

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY, 1928.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th May, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs W. Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Clince, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, R. Corish, M. Doyle, James Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, M. Jordan, A. Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Pender, Colonel Quin, Thomas Rossiter, James Shannon, W. Thorpe, James E. Walsh and John Whyte.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE MR. R.W. ELGEE, SOLICITOR TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the following letter of Mrs R.W. Elgee, in reply to resolution of condolence on the death of her husband, the late Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to this Council, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

"Will you kindly convey my sincere thanks to the Committee of the County Council for their kind expressions of sympathy to me in my recent bereavement; also I wish to thank you personally—also the staff of the Council for their sympathy in my great loss."

STRIKING RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1928-29.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr. P. Byrne:-

"That as set out on Forms 42 and 43, and as appearing on Minutes of County Council in respect of meeting held on 13th Feb., 1928, and also as appearing in advertising columns of "The People" "The Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers of 28th April, 1928, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1928-29 the General Rate being fixed at 7/11d

in the £, and amounts of Rates for each separate charge being as set out on said Minutes of County Council in respect of meeting of 13th February, 1928, and in said newspapers. We allow and make the same as assessed in Rate Books said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished this Council by Valuation Department.

That the allowance of said Rates as entered on 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 we hereby strike Drainage Rate for financial year 1928-29 for Kilmannock District for the sum of £83: 7: 10d in accordance with schedule to Charging Order issued by the Commissioners for Public Works under date 19th January, 1927, and which is set out on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council of 9th May, 1927.

That warrants for Rate Collectors for collection of all Rates included in this resolution be sealed and signed.

That the Demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, as appearing on Form 48 be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Councils being as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£2467:	19:	10d
New Ross	£2301:	5:	8d
Wexford	£5661:	7:	10d.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.
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The following Minutes of Finance Committee for meeting of 12th April, 1928, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 12th April, 1928.

Present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding;
also present:- Messrs Patrick Hayes and William Thorpe.

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

RATE COLLECTION.

The Assistant Secretary submitted the state of current Rate Collection showing the following percentages lodged:-
E. J. Murphy 81.72; T. Rowe 74.92; J. Curtis 68.70; B. Cleary 65.49;
J. J. O'Reilly 64.34; M. Deegan 62.06; Joseph Cummins 60.76;
J. J. Kelly 57.73; P. Furlong 56.52; J. Doyle 55.85; P. O'Byrne 55.55;
P. Fitzpatrick 54.39; J. Quirke (No.1) 53.61; S. Gannon 51.35;
M. M. Kelly 51.20; John J. Sinnott 50.21; J. Quirke (No.3) 43.84;
C. McCarthy 43.18; T. Sutton 40.48; W. Cummins 37.49; P. Donohoe 29.49.
Average 55.29.

The first moiety of current rate outstanding amounted to £4486: 17: 7d and the second moiety £30126: 9: 2d: Total £34613: 6: 9.

The following sums represent the arrears outstanding:-

1923 Rate	£103: 0 : 6d
1924 "	£112: 1 : 4
1925 "	£67: 19 : 6
1926 "	£493: 16: 2
1927 "	£2890: 11: 5.

The Committee spent considerable time considering the various items of arrears outstanding.

The following Collectors appeared before the meeting:-

Messrs T. Sutton, Philip J. Furlong, C. McCarthy;
M. M. Kelly, M. Deegan; Joseph Cummins; P. O'Byrne, S. Gannon,
W. Cummins, P. Donohoe, J. J. Kelly and Bernard Cleary.

Collectors were instructed to have all collectable arrears lodged by 30th April, and individual Collectors were

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were given information as to how to secure prompt payment in certain cases.

The Chairman instructed Collector Donohoe to have 58% of current rate lodged by next Finance Committee meeting.

CLOSING RATE COLLECTION

The following resolution passed by Gorey Executive of Farmers' Union forwarded by Mr P. Higgins, Secretary was submitted;- "That we, the members of this Executive, respectfully ask the Wexford County Council to extend the closing of the Rate Collection for this half-year to the 1st May 1928 in consequence of the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in the county and general depression among farmers."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe that the request of the Executive of the Farmers' Union (Gorey) be acceded to.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES.

Letters were received from Messrs J.J. O'Reilly and James Quirke regarding payment of poundage fees to Collectors. The latter stated it was not the fault of Collectors that the collection was so backward, and he applied on their behalf for payment of full poundage fees on lodgments made to 31st March.

Mr J. Cummins stated it was very hard for collectors to carry on without at least a payment on account. No poundage fees had been paid on lodgments since September 30th last.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe that 50% of poundage fees be paid to Collectors on their lodgments to 31st March 1928.

BOAT DUES COURTOWN HARBOUR.

The following was read from Mr Denis Murphy, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour under date 3rd April 1928;-

"Would you please put the following before the next meeting of your Finance Committee. There are a couple of small fishing boats here at present whose owners claim exemption from harbour dues on the grounds that they have registered ~~xxx~~

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registered their boats with the Board of Fisheries and as they have not yet got back their registration papers or name, they are not liable to pay harbour dues."

It was decided to notify the Harbour Master that County Council's Solicitor instructs that owners of all boats using the harbour are liable for Harbour Dues and must pay same.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The following letter from Mr J. Lacey, Inspector N.S. P.C.C. under date 3rd April 1928 was submitted:-

"I beg to inform you that it is my intention to apply at Wexford District Court for the committal of John Michael Clifford born 8/11/19; William Dominic Clifford, born 14/10/23; and Michael Kevin Clifford born 1/7/21, children of Michael and Marcella Clifford 45 William Street, Wexford to St. Michael's Industrial School, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford under Section 58(b) of Children Act 1908.

The father of the children is a seaman and is at present in New York. I believe he is willing to contribute towards their support in the School, but in this connection I might mention that the mother, Marcella Clifford, is in receipt of a Naval pension of £6 per quarter in respect of her husband's services in the Great War.

I understand that 6/- per week of the pension is or will be deducted by the Board of Health for the maintenance in Hospital of Mrs Clifford who is in poor health and slightly mental. The remainder of the pension will be available for the maintenance of the children if committed."

The Secretary stated that Mr Elgee, Solicitor, had received a report from Mr Shortall, Superintendent of Home Help regarding the case.

It was decided to leave the application in the hands of Mr Elgee to be dealt with by him as he considers advisable on the information furnished to him by Superintendent of Home Help.

MINUTES OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Library Committee meeting of 25th February 1928 were submitted.

The following letter under date 10th April 1928 was read from Miss Nora Connolly, County Librarian, forwarding account which included £28-13-4 as increased remuneration due to Miss Doyle for the period for which she acted as temporary Librarian.

It was decided at last meeting on 31st March 1928 that Miss Doyle should be paid at Librarian's rate for the period for which she acted as Librarian. This would leave a balance of £14-6-8 (difference between her own salary and Librarian's) due for February and the full rate for March, viz £20-16-8. "

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman ~~seconded~~ seconded by Mr Thorpe that payment of additional remuneration amounting to £28-13-4 in respect of the period for which Miss Doyle acted as temporary County Librarian be approved.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

The Chairman stated Mr Fintan O'Connor had been speaking to him about the adoption of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act in order to assist the occupiers of the row of houses in Cylegate village to purchase their holdings from Mr Power, owner.

The Secretary stated Mr O'Connor was to have been in attendance on behalf of the tenants in reference to this matter.

It was decided to place the item on the Agenda for next Finance Committee meeting, when Mr O'Connor, Solicitor, could be heard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th April, 1928, be and are hereby adopted."

The Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 26th April 1928.

Present; -Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs Patrick Hayes, A. McNagh, Sean O'Byrne and Wm. Thorpe.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary and Mr Elgee, Solicitor were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ABSENCE FROM MEETING.

Letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Col Gibbon who was absent in Dublin.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTE.

Treasurer's Advice Note for 27773-8-0 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection up to 26th April 1928 was submitted.

The following is amount of percentage of second moiety 1928 Warrant collected in each case; -

E. J. Murphy 92; T. Rowe 81; J. J. O'Reilly 78;
J. Curtis 75; B. Cleary 73; J. Cummins 72; M. Deegan 71;
P O'Byrne 66; P. Furlong 64; J. J. Kelly 62; J. Doyle 61; Patrick
J. J. Sinnott 61;
J. Fitzpatrick 61; J. Quirke (No 1 District) 59; S. Gannon 59;
M. Kelly 53; J. Quirke (No 3 District) 51; T. Sutton 46; Charles
McCarthy 46; W. Cummins 45; P. Donohoe 35.

After considerable discussion, an order was made directing the Secretary to communicate with Mr O'Donohoe, Rate Collector, and inform him that unless he has at least 65 per cent of his collection for second moiety current rate lodged by May 10th 1928, he will be automatically suspended.

COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK.

The following was submitted from the official Rate Checker for Gorey District; -

"COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK - When checking the books of Collector Fitzpatrick (No 15 District) in Gorey on the 20th April 1928, I found that the lodgments for the second moiety were less by £23-19-4 than the total sum he had entered in his abstract as having been received by him.

The following note was left for me with his books;-

"I have entered Nos 111 and 119 Ardamine £23-4-4 and £11-17-5 in abstract book. Mr H. Warren, Ballyminane, told me he would pay me to-day but he hasn't turned up yet. If he pays me to-day or in the morning, I will lodge to-morrow and post receipt to-morrow, Wise, P. J. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector."

There were other items amounting to £18-7-4 in respect of which receipts were missing and amounts not entered by him in his abstract.

I asked the other Collectors to tell Mr Fitzpatrick I wanted to see him at the Courthouse. They informed me he was not in his office and they were unable to find him in the town.

I subsequently interviewed Mr Warren who told me he had paid Mr Fitzpatrick about a week previously. Later in the evening, I saw Mr Fitzpatrick standing in a doorway in Gorey and I told him to come to Wexford the following morning to explain certain items in his books and he said he would do so.

He did not turn up. His father, however, attended on 24th inst. and on 26th inst., lodged the following amounts;- £23-19-4 and £18-17-4, both second moiety rates, 1928.

I queried items of £38-15-10 and 19/5, first moiety 1928 rate, shown as due by Lady Errington. The receipts for these are at present in collecting books, although I believe the amounts were paid to Rate Collector. Mr Fitzpatrick, senior, lodged £12-3-4 in respect of said items which exceeds the difference ~~xx~~ between the amount due for them and an overlodgment amounting to £28-13-6, made recently by Rate Collector for 1927 Rate.

There are rate receipts in collecting books for all outstanding items.

