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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 8th MAY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The Monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 8th May, 1933.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided; also Messrs. John Brennan, James Clince, P. Colfer, R. Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Wm. P. Keegan, Thomas Meyler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Col. Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector, and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs. T. Treanor, R.J. Ennis, Thomas Cullen, John F. Birthistle and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3277.17.6d. was examined and signed

#### THE LATE MR. M. O'KELLY, DUBLIN

The following in reply to vote of condolence in the death of his brother Mr. M. O'Kelly, was read from Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, Vice - President, Executive Council:-

"The Vice-President desires me to request that you will be good enough to convey to your Council his sincere thanks for their kind sympathy in his recent bereavement.

"I am also to express the Vice-President's appreciation of your personal message of condolence."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That reply to vote of condolence by Wexford County Council received from Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, Vice-President, Executive Council, be inserted on this day's Minutes." Passed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th April, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING - 13th APRIL, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

H.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th April, 1933.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3795.9.6d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- Return of Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected excluding arrears</u>
1. J.J. O'Reilly	95.6
2. J. Curtis	93.6
3. E.J. Murphy	93.0
4. P. Carty	91.3
5. A. Dunne (Solger)	90.3
6. J. Deegan	90.0
7. T. Rowe	88.2
8. J. Cummins	86.1
9. S. Gannon (10)	84.0
10. M. Murphy	83.5
11. P. Doyle	82.6
12. A. Dunne	81.2
13. S. Gannon (6)	81.5
14. M. McCarthy	81.2
15. J.J. Sinnott	80.0
16. J. Quirke	80.0
17. P. O'Byrne	78.9
18. W. Cummins	78.2
19. P. Nolan	77.0
20. W. Doyle	70.0

The sum represented by lodgment and Credit Notes is £85174.5.2d. leaving sum outstanding £16237.14.11d. Collection shows a 7% improvement on corresponding period last year.

It was decided (1) That Lists of temporary uncollectable Rates be prepared by 29th April, 1933, in order that amounts outstanding



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may be carried forward for inclusion in Warrant for 1933/34.

- (2) That Collectors lodge all collectable Rate by the 8th May, 1933.
- (3) That Lists of Irrecoverable Rates be prepared by the 29th April, 1933.

#### PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES

The following letter was read from J. Quirke, Rate Collector:-

"I have been instructed by the Rate Collectors of the County to apply on their behalf to the Members of the County Council at their next meeting for Poundage on all Rates lodged to 31st March, 1933. The Collectors find it very difficult at the present time to carry on."

It was decided that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of 80% of Poundage Fees to Collectors on lodgments and Credit Notes to 31st March, 1933, as Collection shows a substantial improvement on last year. Finance Committee is of opinion that payment of Poundage Fees proposed would enable a number of Collectors to close warrant by lodgment of recoverable rates outstanding. The Finance Committee believe that the withholding of 20% Poundage Fees until all recoverable Rate has been lodged is a sufficient penalty to impose on Collectors.

As regards proposed payment of Poundage Fees to Collector O'Byrne, the following letter under date 12th April, 1933, No. G. 32669/1933, Loch Garman, 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 3rd instant in regard to the payment of poundage to Collector P. O'Byrne, and to state that the Minister does not approve of the continuance of payments on account of Poundage.

"As Mr. O'Byrne has already lodged more than the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant the Minister is prepared to sanction payment of reasonable poundage in respect of the first moiety and arrears. In view of the prolonged delay the Council's proposal should impose a suitable penalty by way of reduction from



"the normal rate of poundage."

It was decided to inform the Local Government Department that the Finance Committee propose paying Collector O'Byrne in respect of lodgments to the 30th November, 1932, owing to the fact that the other Collectors had only been paid in respect of lodgments to that date. If lodgments beyond that date were taken into account for Collector O'Byrne it would place him in a more advantageous position than the other Collectors. The Committee consider if an immediate payment of £30 could be made to Collector O'Byrne, it would meet the circumstances of his case, the balance of poundage on his lodgments to 31st March last to be paid him at the same time as such payment is being made to the remaining Collectors. The Committee are of opinion that the withholding of poundage from Collector O'Byrne for a considerable period has inflicted a suitable penalty on this Collector.

#### RATES ON MOUNT ST. BENEDICT

The Rate Inspector stated that, in accordance with instructions of Finance Committee, Collector Art Dunne was taking legal proceedings for the recovery of outstanding rates, amounting to £460, on Mount St. Benedict, Gorey.

#### RATES ON BOIRA

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that as the transfer of these lands was made in a legal manner to Madame Christine Serres, Sans Basse, The Pyrenees, France, the County Council could not sue the previous owner, Captain Bryan, for the rates on this holding. The Rates outstanding for three years amounted to £34.14.2d. Captain Bryan paid the rates up to the period the lands were transferred. In his (Mr. Elgee's) opinion the Council were powerless in the matter.

#### CREDIT NOTE

The following letter from Mr. John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford, under date 8th April, 1933, was read:-

"I wish to bring to the notice of the County Council that I had no application for my rates until April the 3rd. I had a note on that



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"date stating that if I brought in my rates and Credit Note that evening they would be in time to allow me £1 reduction. It was 6 p.m. when I received the letter, I tendered payment to-day, 8th instant, and the Rate Collector refused to take the money unless I paid in full. I was immediately furnished with a Six day's notice. I was afterwards speaking to Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, M.C.C., he told me he understood I should be called on for the rates, duly, I understood the same. I always paid my rates in due time as the late collector, Mr. Bolger, could testify. I should like the Co. Council to let me know, is the Rate Collector to call in due time, or am I to follow him with the Rates? Hoping you will give this matter your careful attention."

It was decided that Collector Art Dunne be asked for a written explanation for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### LOANS SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications for loans were recommended to the County Council for approval:-

Michael Redmond, Sawmills House, Enniscorthy; situation of house, Templechannon; loan £180; Government Grant £70; value of house £200.

Margaret King, Cooraun; situation of house, Cooraun; loan £150; Government Grant £70; value of house, £200.

John J. O'Gorman, Scerawalsh, Enniscorthy; situation of house, Coolnahorna; loan £100; Government Grant, £70; value of house £200.

James Sheehan, Currawn, Killanne; situation of house, Currawn; loan £120; Government Grant - not stated - value of house £200.

Timothy Murphy, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour; situation of house Riverchapel; loan, £100; Government Grant - not stated - value of house £160.

John Roche, Screen, Castlebridge; situation of house, Ballylemin, Screen loan £120; Government Grant £70; value of house £240.

Aidan Lavless, Greenane, Killanne; situation of house, Greenane; loan £60 Government Grant £70; value of house £200.

Mary Murphy, Dranagh, Caim; situation of house, Dranagh; loan £40; Government Grant £70; value of house £200.



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James Murphy, Mangan, Killanne; situation of house, Mangan; loan £70; Government Grant £70; value of house £200.

The following applications were referred to the County Council:-

Michael J. Doyle, Old Church, Enniscorthy; loan required £150

John Murphy, Knockree, Strahart, Ferns; loan required £80.

Andrew Kehoe, Ballyroebuck, Glahamon, Ferns; loan required, £100.

James Kelly, Bellingly, Ballymitty; loan required, £80

Mrs. Bridget Doyle, Boley, Ballycullane; loan required £130.

William Devereux, Murrintown, loan required £130.

It was decided that the Assistant Secretary be allowed a sum of 5/- per annum in respect of each £100 advanced by the Council under the Acts for additional clerical duties performed by him in connection with the administration of the Acts.

The Chairman pointed out that this remuneration would be met by the difference between the  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent which the Council pay for loans and the 6 per cent fixed by the Department as the rate to be charged by the Council to recipients of loans; the remaining 5/- per cent would be required for poundage fees to rate or rent Collectors for collecting instalments on foot of the loans.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 13th April, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- With regard to the closing of Rate Collection Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that a very important fair would be held in Gorey on the 20th May and suggested that the time for closing of Warrants should be extended for a day or two beyond the date of this fair.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cline it was decided to refer this matter to the Finance Committee.

RATES ON MT. ST. BENEDICT:- The Secretary stated he had received a communication from Rev. Dom Sweetman, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, that he would come before the next meeting of Finance Committee in regard to the payment of his rates.

RATES ON BOIRA:- With reference to this matter Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the principal benefit derived from these lands was the shooting rights and in the transfer to Madame Serres, Captain Bryan may have retained these.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated he had inspected the Deed and there was no mention of sporting rights therein.

Col. Quin said that the same set of circumstances prevailed as regards the Saltee Islands that had been transferred to a man of straw.

Mr. Corish mentioned that in view of the fact that the procedure taken by the owners of Boira and Saltee Islands provided means of evading payment of rates, the Council should do something to bring the matter to a head.

Mr. O'Byrne - Some people were turned off the land by persons who we heard were employees of Captain Bryan and I would suggest that a statement be sent to the Department and they be asked for a ruling in the matter.



Chairman - I am afraid the reply you would get back is to be guided by your Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee in reply to Mr. Corish said so far as he could see there was no action the Council could legally take to recover the rates.

Mr. Culleton - If the County Council are going to make an example of people who carry out this procedure they should take the Saltee Islands, as all the persons concerned live in the Free State.

Mr. Smyth said he understood that that part of the Boira which was suitable for grazing had been retained by Captain Bryan.

The Rates Inspector mentioned that Mr. Dier of Coolbawn was about to make over portion of his land to people who had no means in order to avoid payment of rates.

Mr. Keegan said it was a fact that while the Board of Works through Minor Relief Grant had spent a fair sum improving the Drainage of the Boira and making the place more useful to Captain Bryan, according to law there was no possibility of obtaining rates from this property.

Mr. Elgee said that on the existing facts the Council appeared to have no remedy.

Miss O'Ryan could not understand why foreigners who declined to discharge their liabilities should be allowed to hold land in the Country.

Mr. Corish suggested that if the existing law was powerless in this matter the Council should press for legislation.

The Chairman was of opinion that all the circumstances should be put before the Department concerned and ~~that~~ if no remedy existed that legislation should be promoted to prevent transfer of land in order to evade liability for the payment of rates. If it was realised that the Council had no power in the matter, the example set by the owners of Boira and Saltees would become general and the County Council would lose a very large amount of their rates.



Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the circumstances of the transfer of land in order to avoid payment of rates in the three cases mentioned at this meeting viz:-

(1) Saltee Islands.

(2) Boira

(3) Coolbawn,

be submitted to the Local Government Department and also to the Irish Land Commission and that they be requested to advise the Council as to what remedy (if any) exists in order to meet the situation.

That should these Government Departments be unable to help the Council owing to existing state of the law, the Local Government Department be requested to introduce legislation to deal with all such cases in order to protect County Councils in securing their just rights."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th April, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th April, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



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MEETING 27th APRIL, 1933

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W.J. FRIZELLE,  
secretary, Wexford County Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th April, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John Colloton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

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

Mr. Colloton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2792.15.3d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

POUNDAGE:- The following letter under date 12th April, 1933, (G.32669-1933 Loch Garman) 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 3rd instant in regard to the payment of poundage to Collector P. O'Byrne, and to state that the Minister does not approve of the continuance of payments on account of poundage.

"As Mr. Byrne has already lodged more than the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant the Minister is prepared to sanction payment of reasonable poundage in respect of the first moiety and arrears. In view of the prolonged delay the Council's proposal should impose a suitable penalty by way of reduction from the normal rate of poundage."

