensions of the Strand road at Rosslare towards which portion of the £1000 Government Grant for tourist roads would be applied.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That, as recommended by the County Surveyor, we hereby agree to pay the following sums for land etc., in connection with improvement of Strand Road, Rosslare:- Captain James Murphy for removal of annexe to house £250; Mr. Frank Swan for removal of portion of house and also for land £90; Mrs James O'Brien for removal of corner at end of road £20".

The County Surveyor pointed out that the sanitation of Rosslare was in a very bad condition and a number of new houses were being erected there but no sanitation was being provided. Later on, when the roads were interfered with and became a nuisance, the County Council would be obliged to proceed against those responsible. In the circumstances, the Board of Health should take into consideration the question of proper sanitation at this seaside resort.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that the Board of Health were really transacting no business except the question of Rosslare sanitation.

The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Berry of the Department of Local Government and Public Health had informed the meeting that he would be reporting to his Department on the sanitary condition of Rosslare.

Mr. Doyle mentioned that the ratepayers were agreeable to do all that was necessary to provide a sanitary scheme for Rosslare and no one would object to it or would stand in the way; but as

they were faced with a proposed expenditure of £13,000 or £14,000, he would like to see the person who would be able to get it off the County at the moment.

It was decided that the County Surveyor call the attention of the County Board of Health to the question of providing a suitable sanitation scheme for Rosslare .

County Hospital Road.

The County Surveyor stated that he had seen Mr. Flood about this matter and arranged with him as to the erection of buttresses for the protection of the wall. The road, although open, was not yet finished. As regards the removal of the dangerous corner Mr. Elgee had seen the owner who asked £3 for it but he informed Mr. Elgee that, considering the amount of land required, such a payment was out of the question. Mr. Elgee had again interviewed the owner who agreed to take 30/-.

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

"That the County Council agree to pay 30/- to Miss Margaret Roche, Carcur, for land taken to ease dangerous corner at Tivoli Terrace Junction"

Wexford Courthouse.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded a resolution, approving of the proposal of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as to removal of hoarding and re-erection of Courthouse at the old site.

The Chairman mentioned that the Council had already decided that the Courthouse should be erected at the old Jail, ^{and} in view of this, he declined to accept the resolution which, in his opinion, could be moved only on notice of motion.

Applications - Erection of Houses.

In connection with erection of shop at Rosslare by Mr. Michael Kelly, the following was read from Mr. Kelly:-

"I have received a communication dated 2nd instant from the County Surveyor's office quoting a resolution of the Roads Committee which I will thank you to bring to the notice of the County Council at next meeting.

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"According to the County Surveyor's letter to me under date 20th ultimo a resolution was passed as follows by your Council:-

"That permission be given to Mr. Kelly to erect shop at Rosslare Strand in accordance with terms of his letter dated March 23rd, 1927"

"In face of this plain statement the resolution of the Committee alleges that my authority to build was granted, not by the County Council but through themselves and that I have not kept to the terms of my letter".

"I desire to state that relying on the Council's resolution I have had the building erected that it is strictly in accordance with my letter of 23rd March, 1927, and that as the shop is and was obviously meant to be a permanent structure, the Council's resolution must be regarded as final and conclusive".

The County Surveyor called attention to the letter of Mr. Kelly of 4th April in which he stated that, during his absence, the front of the new premises was not, as he originally intended, placed five feet from the road. It would, therefore, be seen that Mr. Kelly had not carried out the arrangement he had made with Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in view of which, he gave him permission to erect the building.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin, seconded the following:-

"That Mr. Kelly be informed that, as he failed to carry out his agreement with Mr. Birthistle, the representative of the Council, in connection with the erection of his shop, we call upon him to remove same from present site; otherwise, that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Council, be instructed to proceed against him"

In reply to a query it was stated that Mr. J. Walsh, who applied for permission to erect bungalow had been informed that he should supply a plan for the consideration of the Roads Committee, but no reply had been received from him. It was understood that the building was completed.

Mr. Hall proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following:-

"That as Mr. Wm. J. Walsh has failed to supply plan of new house erected by him at Rosslare, though requested to do so by the County Surveyor, we call upon him to remove same from present site; otherwise that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be directed to proceed against him".

As an amendment, Mr. Hayes proposed:-

"That Messrs Kelly and Walsh be requested to attend next meeting of the County Council and offer some explanation as to their action in regard to erection of houses at Rosslare".