The poundage at present unpaid to Mr Fitzpatrick on his lodgments to date amount to £163-9-3.

(Signed) Thos.A.Frizelle, Assistant Secretary."

Mr Fitzpatrick, senior, father of the Rate Collector, came before the meeting and stated his son was ill and he had attended on his behalf.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Fitzpatrick, senior, stated he was prepared to close collection himself and have all collectable rate lodged by 31st May 1928. He further stated he could let the Council have a medical certificate as to his son's illness by the following day.

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe and passed;-

"That Rate Collector Fitzpatrick be granted leave of absence on medical certificate being produced.

That we approve of Mr John Fitzpatrick, Father of the Collector, closing ~~the~~ the collection by May 31st next. For this purpose, this meeting hereby appoints Mr John Fitzpatrick as temporary Rate Collector for No 15 District; this arrangement to be subject to the sanction of Local Government Department and the approval of Collector's sureties."

RATE COLLECTOR PATRICK WALSH.

In connection with the closing of the collection in No. 3 Collection District, Mr James Quirke, temporary Collector furnished the following report under date 16th April 1928;-

"The following have made part payments of rates to Mr P.Walsh and he admits same to be correct;-

James Pierce, Newtown, Bannow E.D.

Rate No 307, second moiety 1927 rate £9-5-5

Michael Dake, Coolishal, Bannow E.D.

Rate No 149 1st moiety 1927 rate £ 1-10-0

Joseph Cullen, Ballyfrory, Bannow E.D.

Rate No 3 1st moiety 1928 rate £6-0-0.

Martin Culleton, Graigue, Harristown, do £4-17-0

Total £21- 12-5.

(signed) James Quirke,
Rate Collector

Under date 23rd April 1928, the New Ireland Insurance Company wrote, acknowledging receipt of copy of Mr Quirke's report and stating that they would be glad to hear that Mr Walsh was disposed to settle the matter and asked for any further remarks from the Council before taking action.

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

"That we call upon Mr Patrick Walsh, ex-Rate Collector for No.3 District to lodge before next meeting of Finance Committee on 10th May next, the sum of £21-12-5, Poor Rate which he admits having received on behalf of the County Council.

That copy of Mr Quirke's report be furnished to the sureties of Mr Walsh."

NEW RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO 3 DISTRICT.

The Secretary mentioned that at the meeting of 12th December 1927, the Council had passed the following resolution;-

"That new Rate Collector vice Mr P. Walsh for NO. 3 Collection District be paid at the rate of Sixpence in the Pound with pension rights."

Under date 24th April 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (G/27675/28/Fa/Loch Garraí) stating that the Minister raised no objection to the proposal of the Council to fix the remuneration of the Collector for No 3 District at the rate of Sixpence in the Pound on amounts of rate collected and lodged. In the view of the Department, the advertisement should indicate that the position would be on a part-time basis.

The Chairman mentioned that as the resolution of the Council of December 12th last regarded the position on a whole time basis, it would be necessary that the resolution then agreed to should be ~~suspended~~ rescinded.

He gave the following Notice of Motion;-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May 1928, that the resolution adopted on 12th December 1927, as to

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appointment of
~~an~~ new Rate Collector for No 3 District be rescinded and that the Council proceed to fix new terms and conditions of employment for the Collector for this District."

POUNDAGE.

Under date 21st April 1928, the following letter (G/26084/1928/LochGarra (n Pa) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. and to state that it is with considerable hesitation he consents to the payment of 50% poundage as proposed to Collectors in respect of their collections from the 1st October to the 31st ultimo.

The Minister is obliged to again animadvert upon the serious position of the Rate Collection as disclosed by the latest returns. The Council should give careful consideration ~~to~~ to the possibility of an early realisation of the £40,000 outstanding in respect of the 1927-28 collection together with the arrears on previous years' collections which show little progress since the representations conveyed in this Department's letter of the 11th August last.

Pressure should be brought to bear upon dilatory Collectors and a warning should be issued that the Minister will only give consideration to any further proposals to pay them poundage in the light of the expeditious collection of the outstanding balances."

It was decided that copy of this letter be sent to the Rate Collectors for their information.

APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATE.

Mr Thomas Byrne, 60 Upper Main Street, Gorey applied for refund of rates on his premises for half-year ended March 31st 1928, which he stated were undergoing repairs and would not be fit for occupation for some time.

It was decided to point out to Mr Byrne that if the

premises in question were occupied when the rate was made, the Council had no power to make remission to him in connection therewith.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Applications were received from the following candidates under Primary Scholarship Scheme 1928:-

John Byrne, The Hollow, Camblin, New Ross; Owen Noel Connaughton 3 Charlotte Row, Gorey; Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross; James Kevin Cullen, Ballytarsna, Ballycullane; James Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitt; Katie Doyle, Stokestown, New Ross; William Fox, Macmine Junction; Ellen Harte, Tinnock, Campile; Margaret Kehoe, Boolabawn, Glynn; Patrick J. Kenny, Irish Street, Bunclody; Mary Morris, Tomadilly, Marshalstown; Ellen Catherine O'Brien, Bush, Rosslare; Margaret Eleanor O'Connor, Knockea, Campile; Ellen Redmond, Tomadilly, Marshalstown; Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey; and Thomas Walsh, Piercestown, Drinagh.

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

"That we approve of the eligibility of the following to allow of their competing for Primary Scholarships:-

John Byrne, Johanna Cooney, James Kevin Cullen; James Donnelly, Katie Doyle, William Fox, Margaret Kehoe, Patrick Kenny, Ellen Catherine O'Brien, Margaret Eleanor O'Connor, Ellen Redmond and Patrick Sheehan.

That we consider John Connaughton, Gorey is in a position to afford secondary education for his son.

That as regards the application of Ellen Harte, she is ineligible to compete as the valuation of her father's holding is £ 92 -8 -0.

Mary Morris, Tomadilly, is also ineligible as she was born on the 1st April 1914, while in addition to this, the valuation of her father's holding is £69.

Thomas Walsh, Piercestown, Drinagh, we consider to be

also ineligible to compete as he was born on the 18th July 1914.

Candidates Ellen Harte, Mary Morris and Thomas Walsh do not comply with the conditions of Primary Scholarship Scheme.

It would be well to write them immediately so that any representations they may make could be considered before County Council meeting."

ESTATE DUTY GRANT.

The Secretary reported that a sum of £1544-14-8 had been deducted from the Estate Duty Grant owing to arrears of Land Purchase Annuities between February 1927 and February 1928.

SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor submitted account for £57-16-9, being actual out-of-pocket expenses for the financial year, March 1927-March 1928.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'byrne seconded by the Chairman;-

"That Solicitor's out-of-pocket expenses amounting to £57-16-9 as submitted to this meeting be paid to Mr John Elgee, Solicitor."

PREPARATION OF VOTERS' AND JURORS' LISTS.

Mr John W. Scallan, Registration Officer, applied for advance of £150 towards the expense of preparation of Voters and Jurors for sixth Register.

It was decided that this amount be paid subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

INSURANCES.

Under date 18th April 1928, letter was read from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dame Street, Dublin calling attention to the recent decision of the Courts regarding the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Assurances Ltd and its power to transact Insurance business. In case the Council intended changing from that Company, Messrs McDonagh & Boland stated they would be glad to arrange the new policies.

It was proposed by Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman and adopted;-

"That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to effect Insurance on recently purchased "Morris"lorry. That he submit particulars as to Third Party Insurances for hired engines, etc. to next meeting of the County Council."

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe that £12-6-2, the proportion payable by the Wexford County Council to the above Board under Section 13 of the Midwives(Ireland) Act 1918 be paid.

INCOME TAX.

It was decided that 12/5 amount of demand for Courtown Harbour for year 1927-28 be paid.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT 1899.

Letter was read from Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, asking the Council to put into force the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 as regards the purchase of twelve houses in the village of Cylegate.

The Chairman gave the following Notice of Motion;-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move that at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May 1928, the Council consider the advisability of adopting the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 in respect of the proposed acquisition of houses in Cylegate village."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed"

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 10th th May, 1928.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman (presiding; also Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes and Aidan Mernagh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

ABSENCE FROM MEETING.

Colonel Gibbon wrote apologising for non-attendance at meeting owing to his absence at the Dublin Show.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £460⁰/₂: 17 : 2d was examined and signed.

GOREY HILL QUARRY - CLAIM MISS PALMER.

Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, wrote that, in connection with above claim, as the Insurance Company had ~~authorised~~ the repairs of any damage done and the County Council had instructed a builder to carry out the work, it appeared that any liability attaching either to the Insurance Co., or the County Council had been discharged. The claim appeared to be a particularly frivolous one and should be properly defended.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that he had all information necessary for the defence in hands.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Primary. In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee declaring that Ellen Mary Harte, Tinnock, Campile, was debarred from competing for primary scholarship owing to the fact that the valuation of her father's holding was £92: 8: 0d, while the maximum amount of valuation set out in

Scheme was £50, Miss Rita Sutton, National Teacher, Killesk, wrote that the case of this child/^{who}was attending her school was really exceptional. She was the second eldest of a family of fourteen (eleven living) and was the child of industrious parents. Tho' the valuation might seem high in the eyes of the Finance Committee the position of her parents was not any better than that of a farmer with a holding valued at £50. The applicant was an exceedingly bright child possessing above average ability but would, without the Scholarship, be unable to further herself in life owing to the position of her parents. Miss Sutton made an earnest appeal to the Committee to re-consider their decision.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Miss Sutton be informed that the Finance Committee regret it is not within their power to make any change in the terms and conditions of the Primary Scholarship Scheme once it has been approved by the Department of Education."

Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, Wexford, wrote under date 3rd May, 1928, that he was very disappointed that Thomas Walsh has been rejected as a candidate for Primary Scholarship on the seemingly trivial objection of being twelve days over age. He was a really talented boy and most studious. He had attracted the attention of several Inspectors by his brilliant answering at his school examinations. His one ambition was to secure a Scholarship. His parents - though poor- had brought up their children splendidly. His case deserved to be re-considered as under the circumstances it seemed drastic to exclude him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., be informed that as regards the application of Thomas Walsh to compete for Primary Scholarship the County Council have no power to interfere with the terms and conditions of the Scheme for Primary Scholarships once it has received the approval of the Department of Education. "

University. A letter was read from Mrs McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonegal, that her son, Donald, holder of County Council University Scholarship, had been ill since 21st March last. He contracted pneumonia and was at present in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin. In consequence he would not be able to sit for his degree examination in June but would, if he obtained permission, sit in the Autumn.