Under date 25th April, 1933, the following letter (G.38025/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and



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"Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant in regard to the payment of 80% of poundage to Collectors on their lodgments and value of "Credit Notes" to the 31st ultimo, and to draw attention to the opening paragraph of the Department's letter, G.32669/1933, of the 12th instant regarding payments of poundage on account. The Minister is not prepared to accord his sanction in future to payment of poundage until the Collectors have lodged a sum equivalent to a moiety of their warrant and arrears or have fully closed their warrants. The Minister is prepared to consider proposals from the Council as to the poundage to be paid to each Collector including Collector P. O'Byrne who has lodged the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in reference to letter of 25th April, 1933 (G.38025/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of the following poundage fees to Rate Collectors which with amounts already advanced will represent full poundage fees on lodgments equivalent to amount of first moiety and arrears:-

J. Quirke, £16.5.6d: Wm. Doyle, £33.0.1d: Philip Doyle, £34.16.8d:  
M. McCarthy, £16.19.5d: P. Nolan, £22.15.4d: S. Gannon (No.6) £6.3.4d:  
J. Deegan, £23.10s.0d: J. Cummins, £16.3.8d: P.O'Byrne £61.1.7d:  
S. Gannon (No.10) £10.12.2d: W. Cummins, £29.9.0d: E. Murphy, £14.13.6d:  
J.J. O'Reilly, £12.14.8d: T. Bolger (No.14), £12.18.11d: A. Dunne (14)  
10/2d: A. Dunne (No.15) £16.15.0d: J.J. Sinnott, £33.6.8d:  
E.J. Murphy, Nil: T. Howe, £7.16.3d: J. Curtis, £3.2.10d: and  
P. Garty, £7.10.1d.

"That in view of the fact that a number of Collectors have no other means of livelihood and find it very difficult to carry on we request the Minister to reconsider his decision refusing sanction to the payment of 80% of poundage to Collectors on their lodgments to



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"31st March last, and on value of Credit Notes. We are convinced it was not the fault of the Collectors that warrants were not closed by the 31st March last and we regard it as a great hardship if no payment for poundage for second moiety can be made to Collectors until Warrants have been closed."

ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT NOTES:- In connection with letter from John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford, Gorey, as to allowance for Credit Note by Collector Dunne (No.14 district) and which appears on last Minutes of Finance Committee the following under date 18th April, 1933, was read from Mr. Dunne:-

"I have your letter of 14th instant re complaint of John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford. The following are the facts of the matter:-

"On Tuesday, March 7th, I was going through that part of Mr. Bolger's district around Ballydarragh. In the evening I called on Mr. Dan Kennedy, Island, where threshing operations were going on. I saw Mr. Kennedy and some other farmers, and made arrangements for them to pay their rates in the office in Gorey. I asked a man named James Kenny, Bannpark, the way to Jack Doyle's, Ballydarragh, and he told me that Jack Doyle was in the haggard on the straw rick (at Kennedy's) and there would be no use in going to his house. I asked Kenny to tell Doyle that I was finishing this year's collection for Thady Bolger, and to pay his rates before 31st March. I then went over to the straw rick where Doyle was and shouted up to him, "Hello Jack, be in before the 31st to save your pound" and he said "All right". Later that evening I passed by his gate and if I had thought there was any necessity or use I would certainly have called in. As Mr. Doyle has always paid his rates in the office in Gorey, I believe I did my duty when I saw him inside the time.

"I trust this explanation will satisfy the Finance Committee."

The Secretary wrote to Mr. Dunne on 20th April, 1933, asking for his observations as to stating to ratepayer he would allow Credit Note to be presented on 3rd April, 1933, in reply to which Mr. Dunne, wrote as follows under date 22nd April, 1933:-



"I did write to Mr. Doyle on 1st April telling him I would accept Credit Note on the 3rd April.

"On going through my books that day, I saw a rate outstanding of a man who I felt sure had forgotten the matter, Mr. John Doyle, Ballinacoola, R.D. Kilnabue. As I was expecting the Rates Inspector on Tuesday the 4th April, I decided to chance accepting Credit Note on the 3rd and wrote to Mr. Doyle telling him to send in money and Credit Note on Monday, which he did. At the same time and for the same reason, I wrote Mr. Doyle, Ballydarragh, I believed he had forgotten and I wanted to give him the benefit of the Credit Note."

Mr. O'Byrne said he regarded the presence of the Collector with Mr. John Doyle in Mr. Kennedy's yard as calling on the latter for the rates. He then proposed the following resolution:- "That, as regards complaint of Mr. John Doyle, Ballydarragh, Craanford, that he had not been called upon by the Rate Collector, we accept, as satisfactory, the explanation in the matter offered by Rate Collector Dunne."

LEGAL EXPENSES OF RATE COLLECTOR:- Mr. McCarthy (No.4 district) came before the meeting to ascertain where he stood as regards £4.7s.6d. costs incurred in proceedings against a man named Harman (who was at present in prison in default of paying his rates). He (Mr. McCarthy) considered it unfair that he should be liable for these costs in the circumstances. Harman was in a position to pay his rates but refused and encouraged others to follow his example. There was also the case of a man named Cagney in respect of which Mr. McCarthy was informed by his Solicitor that he would have to go to Dublin to prove his claim as Cagney resided in the City. He (Mr. McCarthy) would not do this unless the Finance Committee agreed to pay his travelling expenses.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Government



"Department be requested to allow the County Council to reimburse Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector (No.4 district) the sum of £4.7.6d. costs incurred in proceeding against Joseph Harman, Tacumshane, who refused to pay his rates and whose holding is derelict, also for consent to pay reasonable expenses to Mr. McCarthy in the case of Daniel Cagney, 10, Prussia Street, Dublin, who has refused to pay his rates and against whom proceedings must be taken in the City of Dublin."

#### APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Applications for compensation in the following sums for the burning of timber, heather etc., were received from Mr.R.W. Hall Dare, and referred to Co. Solicitor to oppose viz: £40, £35, £30 and £25.

The Secretary mentioned he had been informed by District Superintendent Millard, Gorey, that in future the Garda could not supply reports in connection with applications for compensation for Criminal Injury unless a fee of 5/- per report was paid by the County Council.

The Co. Solicitor said that in his opinion the reports furnished to him by the Garda were not worth 5/- each.

No order.

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by the chairman:- "That Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for Saturday 6th May, 1933, to carry out examinations for award of Irish Scholarships, and for the evenings of 1st, 4th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 22nd and 29th May, 1933, for Technical School examinations."

Mr. Roark, Camolin, applied for use of Gorey Courthouse for meeting of farmers on 6th May, 1933.

It was decided to inform Mr. Roark that the building was not available as Irish Scholarship examinations would be held there on that day.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th April, 1933, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - STATE OF:- The Secretary reported that the amount outstanding was £14,055.14.9d. This week the Collectors were lodging any portion of this regarded as collectable and the balance would be carried forward. The Finance Committee at their meeting on the 11th May, 1933, were dealing in detail with the various items.

POUNDAGE:- The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 3rd May, 1933, (G.44301/1933 Fa Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the payment of poundage set out in Minutes of Finance Committee to the Rate Collectors in respect of their first moiety collections.

ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT NOTE:- In the course of a discussion Mr. D'Arcy said that in his opinion the matter arose through a misunderstanding. Mr. Dunne was a good Collector and Mr. Doyle a hard working farmer who was under a misapprehension.

No order.

LEGAL EXPENSES OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The Rate Inspector said that Cagney's land could be let. It was previously let to the late Canon Crowe. It would be easy to set the land so that it would realise the rates.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Passed.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The following under date 25th April, 1933, (H.371151/1933 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health (Housing Department):-

"With reference to your communication of the 11th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County



"Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings

Acquisition Acts:-

<u>Name of Borrower</u>	<u>House.</u>	<u>Amount of Advance. £.</u>
Michael Codde	Ballyscarton, Gorey.....	100
Mrs. Elizabeth Phelan,	Ballintra Lower, Courtown Harbour, Gorey.....	150
Denis Keane	Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, Gorey.....	100
Nicholas Whelan	Dunbrody, Campile.....	125
William O'Leary	Summerhill, Enniscorthy.....	130
Michael Ryan	Clonattin, Gorey.....	100
John Morrissey	Killallyan North, Milehouse, Enniscorthy.....	100

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, reported that the Titles of the following applicants were in order:- John Webster; house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, loan £150, value of house £300; Wm. Willoughby, House at Railway Road, Gorey, loan £130 value of house £190; Paul Hannon, Kilcavan, Ballymitt, house at Coolbrock, loan £25 value of house £200; James Nolan, house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, loan £180, value of house £200; Martin Breen, Castleboro, Clonroche, house at Gurrawn Lower, loan £50, value of house £200; James Murphy, Market Square, Gorey, house at New Road, Gorey, loan £180, value of house £200; John Lawlor, Ballyloughlan, Caim, loan £100, value of house £200; Johanna Fortune, Ballyoughna, Kilena, Loan £60, value of house £150; Ellen Carey, Ballinamona, Foulksmills, loan £50, value of house £250; Maurice Foley, Ballyhighland, loan £50 value of house £200; James Mythen, Mount Alexander, Gorey, loan £100 value of house £200.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Local Government Department be requested to sanction the amount of loan in each of the applications under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of which Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, has reported to this meeting that the titles to plots are in order."

The Secretary reported that in the case of W. Tomkins,



Esmonde Street, Gorey, the Assistant Surveyor had reported that the value of the house was £175 and plot £25. The applicant's value of house was £230; in that of John T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, the Assistant Surveyor had reported the house value for £165 and plot £35. The loan asked for is £125 and amount of Government Grant £70. Applicant's value of house was £250. The Assistant Surveyor in the case of Denis Keane, Ballinakill, Courtown, had certified the value of house at £150 the applicant estimating £200. The loan requisitioned was £100 and amount of Government Grant £70. This man held a small farm and was building on his own land. John Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, applied for loan £100 valuing his house at £200. The Government Grant was £70. The Assistant Surveyor's estimate of value was £165.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That loans to the following be allowed to stand at figures already agreed to." :-

W. Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey, £70; J.T. Sutton, Green Street, Wexford, £125; D. Keane, Ballinakill, Courtown Harbour, £100 and J. Morrissey, Milehouse, Enniscorthy, £100.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That loans be advanced in the following cases under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts as soon as Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, has reported that titles are in order:-

John Whelan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, £180; Michael McGrath, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy, £180.

In connection with the proposal of the Finance Committee to allow Assistant Secretary 5/- per annum in respect of each £100 advanced by the Co. Council for additional clerical duties the Secretary explained that although the difference in Rate of Interest on loan payable by applicants and that paid by Co. Council represented 10/- per cent per annum on the half yearly basis this would work out at 8/- only.



It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall to refer the matter back for further consideration to Finance Committee.

In connection with interim advances under these Acts the following under date 22nd April, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and note what you say, as to the position with regard to the loan on which payments are to be made on account. I do not see however that it would be possible to prepare any documents in connection with the matter pending the payment of the full amount of the loan, as this would only add increased cost on the person that had borrowed the money, as if you got a mortgage for each amount advanced the cost for same would be practically equal to the cost of the mortgage for the full amount of the loan."

Miss O'Ryan asked if it was absolutely necessary that people who were applying for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should take out administration. She considered that where there was a clear will with no one to inherit except the applicant, his Title should be accepted.

Mr. Elgee - The will is worth nothing until it is proved.

Miss O'Ryan - It does not suit everyone to take out administration.

Chairman - The Revenue Authorities could compel people to administer if they so choose.

Miss O'Ryan - It is not necessary to do so to get a loan from the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

Chairman - I believe the Authorities are bound to compel administration to be taken out in many cases.

Mr. Gaul said if a man was not to be entitled to an advance under the Scheme until his house was roofed it was tantamount to scrapping the Scheme.

Mr. Keegan said red tape was holding up the Scheme as it had



held up every building Scheme for the last 60 years.

Mr. Corish said the Act would be useless unless interim payments could be made.

Mr. Elgee said he was simply protecting the Council and safeguarding their interests.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That arrangements be made for Applicants for Loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to sign mortgage for the full amount of loan and that interim payments be made to said applicants when sanction of the Local Government Department to amount of loan in each case has been received and when mortgage has been executed."