Mr. Cline seconded.

A show of hands was taken with the result that six voted for the amendment and twelve against.

A further show of hands was taken on Mr. Hall's motions when fourteen were in favour and nine against.

The Chairman declared the resolutions carried.

Colonel Gibbon proposed:-

"That, as regards the erection of houses at seaside resorts such as Courtown, Rosslare, Kilmore, Cullenstown &c., plans in duplicate must be submitted, drawn to a scale of eight feet to the inch. One plan would be retained by the Council and the other marked "approved" would be returned to the applicant".

Mr. Cline seconded.

Passed.

An application from Mr. James Billington, Wexford, which had been received on the morning of the present meeting in connection with the erection of two bungalows at Rosslare was referred to the Roads Committee.

Ford of Lyng

In connection with the proposal that Mr. Elgee furnish Messrs Meldon & Co., with copy of Counsel's Opinion regarding the Ford of Lyng, it was decided that the opinion be not furnished unless Mr. Fergus O'Connor, B.L., who gave same, informs Mr. Elgee that this will not prejudice the case of the County Council in any way.

Hauliers from Bannow District.

In connection with the recommendation of the Roads Committee in this matter, it was agreed, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman, that the matter be further considered by the Roads Committee when a report as to where it is possible to obtain banking places on the strand, is received from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

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

"That the Minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 25th April, 1927, be confirmed subject to any amending resolutions adopted at this meeting"

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.
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Minutes of Meeting of Ancient Monuments Committee of 19th April, 1927, were submitted as follows:-

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A meeting of Ancient Monuments Committee of Wexford Co. Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 19th April, 1927.

Present:- Rev. R. Fitzhenry P.P. (Presiding); Miss Browne and Rev. W. Hanton C.C.

The Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor were also in attendance.

Letters were received from the following in connection with various monuments:-

Canon Gibson (Ruins St. Mary's Church New Ross);

Major Boyse (Bannow Church).

John Mernagh (Killiane Castle.)

Lord Templemore (Butter Milk and Ballyhack Castles).

Edward Stafford (Clongheart Castle).

Arthur J. Alexander (Mountgarrett Castle).

Richard Codd (Clonmines Castles).

P. Murphy (St. Vaux's).

It was decided to ask the County Council to put before the General Council of Co. Councils the necessity for appointing (in conjunction with Historical and Antiquarian Societies) a deputation to wait upon Mr. E. Duggan at the office of Public Works to urge upon him the necessity for securing an Act of Oireachtas to preserve the ancient and historic monuments of the Country. Such a measure is urgently needed if a priceless National heritage is to be saved. Adequate protection can be made for the rights of property owners on whose lands such monuments stand. In present circumstances the Committee are convinced that powers entrusted to the Offices of Works under a measure such as proposed would be exercised with tact, and, also with due regard for the rights of all concerned.

It was further agreed that the members of the Committee present at meeting should take steps to get into touch with the historical and antiquarian Societies which would be likely to take an interest in the matter of securing members for Joint Deputation to Mr. Duggan.

Clince

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clince, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Ancient Monuments Committee of 19th April, 1927, be and are hereby confirmed".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne mentioned that the Executive Committee of the County Councils General Council had agreed to the appointment of the deputation in question!

PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF MR. M. CLONEY.

The following letter, under date 2nd April, 1927, was read from Mr. Michael Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Fethard:-

"I wish to tender my resignation as a member of the Wexford Co. Council (and it follows) and the Committees of which I was a member. Will you kindly bring this before the next meeting.

"For some time I have not been in good health and for the past fortnight confined to bed, under the Doctor's care. He advises me to take this step. He says it would be risky for me to be attending meetings at such a great distance from home. I thought I would be able to continue on until the Elections but now it would not be prudent for me to do so.

"I have received to-day your notification of my appointment on Co. Committee of Agriculture. I shall endeavour to attend these meetings as often as I possibly can.

"It remains for me to thank the members of the Wexford Co. Council, your good self and all the other officials for their kindness to me during my time as a member of that body.

"With best wishes to all".

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Michael Cloney be asked to re-consider his resignation as a member of the Council. That he be informed that the Council are unanimously in favour of his remaining on the Council"

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MEMBERSHIP - CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNICAL
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Recommendations were submitted from the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the appointment on that Committee of Mr. James Shannon, M.C.C., Rathnure and Mr. M. Cloney, M.C.C., Dungulph Castle, vice Mr. R. Rackard, Killanne, and Mr. P. O'Brien, Dungulph Mills, resigned.