The Committee decided to approve of Mr. McAuliffe sitting for his degree examination in the Autumn in the circumstances mentioned in his mother's letter.

COUNTY COURTHOUSE CARETAKER'S REMUNERATION.
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The following a/c was for salary etc., was received from Mrs McNally, County Courthouse caretaker, for year ended 31st March, 1928:-

Salary	£10
Contingent expenses			£9
Rent	£26
Coal	£6: 16: 6
Gas	£5: 15: 1
Total	<u>£57: 11: 7</u>

It was decided that the amount be paid.

RATE COLLECTION.
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The following represents the percentages of amount of second moiety rate for 1927-28 lodged to 10th May:-

E. J. Murphy 96; J. J. O'Reilly 93; T. Rowe 86; J. Curtis 83; P. O'Byrne 83; B. Cleary 82; J. Cummins 81; M. Deegan 79; J. Doyle 73; J. J. Sinnott 73; P. Furlong 71; J. Quirke (No.1) 70; J. J. Kelly 68; Sean Gannon 67; P. J. Fitzpatrick 66; J. Quirke (No.3) 65; T. Sutton 64; P. Donohoe 61; M. M. Kelly 58; W. Cummins 54; C. McCarthy 46.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mernagh:- "That Rate Collectors W. Cummins and M. Kelly be instructed to have at least 85 per cent of their collections lodged by 24th May and they be informed

that they must close their collections by 31st May."

EX-RATE COLLECTOR P. WALSH - NO.3 DISTRICT.

Mr. James Quirke, temporary Rate Collector for No.3 District, reported as follows under date 9th May, 1928:-

"Miss E. Daly, Waddingtown, made a payment to Mr. P. Walsh, Rate Collector, amounting to £18: 6: 2d for half year ended 31st March, 1926 for which she has not got credit - (Harpurstown E. D. Rate No.19).

"I have now visited every ratepayer in No.3 district and I believe this is the last mistake so far as Mr. Walsh is concerned."

Mr. Walsh attended the meeting and said as he had so many decrees against Miss Daly he could not remember having received the £18: 6: 2d. After some discussion, however, he admitted that he must have received the amount in question.

The Chairman explained to Mr. Walsh that the question of payment of poundage to him could not be entertained until he had lodged every penny found due by him. Unless Mr. Walsh made arrangements to lodge the £39: 18: 7d the County Council would not be in a position to do anything for him as regards poundage.

COLLECTOR C. MCCARTHY NO. 5 DISTRICT.

Under date 4th May, 1928, Mr. C. McCarthy, Rate Collector for No.5 district, wrote forwarding medical certificate from Dr. Doyle, Bridgetown, that he was suffering from bronchitis for some weeks past and for which he had been under medical treatment. Dr. Doyle had recommended Mr. McCarthy to go away for a complete change of air which in his opinion was necessary to clear up the bronchial attack. Mr. McCarthy stated he was appointing his brother, Michael, to take charge of his books and to collect rates until his health improved.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of

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the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr McCarthy, Rate Collector for No.5 District, be given leave of absence on certificate of Dr. P. A. Doyle. That we approve of the nomination by Mr. McCarthy of his brother, Michael, to act as his deputy for existing Rate Collection during collector's absence; this recommendation to be subject to the sanction of his sureties and the Department of Local Government.

The Secretary stated that Mr. McCarthy's books had been carefully examined on the 4th May and receipts for all outstanding items found unissued.

COLLECTOR P. J. FITZPATRICK No.15 Collection District.
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The following under date 4th May, 1928 (G.29809/1928 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo transmitting an extract from the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council on the 23rd idem containing a report from the Rate Checker disclosing certain facts regarding the conduct of Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick as Collector. It is noted that in June 1927 this Collector was reprimanded by the Council for his then negligence and unsatisfactory discharge of duty and that he was warned of the consequences of further negligence. It is obvious that the present circumstances call for further investigation and the Minister has accordingly suspended Mr. Fitzpatrick from duty under Section II of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926.

"The Books should forthwith be taken up, carefully examined, and Form 60 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, issued to a number of selected ratepayers whose rates appear to be outstanding. The sureties should be notified of the position.

"The Minister has directed his Inspector, Mrs Crofts, to hold an Inquiry on oath into the conduct of this Collector. The

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Inspector will arrange a suitable date for the Inquiry and will notify the necessary witnessess.

"I am to add that the experience of the Department shows that it has seldom proved satisfactory, when existing Collectors have failed to discharge their duties adequately, for Local Authorities to replace them by near relatives and pending the outcome of the Inquiry the Minister will defer considering the suggestion that Mr. Fitzpatrick, Senior, should be engaged as temporary Collector."

The following (undated) had been received from Mr. Fitzpatrick on 5th May, 1928:- "I beg to tender my resignation as poor rate collector of No. 15 District. Thanking you for past favours".

Letter under date 7th May, 1928, was read from Mrs Crofts, Local Government Inspector, stating that she would open Inquiry on 16th May at 11 o'clock a.m.,

It was decided that the Chairman should attend the Inquiry on behalf of the Council.

Under date 8th May, 1928, the following was read from Mr. Sean Gannon, Rate Collector for No. 10 District:-

"I beg to apply for transfer from No. 10 District to No. 15 District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick.

"As you know, I am already conversant with the work in this District, having collected ^{in it} ~~it is~~ during the periods 1922-24, while acting as deputy for Mr. Fitzpatrick.

"I may add that both his bailiffs, Mr. Joseph Hendrick, Main Street, Enniscorthy and Mr. Fitzpatrick, Senior, Kiltale, are anxious that I be appointed to finish the present Collection. In my own area the collection is in a fairly forward position considering that the restrictions were never removed from the time of the first outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease until the final removal.

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"After the fair in Enniscorthy next Tuesday - the first I may say that effected the collection of second moiety in my area - I hope to have at least 90% collected. So that if appointed to finish the collection in No.15 District I will be able to devote sufficient time to collect the outstanding rates.

"Trusting your Council will consider my application favourably."

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

"That we recommend the appointment of Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, Collector for No.13 district (which adjoins district No.15) to close the collection in last named district, this proposal to be subject to the approval of the sureties of Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. O'Reilly and to the sanction of the Department for Local Government".

"That we are also in favour of the transfer of Collector Gannon from District No.10 to No.15 as permanent Collector this proposal to be also subject to the approval of Mr. Gannon's sureties and to sanction by the Local Government Department."

COLLECTOR J. J. SINNOTT DISTRICT No.16.
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Mr. John J. Sinnott applied for permission to transfer his fidelity guarantee bond from the Irish National Insurance Co., to the New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd.

Permission for transfer was agreed to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh.

Under date 8th May, 1928, Mr. Sinnott, wrote that there was a sum of £23: 14: 5d for Rates due on the holding of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Knockadaw. There was nothing to distain on the lands and they could not be let. Mr. Murphy had received a letter from the Land Commission stating they would undertake

not to have a seizure made on him for twelve months provided that one half year's annuity and costs were paid within 14 days from 24th April. Mr. Murphy's offer of another payment of instalment in six months' time would then be accepted. Mr. Sinnott pointed out that Mr. Murphy would now try and let the lands provided the County Council would agree to accept part of the rates and give him time to pay the remainder. If the lands were let Mr. Murphy would give the whole proceeds towards payment of rent and rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Rate Collector Sinnott exercise his discretion as to payment of poor rate and arrears on the holding of Mr. Patrick Murphy, Knockadawh!"

RATE COLLECTION GENERALLY.

Under date 9th May, 1928, the following letter (G.31565/1928 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 showing the position of the collection up to the 30th ultimo and to state that he notes with disapproval the large amount of rates outstanding.

"The Collectors should be warned that the Minister will not be prepared to consent to any proposals in regard to the payment of further poundage to them unless the balances at present outstanding be lodged with expedition."

The Secretary stated that copy of this communication had, upon receipt, been furnished the Rate Collectors.

DRAINAGE RATE KILMANNOCK DISTRICT

In connection with appointment of Mr. Thomas Rowe (Collection District No.18) to collect special drainage rate for Kilmannock district, letter under date 8th May, 1928

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(F.31546/1928 Fa Loch Garman) was read from the Local Government Department stating that it was necessary for Mr. Rowe to subscribe the form of Declaration under section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Mernagh:- "That we confirm our resolution appointing Mr. Thomas Rowe, Collector for No.18 District, as Collector for special drainage rate for Kilmannock District; this resolution to become operative when Mr. Rowe has subscribed Declaration provided by Section 70 of the Local Government Act, 1925".

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, asked for the directions of the Committee in respect of area of charge for application for compensation for malicious burning of fence and furze knock made by Elizabeth Kehoe, Tincurry, for £100 and Ralph Swayne of same place for £50.

The meeting recommended that in the event of compensation being awarded the Circuit Court Judge should be asked to fix the area of charge on the old County Council district of Ferns, comprising the district Electoral Divisions of Ballyoughter, Ballycanew, Ballycarney, Ballymore, Ferns, Huntingtown, Kilbora, Kilcomb, Rossminogue, The Harrow, Tinnacross.

WATERFORD AND NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

A demand was received from the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority for payment of £26: 12: 0d, being 10 per cent of the estimate of expenditure of the Authority for financial year ending 31st March, 1929.

It was decided that the amount be paid but that the new County Council be recommended to take ^{steps} ~~steps~~ to determine as soon as possible the agreement which guaranteed a contribution from Wexford County towards the expenses of Waterford and New Ross

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Port Sanitary Authority.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MINUTES.
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Copy of Minutes of Library Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st March, 1928, were submitted.
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The Chairman proposed, Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded, and the following resolution was adopted nem.con.:-

That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1928, be received and considered.
Defaulting Officers.

Colonel Quin proposed the following:- "That in all cases of embezzlement or misappropriation of funds by Rate Collectors or other officials of this Council criminal proceedings be taken in the event of the Solicitor to the County Council considering the circumstances warrant such proceedings."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Hall moved:- "That all cases of default by officials of this Council be considered on the merits of each before criminal proceedings are taken against the officer concerned!"

Mr. P. Byrne seconded.

Mr. Thorpe moved:- "That in future criminal proceedings be taken against all defaulting officers of this Council on the advice of our Solicitor."

This he subsequently withdrew.

After discussion, Colonel Quin altered his motion to read as follows:- "That in all future cases of embezzlement or misappropriation of funds by Rate Collectors or other officials of this Council criminal proceedings be taken in the event of the Solicitor to the County Council considering the circumstances warrant such proceedings".