Mr. Gaul raised the question as to payment of Government Grant under the Housing Acts and said he understood no payments had been made so far. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That we request the Department of Local Government to expedite the payment (or some portion thereof) of the Government Grant under the Housing Acts."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th April, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

RESIGNATION OF MR. KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The following under date 3rd May, 1933, was read from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Owing to ill health I beg to tender my resignation as Assistant Surveyor to your Council, and in doing so wish to offer my sincere thanks to every member of the Council for their extreme kindness and courtesy to me during my long term of Office.

"I was elected Assistant Surveyor to your Council on the 8th March, 1900, and started work at once.

"The Local Government Board sanctioned the appointment on the 10th January, 1901.



"A Doctor here in Dublin (whose Certificate I enclose) tells me to-day that I will not be able to carry out the duties of an Assistant Surveyor any longer.

"Under the circumstances I feel I should at once tender my resignation to your Council."

Dr. R.V. Murphy, 89, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, wrote under date 2nd May, 1933, that Mr. Kehoe's progress was most satisfactory but as his convalescence will take some time and in view of the risk of recurrence of his complaint he (Dr. Murphy) had advised Mr. Kehoe to resign.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That in accordance with Standing Order 59 the letter of resignation of his office as Assistant Surveyor from Mr. John Kehoe be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to the filling of this office.

Col. Gibbon gave notice of motion that in the event of an Assistant Surveyor's office becoming vacant the number of Assistant Surveyors be reduced to five.

Mr. Gaul gave the following notice of motion:- "I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 12th June, 1933, that the Co. Council agree to award Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, superannuation on his resignation of the office of Assistant Surveyor and that amount of same be fixed by Council."

#### SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the resolution of the Co. Council declining to put into operation a scheme of loans for supply of seeds and manures be rescinded and that scheme be adopted on the lines of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 31st March, 1933 (Circ. No. 89-33) and that this motion be considered at next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 8th May, 1933."



In connection with this matter letter from Local Government Department under date 31st March, 1933 (Circ. 89-33) set out on Minutes of a previous meeting was read.

Under date 12th April, 1933, letter (Circ. 89/2/33) from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. This pointed out that two conditions in the letter of 31st March, 1933, (Circ. 89-33) which precluded persons who were in arrear with payment of their rates or who had not already repaid full cost of any seeds or fertilisers supplied under last year's Scheme had been withdrawn.

Under date 13th March, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.7016/33) that with reference to the resolution of Wexford Co. Council asking the Department to formulate a Scheme through which farmers would be enabled on their own security to obtain seeds and manures necessary for the year's crop, the Minister considered that the Scheme of facilitating the obtaining of seeds and manures which was recently urged on Co. Councils by the Department of Local Government and Public Health should suffice for the needs of the present situation.

In moving his motion Mr. D'Arcy said it looked late in the season to be putting the scheme into operation, but he knew there was a lot of people who would be very anxious to get some assistance even at the moment, and quite a lot were badly in need of both seeds and manures in many districts. He had received letters from some people whom he knew personally, and he knew also that they would pay their way.

Miss O'Ryan seconded.

Col. Quin was strongly against the resolution. In the Government's circular they stated that very few people paid last year. That made it a very bad proposition. He thought they should stick to their original motion.

Mr. D'Arcy said that last year he was against the scheme but there was a very material difference in the system this year.



Chairman - There is a difference. You are guaranteed half the loss.

Col. Quin remarked that if security was good there would be no trouble for people in getting money from the Bank.

The Chairman said that in Tipperary £700 was advanced and only £12 recovered. He would like to facilitate the people, but he did not think it would be advisable to add to the burdens on the rates.

Mr. D'Arcy - I do not expect the Council will have to pay at all. You are guaranteed half by the Department, and you are also guaranteed by the securities.

The Chairman remarked that the half not guaranteed by the Department might take a lot of collecting.

Mr. D'Arcy - You have the securities.

Mr. Shannon said that a lot of people would avail of the Scheme. Owing to the bad weather plenty of people had corn to sow still and they had not got the seeds yet.

The Chairman suggested that there was no necessity for the Scheme, as if a person had two solvent sureties he thought any merchant would give him seed.

Mr. Cummins remarked that in six weeks' time the scheme would be of no use to anybody.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. D'Arcy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and Walsh. - 16.

AGAINST: Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin, Messrs. Hall, Meyler, and the Chairman. - 5.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That a special meeting of Wexford Co. Council be held on Friday, 19th May, 1933, at 2 p.m. for



"The purpose of dealing with applications under the Scheme for Supply of Seeds and Fertilisers."

SURETIES UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Consideration of the following notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. Cummins was adjourned at his request:- "That the resolution of the Co. Council requiring two solvent sureties for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be rescinded."

Mr. McCarthy said that in connection with the repayment of loans under these Acts he had suggested that arrangements should be made to collect a certain amount weekly. This would be a benefit to the Council in ensuring payments and would make it easier on the people to pay. Under the Act, provision had been made for payments every six months but this would entail a great deal of hardship on some people.

Mr. Keegan was **against** the proposal. It would not suit small farmers to have a Collector tapping at their doors every Monday morning.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Finance Committee be requested to submit a scheme for payment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by weekly or other short periods."

KILMORE HARBOUR MASTER - INCREASED REMUNERATION

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be granted an increase in his wages of £1 per week."

An application to this effect was read from Mr. Kehoe who stated he secured the position ten years ago on the death of his father, former Harbour Master. During his service he believed he had carried out his duties with satisfaction and on ability and length of service he held he was entitled to an increase. The position practically debarred him from availing of opportunities



of adding to his income in other ways such as fishing during the season. In practice his job was whole-time for the reason that he had to hold himself day and night in a stand by position. He had to keep a widowed mother and a school-going brother both of whom were solely dependent on his wages.

The Secretary stated that on the death of Mr. Kehoe's father, the widow was appointed to the position as the present applicant was under age. It was only at last meeting that applicant was appointed Harbour Master.

Mr. Corish moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Gaul:-  
"That Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, be granted an increase of 10/- per week in his wages."

Mr. Hall said this was a bad time to start increasing wages when everyone was endeavouring to have them reduced. He proposed that no increase be granted.

Mr. Meyler seconded.

Mr. McCarthy said that apparently the harbour master in Kilmore was continually on duty - at least he was bound to be there - and according to the discussion, he had a great deal more work to do than other harbour masters..At the same time he thought that 50% of an increase seemed high, and he proposed an increase of 5/- per week subject to sanction of Local Government Department should this be required.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The Chairman said the amount of dues they were receiving from Kilmore was not very big, and with regard to whole-time work they had men engaged at agricultural work who were getting less pay than the Harbour Master, and their work was much heavier.

Mr. Shannon - I quite agree that that is the case, but this man can avail of no other work.

Chairman - Can the agricultural labourer avail of any other work? He is working all day.

A poll on Mr. Hall's motion resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Meyler, O'Ryan, Keegan, Smyth and the Chairman. - 9.



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AGAINST: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh. - 12.

FOR: The Chairman declared this amendment lost.

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

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon and Walsh. - 17.

AGAINST: Messrs. Meyler, Smyth and the Chairman. - 3.

Mr. Hall (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

On being put as the substantive motion the amendment of Mr. McCarthy was carried nem con.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The following under date 21st April, 1933, (R/SGL/201/35) was read from Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state for the information of the Wexford County Council that a sum of £14,062 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above-mentioned Grant for Main Road Improvement as follows:-

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | L.30 No. 39 - (1 mile) from Enniscorthy Urban to Clonhaston Cross - 5" Reinforced Concrete                        | £<br>3,400            |
| 2. | L.33 No. 47 (½ mile) from Ryland Cross to Clohamon 6" concrete including raising Road through flooded hollow      | 2,200                 |
| 3. | L.31 No. 42 (1½ miles) from County Bounds at Ballyellis. Tar-Bitumen grout                                        | 2,062                 |
| 4. | L.29 No. 34 Wexford-Kilmore Road (2 miles). Tar-Bitumen Grout.                                                    | 2,900                 |
| 5. | L.18 No. 26 (1½ miles) Ballyanne-Ballybanogue. Tar-Bitumen Grout.                                                 | 2,600                 |
| 6. | Wexford Urban resurfacing portions of John St. and School Street in Tar Macadam and surface dressing John Street. | 900<br><u>£14,062</u> |



"In addition to the under-mentioned conditions relating to the Grant, it shall be a condition governing purchases of tars and Bitumens that the supplies of these commodities for all roads, whether Grant-aided or not, will be obtained from the Official Contractors appointed by the Minister for the year to which the Grant relates. If an Official Contractor is not appointed for a particular commodity, the sanction of the Minister must be obtained before any orders are placed for the supply of such commodity. In asking for sanction, information should be supplied as to the quantity to be ordered, the price at which the material is to be obtained, and the reason for selecting the particular material.

"The following are the conditions referred to in the previous paragraph:-

1. The Grant shall be expended on the foregoing works only, and, while not conditional on any contribution from the County Rates, it is not to be taken as relieving the County Council from responsibility for reasonable and economical road maintenance.
2. Inspections shall be carried out by the Chief Engineering Inspector or his Assistants as the work proceeds, and in all cases before final payments are made. The Minister shall take such steps as he may deem proper, either by way of withholding payments or refusing to sanction payments or otherwise in the case of unsatisfactory work.
3. Payments shall be made on Requisition Form No. 97, certified by the County Surveyor:-
  - (a) On commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the ensuing month.
  - (b) Towards the end of the first month after commencement of work an amount estimated to provide for the payments by the Authority during the second month, and so on from month to month until eighty per cent of the grant has been paid, after which the Authority will submit through the County Surveyor to the Minister a statement showing their expenditure up to



"date, and the Minister will then determine what further instalments should be paid under the Grant.

(c) On completion of the Work the Authority will supply the Minister with a certificate of their Surveyor stating that the work has been completed and stating with such particulars as may be required by the Forms then in use by the Department, the total expenditure incurred.

4. As to Conditions regarding the men to be employed, see Circular Letter SR.1. of 19th March, 1932.
5. Forms No. 11 enclosed should be completed by the Co. Surveyor and forwarded to this Office, accompanied by a brief specification and tracing.
6. No contract for the execution of any of the work mentioned in the first paragraph is to be advertised until the Minister has notified approval to the specification as well as to draft advertisement, and no contract is to be entered into until the prior sanction of the Minister is obtained to the acceptance of the particular tender."

In reply to a query the Secretary said that the letter of 19th March, 1932 (SR/1) referred to pointed out that any regulations or directions requiring local Authorities to give a preference to demobilised men of the National Army, as such, in the matter of employment had been withdrawn, and where additional men were required for the purpose of carrying out works financed in whole or in part by State Grants, such men should be obtained through Employment Exchanges.

Mr. O'Byrne held that Gorey area had not been fairly treated in the allocation.

Mr. D'Arcy and Mr. Keegan agreed and considered that the allocations should have been made between the four Rural Districts of the County in, so far as it was possible, equal shares.

The Chairman said if it was not in the power of the Co. Council



to make any change in the allocation he did not think there was any necessity for discussion.

Mr. Keegan - We should protest: we are here for the purpose of getting more information than we have got. I know that in Ballygarrett there are 51 men idle and in Kilmuckridge 17 men out of employment. We have been looking for a grant of £250 for the purpose of trying to relieve those men. I have the names of the men with me to-day and something should be done for them if they are not to be left to starve.

The Co. Surveyor stated that proposal for a grant to which Mr. Keegan referred did not come within the terms of the allocation.

Mr. Keegan - Can we do nothing to help those men - £250 is not a lot of money?

The Co. Surveyor stated that the trunk roads of the county were practically completed and the grants allocated were for work on main roads. The work to which Mr. Keegan referred was on roads, which were outside the scope of the grants that had been made.

Mr. Hall stated that what Mr. Keegan referred to was right. In the areas which he mentioned there were more unemployed than in any other in the County and there was no prospect of work for them. Of the allocation of £14,000 not one penny was coming within twenty miles of those areas. He knew the areas very well and he did not know what the people in question were going to do.