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

"That Messrs James Shannon, M.C.C., Rathnure and Mr. Cloney, M.C.C., Dungulph Castle, be appointed to fill the vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, caused by the resignations of Messrs R. Rackard, Killanne and P. O'Brien, Dungulph Mills, respectively.

PROPOSED MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 12th April, 1927, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.16274/27 Wexford County), stating that the Council were doubtless now aware of the result of the conference between the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the deputation appointed by the County Councils' General Council which waited upon him on the 4th March, 1927, with regard to the question of the appointment of County Medical Officer of Health. A copy of the memorandum dealing with the points discussed at the conference was enclosed and the Minister requested that the question might receive the early and favourable consideration of the Council.

Copy of the correspondence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; as to proposed appointed ^{ment} of County Medical Officer of Health and as to the present position in relation to grants in aid of local taxation, was received from the County Council's General Council.

This, including memorandum from Department of Local Government and Public Health, had been furnished to each member of the Co. Council.

Dr. W. Sterling Berry, who was present, pointed out that, in asking the County Council to agree to the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, the Local Government Department were complying with the law, and as it would be recognised, the Local Government Department was obliged to carry out this duty. Referring to the correspondence, which had been submitted, he dealt with the outbreak of typhus fever mentioned therein, and pointed out that, if a county medical Officer of Health had been in office, this outbreak would have been nipped in the bud and valuable lives saved.

A member inquired if it would be advisable in County Wexford to amalgamate the positions of County Medical Officer of Health and Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

Dr. Berry replied that, in a County like Wexford, it would be necessary to have two officers - a County Medical Officer of Health as well as a Tuberculosis Medical Officer, but these two officers with a re-adjustment of duty, should be quite a sufficient staff for the County. The salary fixed for the appointment was £800 per annum with travelling expenses, which he thought might run to about £150. There was no provision as far as he knew for any increments. The County Medical Officer of Health would not be asked to do any special laboratory work &c. All this would be done at a central laboratory in Dublin. The appointment of a trained nurse might be necessary.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, Dr. Berry stated that he did not think that, within a period of from three to five years, they would effect any appreciable saving in the maintenance of the County Home and County Hospital and kindred institutions as a result of the work of the County Medical Officer of Health. Within ten years they would begin to see some advantage and within 20 years the work would infinitely more than pay for itself.

The Chairman pointed out that they should not lose sight of the fact that there was a statutory obligation on the Council to make this appointment. This law was on the statute book and would have to be obeyed the same as any other legal

liability. A vital factor in this matter was the question of public health, and he did not think public health should be considered in pounds, shillings and pence. One very important item in this matter was the inspection of school children. In fact, in his opinion, the appointment of a medical Officer of Health for this work alone would be money well spent. This was a work of national importance and there was no question that the development of a strong and healthy race would repay the Country in the long run. The principal argument levelled against the appointment was on the score of expense which would be little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. The County Council had decided that the appointment should be deferred for twelve months, and this decision would hold. In the meantime, he suggested, they should communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the subject of a grant for this purpose. He proposed:-

"That the Central Government Authorities be requested to state if they are prepared to pay half the entire cost involved by the appointment of County Medical Officer of Health!"

Colonel Quin seconded.

Adopted on a show of hands by 12 to 9.

Mr. Corish spoke at some length in favour of the appointment being made.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

Under date 2nd May, 1927, the following letter (No. M 19911/1927 Wexford B.H.P.A), was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 11th ultimo, regarding the delay in appointing Medical Officers for the Carrigbyrne and Newtownbarry Dispensary Districts, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, as regards the Newtownbarry vacancy, application for sanction to fill this position was not received from the Board of Health and Public Assistance till the 18th February last. As the late Medical

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Officer also held the position of Medical Officer of the Clonegal Dispensary District in Carlow County, inquiries had to be made and visit paid to the district ^{by} an Inspector from this Department to determine if more suitable arrangements were feasible. On the 5th ultimo the Minister issued the necessary sanction for filling the vacancy, in accordance with Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