Mr. Hall then withdrew his motion and the resolution proposed by Colonel Quin, seconded by Colonel Gibbon, was adopted nem.con.

Rate Collector Gannon.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne gave the following notice of motion:- "I hereby give notice of motion to move at next meeting of Wexford County Council that Rate Collector Gannon (No.10 District) be transferred to No.15 Collection *District* said transfer to become effective when the sanction of the Department has been received and when the Rate Collection in No.10 district has been closed to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee".

Waterford & New Ross Port Sanitary Authority.

Mr. Cloney said he was a member of the Committee of this authority and he knew from experience so gained that some of the importers of old clothes were having them disinfected at their own expense, otherwise they had difficulty in getting refunds from the carrying companies for damage. Some of them had put in claims for £20 for parcels of imported clothing going thro' the disinfecting chamber but the Authority protested against it.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following:-

"That importers of old clothing to Waterford and New Ross ports be compelled to bear the cost of disinfection and that in the case of refusal steps be taken to have the importation of such clothing into these ports stopped"

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously..

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne and adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th May, 1928, except in so far as same have been altered by resolutions adopted at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed"
Roads Committee.

The following Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting of 23rd April, 1928, were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 23rd April 1928.

Present; -Mr Thomas McCarthy (Chairman) presided; Also, Messrs W. Boggan, M. Cloney, P. Colfer, Col Gibbon, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, Col Quin, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance; -Messrs T. Treanor, Thomas Cullen, John Kehoe, P. O'Neill, and J.F. Birthistle.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE MR R.W. ELGEE SOLICITOR.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hall; -

"That we deeply regret the demise of Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to Wexford County Council for the past 13 years, and offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Elgee and family in their great loss. Mr Elgee was a valued official of this Council and greatly respected by its members."

TEMPORARY SOLICITOR.

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

"We recommend the County Council to appoint Mr John Elgee, temporary Solicitor to the County Council in the room of his brother, Mr R.W. Elgee, deceased - remuneration to be at the same rate as in the case of Mr R.W. Elgee"

CHANGE OF DATE OF WEXFORD TOWN FAIR.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Hall; -

"That in the absence of a stated meeting of the County Council, this Committee makes application to the Local Government Department and the Department of Agriculture to allow Wexford Town Fair to be held on 7th May instead of usual date."

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community that this change should be effected."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor;-

"During the past week I met the Town Surveyors by appointment in Enniscorthy, Wexford and New Ross, and made full inspection of all the Main Roads in the three areas.

I have also gone into the question of the amount of material supplied and the work done during the year, and am satisfied that the maintenance work has been reasonably carried out, and accordingly I shall certify final payment at the next Finance meeting. Up to the present, only New Ross Urban Council has notified acceptance of the maintenance contract for the present year, but I have no doubt the two other Councils will undertake the work. This is provided for in the "Road Works Scheme", and I take it that I may agree with the Urban Councils for the work.

Arising out of letter from Mr Thomas McCarthy, Fairfield and by direction of the Council, I met MR McCarthy on the 19th inst. His complaint does not touch the recent work carried out at Verona Bridge and approach walls. Immediately opposite Mr McCarthy's premises there is a mill dam which retains the water considerably above the level of the road. This dam is very defective and allows the water to pass over and flood the road. Moreover, the sluices of the pond are not properly regulated, with the result that recently Mr McCarthy complained that the water flowed over the bank across County Road and on to his premises. Independently of any damage to Mr McCarthy's premises the percolation of water from the dam and the non-regulation of the sluices/ causing overflow is a nuisance to the public using the road, and Mr McCarthy contends that it is the County Council who should take action to compel the owner of the mill-dam to abate the nuisance. I agree that the matter should be referred to the owner and steps taken as he may advise.

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I have had complaint from Mr Henry Williams, Mount Elliott, New Ross, in regard to a County gullet, and submit copy of his letter and of Mr O'Neill's report. On the 18th inst I inspected the place with Mr O'Neill and am satisfied that the work done by us was necessary. In no way has Mr Williams been inconvenienced by the work, as there is ample width for access to his premises; in fact the width to his entrance is greater than the width to the main road at the spot.

I have a full report from Mr Treanor as to the recent blasts complained of by Miss Palmer in Gorey Hill Quarry, and submit copy of same.

The Estimate sanctioned for the current year provides for the purchase of a diving suit, and I shall be thankful for authority to place order for same at once. Complaint in regard to the sluices at Coumstown has recently been received and if I had the diving suit I could have a full inspection made and would probably be able to improve the sluices at a small cost.

Recently the Spandrill wall and the adjoining retaining wall at Ballyhogue Bridge (330E) collapsed. The old masonry was very defective, and the wall not by any means of sufficient thickness; in fact I am surprised that it stood up so long. The place is absolutely dangerous and almost impassable and I have completely closed the roadway over the bridge. It will probably be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Minister of Local Government pending rebuilding, and I estimate the cost of the work will not be less than £400.

I have not yet been able to inspect Ahare Bridge (81G), or the wall at Ballymoney (104G). I have to report that the bridge at Ballinakill (149G) and wall at Ballyvaldon (190E) are badly damaged. The total of these five works I estimate will cost £605 to have them properly repaired, and I ask for authority to put the works in hand as soon as I can make arrangements. They are all on County roads.

The Grant work at Camolin, Scarawalsh and Clonroche is now in progress, and I find that for the proper expedition of the work which is very much dependent on fine weather, we have insufficient machinery. I ask for authority to hire a couple of rollers if I can obtain them at a reasonable price. We have only six rollers, and it would be advisable to have three on each of these jobs; moreover, we shall require rollers on the spraying work that is about to be put in hands. I have not been able to start the spraying work yet, as the Local Government Department has not agreed with the contractor for supplying the bitumen, but I am at present getting out screenings for the job.

During the past week I made special inspection of the Wexford-Gorey road in company with the Assistant Surveyors. There is no doubt that sections of this road are very weak and will not stand present day traffic. Portions that up to the past few months were in fairly good condition are now showing signs of breaking up, and unless immediate steps are taken to strengthen the crust, I believe the road will become seriously damaged. It is unlikely that the County Council will obtain any Grant for this road for some years to come as the Local Government Department will ^{require} the Trunk Roads to be completed before giving Grants on the link Main Roads. I have carefully gone into the cost of making good this road, which between the Urban Boundary and Gorey is $25\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and I estimate that its strengthening and surfacing will cost £33,000. I have examined into the financing of this work and report as follows;— ~~For~~ For ordinary maintenance I set against this road £2740, but owing to the reduction made in my estimate I had to reduce the figure to £2,240. This reduction was not fully up to the average reduction made on the whole estimate, as I found it impossible to even keep the road trafficable at a less figure. I recommend that the County Council formulate a scheme for the reconstruction of this road at the figure as above set out, and that it be financed by a loan extending over ten years for repayment.

I am prepared to go more fully into the figures at your meeting, and now merely point out that whatever expenditure is made on this road will be subsidised by the Local Government Department under the Roads Maintenance Grants Scheme to the extent of 30%. The repayment of the loan, principal and interest in 10 years will be about £4200, and allowing for the Local Government subsidy, the increased cost of this road over this year's proposals, which are very low, would be £1372, or about 3d in the £ on the rates. This matter is most important, and the Council would do well to consider it, as otherwise, the road may break up as the Wexford-Enniscorthy Road did."

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

"That report of Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

Main Roads Urban Districts.

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

"That we empower the Co. Surveyor to enter into agreements with the Urban Councils of the County for the maintenance of main roads in the Urban Districts provided that the Urban District Councils are satisfied to accept the figures in Co. Surveyor's estimate in each case."

Flooding at Fairfield.

It was decided that the report of the Co. Surveyor be referred to the County Solicitor for his advice.

Gullet at Mount Elliott, New Ross.

No action as full accommodation has been provided for Mr Williams.

A report under date 16th April 1928 was read from Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating that as it was impossible to clean out the gullet at the place owing to the long bend, the latter was shortened and a trap and grate put in.

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Mr Williams had from 20 to 30 feet of an entrance which should be sufficient for any reasonable vehicle.

Letter from Mr Williams under date 10th April 1928 stated he objected to the sewer being made six feet shorter than it originally was.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

Under date 20th April 1928, the following report was read from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor; -

"Yours of 18th inst re above with copy of letter from Secretary, County Council enclosed.

Blasts were carried out in Quarry on dates as follows; -

10/8/27 175 lbs gelignite used. 12 holes.

8/9/27 one hole fired.

3/2/28 100 lbs gelignite used 10 holes.

8/3/28 one hole (a misfire from previous blast)

After blast on 8th March 1928, Miss Palmer complained of stones from same reaching her house and damaging slates.

This hole was fired about 12-15 p.m.. I was engaged with big blast in Clologue Quarry on this date, and before going there told ganger I would be back in time to fire in Gorey Hill. As gelignite did not reach Clologue until 12 o'clock I was not finished there until 1-30 P.M. On reaching Gorey Hill about 2 p.m. I found hole had been fired and learned that Miss Palmer had complained of stones falling on slates. I made an examination of her premises about 4 p.m. when I arranged with Miss Palmer to send man to examine slates. I instructed Mr Willoughby, Builder, Gorey, to make examination and give me report and estimate of cost of any repairs necessary as result of blast. He (Willoughby) went to inspect the place but was not admitted and verbally reported that she stated "there was no damage done and no repairs wanted." Willoughby is prepared to give evidence to this effect. On 9th March, I went to another man, Thomas Byrne, Slater, Main Street, Gorey and instructed him to visit place and give me report and estimate.

Owing to bad weather Byrne did not make his inspection until 15th March, on which date I also visited the place and met Byrne. After he had carefully gone over the entire roof he reported verbally to me "~~that~~" that some of slates were chipped at corners, but could not state definitely whether due to falling stones or not as most of the chippings were not recent."

"None of slates were cracked or holed and further that leakage not possible owing to fact that all slates sound over joints."

I may mention that Miss Palmer was particularly anxious to have this man examine roof. Byrne's price to cover all repairs was £2-5-0.

On 22nd March 1928, County Surveyor and Committee of County Council visited place and on this occasion Miss Palmer's brother tried to convince the Committee that stones of up to three or four pounds weight were thrown from blast into premises, and with this end in view picked up a stone of about 4 lbs weight and stated it was thrown there from blast on 8/3/28. To get this stone he had to scrape off screenings which were spread over it at least a week before blast, and I pointed out this to him and the Committee. He (Mr Palmer) did not press the point.