Mr. O'Byrne - When the Council had the allocation of the money to the areas they divided it fairly evenly.

Mr. Corish stated that Ballygarrett area was hard hit so far as unemployment was concerned, but he had no doubt that after the introduction of the Budget money for employment would be available. He was aware that the T.D.s for the County were interesting themselves in the matter of getting an extra grant for the Boira and Cunavarra rivers. The Co. Surveyor had supplied them with a scheme and his views and strong representations were being made to the Government.

Col. Quin - I do not believe there is money anywhere at all.



Mr. Smyth stated that they got a grant for the relief of unemployment in the area, and he made a fight on that occasion for the allocation of a portion for the road to which Mr. Keegan referred - Kilmuckridge to Courtown - and he got very little support from those who were trying to put up a case to-day for it.

Mr. Colfer also protested against the allocation. The question of a grant for the improvement of the road known as the Duncannon line had been under consideration for the past eight years.

The Chairman said there were roads in other parts of the County as bad as the Duncannon line.

The Co. Surveyor said if the Council were going to divide the money into small jobs in bits of areas it would be most unsatisfactory. It was not correct to say that no grants were made for New Ross area. Last year there was expenditure on the laying of a concrete road of two miles from Ballinaboola to New Ross and on a half mile of road at Talbot Hall.

Chairman - No matter what portion of the County you go to you can get lists of unemployed as large as Mr. Keegan talks about. In Carnsore area we are being pressed by men looking for work for the past three months. There are as many men idle there as in Ballygarrett. The worst thing they could do would be to hold up this work which is so urgently needed.

Mr. Keegan - I am not suggesting you should hold up the work.

Mr. O'Byrne - There is less than £5,000 of the £14,000 going to New Ross and Gorey districts.

The Co. Surveyor explained that the works for which the grants were allocated were decided by the Local Government Department following a visit which the Chief Engineer of the Local Government Department made to him.

Mr. D'Arcy - Do you know that you will have to fly from Gorey to Carnew if the road between those places is not done?

Chairman - I would advise you to let the work go ahead. There are considerable numbers of unemployed all over the County.



Mr. D'Arcy suggested that when the works were being done due regard should be made for the use of tar so that the people living in rural areas could travel over them.

The Co. Surveyor stated that work was done on a road passing by Col. Gibbon's place, and on the latter's motion it was decided not to use tar. That road, he feared, was not going to hold.

Col. Gibbon stated why he made that proposition was that the money should be spent not on tar but for the relief of unemployment. Potholes were appearing in the portion which had not been tarred.

Miss O'Ryan stated that a good job had been done on Taghmon streets, but she was afraid they would not hold unless some tar was used.

Mr. Hall mentioned that he had seen tar on a road in such quantities that it stuck to the feet of horses.

Mr. Colfer proposed:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to reconsider the allocation of the Road Improvement Grant with a view to having a more equitable division of the amount among the four rural areas in the County."

This proposal was not seconded.

Mr. Gaul said if Mr. Colfer's motion was carried it would hold up the work and keep men out of employment.

Mr. Hayes agreed with Mr. Gaul and said they should, in view of the needs of so many people endeavour through their representatives in the Dail to secure further grants. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to carry out the works under Road Improvement Grant 1933-34 as set out in letter from Local Government Department (R/SGL/201/33 - 21st April, 1933)."

Mr. Hall seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said the selection of the works was the best that could be made for the amount of money which was allocated. He did not say it would please everyone for everyone was putting forward the claims of his own particular district and there was not sufficient money to go round.



The Chairman in putting the motion which he declared passed recommended its adoption so that they could put idle men to work. The Assistant Surveyors should push forward the various proposals for their districts as there was a tremendous number of people idle.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that before proceeding further with the rolling of Taghmon streets ~~that~~ the portions done should be tarred and that the best steps possible in the circumstances should be taken to deal with the remainder of the road on the allocation in the Road Works Scheme.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded and the motion was adopted.

Mr. O'Byrne said that unless the streets in Gorey were tarred they would break up in the same way as had been referred to in regard of other roads.

Mr. Corish advised the Council to take some money from the Contingency Fund to keep the Curracloe road from falling asunder.

Mr. Culleton - It certainly will fall to pieces.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said they had no money in the direct labour proposals to do that particular road. To spray it would cost from £130 to £150.

Mr. Colfer said that £400 had gone west in Ballycullane streets

The Co. Surveyor said the Council <sup>would</sup> ~~be~~ have to decide whether they would have the roads under the Improvement Grant carried out by direct labour or by contract.

He recommended direct labour.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a resolution that the works be carried out by direct labour.

Mr. Corish seconded and the motion was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application be made to the Local Government Department for the closing of roads at which concreting was being carried out. That Co. Surveyor prepare schedule setting out the necessary particulars of such roads, the periods for which they will be closed, and the various alternative "routes."



### RABIES ORDER, 1933

Under date 19th April, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2559-32) forwarding copies of Rabies Order 1933, with copies of explanatory memo. in relation thereto. The Department requested that each of the Veterinary Inspectors of the Co. Council should be furnished with a copy of the Order and Memo.

The Secretary stated that the instructions of the Department of Agriculture in this matter had been carried out.

### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 15th April, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1029/33) stating that the Minister for Agriculture would offer no objection to the appointment of James Murphy, Myles Roban, Patrick Ormonde, Thomas Prendergast, M.J. Hennessy and James Hayden to act as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year remuneration £1 per week and refund of amount spent on postage, Inspectors to be responsible for their own travelling expenses.

In connection with the above Order the Department of Agriculture wrote under date 20th April, 1933, (L.1064/33) that the Garda Siochana would renew for this year the arrangements made last year in connection with the enforcement of the Order.

### DRINAGH CEMENT FACTORY

Under date 13th April, 1933, the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (T.I.M. 9/1) that the claims of re-opening Drinagh Cement factory would be fully considered before a final decision is come to in the matter of re-establishing the Cement Industry in An Saorstat.

Miss O'Ryan said the matter was a very important one. If they got one of the cement factories for Wexford it would absorb the unemployed. They had the premier claim as after all they had had the only factory in the State where cement was manufactured



She thought the Council should urge the claims of Wexford for a Cement factory as far as possible. A very interesting statement in reference to Drinagh had been made by Mr. Corish at a meeting of Wexford Corporation. She understood that the company to establish a factory should choose a site, and she suggested that they should point out the advantages of Drinagh, where there was skilled labour and facilities for transport of cement to other parts of the country. Other areas had got a share of the new factories that had been established, while Wexford had got none of those factories.

The Co. Surveyor said that he used Wexford cement forty-five years ago, and it was good cement. With the modern system of manufacturing cement they got very fine grinding, which they did not get from Wexford. Fine grinding was the whole secret of the modern method, but a modern factory would have modern machinery.

Mr. Corish said he had been speaking to Mr. Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, and he certainly said he had the matter under consideration. In the proposal as outlined by Mr. Lemass on the second reading of the Bill on Thursday it was put forward that there would be three cement factories, in the East, South and West. Whether Wexford could be counted as the one coming in the South or East, was a matter to be decided.

The Chairman said he understood that they would not be able to produce cement in the Free State within 4/- a ton of foreign stuff.

Miss O'Ryan said that the point raised by the chairman had no bearing on the question before the meeting. If there were going to be cement factories in Ireland they should try to get one of them.

Mr. Corish said he thought if they could bring any pressure to bear in the matter it would be very important. As Miss O'Ryan had pointed out, they in Wexford were the only people making cement formerly, and he never heard anything against



it. Dublin Corporation gave it preference for years. The offer he told Wexford Corporation he had got was conveyed to him by a representative of the Associated Portland Cement Co., who said they were prepared to open the Drinagh cement works, put in a hundred men and keep it open, provided that the Government were prepared to let them open another factory in Skerries and give them protection.

The Minister was going to advertise in the matter and the question of Drinagh might be forgotten. He understood that the matter of the factories was to be considered by Civil Servants, and they could not expect them to give the matter of Drinagh the same attention as the Minister would give it, especially if they brought pressure to bear on him.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that they call on the five T.D's. to urge that Wexford should have the premier claim for a cement factory, to watch progress with regard to the cement industry, and to see that one of the factories was obtained for Wexford.

Chairman - I think it had an almost damning effect on the matter in the Dail to say that we could not produce cement unless at 4/- a ton over foreign cement.

The Co. Surveyor stated that dumping was responsible for the present low price of foreign cement.

Miss O'Ryan said that in any case the question of price did not concern the resolution. Even if Irish cement was going to cost 10/- a ton more than imported cement it would be better to have it made in Wexford than in any other part of Ireland.

Mr. Hall seconded the proposal of Miss O'Ryan but was afraid if only three factories were to be established Wexford would not get one of them.

Mr. D'Arcy stated he had a dwelling house built some years ago using a considerable quantity of Drinagh cement. A competent engineer who inspected the work said that ten to one of Drinagh cement was equal to seven to one of any other cement he knew.

Mr. Corish said they never heard anything of Drinagh cement



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but the highest praise. With reference to Col. Quin's remark about Drinagh not being an economic proposition, he thought that would be better left unsaid by a member of the Co. Council. It would not be a bit uneconomic if the matter was arranged as Mr. Lemass said, and the supply from the different factories confined to zones. Wexford could supply a certain zone. As a matter of fact early last year a proposal was put forward to the effect that a certain merchant in Wexford was prepared to put up all the working capital if the Government were prepared to advance money from the Trades Loans Guarantee Fund. To the credit of the Government they were prepared to do that, but the project fell through for some reason. At that time the zone idea was accepted. He thought Drinagh should be used to supply cement to a certain zone. The factory was there and the men were there and terrible hardship prevailed in consequence of the place being closed down.

The figure mentioned as necessary to equip Drinagh as a modern factory was £60,000.

Miss O'Ryan said she held they could get the factory for Wexford if the Wexford people were in earnest enough, but the Wexford people were not in earnest. Even if only the County Council were in earnest the Government would not like to pass over Wexford in favour of any other place, in view of Wexford having the premier claim.

Mr. Cummins said that if the people were in earnest and put down the capital or part of the capital there would be no trouble at all about starting the factory, and many another factory, too. The T.D.s should stress upon the Government the necessity of being more generous to Co. Wexford than to any other county, because of the fact of the factory being there before and of what was done with it. It was bought by an English syndicate for the purpose of doing away with it. That should be a great incentive to an Irish Government to see that



some restitution should be made for the injury done to the people of the county. The cement was better than imported cement. If there was any energy or earnestness on the part of the people of the town and county to create industry they should put up some of the money, but he was not making that an obstacle in the path of the Government. He wanted Mr. Corish to tell the other T.D.s why the Drinagh factory was not working at present. They had been deprived of their industry - when it was bought it was closed down and the machinery taken away. He wanted it put up and they were more entitled to consideration than any other County in Ireland, because of the fact that they had the works and had been deprived of them.

Miss O'Ryan's resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That a deputation be appointed from this Council to wait upon the Minister for Industry and Commerce in conjunction with the five T.D.s of the County to impress upon him the absolute right of Wexford County to one of the three factories to be established in An Saorstat according to the statement made by the Minister."

Mr. Hall seconded, and said that as a farmer he thought he used as much cement in building as probably any other farmer in the north of the county, and he had used Drinagh cement as long as he could get it. It gave him great satisfaction, and the work it did was to be seen to-day. He thought that the presence of skilled labour in Drinagh was a very important matter. Of course, being an agriculturist, he would like to get cheap cement but at any time he would be prepared to pay a shade more for the home article than for foreign.

Mr. Gaul asked if the Government or any other Authority could interfere with Drinagh cement works which were owned by the Cement Marketing Company and there was nothing to prevent them placing a prohibitive price on the value of their interest.