"As regards the vacancy in Carrigbyrne Dispensary District, I am to point out that the late Medical Officer's death was reported to the Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 21st February last. On the 8th March the Minister requested the Board to consider the advisability of adopting a uniform scale salary for Dispensary Medical Officers in Wexford County, and pending a reply, he has not issued his authorisation to the proposed terms of appointment in this case"

Mr. Doyle said that this letter was red tape from start to finish. On Thursday night in the Dail he stated that he would raise this question and he noticed on Friday's paper one of the vacancies was advertised. By the delay of the Appointments Commission the ratepayers had been mulcted to the extent of £70.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Doyle that the adoption of a uniform scale had nothing whatever to say to the matter; and it was most unfair to the people that these posts should be left open so long - for over several months. Why should the ratepayers be called upon to pay large sums in connection with temporary appointments which were unsatisfactory from many points of view. Everybody knew that it was much better to deal with a permanent officer than with one who was merely filling a temporary position. Pressure would have to be brought to bear upon the Appointments Commission to expedite the filling of vacancies of this description.

SANATORIUM GRANT.

Under date 20th April, 1927 (letter No. P.H. 16833/1927 Miscellaneous) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the consent of the Minister for Finance had

been obtained to the unexpended portion of the County share in the Sanatorium grant (£3346: 19: 7d) being provisionally assigned to the Board of Health for the purpose of providing institutional accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis. The proposals of the Board of Health should be made in connection with an approved Tuberculosis Scheme and should be submitted with necessary, plans, specification and estimate to the Department before the 31st March, 1928, the work, if approved to be completed expeditiously and not later than two years after the date of the approval of the Minister for Local Government. Recoupment might be afforded from the National Tuberculosis Grant of one half of any capital expenditure in excess of the County share in the Sanatorium grant involved in the undertaking approved on the foregoing conditions. If the above-mentioned share should not, by the 31st March, 1928, have been expended on or earmarked for, an approved undertaking, it would be open for the Minister for Finance to allocate such share or portion thereof to the authorities of other counties or county boroughs in which the relevant shares in the grant had already been expended.

It was also proposed to issue to the Board of Health the instalments of recoupment from the National Tuberculosis grant in respect of payments made on or after 1st April, 1927. The final payment from the grant in respect of the year ended the 31st March, 1927, would be issued to the County Council.

Contributions payable by the County Insurance Committee for any period subsequent to 31st March, 1927, under their Agreement with the County Council or the Board of Health in connection with the treatment of Tuberculosis should be paid to the Board of Health.

If credit for the receipts above-mentioned was not taken in preparing the estimate and demand of the Board of Health in connection with their administration of the County Tuberculosis scheme for the current financial year, the necessary adjustments should be made in regard to the instalments payable by the Co. Council to the Board on that estimate and demand.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed that this matter is being attended to by the County Board of Health."

SPEED LIMIT ON ROADS AND BRIDGES

Under date 27th April, 1927, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RV/32), forwarding copies of Order made by the Minister fixing speed limits of (a) three miles per hour for heavy motor cars proceeding over New Ross Bridge; (b) ten miles per hour for motor cars proceeding over Wexford Bridge; and (c) fifteen miles per hour for motor cars proceeding along the road from Gorey to Courtown Harbour from its junction with the Arklow-Gorey-Ferns-Enniscorthy road at Gorey by way of Marlfield House and Ballinatra Bridge to Courtown Harbour.

Arrangements should be ^{made} immediately for the publication of the Order in "Iris Oifigiuil" and some local newspaper circulating in the district concerned. The draft notice should be forwarded to the Department for the approval of the Minister before publication. Warning notices should be erected on or near the road and bridges concerned.

As regards the application of the Council in connection with heavy motor cars exceeding four tons in laden weight, it appeared that what the Council contemplated was an Order empowering them to close, as and when they considered necessary, any road in the County, except one, to vehicles of the above-mentioned class. The Minister was advised that he had no power by an Order under Section 7(4) of the Roads Act 1920, to give to a County Council power to close a road or roads to a particular class of traffic from time to time as they think fit. The section provided for a prohibition of classes of traffic on a specified road or roads by the Minister, and subject to conditions

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imposed by him. He would not delegate his powers in this matter to the road authority, and did not propose to make any order in the matter.

As regards the speed of heavy motor vehicles, the County Council should seek the co-operation of the Garda Siochana in dealing with the matter of excessive speed of these vehicles.