On receipt of instructions received on 3/4/28 to have repairs carried out, I instructed Byrne to proceed with the work. Owing to unfavourable weather he did nothing until 11th April. In the meantime, between date of County Council Committee's inspection of 22nd March and 11th April, Mr James Doyle, Builder, Gorey on behalf of Miss Palmer made an inspection of slates and found two holes near ridge on west side of roof. When I heard of holes in slates and as I saw none on my inspection, and as Byrne had not reported on any of slates being so damaged, I questioned him on the matter and he informed me that there were no holes when he made his examination on 15th March. On 22nd March when inspected by

County Surveyor and Committee no holes were to be seen.

On 11th April when at ~~Miss~~ Miss Palmer's, she informed me that her roof was so damaged as result of blast that it would never be the same again, and that amongst others, Thomas Byrne who was at work on roof ~~sitting~~ at the time had so informed her.

I then called on him and in Miss Palmer's presence asked him if he had made such a statement. He emphatically denied having done so and Miss Palmer after some time admitted this.

On date of blast, 8th March, Ganger sent men to road to warn traffic. Robert Palmer on 22nd March made a statement to Committee of Council that there were no men on road and that he was in grave danger when going into his field of being injured by horses he was bringing to plough.

I already sent you signed statement by man, Patrick Allen, who was stationed at that part of road where Mr Palmer would cross to reach his land.

Regarding the charge of trespass by County Council employees, I have no knowledge of such having happened, except that after each blast men were directed to gather off any stones that fell on fields adjoining. I was present on all such occasions except on 8th March."

The Secretary stated Civil Bill claiming £50 in respect of damage done to Miss Palmer's dwelling house, out-office and lands at Gorey Hill adjoining Gorey Hill Quarry ~~and~~ and for an injunction to restrain the Council from working the quarry had been served on Mr Elgee, Solicitor of the County Council.

It was decided that copy of Civil Bill in this case and copy ~~of report of~~ of Mr Treanor be furnished Insurance Company.

Diving Suit.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to procure diving suit in accordance with estimate submitted by him recently.

Collapsed Bridges.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor arrange to carry out repairs to Ballyhogue Bridge(330E), Ahare Bridge(81G), Wall at Ballymoney (104G), Bridge at Ballynakill(149G), Wall at Ballyvaldon(190E) at a cost not to exceed £605 which amount is to be provided from the Contingencies Fund.

Hire of Rollers.

It was agreed that the Co. Surveyor negotiate for hire of two steam rollers, cost to be submitted to next County Council meeting for approval.

Wexford-Corey Road.

Col Gibbon said he would like replies to the following points;-1. Are heavy lorries using Wexford-Corey road to the same extent since Wexford-Enniscorthy road has been opened? 2. How many regular users of heavy lorry traffic were there for Gorey-Wexford road at present? 3. Is it desirable to apply to the Local Government Department making special representations to them to close ~~ertain~~ certain roads in view of the following;-(a) depression in agriculture. (b) no quarry in the immediate vicinity of roads. (c) the roads are only fit to carry ordinary traffic not exceeding two or three tons in weight and are absolutely unfitted for 15 ton lorries. In the circumstances would the Local Government Department give sanction to Order to prohibit the passage of any vehicle weighing over four tons on the roads bounded on the north by a line drawn east and west through Cahore Point. If the Council could get that Order, expenditure on these roads would be enormously reduced. If they had to build a road to stand the traffic of 15 ton lorries, the finances at the disposal of the Council would not allow of it. And the

Council should remember that it was illegal to use any new lorry up to this extravagant weight. He considered the question of the Loan should be adjourned for consideration until after the new Council comes into office. It was unfair to expect the present County Council to raise a big loan in the very last days of its existence. He then proposed the following:-

"That we apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order prohibiting heavy lorry traffic, viz, commercial vehicles over six tons "all in" on Wexford-Gorey road via Castlebridge, cross of Castle Ellis, Kilnamanagh and Wells to Ballycanew. Also on Gorey-Wexford road via Fahy's Cross, ~~Curraclow~~ Curraclow, Blackwater, Kilmuckridge, Cahore to Courtown Harbour."

Mr Boggan seconded the resolution.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For;- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Gibbon and Hall- 4.

Against;- Messrs Colfer, O'Byrne, Col Quin, Shannon, and the Chairman. ----- 5.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Col Gibbon proposed and Col Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the question of raising loan for reconstruction of Wexford-Gorey road be referred to the new Co. Council; in the meantime, that our Secretary ascertain from Treasurer of County Council (National Bank Ltd.) if loan for this purpose will be available and at what rate of interest, and if maintenance Grant from Local Government Department would be available during the life of the loan.

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 21st April 1928, the following was read from Miss H. M. Collins (Arts & Crafts Studio, Fort Road, Gorey):-

"I wish to apply for permission to erect a wooden hut for the sale of handicrafts and Irish cottage industries on a piece of waste land between Courtown Harbour village

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and the Harbour Master's house-or elde on the front promenade near the Lifeboat House. The hut is 12 feet square and has been used for the purpose with success elsewhere. Its present site has ceased to be suitable owing to the obstruction of the Burrow Road with sand."

It was decided to refer this communication to the following Committee to report to the next meeting of the County Council;-Col Quin, Sean O'Byrne, and the Co. Surveyor as to proposed site for hut.

The Co. Surveyor submitted report from Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor as to condition of Courtown Harbour Road which required immediate attention with "Colas" or other cold emulsion. The amount allowed for maintenance did not permit of any expenditure to meet this class of work, and to keep surface in passable order, a sum of £150 would be required from Contingencies Fund. Summer traffic would have a very injurious effect on this road.

It was decided that a sum of £150 should be withdrawn from Contingencies Fund to allow of spraying Courtown Harbour road in preparation for summer traffic.

Under date 13th April 1928, Mr Treanor reported that he found the sluice gates of Courtown Harbour in defective ~~condition~~ condition, owing to overhanging, gate on north side did not make a proper junction with that on the south. There were several defects in the frames and sluice doors which with over-hang, considerably affected the usefulness of gates for sluicing.

It was decided to ~~refer~~ have gates examined. by diver and to consider his report at meeting of Roads Committee.

ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Letter from Co. Surveyor to Secretary, County Board of Health was read. This pointed out the necessity for making provision for surface drainage without which the sewerage system would not be complete or satisfactory.

A resolution was adopted that the Secretary, County Board of Health be requested to state what is the position as regards the suggestions of the County Surveyor with regard to surface drainage.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS (MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES)

BILL, 1928.

Under date 13th April 1928, the Following was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor;-

As instructed, I have now gone through the above Bill to ascertain how far it would affect the County Council.

The only Section which directly affects the County Council is Section 9, which is as follows;-

"The provisions contained in Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 in respect of the employment by the Company of persons to open and shut gates shall apply only in the case of crossing gates which are situated at a place where, at the time of its construction, the railway crossed a turnpike or public carriage road on the level.

Any obligation assumed by the Company, other than by the terms of a Contract in writing, to employ or provide the services of persons to open or shut accommodation gates or crossing gates other than gates to which the provisions of the said Section 47 as amended by this Section apply, is hereby terminated."

Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 provides that if a railway cross any turnpike road or public road on a level, the Company shall erect and at all times ~~provide~~ maintain sufficient gates across such road on each side of the railway, and shall employ proper persons to open and shut such gates.

The effect of Section 9 of the proposed new Bill, will only affect roads over which the railway may cross, which roads were not made at the time the railway was constructed,

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and the provisions of Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Act of 1845 will still hold good in respect of all existing level crossings, and the Railway Company will continue to be liable for the maintenance of the gates at the existing crossings, and to employ proper persons to open and shut and attend such gates.

This being so, I am of opinion that the County Council will not be prejudiced by the passing of the Bill because as far as I am aware, all level crossings in the County Wexford and the roads over which they pass were existing at the time of the construction of the different lines of railway through the County."

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That letter from Mr Elgee as to Clause 9 of Great Southern Railways (Miscellaneous Purposes) Bill 1928 be adjourned to the meeting of the County Council. That in the meantime, the Solicitor to the Co. Council be asked how the Act affects the Co. Council relative to Wexford-Rosslare Slob Road and if existing Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 covers this road."

TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

In connection with the proposal of the County Council asking the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide for the "lathing" of telegraphic poles between Union Workhouse New Ross and Knockmullen House, the Chief Engineer wrote that it was intended to place the poles on a grass margin opposite the footpath, and in the circumstances, the proposal of the Council might be withdrawn.

This was agreed to.

Application was read from Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the consent of the Council to the erection of over-ground telegraphic line from Post Office Oulart to Garda Sioth-chana Station, Oulart.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by the Chairman;-

"That on behalf of the Wexford County Council we hereby consent to erection of telegraphic line between Post Office and Garda Siothchana Station, Oulart, provided poles are placed in positions approved by the County Surveyor."

It was decided to ask the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to "lath" the telegraphic poles between Loreto Convent Wexford and County Hospital, some of which were erected on the footpath.

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council £40-2-4 had been received from Department of Local Government for T7 and £527 for T8 and T12.

MONGLOSS LANE.

The following report of Sub-Committee re above was approved;-

"The ^{Sub.} Committee appointed by the Council, ^{which} ~~the~~ consisted of Messrs Jordan, Shannon and Clinee, to report on Mongloss Lane was summoned for 22nd February 1928. Mr Jordan was unable to be present, but wrote to the Co. Surveyor recommending the work, as he had previously been over the road and was thoroughly conversant with it. Owing to a misunderstanding, Mr Shannon was not on the road at the same time as the County Surveyor, but he made an inspection and recommends the work. Mr Clinee and the Co. Surveyor went over the road together, and the Co. Surveyor estimates that the cost of putting in repair the portion of the lane which leads from road to road will be £40. One section of the lane is a dead end, and cannot be taken up by the Co. Council. The road is of the legal width and can be taken over by the County Council. There are a large number of important rate-payers using this lane and the land is heavily tillaged.

The Sub-Committee after discussion with the Co. Surveyor, recommends the County Council to undertake the repair of the road as soon as possible.

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It was decided On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin, to refer the report to the November meeting of the Co. Council when all applications for new works for the following year will be considered.

CASTLEBRIDGE ROAD.