Mr. Corish said this did not arise. If the present scheme



went through, the Cement Marketing Company would not be allowed to open the works at Drinagh. Whatever plans the Minister might have in mind Drinagh would have to be considered even if it were to be only an auxiliary factory to that to be established in the East. They should get Drinagh working in as full operation as before it was closed down.

Miss O'Ryan - Have the factory for the East in Wexford.

Mr. Corish - The Wexford Development Association are meeting to-night to deal with the situation so far as cement is concerned, and I would be glad if any deputation appointed by the Council would go in conjunction with that body.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne was then put and passed, nem con.

Mr. O'Byrne moved and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the deputation to the Minister of Industry and Commerce from this Co. Council in connection with re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works consist of the following members:- The Chairman and Messrs. D'Arcy, McCarthy, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan. "

Mr. Corish suggested that the deputation should first meet the five T.D.s. He said that Dr. Ryan was in an awkward position as a Minister did not like going on a deputation to another Minister, it was considered infra dig. He was not saying that Dr. Ryan would not go, but he did not want his position misconstrued.

#### PROPOSED ROAD AT CAMOLIN PARK

The following under date 11th April, 1933, (A & R 36946/32 Estate of W.H. Foster, Co. Wexford Record No. H.C.4198) was read from Irish Land Commission:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the construction of a road through Camolin Park, I am desired by the Land Commission to say that the statement made at the meeting of the Council in July last that the Land Commission would be



"prepared to construct the road must have been made under a misconception as no such promise was made by the Land Commission. The Commission has, however, since then had the matter under consideration and is prepared to contribute a sum of £500 towards the proposed road provided it is constructed and maintained by the Co. Council and that a sum of not less than £1,000 is spent on its construction."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as regards proposed Camolin road we desire to point out to the Land Commission that as Road Works Scheme for current year has been adopted no further money from Co. Council funds is available for road work. But in view of the fact that the Council would be prepared to take over the future maintenance of proposed road we are of opinion that the Land Commission should carry out the entire construction of this road from State Funds."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That this Council hereby considers the following applicants for University Scholarships as eligible to compete for same."

Codd Anastasia, William Street, Wexford.

Delaney Margaret Mary, Misterin, Adamstown, Co. Wexford.

Ennis Susan Francis, 13, Hospital Road, Wexford.

Forrestal Brigid, South Street, New Ross.

Hall Thomas Fergus, 10, Cornmarket, Wexford.

Harte Nellie, Tinnock, Campile, Co. Wexford.

Kilty Joshua, Kilanerin, Inch, Co. Wexford.

McDonald Rita, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

Murphy Chrissie, Ballysolough, Ramsgrange, Co. Wexford.

Redmond W.F., "Glenview", Enniscorthy.

Stafford William, Chapel, Kilmore, Co. Wexford.

Walsh Thomas, Piercestown, Drinagh, Co. Wexford.

Whitmore George, Bishopswater, Wexford.



TRANSFER OF PLOTS AT BUNCLODY

The following under date 5th May, 1933, was read from Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"About 1919 or 1920 the Enniscorthy R.D.C. purchased from Miss McCutcheon land at Bunclody for allotment purposes. The fee simple of the land was purchased from Mr. R.W. Hall Dare at the same time. The Assignment and Conveyance are in my procurement. It is now proposed to take over some of these plots for the building of a dispensary residence for the Medical Officer at Bunclody. You will recall that under the Act of 1925 such properties were transferred to your Co. Council. I would be glad if you could have a resolution passed at the Council under seal to enable me to show title to the land so as to satisfy the Local Government Department."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That this Council agree to transfer to the Co. Wexford Board of Health plots of land at Bunclody purchased for allotment purposes from Miss McCutcheon and Mr. R.W. Hall Dare to allow of said Board erecting a dispensary residence thereon."

TENDERS FOR ROADS

Under date 7th April, 1933, Mr. Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, wrote complaining that a haulage contract on Road 55 given to him at New Ross had been transferred to a man named Delaney. Also that although his son, James, put in the lowest tender for haulage on Road 729 it was given to a man named Donnelly. Further that another son, Gregory, was the lowest tender for haulage on five roads but he was not accepted.

It was stated that Mark Hanlon's tender for haulage on Road 55 had been accepted by Tenders' Committee and confirmed by the Co. Council; Donnelly's tender had been accepted for No. 729 as the Committee wished to divide the work and the difference was 1d. per cubic yard. Gregory Hanlon had been accepted for one



haulage contract and there was no evidence he had tendered for any others.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall to inform Mr. Hanlon that the Co. Council had every confidence in the manner in which the ~~New Road~~ Tenders Committees had dealt with the Tenders submitted to them.

#### CURRACLOE ROADS

Under date 24th April, 1933, Mr. Philip Tobin, Hon. Sec., Curracloe Development Association wrote stating that <sup>at</sup> a special meeting of the Association it was decided to call the attention of the Co. Council to the very bad state of the roads leading to Curracloe Strand. Half of the main road from Wexford had been steam rolled, but the other half was in a bad state, and a danger to motorists and cyclists. There were many complaints from motorists and cyclists coming from Enniscorthy. There was a need for the erection of sign-posts pointing towards the strand.

The Co. Surveyor said he would erect a danger sign as requested.

Mr. Colloton remarked that the surface of the road passing the coastguard station got very loose at times.

The Chairman suggested running a roller over it.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that to throw some soft stones over it was the best thing they could do.

Mr. Corish said he thought something should be done in the matter. A committee were giving their time voluntarily to develop Curracloe, and they should be encouraged.

In reply to Mr. Colloton with regard to the hill at the Coastguard station, Mr. Birthistle said that anything they could do would be done, but they would not be able to do very much, because the <sup>amount of</sup> road proposal was not very much. It would be done as far as the money would permit. Arrangements had already been made with regard to the danger signs, but there was some trouble with the Customs about them. They had the posts waiting for the signs.



DANGER SIGNALS

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That school danger signs be erected at Ballycullane, Clongeen and Carrig-on-Bannow as soon as signs are available."

ROADS AND LANES

GARRYNISK LANE (BLACKWATER):- The Co. Surveyor reported that the Co. Council <sup>Committee</sup> meeting relative to this lane had been summoned to meet on 2nd May, 1933. Mr. Colloton was the only Councillor in attendance and there were also present Mr. Laurence Sutton and another of the adjoining ratepayers, County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance. An inspection was made of the entire length of the lane and it was decided to recommend its repair as soon as funds were available either by relief grant or otherwise.

Mr. Culleton said this lane was connected to two important roads at each end. During the troubled times it was used as an alternative route when the bridge at the Unyoke was broken down. This was responsible for breaking up the lane and leaving it in its present condition. It was a lane which was of great public convenience. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That Garrynisk lane, Blackwater, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme when Grants are available and, when put into repair that Co. Council take over future maintenance.

RATHDUFF LANE NO.2:- On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided to list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme the lane between Milltown and Rathduff leading to Killanne.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that if a grant of £120 was obtainable it would put surface and sides in good order but the widening of the lane would be costly and there were six corners on the lane which it would be well to have improved.

BARNLAND LANE, GOREY:- A memorial signed by eight ratepayers asking



Co. Council to take over this lane was read. The memorialists pointed out that the present state of the lane greatly hampered their farming operations. There was considerable vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic along it as it leads to Church and Schools. Very many years ago "that now defunct but admittedly scrupulous and useful body, the old Grand Jury" voted money for the repair of the lane showing that it was of some importance in those days. The repair of the lane would absorb the unemployed of the district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Barnland Lane, Gorey, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme when funds are available."

FORRESTALSTOWN LANE:- Memorial signed by 38 ratepayers including the Clergy and Dispensary Medical Officer of the district was read asking to have Forrestalstown Lane repaired under Minor Relief Scheme. Both priest and Doctor were obliged to leave their cars at the end of this lane and ~~wade~~ through mud and slush to attend to their duties.

The following deputation attended to urge on the Co. Council the necessity of having lane repaired:-

Messrs. Joseph Williams, James Cloney and David O'Brien.

Mr. Williams acted as spokesman and said that in addition to the seven families who lived on the lane it would, if repaired, be a great convenience to about 20 adjoining farmers. Castleboro, which had been taken over by the "Forestry Department" would be very convenient to secure firing; Lord Carew in the past helped to keep the lane in repair but there was no representative of the Carew family there now.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the lane which ran off Road 475 formed an incomplete loop, 160 yards running through an open field. The owner of this field was prepared to give right of way free provided a proper concrete post and wire fence be erected. The surface of existing lane was very bad and he estimated it would cost £250 for repair and to continue through field to form a loopway.



Mr. Shannon proposed that the lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme Grant. Mr. Brennan seconded, and the motion was adopted.

The Co. Surveyor held if an abnormal amount of timber was hauled over this lane it might be described as "extraordinary" traffic and those engaged in the haulage might be held responsible for repair.

Mr. Corish said this should be a lever to help to set a grant and should be stressed in the application.

CUMMER LANE:- Mr. James Byrne, Cummer, Tinahely, wrote asking the Co. Council to put on for Minor Relief Scheme, Cummer Lane, which was about 60 perches long led to three farms and was used by four farmers. There was a good deal of unemployment in the district.

VOLETOWN LANE:- Thirteen ratepayers users of Yoletown lane, Ballycullane, from Carty's in Yoletown to upper road in Yoletown connecting two roads and very useful to a good many people wrote asking that Co. Council should recommend the lane for a grant under Minor Relief Scheme.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded a resolution that the request be agreed to, as regards Cummer and Yoletown Lanes.

Passed.

CLONROE LANE:- Fourteen memorialists asked Co. Council to schedule for Grant under Minor Relief Scheme Clonroe ~~lane~~ by-road leading from the cross at Clonroe to the road near Annagh Cross, Inch. Six farmers lived on the road which was a great short cut for persons going to Tinahely, to Aughrim and to Carnew fairs. After heavy rain the road was in an awful condition through which children had to wade going to School. The nine inch pipe at Clonroe was not sufficient to carry off the water.

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to add this road to list for Minor Relief Scheme grants.

BALLINACoola LANE (CURRACLOE):- Eight residents of this lane asked for its inclusion in list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme; it was impassable at the moment.



On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Culleton it was decided to add this lane to list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

ROAD 220 (Section 9)

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that this road had been badly cut up by haulage with a four ton lorry, of stones to cottages for Co. Board of Health. There is now a sand pit being opened which will mean more haulage. He had only £16 to maintain this road for a year and which amount is a fair proportion of the total money for the section. Consequently, it was not possible to repair the injury which had been done by this excess traffic. It would require at least £25 extra to keep this road and No. 219 adjoining in any sort of order.

Mr. Ennis said this was a mountain road near Bunclody and at present it was practically dangerous. The normal tonnage was 20 cubic yards but 100 cubic yards would not be sufficient to keep it right now.

The Co. Surveyor considered the haulage on this road constituted extraordinary traffic.

Mr. Colfer suggested they should proceed against the Co. Health Board but several Councillors objected.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Clince, Mr. Colfer dissenting: "That a sum of £25 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund to provide for repair of roads Nos. 219 and 220 in consequence of excess traffic."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE REPAIRS

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Co. Surveyor said that the Contractor for repairs at Ferrycarrig Bridge had erected a suspension bridge for pedestrians but he could not say whether it would be a success or not until it was working.

Mr. Culleton said they were told when the contract for repairs



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for Ferrycarrig Bridge was under consideration that when it was closed all the traffic would go by Ballymackessy but it was nearly all going through Castlebridge and the Artramont-Crossabeg road was being badly cut up. He proposed;- "That a sum of £50 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of Crossabeg-Artramont Road in consequence of injury by diverted traffic from route via Ferrycarrig Bridge."