Dealing with the proposed speed limit of ten miles an hour for motor vehicles for certain streets in New Ross Urban District, the Minister did not consider the fixing of a special speed limit to be the most effective method of dealing with reckless or dangerous driving in the Urban District. The Garda Siochana had power under section 1 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, to deal with this question and the Council should arrange with the Garda for special observation to be kept on the driving of vehicles in the streets concerned.

The County Surveyor explained the position of the warning signs.

The Chairman proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor erect Warning Signs on New Ross and Wexford Bridges and on Gorey to Courtown Road as explained by him to this meeting. That our Secretary issue requisite advertisement in "Iris Oifigiúil" and Local Newspapers on receipt of approval of draft from the Department of Local Government"

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

It was also decided that the letter from the Department be further considered at the next meeting of the Roads Committee.

BY-LAWS FOR COUNTY BRIDGES.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Roads Committee By-laws governing traffic over bridges with a view to consideration and revision of same.

CLAIM OF DISTRICT COURT CLERK ENNISCORTHY.

Under date 26th April, 1927 (G.18610/1927 Wexford County) the

Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, forwarding extract from letter of Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, claiming payment of £10 for rent of office issued by him for period from 1st March, 1923 to 17th July, 1923. From the latter date the County Council agreed to pay the rent, as this was the date of Mr. Doran's application to the County Council to provide him with suitable office accommodation owing to the Courthouse being burned down. As the County Council had refused to pay rent for any period ~~from~~ prior to 17th July, 1923, Mr. Doran had to pay the £10 himself as he had taken the premises. The Department requested that the sum of £10 be recouped to Mr. Doran.

Referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

GLENBRIEN WATER SUPPLY.

Sealed Order No. 13831/1927 dated 26th April, 1927, was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, fixing Oulart Dispensary District as the area of charge for expenditure incurred in providing a water supply and maintaining same at Glenbrien.

BORROWING BY BOARDS OF HEALTH.

Under date 25th April, 1927 (S.19201/1927, IIg(Gen)), the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, drawing attention to the provision of section 4 of the Local Government Act 1927, and pointing out that in future the powers of borrowing for sanitary purposes would be exercisable by the County Board of Health and Public Assistance acting as Sanitary Authority, subject to the prior consent of the County Council being obtained to the raising of the loan. Attention ~~was also~~ directed to section 4(4) of the Act which enacted that, on and after 1st April, 1927, all payments due on foot of any loan borrowed by a County or Rural District Council before the passing of the Act of 1927, for the purpose of ^{the} exercise or performance of any power or duty now vested in a County Board of Health should be made

through and by such County Board of Health.

In the case of loans of former Boards of Guardians, the liability for repayment rested with the County Council in pursuance of Section 7 (2)(b) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923.

GOREY WORKHOUSE AND GAELIC LEAGUE.

Under date 4th May 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.17757/1927/Wexford County) asking to be furnished with a sketch of the lands at Gorey Workhouse proposed to be let to the local branch of the Gaelic League and a statement of their dimensions.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had been asked to supply the sketch in question, and when this was received it would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 29th April 1927, the Department of Lands and Agriculture wrote (L 1454/27) that one of their officers had obtained on 6th April 1927, at Enniscorthy, four samples of butter which were submitted to the County Analyst who certified that they proved to be genuine.

SAWMILL AT CAMOLIN.

Under date 29th April 1927, the Department of Lands and Agriculture (Forestry Division) wrote (No. 262/F) that, in regard to the resumption of saw-milling operations at Camolin Park, they had no timber at Camolin which could be advantageously converted by them at that centre.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

AND PREPARATORY COLLEGES.

Under date 19th April 1927 (F 10597), a letter was read from the Office of National Education forwarding copy of letter addressed to the Secretary, Kerry County Council, which pointed out in regard to the question of holders of Primary Scholarships taking their scholarships in preparatory colleges, that, owing to the different age limits for these two scholarships and to the fact that a special entrance examination must be passed which would be at least a year later than the Primary Scholarships Examination, the

Primary Scholarship winner must spend at least the first year of his secondary course in an approved school other than a Preparatory College, and it was assumed that the Council would continue to award their Scholarships as heretofore. In the case of the holders of these Scholarships subsequently securing places in a Preparatory College, as a result of the entrance examination, the Department would be prepared to consider any proposals which the Council might desire to make regarding the continuance of their Scholarships in whole or in part during the Preparatory College course.