Under date 20th April 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister was advised that the necessary repairs to the Castlebridge road to prevent flooding is a matter of ordinary road improvement which should be carried out by the County Council, and in the circumstances, the Minister could not see his way to recommend a special Grant for the work.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS
URBAN DISTRICT NEW ROSS.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council under date 11th April 1928;-

"That the Urban ^{Council} tender for the maintenance of the Main Roads in the Urban District for financial year ending 31st March 1929 in accordance with the specification received from the Co. Surveyor and at the price mentioned in it, viz, £518"

The Co. Surveyor said the figure quoted was quite satisfactory.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon;-

"That the offer of New Ross Urban District to maintain the main roads in their Urban District for year ending 31st March 1929 at £518 be and is hereby accepted on behalf of the County Council."

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

UNDER date 29th March 1928, the Town Clerk, New Ross wrote that he was again directed to draw the attention of the County Council to the condition of New Ross Bridge and to request ^{that} the matter would receive immediate attention.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne directing the Co. Surveyor

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to arrange with the New Ross Urban District for the maintenance of roadway over New Ross Bridge and also for the maintenance of Chilcomb Railway Bridge.

FERROCRETE IN CONCRETE ROAD.

Col Gibbon suggested that in view of the failure of "ferrocrete" in piles of new bridge at Mount Garrett, that the ferrocrete work on Wexford-Enniscorthy road should be inspected during the first week of each quarter and comparison made between it and the ordinary cement as to wearing qualities.

OLD UNION BUILDINGS NEW ROSS.

Under date 26th March 1928, Mr T. D. Sinnott, Secretary County Board of Health wrote calling attention to the fact that the old Union Buildings at New Ross consisting of the former "Body of the House", at present unoccupied, were falling into a derelict state. Many of the doors were down and the place was becoming open to the public.

Mr O'Neill said one of the wicket gates was down and it had to be repaired. He did not see how trespassers could get into the place, and there was a caretaker at main entrance.

It was decided that copy of Mr O'Neill's explanation be furnished to the Secretary County Board of Health.

ROADS 264 and 274 R.

The following report under date 21st April 1928 was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor; -

"There are two fourth class roads in my District Nos 264 R and 274 R which are at present in a bad state owing to excessive traffic.

No 274R is a narrow lane which runs through very wet land and is being trafficked by a lorry drawing manure to a farm belonging to Mr Ward, Duncannon. It is now cut up so badly that it is very difficult to drive a motor along it.

Road No 264R is trafficked by a traction engine which goes to a farmer's place on the lane to grind corn about once every fortnight. The engine has cut part of the

lane badly.

There is a contract on both roads, £13 being allowed for 274R and £10 for 264R.

Will you please ask the Council to give us £14 for 274R and £10 for 264R in order to have repairs done on them during the summer."

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

"That we approve of the suggestion in letter of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor of 21st April 1928 relative to extra expenditure on Roads 274R and 264R and agree that £14 and £10 respectively should be expended thereon by way of sudden damage."

WEIGHTS & MEASURES ADMINISTRATION.

It was decided that the Secretary and Co. Surveyor consult the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, with a view to securing premises for Inspectors of Weights & Measures while sandblast has to be used for bottles. This machine was causing a good deal of damage to the Courthouses at present.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. S. O'Byrne seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the Minutes of meeting of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd April, 1928, be received and considered!"-

Vacancy for Solicitor.

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

"That vacancy for Solicitor to County Council be reported to the Appointments Commission, and that the Commission be informed ~~that~~ the Council are strongly in favour of the permanent appointment of Mr. John Elgee who is acting as temporary Solicitor and who has been legal adviser to this Council during the illness of his brother, the late Mr. R. W. Elgee!"

The salary attached to the position is to be £200 with living bonus of £50:- Out-of-Pocket expenses to be refunded.

Wexford Fair.

Mr. Doyle mentioned that at the meeting of the Wexford Corporation a proposal to have a second fair in May was mooted. The people who supported the fair and sent their stock to it were quite opposed to the suggestion. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Boggan:- "That the Wexford Corporation be informed that in the opinion of the farmers of the district who send their stock to Wexford fair, a second fair was not necessary and would tend to injure the present well established fair which is held on 1st May. *Passed*

Gullet at Mount Elliot New Ross.

In connection with this matter the County Surveyor stated he had received letter from Mr. Williams, under date 14th May, 1928, stating that he did not have any reply from the County Surveyor to his letter of 10th April and giving fourteen days' notice to have the gullet extended to its original length; failing to have

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this done Mr. Williams stated he would place the matter in the hands of his Solicitors - Messrs Colfer & Son.

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

"That Messrs Thorpe, Cooney and Walsh, with Mr. Elgee and the County Surveyor, be appointed a Sub-Committee to visit Mr. Williams, investigate his complaint and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee. That the County Surveyor arrange for date of visit and inform Mr. Williams accordingly"

Hire of Rollers.

The County Surveyor submitted quotation from Mr. Edward Kavanagh, St. John's Enniscorthy, for hire of two steam-rollers at 45/- per day and the tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The County Surveyor pointed out that this was the rate which the Department of Local Government had fixed for hire of rollers for Grant work.

Gorey-Wexford Road.

With reference to the Minutes of Roads' Committee in this matter, Colonel Gibbon pointed out that although the County Council might have provided a proper road for lorries, the owners of these vehicles could say they intended to use other roads, and under existing conditions there was no power to prevent them.

This was a situation that the farmers of the County ~~and~~ could not agree to allow to continue. The Gorey road would be very costly to put in proper order as there was only one quarry close to Gorey town which could be utilized and the material for its repair at the Wexford end would have to be brought from Kerlogue, and as lorries could not cross Wexford Bridge, they should go around by Ferrycarrig Bridge adding greatly to the expense. If the County Council provided a good main road, the lorry owners could not, when they wanted to diverge from the main road to villages and Stations, say they had cause for complaint if they had to traverse a mile or so along poor roads. They ^{could} not expect the County Council to provide

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first-class roads in places where there were only fourth-class roads at the moment.

He then proposed the following resolution:-

"That we dissent from the decision of the Roads' Committee in respect of the proposal to close certain roads to lorry traffic, and that we apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order prohibiting heavy lorry traffic, viz. ;→ Commercial vehicles over six tons "all in" on Wexford-Gorey road, via Castlebridge, the cross at Castle Ellis, Kilnamanagh and Wells to Ballycanew, and also on the Wexford-Gorey road via Fahy's Cross, Curracloe, Blackwater, Kilmuckridge, Cahore to Courtown Harbour."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that if they diverted lorry traffic from main roads for which they were receiving 30% of cost of maintenance from the Department of Local Government to roads in respect of which they were obtaining no grant, the last mentioned roads would be cut to pieces and would be unfit for any traffic whatever after a short time.

Mr. Shamon proposed as an amendment:- "That Colonel Gibbon's resolution relative to closing of roads be referred to the New County Council."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Minister would not agree to Colonel Gibbon's proposal unless the County Council were prepared to put forward a definite scheme as to what they proposed to do with the road in the shape of repair or reconstruction.

The County Surveyor pointed out that £8000 which was referred to in his report was only an approximate estimate and intended to cover only length of road which had begun to break up. In order to strengthen the whole length of road (25½ miles statute) it would be necessary to spend the £33,000.

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the

£8,000 did not cover any expenditure to obviate the flooding at Castlebridge on this road.

A vote was taken on Mr. Shannon's amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Connors, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin, Rossiter and Shannon10.

Against:-Messrs Boggan, Doyle, Colonel Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Thorpe, Whyte, Cloney and Donoghue.....9.

Messrs Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Walsh and the Chairman did not vote and Mr. Pender was not present when the voting took place.

When Mr. Shannon's amendment was put as the substantive motion Mr. Corish moved the following as an amendment:-

"That the County Surveyor having reported to this Council that in order to provide for heavy traffic on Gorey-Wexford Road an expenditure of £33,000 must be made but in view of the present position of the rate-payers, the Council does not feel justified in incurring this ~~expense~~. If, however, the Minister for Local Government will issue an Order empowering the Council to prohibit lorry traffic of six tons "all in" from using this road, they are prepared to approve of the expenditure of £8,500 this being the sum mentioned by the County Surveyor as necessary to repair the road so as to enable it to carry lorries up to six tons "all in"; the expenditure to cover the raising of the road at Castlebridge to obviate flooding. The sum named in this resolution, viz., £8,500 is to be raised by loan from the Council's Treasurer.

"That our Secretary ascertain from our Treasurer if loan will be available and at what rate of Interest. Also if maintenance Grant from the Local Government Department in respect of main roads will be available during the life of the loan and towards payment of instalments thereof".

Mr. Rossiter seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney,
Corish, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Rossiter and the
Chairman..... 11

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gaul, Colonel
Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Thorpe
and Whyte..... 11

Messrs Walsh and Shannon did not vote and Mr. Pender
was not present when the poll was taken.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the
motion which was declared carried.

Mr. Corish's amendment was then put as a substantive
motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clinee, Colfer, Connors, Cooney,
Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Rossiter and the
Chairman.....12

Against:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Colonel Gibbon, Hall
Jordan, O'Donoghue, Colonel Quin, Thorpe and Whyte10.

The Chairman declared Mr. Corish's motion carried.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh protested against the expenditure
which was incurred on roads in the north of the County and
referred to the fact that although they had made several
applications for grants for roads in the South of the County
their proposals had been always turned down.

After discussion, Mr. Cooney gave the following notice
of motion:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next
meeting that the County Council proceed to raise by loan the
amount of money necessary to enable them to carry out certain
essential repairs on the road from New Ross through Camblin
to Campile and Duncannon".

Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Jordan mentioned that he had had an interview with

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the Minister for Fisheries who was prepared to furnish a certain amount of money if the County Council would put up a Scheme for the improvement of Courtown Harbour.

It was decided, in view of Mr. Jordan's statement, that the County Surveyor should report to the next meeting of the Roads' Committee as to what improvements at Courtown Harbour he considered necessary.

Rosslare Sewerage.

The County Surveyor said that unless surface drainage was provided for they could not have a proper system of sewerage. He did not believe that the cost of providing for surface drainage would be prohibitive.

Under date 28th April, 1928, the Secretary, County Board of Health wrote that his Board had ordered Mr. Flood, their Engineer, to put the County Surveyor's views before the consulting Engineer, Mr. P.H. McCarthy, and that the matter be given full consideration when the draft plans were submitted to the Board and that the County Surveyor be consulted in the matter.

Mr. Shannon moved the following which was seconded by Colonel Quin: and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor and Mr. Flood, Engineer to County Board of Health, arrange for a consultation as regards surface drainage in connection with Rosslare Scheme. That the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Roads' Committee plans to show what he considers is required from the point of view of the County Council and that he furnish copy of same to the County Board of Health".