Mr. Brennan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### HOUSE ON ROAD 519

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that on 19th August, 1929, he had reported a house having been built by John Corrigan, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy, on margin of above road, and on 26th August, 1929, the Roads Committee passed a resolution that owing to scarcity of houses Corrigan be allowed to remain undisturbed for twelve months. This resolution came up at Co. Council meeting of 9th September, 1929, and was allowed to stand and Corrigan is living there still. On recent inspection of this road he found another house which had been erected in line with Corrigan's, the sides and ends of which were composed of timber framing sheeted with jute bags. He understands this new structure is being used by a local band.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That copy of report of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be furnished Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, with a view to his taking action thereon."

#### UNEMPLOYMENT IN TAGHMON

The following was read from John Kennedy, District Secretary, Taghmon Branch, Irish National Trade and Labour Insurance Society:-

"At a meeting of Taghmon Branch Irish National Trade and Labour Insurance Society, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. James Pender seconded by Mr. P. Byrne, and unanimously adopted:- "That we the unemployed of the Village (which number about twenty) call on the Wexford County Council to have all stones broken by hand this year



"owing to the large amount of unemployment in the district. I am directed to forward the above to you for consideration at next meeting of the Co. Council. The unemployed consider that Upton Quarry is suitable for hand breaking."

The following deputation attended - John Kennedy (Spokesman) Edward Ennis and Luke Devereux.

Mr. Kennedy, said the whole Council were aware of the state of the country in regard to unemployment. Taghmon was the worst area in the county in that respect. There were twenty-four or twenty-five men idle and walking the streets daily. They saw at the present time a huge amount of stones being broken in Knockaroon (Upton) quarry, and the unemployed demanded that if possible they be placed at work of breaking the material by hand. The Council might not be aware of the distress among those unemployed, who were of the class that did not want relief or doles. They wanted work; they were willing to work and were "game" and able to work. Some people might say that the stones broken by hand would not suit the roads, and that the ratepayers would be before the Council at their next meeting objecting to them. The present Government had asked the people to make sacrifices and why not the people using the roads make a sacrifice? (laughter).

The men concerned had previously worked in the quarry breaking stones by hand for the roller. People would say the men could not make a living wage at hand breaking but he considered half a loaf better than no bread.

The Co. Surveyor estimated that there were about 600 cubic yards in the quarry to be broken. There were eight men there already at hand breaking but if Co. Council employed the whole twenty-four some of their permanent staff would be thrown out of employment. If the Council wished to expend the money allocated for road work on the relief of unemployment he did not mind, but they should not blame him later on if the work necessary on the roads was not done <sup>OWING</sup> ~~according~~ to the amount allocated being exhausted.



Mr. Keegan could not understand why road workers with years of Insurance stamps to their credit could not be disemployed for a period to give idle men a chance.

The Co. Surveyor said they were having all possible material broken by hand. If the stuff in Upton Quarry had in the former period of employment been broken to proper gauge the men would have earned practically nothing. He suggested that half the amount should be broken by hand.

Mr. Gaul asked the Council to fall in with this suggestion; otherwise some of their permanent staff might be thrown out of employment.

Mr. D'Arcy then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That 400 yards of material in Upton Quarry be broken by hand at 3/- per cubic yard, Co. Council to stamp Insurance Cards in the usual manner and to provide the necessary tools."

Mr. Kennedy said that the decision of the Council would do very little to relieve the situation. There were other quarries convenient to Taghmon, to where, men given employment, could travel on their bicycles. On the relief scheme in Taghmon there were men employed who lived miles away from the village. Would men from those places be brought to break the stones?

Mr. D'Arcy - Certainly not.

Miss O'Ryan stated that in connection with the relief scheme, the men were employed through the Labour Exchange. Mr. Kennedy had made a complaint with regard to the employment of the men yet he suggested that men from Taghmon village would be given employment in Windy Gap quarry which was in Barntown district. The manner in which men had been employed on the previous grant could not be improved upon.

#### SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY

Mr. Colloton said he had seen that New Ross was making a move for a Sugar Beet Factory and probably a resolution from the



Co. Council would do no harm in that direction. They had experience of what the present factory had done for agriculture.

Mr. Walsh said that a committee was working at present in connection with a factory for New Ross, and a deputation was going to Dublin on Wednesday. The Committee had got together all the necessary data. They had secured a suitable site and had water, and had arranged practically every detail in connection with the factory, in fact they had got details from the people running the factory in Carlow with regard to the amount of water required. It would strengthen the hands of the deputation to have a resolution from the Council. The suitability of New Ross had been stressed at various times in the Press from New Ross Urban Council. They had road, rail and water transport facilities, including transport from the open sea. It was possible to bring a boat of 1,000 tons to New Ross. Beet growers in the area would save from 4d to 6d a ton in freight. He thought the present factory dealt with about 13,000 acres of beet but the one in New Ross would not be as big. He believed it was contemplated to start three or four or more factories. The acreage could easily be got in South Kilkenny and in Wexford southern area without interfering with Carlow. Co. Wexford had another claim to a beet factory also. Tillage was becoming very popular all over the country now, but Wexford was tilling when other parts of the country were under grass, and they had every right to demand that the premier agriculturists should benefit by the establishment of a beet factory.

Mr. Hall said he would prefer to see a beet factory in Enniscorthy. They had every convenience in Enniscorthy. It was in the centre of the county and thousands of tons of beet passed through it every year. He believed that Enniscorthy would be a more suitable place for a beet factory, but at the same time he would like to see a factory established in any part of the County.

Mr. Walsh said that the question of a factory in New Ross was



as old as beet growing in the county. New Ross was mentioned at the very first, and it was admitted to be one of the best sites or probably the best, but other influences were at work, otherwise the factory might have been established in New Ross. With regard to Mr. Hall's reference to Enniscorthy, he would not object if Mr. Hall could get a factory for Enniscorthy also (laughter). The amount of coal required would run to between 600 and 1,000 tons a week. It could be brought straight from the vessel to a factory in New Ross, but if a factory was in Enniscorthy the coal would probably have to be brought from Wexford by lighter.

Mr. Corish - For the past ten years I have been receiving letters from New Ross, and I consider they have first claim on me if there is anything I can do.

The Chairman thought the Wexford beet growers were more in favour of Enniscorthy. They would all be quite pleased to see a factory established in the county, and, the deputation appointed by the Council in connection with the Drinagh cement works should, he thought, also concern themselves with the question of the establishment of a beet factory in the county. It should be remembered, however, that it was all very fine for the people in the beet area to bring forward such projects, but what about the people who were not in the beet area. Those people were simply subsidising others. The people of Co. Wexford were lucky to be in the beet area, but they <sup>should</sup> remember the amount of money connected with each factory.

Mr. Walsh said there was no question of subsidies arising at present. The conditions under which the factory would operate had not been decided on yet. The question of subsidy had not arisen at any meeting he had been at up to the present.

Chairman - Do you think you are going to run a factory on your own?

Mr. Walsh - I do not, but eventually, if beet growing is to be



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a success, it will have to be grown without a subsidy.

Chairman - Even in England they are not able to carry on without a subsidy.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that if there was another factory every industrious farmer could grow beet.

Mr. Corish - There is going to be a bigger demand for beet.

The Chairman said he was not trying to throw cold water on the question of a factory. He held that it would be a great relief if it gave the same relief that the Carlow factory was giving.

Mr. Shannon remarked that people who stood out against the factory in the beet-growing fight had been in some cases, curtailed by fifty per cent. He held it would be a great boon to have a factory in the county.

On the proposition of Mr. Colloton seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the Council should, in every way possible, assist the efforts of the people of New Ross to have a Sugar Beet Factory established there.

Mr. Hall said if they could not get the factory for Enniscorthy he was well satisfied to have it in Ross.

#### CONVERSION OF WEST WING OF COUNTY HALL

The following resolution was read from Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee:- "That this Committee urges upon the County Council the immediate development of the old wing of the Jail, not alone to provide offices for the Committee and its officials but also in order to help towards the relief of unemployment."

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. E. O'Maille of the Local Government Department who had raised certain questions about the plans was now satisfied and the whole question was whether the work would be done by Contract or by direct labour.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the work be done by direct labour.

The Secretary pointed out that the sanction of the Local



Government Department for the work had been applied for but had not been received, and work could not proceed until it came to hand. With regard to the appointment of a foreman-in-charge the County Surveyor suggested Mr. John Armstrong, John Street, Wexford, who was clerk of works on the previous reconstruction work in the Co. Hall.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Co. Surveyor appoint the foreman-in-charge, and Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Gaul proposed that the position be advertised, and Mr. Corish seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that if he had not the selection of the man he would not take responsibility.

Chairman - If you advertise at all why not advertise the whole thing? Why agree to advertise one part and not to advertise the other part?

Mr. Gaul agreed to withdraw his proposition and let the work go on.

The Co. Surveyor suggested a payment of £6 a week for the position.

The Chairman said he would not agree to £6 a week, and the Co. Surveyor then suggested £5.5s.

Mr. D'Arcy - £5, and he is a very lucky man to get it.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Mr. John Armstrong, be paid at the rate of £5 per week while acting as foreman of reconstruction work at West wing of County Hall."

#### MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS

##### NEW ROSS URBAN AREA

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter under date 26th April, 1933 from Town Clerk, New Ross, that his Urban District Council had decided not to undertake the work of Urban Main Roads maintenance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Breanan:- "That the maintenance of main roads in "



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"New Ross Urban area be placed in charge of Co. Surveyor for a year as from 31st March 1933, as the New Ross Urban Council have refused to maintain these roads at the figure fixed by Co. Council."

#### COAST EROSION

In reply to Mr. Cummins the Secretary stated he had received from the Land Commission under date 13th April, 1933, (1380/33) an acknowledgment of the resolution of the Co. Council as to making roadway at Slade for Messrs. Fortune and Moran the previous road having been washed away by coast erosion.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was passed:- "That as regards the correspondence between the Land Commission and the Wexford Co. Council relative to Coast erosion at Slade the Council would point out that it is a number of years ago since the Council asked something to be done for Messrs. Fortune and Moran who have now no road to their places and yet in spite of promises nothing has been done. The Council fail to understand the apathy of the Land Commission in the matter particularly in view of the fact that their Engineers visited the place a considerable time back."

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT -

##### MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Under date 10th April, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded (A.30298/33) report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee for the five half years ended 30th September, 1931.

The report evoked no comment.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to B. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross and renewals of licences to D. Lennon, Buncloody, James Cullen, Taghmon, and Michael Furlong (Furlong & Hanrahan), South Street, New Ross, provided no objection be made by Civic Guards."



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PAYMENT TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That payments of amounts certified to Road Contractors by Co. Surveyor on Form 22 issue from this meeting subject to the modifications and other orders noted on said form and initialled by the Chairman of this meeting."

VALUATION OF HOUSES

The following resolution received from Mr. D'Arcy, M.C.C., and from Public meeting held at Castletown was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That we request the Co. Council to demand the necessary legislation to prevent an increase of valuation on houses which have been improved; or built on the existing foundation or otherwise."

COMPULSORY RE-INSTATEMENT OF EVICTED TENANTS

The following resolution from Cork Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Government be requested to insert a clause in the forthcoming Land Bill making it mandatory on, instead of optional with, the Land Commission to re-instate Evicted Tenants in their former holdings where now untenanted, and to provide equivalent holdings for the remaining Evicted Tenants who were evicted since August 1878 for non-payment of rent. That copies of this resolution be sent to the leaders of the various political parties in the Dail, as well as to the other County Councils in the Free State requesting its unanimous adoption."

DERELICT FARMS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That we call upon the Government to bring in a Bill to deal with derelict farms in such manner as will enable County Councils to ensure payment of rates levied on such holdings."



NEW ROSS URBAN COUNCIL AND

LOCAL LOANS FUND

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council "That, in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to implement the Resolution passed at a meeting held on the 7th day of February, 1933, by refusing to strike a Rate for the repayment of monies obtained from the Local Loans Fund under the various Public Health Acts and for that purpose a resolution on the introduction of the local budgets be passed to reduce the Estimates by an amount equivalent to the Annuities."