CLOSING OF ROAD. WEXFORD-ENNISCORTHY.

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

"That we apply to the Minister for Local Government for permission to close the Wexford-Enniscorthy road in sections during reconstruction, and approve of the following draft advertisement in connection therewith:-

Closing of Roads. Public Notice Regulations 1925.

To all whom it may concern

Take notice that it is the intention of the Wexford County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order authorising them to close to public traffic (in sections as may be required from time to time) the road leading from Wexford to Enniscorthy and situate between Ferrycarrig Bridge and the Slaney River Bridge in the Urban area of Enniscorthy for a period of seven months from the 16th day of May 1927, during which period the road will be under repair.

The alternative routes are:-

- (1) Wexford via Killurin to Enniscorthy.
- (2) Ferrycarrig to Garrycleary via Crossabeg or via end of Ballydickon Road.
- (3) Slaney Lodge turn to Oylegate via Ballynaslaney Road.
- (4) Oylegate to Enniscorthy via Darby's Gap.

It is proposed to carry out works of repair between Ferrycarrig Bridge and Kyle Cross roads first and the alternative route will be via Ferrycarrig Hill and the Killowen Road or the

Saunderscourt Road.

The next section to be closed will be duly advertised.

Objections to closing the above road to be lodged with the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin between the dates of 6th May and 11th May 1927.

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CLAIM OF MR J.J. FANNING.

Under date 9th April 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (P. 15480/1927 Wexford County), forwarding copy of statutory declaration received from Mr John J. Fanning in regard to his claim to compensation for loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar for the Gorey area. Before making a determination in the matter, the Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the County Council might wish to put forward.

The declaration of Mr Fanning set forth that he was appointed Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Gorey District on March 27th 1920. He continued to perform the duties of Superintendent Registrar after the abolition of his office as Clerk of the Union on 30th June 1922 and up to 30th June 1924. His emoluments as Superintendent Registrar were not taken into account in determining his pension, viz. £28-4-8 per annum for loss of office as Clerk of the Union. He had now ceased to perform the duties of Superintendent Registrar and had handed over all Register Books, Documents, etc. to the Secretary, County Board of Health on 30th June 1924, by direction of the Registrar General. His emoluments for each of the last three years during which he performed the duties were as follows:-

Year ending 31st March 1922	£28-10-0
" " 31st " 1923	£31-17-6
" " 31st " 1924	£35-15-6

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

"That this County Council is satisfied that Mr Fanning should be granted the full amount of compensation for abolition of

office as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to which he is legally entitled."

REPAIRS - GOREY WORKHOUSE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted Estimate of £38-15-0 from Mr James Doyle, The Bridge, Gorey for repairs to Gorey Workhouse.

In view of the amount involved, it was decided that the work be entrusted to the County Surveyor.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Gaul, renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to Mr James J. Codd, Court Street, Enniscorthy and Mr John Doyle 22 North Street, New Ross.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

Report of Miss Ryan, County Analyst for quarter ended 31st March 1927 was submitted. The number of samples analysed was:-
Foods 77: Drugs 35: Water 1: Total 113.

The number adulterated was:-

Butter 1: New Milk 2: Buttermilk 1: Separated Milk 1: Brandies 2.

WEXFORD HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

Mr W. Hillock, Horticultural Instructor, Wexford, applied on behalf of County Wexford Horticultural Society for permission to hold the Society's Show in the Old Jail premises.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated he did not consider it advisable to have a Horticultural Show held at the Old Jail. It would be impossible to prevent the general public from roaming over the premises.

It was decided to inform Mr Hillock that, in the opinion of the County Council, it would be more advisable to hold the Horticultural Show at Wexford Park than at the Old Jail premises.

COST OF MORTGAGE.

In connection with payment of costs of Bank mortgage of former New Ross R. D. Council, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 22nd April 1927, that it appeared, from decisions of the Courts, the liability for costs would not commence to run until the costs had been taxed. The liability of the County Council only arose after the passing of the Local Government Act of 1925 which would bring

the costs in a way inside the statutory period of two years. As the Department recommended they should be paid, he thought the Council might safely pay the amount as there was only a small risk of surcharge. He could not recommend that the costs should be taxed as this would mean the addition of a further sum of about £2 to the amount.

It was decided that the amount be paid.