"Ferrocrete". The County Surveyor mentioned that it was now held that the failure of "ferrocrete" in the work at Mountgarrett Bridge was not due to the cement but to some extraneous matter which got into the sand.

Flooding at Fairfield. Mr. Shannon called attention to the necessity of having something done immediately to obviate flooding on road at Fairfield. On last fair day of Enniscorthy and for two

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after people had to wade through eighteen inches of water.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd April, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolutions adopted at this meeting".

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE - CARETAKER'S PREMISES.

Mr. Thorpe mentioned that owing to the fact that the road at Mountgarrett Bridge must be raised four feet the caretaker's residence would have to be removed and a new residence on a different site provided. There would not be enough money in the Contingencies section to meet the expenditure and he wished to know if the Joint Committee could set about building the house independently of the Councils concerned.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the Joint Committee could not expend any money outside what was covered by the proposals of County Councils of Kilkenny and Wexford without the consent of these Councils.

The meeting suggested that Mr. Thorpe and the County Surveyor might point out to the Joint Committee that a house built on the same lines as a labourer's cottage should provide sufficient accommodation for the bridge caretaker.

ROSSLARE STATION ROAD.

A deputation consisting of Mr. J. F. Kelly and Mr. Peter Bolger, representing the Rosslare Development Association, came before the meeting.

Mr. Kelly, who acted as spokesman, said that last year the Association were instrumental in securing a grant of £1,000 for the widening of the road. Work had commenced on the road, and it was a great improvement so far as it had gone, and the only thing they wished the Council to do was to facilitate the Association by getting the surface of the road finished before

the coming seaside season started. The season would commence on the first Sunday in June and they would like to have the surface finished, because the road was the main inlet to Rosslare, not only for those travelling by rail but also by road.

Mr. Bolger - The right-of-way to the beach is in a deplorable condition at present.

Chairman - The County Council have nothing to say to that at all.

Mr. Bolger - Didn't they dig it up.

County Surveyor - We opened a drain there.

Mr. Bolger - And you left it there.

County Surveyor - Pending what is to be done about the sewerage.

Mr. Bolger - It is an awful place. You could scarcely walk down it.

The County Surveyor said it was much easier to walk down than when there was an old choked drain there. He had hopes that he might make a drain there, but pending the decision about the sewerage system he had done nothing.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Kelly said the surfacing they had in mind for the road was tar macadam, or a dressing of tar, if the money was available.

The Chairman said he did not think there would be any money available for that work this year. Last year the Irish Tourist Association in Dublin approached the Government for a grant for tourist roads. The Government gave a grant to all the counties in the Free State, the total amount of which was £50,000, and Wexford's share was £2,000. The County Council decided to spend £1,000 on the widening of the road in question and the other £1,000 was spent on the improvement of the Courtown road. This year they thought they would get a further grant, but they had been ~~unsuccessful~~ unsuccessful so far.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor stated that it would cost about £80 to concrete across the burrow opposite the

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the road to the beach; if it were intended to have a concrete path for footpassengers only the cost would be about £25.

Mr. Doyle said he could not see why the lower end of Station Road was not completed out of the grant first. If they had money enough to tackle the other end of the road when the lower part was completed, it would be quite in order to do it, but, it was not as necessary to attend to the upper part as it was to put into proper repair and finish the road from the Station down to the strand. To look at it now he believed it would help to keep visitors from the place more than anything else. It was an actual laugh for the whole country to see the state of the road at the moment, and it showed anything but a business capacity for all concerned in its construction to see the look of it at the present time within, they might say, a fortnight of the opening of the season. He thought the County Surveyor or his Deputy Surveyor was blameable for not completing the lower end of the road. It was in a most ridiculous condition, and the most ridiculously carried out piece of work he ever saw. He thought the Tourist Association would bear him out.

County Surveyor - I wish to join issue with Mr. Doyle, and to say it is not ridiculous, and to say it is a splendid improvement job. You can't make a gravel surface as smooth as the table. You will have to take time for that. It was essential to widen the upper part. Otherwise, as Mr. Doyle would say, it would be one part laughing at the other.

Colonel Gibbon was in favour of the Council spending the £25 to provide an outlet for the drainage alongside the Council's road. If it was only to provide a way to get the crowd off their roads on excursion days they would be justified in expending that £25. They should deal with the nuisance there right away.

County Surveyor - You know I said before that the

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the surface drainage there is a nuisance and should go into a sewer.

Mr. Boggan - Whose duty is it to direct this surface drainage into the proper place ?

Colonel Gibbon - It is ours at present. It runs alongside our road.

Mr. Boggan - If it is in anything approaching the state that Colonel Gibbon described, it is an essential and urgent thing for us to do.

Mr. Elgee said that all sewerage drainage of the County was in the hands of the County Health Board. The County Council had nothing at all to say to sewage drainage. Further, he thought the County Council had nothing to do with the passage going through the burrow to the beach, and they might have trouble with the owner if they started work. He could not advise the Council to have anything to do with that.

The County Surveyor pointed out that there never was any intention to provide a tar surfaced road.

Mr. Birthistle, deputy Surveyor, said that the only work remaining to be done on the road in question would be the building of some piers and the provision of thirty or forty yards of sea gravel, at 2/- a yard delivered. That was all that was wrong with the job. The road was no worse than they intended it to be on plan. Owing to a little quibbling on the part of some of the local people the work had been held up till winter, and they were forced to go ahead in the bad weather. It was no fault of theirs that they dropped a good deal of money by working in bad weather. They certainly lost £60 in hard cash, and after that they might add another £60 or £80. On some days the men were nominally working, but were really running in every five minutes out of the rain. It was complained of that the road would take another £30, but last winter they had to keep the road surface. It was surfaced out of the grant, and it would be only right that they

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should now spend £30 out of the direct labour proposal. It had been recommended that a small piece of road should be made across the burrow. All the concrete slabs had been made for that, and all arrangements were complete for that suggested work out of the grant money tho' the work was not part of their estimate.

The Chairman said that a good deal had been said during the debate about the condition of the road. On Sunday week he was on the road himself, and he was sorry that he could not endorse all that Mr. Doyle had said about its condition. He did not think it was too bad at all. It was like all works in course of reconstruction - it did not look as well as when finished. The portions of the road that had been widened had not consolidated, and there was some rough material lying around, but taken on the whole he thought a good job had been done. He had heard from a great many people from the northern portion of the County who had travelled over it that they were delighted with the work. He thought the Tourist Association in Rosslare had been somewhat over-anxious to find fault. They stated at a meeting, according to Mr. Doyle, that value was not given for the money expended, but why did they not draw attention to that when the work was in progress instead of waiting until the work was finished ?. The work should have been finished during the summer of last year, but some of the residents of the place held up the work through some objection, claiming compensation for land which the Council had already absolutely settled for. Why didn't the Association come to the help of the Council and try and get the work expedited?. Now when everything was finished they came along and complained, and were making capital out of the statement that they got £1,000 for the road. He would tell them they had not a thing to do with getting it. It was the Irish Tourist Association that got £50,000 for tourist roads, £2,000 of which was allotted to County Wexford, and the County

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decided to spend £1,000 at Rosslare and another £1,000 on the Courtown road. They (Council) could have spent the money on some other road. He believed that the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle both did their best and gave as good value for the money as possible, and he thought it would be agreed by many people that a good job had been done. It was not in a finished state yet, but people did not expect it to be done in a few weeks or months. People were well satisfied with its present condition for this year.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted nem.con. on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Rossiter:-

"That £30 be expended out of direct labour proposal to complete the work on Rosslare Station road".

WEXFORD COURTHOUSE
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Letter under date 1st May, 1928, was submitted from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stating that Capt. Redmond would be prepared to sell the rent which he derived out of the old Courthouse site but could not sell the fee-simple of the property as he would have to purchase certain head rents payable thereout which would involve him in a considerable amount for redemption money. He (Mr. Elgee) was writing again to Messrs O'Keeffe and Lynch on the matter to see if they could find any possible way out of the difficulty. Until Capt. Redmond's interests were disposed of the Council could not go any further with the matter.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to ask the Solicitors to Capt. Redmond if he would be prepared to sell his interest to the County Council and allow the latter to deal with the persons concerned with the head rents"

Mr. Corish challenged a poll on the resolution. This

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resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, O'Donoghue, Quin, Thorpe, Walsh, Whyte and the Chairman.....15

Against:- Messrs Byrne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Pender, Rossiter, Shannon.....10.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ROAD GRANTS.

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The Secretary reported having received £3279 in grants for the following roads, viz., :- T.17 £2076; T.12 £907; T.16 £296, since the last meeting of the County Council.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS APPOINTED TO THE

PERMANENT STAFF.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Corish:- "That Messrs John Molony and P. Hawkins, temporary clerical officers of the Council, be appointed to the permanent staff".

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted without discussion and subject to the sanction of the Department for Local Government.

THE QUESTION OF INCREMENTS OF SALARIES.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That the question of allowing increments of salary to clerical officers, in accordance with letter of the Local Government Officials' Union of the 5th April, 1928, be considered at next meeting of the County Council".

Mr. Corish said he did not feel equal to laying before the Council a suggestion as to what the ultimate salaries of the clerical staff should be but the two clerks whose names had been added to the permanent staff were not paid in accordance with the importance of the work they had to do. One received £2: 10 : 0d per week and the other £2: 15: 0d. Continuing, Mr. Corish said he understood that the question was at the moment

under consideration by the Minister for Local Government. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the question of increments of salaries be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to what would be a desirable status to set up as regards increments and maximum salaries of the clerical officers of the Council!"

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded.

The Chairman said that this was a very big question and he would like to see it referred to the new Council. Annual increments had not been in existence with the Council in the past and the matter required the most careful consideration.

The resolution of Mr. Cofish was then agreed to nem.con.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT 1899

The Chairman moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "I hereby give notice of my intention to move that, at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May, 1928, the Council consider the advisability of adopting the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899, in respect of the proposed acquisition of houses in Oylegate village".

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

The Chairman said the real object of the resolution was to enable the cottagers in Oylegate to purchase their houses which were the property of the Power Family. The latter were giving the occupiers of the houses an opportunity of purchasing them at a very low figure.

After discussion a show of hands was taken when 13 voted in favour of the motion and 6 against.

RATE COLLECTOR NO. 3 DISTRICT.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by the Chairman:- "I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on the 14th May, 1928, that the resolution adopted on 12th December, 1927, as to appointment of New Rate Collector for No 3 Collection

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district be rescinded and that the Council proceed to consider new terms and conditions of employment for the Collector for this District".