Mr. Corish said that of course the Co. Council were paying nothing in connection with the Local Loans' Fund but they would be later on. He thought that urban authorities were entitled to relief. A great many local authorities such as Wexford, New Ross and Enniscorthy had been borrowing money for a number of years. The Government were collecting money which, according to the Treaty, was due to England, and he thought that in view of their collecting it and not handing it over in the same way as they were not handing over the Land Annuities, the towns were entitled to some relief, as the farmers were getting relief. However, he did not want to raise a controversy in that connection. He did not agree that they should refuse to strike a rate. What would become of the social services and the people.

Mr. Walsh said that some relief was due. It did not seem equitable that the money should be collected when it was being withheld.

The following resolution was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That in view of the fact that the Government are collecting the money and not handing it over the Co. Council consider that the Urban Districts who have borrowed in the past from the Local Loans Fund should be given commensurate relief."



USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the use of Gorey Courthouse be given for meeting of Farmers of Gorey District on Saturday, 20th May, 1933."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the use of Gorey Courthouse be given to Gorey Feis Committee for 15th June, 1933, the day of Feis."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That application of Mr. Thomas Funge, 63, Main Street, Gorey, for use of Gorey Courthouse for lecture on tobacco growing with the object of forming a Tobacco Growers' Association in Gorey District be acceded to, date to be fixed by Mr. Funge and County Secretary."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hayes:- "That permission be given to Gorey Labour Party for use of Gorey Courthouse on a day to be selected by Mr. Corish."

ANALYST'S REPORT

From Report of Co. Analyst for quarter ending 31st March, 1933, it appeared that during the period there had been analysed the following samples:- Foods 173: Drugs 38: Waters 4: Total 215. Two new milks were found to be adulterated and four waters had been condemned.

MAINTENANCE OF UNEMPLOYED

A resolution was received from Waterford Corporation calling upon the Government to introduce the necessary legislation whereby the relief of the Able Bodied Unemployed would be administered out of Central Funds through the medium of the Employment Exchanges, and thus confine to local rates the relief of the indigent sick and destitute only, as originally contemplated by the legislature.

The motion was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon.



COLLECTION OF RATES

A letter was read from P.T. Dunne, Secretary Farmers' Protection Association, 3, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, that <sup>as</sup> from a reply which they had received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health it was Co. Councils who were responsible through their Rate Collectors for harrassing proceedings which were taken against farmers for arrears of rates, the Association hoped Co. Councils will discontinue these methods and suspend the attempted collection of arrears, and in regard of the rates due to 31st March, 1933, accept payment by instalments.

It was decided that no order be made on the communication.

HALF LAND ANNUITIES VERSUS

DE-RATING

Mr. Patrick J. Gaffney, General Secretary, United Farmers' Protection Association, forwarded a long communication in which he submitted figures to prove that it was far more beneficial to farmers to be forgiven payment than to have full de-rating of land.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the letter from the General Secretary of the United Farmers' Association be marked 'read'"

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. John Murphy, M.C.C., in the death of his aunt Mrs. Cummins, Horeswood.

Mr. Shannon and the Chairman supported the motion which was adopted in silence.

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*Michael Doyle*



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A special meeting of Wexford County Council to consider applications for supplies of Seeds and Manures was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th May, 1933.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, Patrick Colfer, John Culleton, John Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, James Shannon, and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary and Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. D'Arcy the chair was taken by

Mr. Cummins.

The following applications were dealt with:-

John Moran, Bulgan, Glynn, applied for twelve stone grass seeds and six bags Superphosphate. Refused. Applicant to be informed that grass seeds are not included in Scheme.

Edward Clancy, Tomfarney, Clonroche, applied for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  barrels of April Red Beardy Wheat and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of Superphosphate.

It was decided to refer applicant to special Wheat Scheme. The meeting agreed to accept applicant for one ton of Superphosphate.

John Cowman, Kyle, Bunclody, applied for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons XXX Superphosphate and six cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia. The meeting agreed he should be accepted for one ton of Superphosphate and two cwt. of Sulphate of Ammonia.

James Fenlon, Raheenahone, Bree, applied for Half ton Superphosphate and two cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia.

The Council refused the application as applicant owed three years' rates in consequence of which the members expressed doubt as to the ability of applicant to repay the amount of loan.

William Waters, Loughnaguer, Foulksmills, applied for one barrel of Archer barley and one ton Superphosphate.

The application was agreed to provided applicant lodges Form of



application properly filled up by himself and his sureties.

Laurence Somers, Ballyteague, Kilmuckridge, applied for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  barrels Black Tartary Oats,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  barrels of Barley and 6 cwt. Superphosphate; three cwt. nitrate of Soda and seven cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia.

It was decided to accept application for oats and barley and for six cwt. of Superphosphate and five cwt. of Sulphate of Ammonia.

Walter Crean, Ballinclay, Killurin, applied for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons Superphosphate and three cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia.

As applicant owed three years' rates the meeting did not believe he would be able to repay the loan and the application was refused.

Joseph Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, applied for two tons artificial manure.

The meeting considered applicant should be able to make other arrangements.

Hugh Kenny, Glenogue, Ballyfadd, applied for ten stone hay seed, one ton Superphosphate and half ton basic slag.

The meeting accepted the application for manure but refused application for hay seed as this was not included in the scheme.

Thomas Mangan, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, applied for loan for  $7\frac{1}{2}$  barrels Oats, two barrels of Barley and one ton artificial manure

The meeting agreed to two barrels of Barley, five barrels of oats and one ton Fertilizers.

John Fortune, Norrismount, Camolin, applied for twenty-four barrels of Black Tartary Oats and fifteen barrels old Irish Barley.

The applicant's valuation is £205 odd and he proposed to obtain the corn from Patrick Fortune, The Bungalow, Ferns, one of the Sureties.

The meeting considered that applicant should be able to make arrangements to obtain seed oats and barley otherwise than through a loan from Co. Council.

Moses Dempsey, Monawilling Lower, Oulart, applied for three



tons of artificial manure and the meeting agreed to issue Order for half the amount,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

Edward Doyle, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, applied for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of Superphosphate and five bags Kainit. Application agreed to.

Martin Whelan, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy, applied for two tons ten cwt. of Superphosphate. It was agreed to issue Order for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry, Gorey, applied for one ton of Superphosphate and application was accepted, applicant's signature to be properly witnessed.

James Millar, Glenogue, Inch, applied for four stone Hay-seed and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons Superphosphate. Application for manure accepted and applicant to be informed that hay-seed cannot be supplied as it is not included in approved Scheme.

P. Donnelly, Annagh, Inch, applied for one ton Superphosphate and one bag of Potash. Agreed to on condition that stipulated Form of application be signed by applicant and his sureties.

Mrs. Ellen Delaney, Oldcourt, Adamstown, applied for two barrels of Oats, one barrel of Wheat and one ton artificial manure. Accepted for Oats and manure only, and on condition that Form of application be properly filled up by applicant and her sureties.

Laurence Whelan, Ballinagore, Blackwater, applied for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons Superphosphate and five cwt. Sulphate of Ammonia. Accepted for one ton of Superphosphate and on condition that new application Form be filled up by applicant and his sureties in ink as Form lodged was filled up in pencil.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the applications for loans for seeds and fertilisers agreed to at this meeting be subject to the County Solicitor being satisfied that application Forms have been filled by applicants and sureties so as to meet all legal requirements."

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 29th MAY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th May, 1933.

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

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

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 8th May, 1933, and of special meeting of 19th May, 1933, were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £352. (Ordinary Account) and £20201.17.11d (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Smyth, a resolution of condolence with Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, County Councillor, in the death of his brother-in-law (Mr. Kinsella) was adopted.

Mr. Cummins moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the heartfelt sympathy of this Council be offered to the Mother General of the Loreto Order and to the Loreto Community of Wexford in the great loss sustained by them by the death of Mother M.J. Raphael Doyle, a native of Wexford, who was deservedly esteemed and respected by everyone who had the happiness of her acquaintance.

"That this meeting of the Co. Council stand adjourned at 11.50 a.m. to enable the Members to attend the funeral."

The Chairman in putting the motion said he probably was more intimate with Mother Raphael than any other member of the Council as he knew her from childhood. The deepest sympathy was felt with the Community in their great loss.

The resolution was then passed in silence.



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STRIKING OF RATE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1933/34

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That as set out on Forms 42 and 43 and as appearing on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council held on 10th April, 1933, and also as advertised in the "People" ; "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers of 6th May, 1933, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1933/34 the General Rate being fixed at 8/7½d in the £.

"The sum payable by the occupiers of Agricultural land will be reduced owing to additional Agricultural Grant 1933 by a further 3/2d in the £. plus 2/- in £. on first £10 of valuation on Agricultural land.

"That the amount of Rates for Separate Charges be as set out on Forms 43 which accompanied Agenda for meeting held on 10th April 1933, and as set out on Minutes of said meeting.

"We allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished this Council by Valuation Department subject to allowances granted under Housing Acts, Local Government Act 1925, Rating of New Buildings Order 1925 and Local Government Act 1927.

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

"That arrears of Poor Rate outstanding amounting to £9458.1.7d which includes two sums making £46.6.5d which were not under consideration by Finance Committee be carried forward for collection with Poor Rate for year 1933/34.

"That we hereby strike Drainage Rate for Kilmannock Drainage District viz. £83.7.10d in accordance with Charging Order issued by the Commissioners of Public Works under date 19th January, 1927,



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"as amended by said Commissioners by their letter of 19th May, 1933 (10479/33). That arrears of Kilmannock Drainage Rate outstanding be carried forward for collection with said Drainage Rate for year 1933/34, amount being £174.8.9d.

"That we hereby strike Drainage Rate for Sow Drainage District viz. £551.2.6d. in accordance with Charging Order of the Commissioners of Public Works dated 16th January, 1929, as amended by said Commissioners in letters of 17th January, 1933 (25807/32) and 22nd March, 1933 (4672/31).

"That Warrants for collection of all Rates included in this resolution be Sealed and Signed.

"That the Demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford as appearing on Form 48 be duly Signed and Sealed, the amounts demanded from said Urban Districts being as follows:-

Enniscorthy.....£3039.0.0d.

New Ross.....£2886.16.2d.

Wexford.....£6522.17.0d.

The Chairman said the only remark he had to make was that he was very sorry to have the rate so much increased. It was not the fault of the Council to have it increased; it was the fault of the deduction from the Agricultural Grant, and the ratepayers were aware of that just as much as the Members of the Council. He wished to impress on the public that it was not the fault of the Council.

The proposition was then put and passed without dissent.

#### RESIGNATION OF MR. MURPHY, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Under date 24th May, 1933, Mr. John Murphy, M.C.C., Ballykerogue Castle, Campile, wrote:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as a member of the Wexford County Council and ask you to bring it before next meeting. I also take this opportunity of thanking every member for their kindness



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"to me while on the Council.

"I wish to thank you Mr. Frizelle very much for your help and kindness during my five years as Co. Councillor and I may tell you I am very grateful.

"If it does happen that any member proposes that I be asked to reconsider will you please tell him that I do not wish it and that I have made up my mind definitely and it would be only a waste of time. I might add that pressure of business alone is my reason for resigning, and in conclusion I hope you will again accept my best thanks for all your kindness."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following:-  
"That the resignation of Mr. John Murphy, Ballykerogue Castle, Campile, as a member of Wexford County Council be accepted, and that said office be declared vacant."

Mr. Keegan expressed the opinion that Mr. Murphy should be asked to reconsider his decision, as he was a valued member of the Council.

The Chairman said that Mr. Murphy had written to him requesting that he should be released at once. Every member of the Council would regret his resignation.

The resolution was put and passed.

It was decided that formal acceptance of the resignation with the declaration that the office was vacant, and notification of vacancy be advertised in three County newspapers and be signed by the Chairman, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne and James Armstrong, and countersigned by the Secretary.