CLAIM - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Under date 23rd April 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the ~~XXXX~~ Co. Council, wrote, in reference to claim of Department of Finance for payment of accounts for Malicious Injury Decrees going back to the year 1919 and also in connection with expenses incurred by the Royal Irish Constabulary, that, in his opinion, the Council had no power to pay these claims as they were barred by the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, which provided that the Local Government Department might extend the time for payment of such accounts to a time not exceeding two years from the date at which the liabilities were incurred. The Department had no power to extend the time beyond two years, and if the Council paid the accounts now, they would be liable to be surcharged by the Auditor.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hall, it was decided that copy of letter of Mr Elgee be furnished the Department of Finance.

BASIS OF ASSESSMENT OF RATES.

The following resolution from Cavan County Council was read:-

"Whereas the present system of assessing Rates on the basis of Valuation has been and is being abused to such an extent that the Rates have become an intolerable burden on the Ratepayers who are paying their full share of other taxation besides: and whereas there is no justification for imposing the burden of most of the services now charged on the ratepayers more than on other classes ~~and~~ of the community who can better afford it, - only a custom, which from the changed circumstances of the times and the abuses above referred to, has become unjust, anomalous and out of date, We the Council of

Cavan are convinced it is high time to amend the law with a view to an equitable adjustment of those burdens as between the Ratepayers and the State: and we urge on the Government and all members and prospective members of the Dail the necessity for immediate legislation in the matter."

No action was taken, as the resolution was too indefinite and did not state what services were to be adjusted as between Ratepayers and the State.

PAYMENTS.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors as appearing on Form 22, be and are hereby agreed to."

DEPUTATION FROM COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr Jordan mentioned that a deputation was in attendance from Courtown Harbour Development Committee in connection with the expenditure of special grant of £1000 for Tourist Roads in the neighbourhood of Courtown.

The Chairman pointed out that in accordance with Standing Orders, a deputation should give at least seven days' notice of their intention to appear before the County Council in order that the matter might be mentioned on the Agenda paper. If deputations were to be received without notice, it would be impossible for the Council to carry on its ordinary business. In the present instance, however, if the Standing Orders were suspended, he would hear the deputation at the end of the business.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Corish, the suspension of the Standing Orders was agreed to.

After the ordinary business of the Council was finished, Messrs Dudley Butler, John Dunne, Thomas McGarry and Michael Wafer came before the meeting.

Mr Butler pointed out that the Gorey street which had been selected for improvement was not the direct road to Courtown Harbour. One part of the selected road went to Tara Hill and Castletown and then to the Dublin road. This was not the direct road to Courtown

Harbour which was from Giles' corner to Murphy's public house.

The County Surveyor explained that the County Council were obliged to take from the Dublin main road and link up with the branch to Courtown Harbour.

The deputation pointed out that, in summer time, the dust from the principal street in Courtown Harbour was appalling and a great drawback to visitors.

Col Gibbon proposed that the street in Courtown be sur-~~fa~~ faced in a satisfactory manner by the County Surveyor.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded.

Passed.

The deputation further pointed out that they understood it was intended to remove two dangerous corners at Courtown Harbour.

The Co. Surveyor stated that, if the local people would facilitate the Co. Council in obtaining the necessary land, the ~~corners~~ corners would be eased.

Col Gibbon suggested that the Co. Surveyor should attend in Courtown for preliminary inspection of the corners with the deputation and ascertain if the necessary land could be obtained at a reasonable price. The amount they paid for easement was 5/- per perch.

The deputation promised to afford every assistance to the Co. Surveyor in the matter.

The deputation further pointed out that there was no means of getting to the walk leading to Courtown Demesne.

It was one of the pleasure spots of Courtown Harbour. The Committee had no funds to pay for the removal of the stuff which obstructed the road at present, but hoped the County Council might see their way to spend a little money on it.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the money was allocated only for trunk or main roads. It was impossible to spend even a penny on a private road of this description.

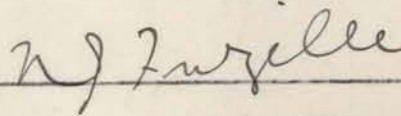
The deputation, having thanked the Council, withdrew.

Amended
13 June 1927.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I hereby certify the foregoing to
be a correct record of the Minutes of
Proceedings of Wexford County Council in
respect of Meeting held on 9th May, 1927.

(Signed) _____



Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1927.