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Doyle proposed the following:- "That remuneration to be paid new collector for No.3 District be fixed at 6d in the £ and that the office be considered as one for "part time" employment only."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

Mr. Clince proposed as an amendment:- "That new Collector for No.3 District be paid at the rate of 7d in the £ and that appointment be regarded as one for "part-time".

The following voted for 7d:- Messrs P. Byfne, Clince, Colfer, Connors, Cooney, Corish, Hayes, Mernagh, Sean O'Byrne, Pender, Shannon and the Chairman12.

For 6d:- Messrs Boggan, Cloney, Doyle, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, O'Donoghue, Quin, Walsh, Whyte and Thorpe.....11.

The Chairman declared the resolution for 7d in the £ carried.

It was decided that the Superior, Christian Brothers, Wexford, be asked to set the examination papers in English, Irish and Arithmetic and that, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department, the appointment be made at the June meeting of the County Council, examination to be held in time to allow of the papers being marked in time for the meeting.

KILLENAGH DISPENSARY.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Wexford County Council consents (in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of Local Government Act 1927) to the Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance obtaining an advance of £190 for reconstructing Killenagh Dispensary; area of charge to be County Health District of Wexford" (This notice was

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issued to members of the County Council on 2nd April, 1928)".

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted.

PROPOSED PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS.
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The Department of Local Government under date 26th April, 1928, wrote (G 27976/1928 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister cannot see his way to consider the proposal of the Council to appoint Mr. John Doyle as permanent Collector for 19 Collection until the outstanding arrears on the Collector's warrants have been fully disposed of.

Under date 27th April, 1927, the Local Government Department wrote (G.27978/1928 Loch Garman Fa) a similar letter in connection with the proposal of the Council in regard to the permanent appointment of Mr. Sean Gannon: No.10 Collection District.

POLLING PLACES SCHEME.
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Under date 8th April, 1928, the Local Government Department wrote enclosing duplicate copy of Polling Districts and Polling Places Scheme confirmed by him in pursuance of section 14(4) of the Local Elections Act 1927.

TAR AND BITUMEN CONTRACTORS.
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Orders of the Minister for Local Government setting out names etc., of the various authorised Contractors for supply of tar, bitumen and bitumen compounds etc., were read.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD.
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Sealed Order from the Minister for Local Government (No. IR/107/1) under date 9th May, 1928, as to closing of road No. 330E from 10th May, 1928, to 30th June, 1928, both dates inclusive, was received.

SEALED ORDER - ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.
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Sealed Order re above (No. P.H.19438/1928) from the Minister for Local Government was received directing that the special

expenses for the purpose of providing sewerage scheme and maintaining same at Rosslare should be levied off the Wexford Rural District as constituted immediately before the 1st October, 1925.

HIRE OF MACHINERY.

The County Surveyor called attention to the letter from the Chief Engineer, (Roads) Local Government Department, stating that as regards the employment of machinery he would not certify for any higher rate than the following on any works carried out under Grants, viz.,:- 45/- for Steam Roller; 60/- for Stone-Crusher and engine per day of not less than eight hours working time in each case.

The County Surveyor called attention to Articles 59 and 60 of the Public Bodies Order of 1925 and stated that when his Road Estimate for the year was under consideration, he had estimated for higher charges than those proposed by the Local Government Department and which were necessary in order to cover cost of instalments of loans obtained for the purchase of the machinery. The rate which he found necessary was as follows:- Steam-rollers 56/- per day and Stone Breakers 96/- per day.

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

"That the question of charges for hire of machinery for the coming six months be referred to next meeting of the Roads' Committee which is empowered to fix same in consultation with the County Surveyor."

CAHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following under date 2nd May, 1928, was ~~XXXXX~~ read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to inform you that we had the question of providing a new exit channel for this District investigated by an Engineer. From his report it appears that the existing main drain lies below the level of the low water of spring tides, consequently there

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would be no fall in the proposed new cut. On that account the water must be heaped up until low tide when it would force itself to the sea. Considerable embanking would be required to form an outfall channel, the sides of which would require to be built up and protected from scour of the sand through which it would be cut. In addition, work would be required throughout the remainder of the District. Without a detailed engineering survey it would not be possible to give an accurate estimate of the expenditure that it would be necessary to incur in the execution of such works.

"If those interested petition the County Council for a new Scheme under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, we will have the matter further investigated during the coming Summer."

It was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That copy of report of the Commissioners of Public Works re Cahore Drainage be furnished Major Colly Pouden, Ballywalter and Mr. John J. Sinnott, Newtown. Clonevan, for their information."

REFRESHMENT STALL AT COWTOWN HARBOUR.
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Letter under date 4th May, 1928, was read from Mr. Dudley Butler, Secretary, Courtown Harbour Development Committee, suggesting that the County Council should take the necessary steps for the removal of a hut used as a refreshment stall in the Square at Courtown Harbour by Mrs Furlong.

Letter under date 12th May, 1928, asking for permission to extend the present refreshment stall and to move it back further towards the sea wall was read from Mrs Furlong.

The Secretary stated that the County Council at their meeting in June 1926 had made an order granting permission for the erection of this stall on the site approved by the County Surveyor, the rent of same to be 1/- per week.

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

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"That the County Council cannot see its way to agree to the suggestion of the Courtown Harbour Development Committee that the refreshment stall of Mrs Furlong should be removed. Neither can they consent to extension of this structure. They agree that the stall should be changed from its present position to a site closer to the sea wall, but which must be approved by County Surveyor!"

KILMORE HARBOUR.
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Under date 23rd April, 1928, letter (D/7/10) was read from the Department of Fisheries stating that the Department's Engineer would visit Kilmore when his other duties permitted.

Under date 8th May, 1928, letter was read from Mr. Thomas Traynor, Loch Garman, Co-Operative Agricultural Society, the Castle, Wexford, forwarding letter from ^a Steam Shipping Company pointing out that if the necessary improvements, particularly dredging, are carried out at Kilmore Harbour they would be prepared to send their steamers there again. The last time one of their steamers berthed at Kilmore, she broke her stern frame the repair of which damage was going to cost them practically £1,000,

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"We desire to point out to the Minister for Fisheries that the question of dredging Kilmore Harbour is held in abeyance awaiting the inspection of Harbour by the Department's Engineer. In view of this fact we would be glad if the Engineer could make his inspection as soon as possible"

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.
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Order was read from the Department of Agriculture revoking Foot and Mouth Disease restrictions.

WEXFORD FAIR.

Under date 28th April, 1928, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.28989/1928) forwarding copy of letter to Wexford

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Corporation stating that the Minister for Local Government raised no objection to the holding of the Wexford monthly fair on 7th May in lieu of the ordinary date, viz., 1st May.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture under date 26th April, 1928 (1.1451/28) stating that the Department had no objection to the May fair being held on the 7th of that month. .

BALLYBRENNAN QUARRY.
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The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon, was adopted:-

"That the agreement between Mrs Susan Deacon, Ballybrennan, Bree, Co. Wexford and the Wexford County Council relative to acquirement of land in connection with Ballybrennan Quarry be sealed and signed."

CORNER AT INCH RAILWAY BRIDGE.
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The following resolution was proposed by Mr. P. Byrne, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That the agreement between the Wexford County Council and the Great Southern Railways Co., in connection with wall at corner of Bridge at Inch, Co. Wexford, which has been approved by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be sealed and signed by Wexford County Council."

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.
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On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne it was decided that the following letters from Assistant Surveyors be inserted on the Minutes:-

Under date 18th ^{April} May, 1928, Mr. Thomas Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, wrote as follows:-

"I have yours of 17th instant with resolution re above adopted at last meeting of County Council and in reply beg to state that as terms of resolution are subject to acceptance by Surveyors and as same are not acceptable in my case I desire to be exempted from conditions as set out"

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Messrs Birthistle, O'Neill, Ennis, Cullen and Kehoe, Assistant Surveyors, wrote as follows under date 7th May, 1928:-

"We, the undersigned Assistant Surveyors, wish to state that we are willing to agree to the proposed new arrangement re salary and travelling expenses as embodied in County Council resolution of 10th April, 1928".

INSURANCES.

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Under date 4th May, 1928, the General Manager, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., wrote that attempts had been made on behalf of opponents of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., to mislead the public regarding the decision of the Dublin District Court against which the Irish "Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., had appealed. He thought it well to forward copy of certificate from the Minister for Industry and Commerce that the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., had complied with all the conditions of Section 2 of the Mutual Insurances Act of 1926.

PROPOSED HANDBALL COURT IN GOREY.

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Application was read from Mr. Joseph J. Stafford, St. Michael's Place, Gorey, Hon. Sec. Gorey Handball Committee, stating that it was proposed to erect a ball court in the Fair Green at Gorey. The front wall would be erected directly facing the houses in Wexford Street and parallel to the footpath.

The Committee were anxious to ascertain if the Council had any objection to the proposal.

It was proposed by Mr. Clince, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor report to next meeting of the 'roads' Committee relative to the application of the Gorey Handball Committee as to erection of the ball court".

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

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Letters were received from Messrs James Murphy, Coolbawn,

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Ferns; M. J. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy;
T. Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart; Myles Roban, The
Moynes, Enniscorthy, Morgan Flaherty, Ballyellis, Carnew and
James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, that they were prepared to
act as lay Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order as agreed to
at the April (1928) meeting of the Wexford County Council.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. Shannon, seconded by the Chairman:- "That licence under
Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Michael Lacey, Monamolin,
Gorey (whose application has received the approval of the
Garda Siothchana) and renewal of licence to Mr. James J. Codd,
26 and 27 Court Street, Enniscorthy"

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the several proposals for payment as appearing on
Form 22 presented to this meeting relative to quarter ended
31st March, 1928, be and are hereby approved, subject to the
modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by
the Chairman."

LOCAL APPOINTMENT COMMISSIONERS.
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A resolution was received from the County Kilkenny Board
of Health expressing the opinion that appointment of local
officers should be made by the local authorities concerned
and disappointment that no members of the Dail had moved in the
matter.

No order.

INCREASE IN COST OF TELEGRAMS.
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Under date 9th May, 1928, Mr. H.H. Irvine, Stock Broker,
Wexford, wrote stating that he had been asked with others to

make a protest against the proposal to increase the minimum charge for Commercial telegrams to 1/6d. He asked the County Council to pass a resolution protesting against this increase.

No Order.

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*Wm. C. B. as the
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