As regards the question of fine it was stated that under Section 8 of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act 1931, a fine was not payable in the circumstances of Mr. Murphy's resignation.

RESIGNATION OF RATE COLLECTOR NO. 18 District

Collector T. Rowe for above District wrote resigning his position as Rate Collector.



In reply to a query the Secretary stated this Collector took up duty on 1st July, 1922.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Brennan, the following resolution was adopted:- "That as provided by Standing Orders of this Council, the resignation of Collector Rowe, No. 18 District, be referred to Finance Committee for report to the Council."

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations of Finance Committee of 11th May, 1933, were submitted.







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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th May, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. John J. Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That next meeting of Finance Committee be held on 24th May, 1933, as Ascension Thursday (which is a holyday of obligation) falls on 25th, the ordinary day of meeting

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3152.0.7d. was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following lists of irrecoverable rates were submitted and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the amounts submitted to this meeting representing items of totally irrecoverable rates be struck off as follows:- J. Quirke £81.9.2d; Wm. Doyle £194.11.0d; Philip Doyle £37.5.5d; M. Mo.Carthy £166.10.1d; P. Nolan £161.12.2d; S. Gannon (No. 6) £31.6.7d; J. Deegan £59.15.2d; J. Cummins £53.12.0d; P. O'Byrne £55.12.7d; S. Gannon (No. 10) £35.11.1d; W. Cummins £11.10.3d; M. Murphy £5.13.8d; J.J. O'Reilly £30.19.2d; A. Dunne (No.14) £12.5.10d; A. Dunne (15) £38.19.11d; J.J. Sinnott £74.0.8d; E.J. Murphy £68.13.1d; Thomas Rowe £7.2.9d; J.J. Curtis £12.2.6d and P. Carty £48.17.4d.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That the following amounts be



"carried forward as temporary uncollectable into warrants of Rate Collectors for financial year 1933/34:-

James Quirke £588.16.7d; Wm. Doyle £1,159.16.4d; P. Doyle £161.10.5d; M. McCarthy £406.19.11d; P. Nolan £809.3.6d; S. Gannon (No.6) £275.10.7d; J. Deegan £109.16.5d; J. Gummins £507.8.9d (Collection closed) S. Gannon (No.10) £298.7.9d; W. Gummins £792.13.9d; M. Murphy £421.15.5d; J.J. O'Reilly £203.10.6d; J.J. Sinnott £728.17.1d; E.J. Murphy £143.6.10d (closed) T. Rowe £199.3.5d; J.J. Curtis £228.5.3d (closed) P. Carty £97.15.6d.

No lists of temporary uncollectable rates had been received from Collectors P. O'Byrne (No. 9) and Art Dunne (Nos. 14 and 15).

The Secretary reported that Collector O'Byrne was due to attend at Wexford on 5th May but sent a wire that he was not able to go until 6th May, when, however, he did not turn up.

Mr. O'Byrne came before the meeting and produced Medical Certificate from Dr. Bowen, Enniscorthy, under date 6th May, 1933, that he had the remains of a bullet wound through his left thigh and was complaining of pains in his left leg which the Doctor believed to be the result of the wound. He was also suffering from Psoriasis which he informed the Doctor he had contracted in jail in 1923.

Mr. O'Byrne (Collector) said he had not been able to make out the lists of temporary uncollectable rates owing to his illness.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That Collector O'Byrne be directed to furnish his list of temporary uncollectable rates by 17th May, 1933, at latest.

"That the attention of Collector O'Byrne be called to the fact that the Finance Committee have had to complain of the slipshod way in which he is discharging his duties for some time past and point out to him that if he fails to comply with instructions as to furnishing his List of outstanding Rates or gives any further cause for complaint, the Committee will ask the Co. Council to relieve him of his duties."



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Collector Art Dunne (Nos. 14 and 15 Districts) came before the meeting and explained that he understood that if his list of temporary uncollectable rate was furnished immediately after the 13th instant it would be in time. He now found that what was meant was that any money collected at the fair in Gorey on the 13th May could be lodged after the Fair. He was sorry he had misunderstood the instructions and would prepare the necessary lists immediately.

It was proposed by Mr. Shannon and seconded by Mr. Culleton and passed:- "That Collector Art Dunne be instructed to furnish his lists of temporary uncollectable rates not later than 17th May, 1933."

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Finance Committee on 19th May, 1933, to consider supplemental list of temporary uncollectable rates immediately before the special meeting of the Co. Council called to consider applications under Supply of Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was passed:- "That the Rate Collectors be instructed to have all collectable Rate lodged not later than 27th May, 1933."

Under date 9th May, 1933, Collector Quirke, Hon. Secretary, Rate Collectors' Association, wrote that at a meeting of County Rate Collectors held that day it was decided to ask the Finance Committee to apply for sanction to have full poundage paid Collectors immediately Warrants were closed. The Collectors had received notice to pay the Premium on their Bonds for the coming year, and were badly in need of funds to do so.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to pay full poundage to each Rate Collector as soon as he had closed Warrant for year 1933/34 by lodging all collectable Rates."

It was reported to the meeting that Collector W. Cummins



had obtained a Decree against Joseph Kearney, Clonmore, Glenbrien, one of the personal Sureties of Patrick Nolan, Rate Collector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "In view of the fact that Joseph Kearney, Clonmore, Glenbrien, has been decreed for rates, we call upon Mr. Patrick Nolan, Rate Collector, to submit the name of another Surety to take his place."

In connection with vacancies for Collectors in Districts Nos. 6, 7 and 14 the following resolutions were proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That as Collector John Deegan who was appointed temporary Collector in room of his brother (deceased) has discharged his duties with satisfaction, we recommend the Council to approve of the extension of his appointment for another year."

"We also recommend the Council to approve of the appointment of Collector Gannon for District No. 6 for a further year."

Proposed by Mr. Shannon and seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted:- "That we recommend the Council to accept the resignation of Rate Collector Thady Bolger ( No. 14 District), to become effective as soon as warrant has been satisfactorily closed and suggest to the Council that instead of appointing new Collector, the District should be amalgamated under the following arrangements:-

Collector J. Cummins to receive Ballyoughter and Kilcomb; Collector Art Dunne, Ballybeg, Huntingtown and Rossmineogue, and Collector J.J. O'Reilly, Ballyellis and Monaseed."

With regard to rates due on Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey, letter was read from Rev. Father Sweetman, Mount St. Benedict, stating he would attend a meeting of Finance Committee on 24th May, 1933, to deal with the matter.



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SMITH WORK AT BALLYTHOMAS QUARRY

Under date 4th May, 1933, James Hempenstall, Blacksmith, wrote that he had been repairing tools for work at Ballythomas quarry and no fault had been found with him. The work was now given to another Smith. He asked the Ganger the reason and was informed that he was sending the tools as usual, but the men in the quarry objected very strongly on the grounds that Hempenstall was not a member of the Fianna Fail Club. He (The Ganger) left the matter to the men and they sent the tools to the other Smith. He considered he was still entitled to the work particularly as no fault had been found and it seemed strange that for political reasons this action had been taken. He asked the Co. Council to look into the matter and have things left as before. The Ganger in the past, had been always in charge of repair of the tools and there was no reason for the change particularly if it was to be on a political issue.

Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, submitted the following report under date 6th May, 1933:-

"Yours of 5th instant to hand with copy of letter from above re smith work Ballythomas quarry. I went into matter to-day with Ganger who informed me that Hempenstall and the other smith had an agreement by which the forge was set by Hempenstall to him as a weekly tenancy. Recently this tenancy was terminated and the other man set up for himself. Quarrying work was started for the season three weeks ago, and the necessary dressing of tools since then has been equally divided between these men.

I may mention that all the quarry tools work for the past two years was done by the man to whom Hempenstall had let the forge, and who is now working forge of his own."

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to institute personal enquiries as to the statement of Mr. Hempenstall, that because of



"his political opinions he was no longer employed to sharpen tools etc. used in Ballythomas quarry."

ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURIES -  
APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION

Applications for compensation under above were received from Patrick and Arthur Carton, for £99.16.6d for destruction of Dwelling house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and James Meaney, Mt. Elliot, New Ross, for £50 for destruction of dwelling house.

It was decided that both applications be opposed by Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, on behalf of the Council.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 3rd May, 1933, (G.44302/1933 Loch Garman Fa) the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 up to the 31st July next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted:- "That application be made to the National Bank on behalf of the Co. Council for Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £40,000 for the period ended 31st July, 1933."

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

Letter of resignation from Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 3rd May, 1933, and which appears on Minutes of Co. Council meeting of 8th May, 1933, was read in accordance with Standing Order No. 59.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, to become effective as from 4th May, 1933."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "In view of the fact that Notice of motion



"has been served by Col. Gibbon not to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Kehoe the Finance Committee await the result of the consideration of this notice of motion before taking any steps as to the filling of the vacant office.

"That as from 5th May, 1933, Assistant Surveyors Birthistle and O'Neill be paid £1 per week each, with such travelling expenses as were allowed Mr. Kehoe (the latter to be apportioned by the County Surveyor) for discharging the duties in the vacant district."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following letter (10150/33) under date 10th May, 1933, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"In reply to your letter of the 9th instant regarding loans of £2,000 and £8,000, we beg to state that we have received the recommendations of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that loans for these amounts be made from the Local Loans Fund for the purposes of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The sanction of the Minister for Finance is necessary before any loan can be made from the Local Loans Fund and we await his decision regarding the loan of £2,000. If sanction for this amount is received the Treasury Solicitor will be asked to prepare the necessary Mortgage Deed as soon as possible. We are about to submit to the Minister for Finance the question of the loan of £8,000 and you will be notified of his decision in due course."

In regard to the suggestion of Mr. McCarthy that arrangements should be made by which instalments of loans would be paid weekly, or in longer periods as arranged in each case, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That steps be taken to ascertain if the Rent Collectors of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance would be available to collect instalments of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts at weekly or other short periods and the amount of remuneration they would expect for this work.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That consideration of the amount to be paid for clerical work in connection with these Acts be adjourned until the Finance Committee ascertain what the cost of collecting instalments of loan at short periods would be."

#### OUTLAY ACCOUNT - COUNTY SOLICITOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That amount of out of pocket expenses of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for financial year 1932/33 amounting to £73.4.2d. be recommended to the Co. Council for payment. The expenses in the list amounted to £49.7s. for Ford of Lyng."

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 11th April, 1933, the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, reported that a sample of new milk purchased from Mrs. Foley, Ferns Upper, was found by Co. Analyst to be 4.3% deficient in fats. As the Analyst considered the deficiency slight she did not forward a Certificate to sustain a prosecution and proceedings were not therefore instituted.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Intimation was received from District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, for the committal of Mary O'Neill, Ballinakill, Ferns, to a certified Industrial School and for the committal of Patrick Kirwan, Greenane, Killanne, aged 12 years, under the School Attendance Act 1926.

The Inspector of the Wexford Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children wrote stating he intended applying for the committal of Bernard Holohan (11 years old); John Holohan (10 years old); Mary Holohan (8 years old) and Catherine Holohan (5½ years old) of Barntown, to an Industrial School. The father died about five weeks ago and the family were destitute since. In addition to above children there were two



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others both under two years. Application would be made under Section 58 (1) 4 Childrens Act 1908.

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

Under date 11th May, 1933, the Co. Surveyor submitted copy of letter from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, Ferrycarrig Bridge repairs, to the Contractors, the Irish Piling Co., as to driving of new pile and the use of cylinders over groups of piles.

The directions of the Consulting Engineers in the matter were approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton.

#### GOREY POUND AND FAIR GREEN

Under date 3rd May, 1933, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote stating he had been directed by the Town Commissioners to draw the attention of the County Council to the state of disrepair into which the wall between the Pound (which the Commissioners contended was the property of the Council) and the Fair Green had fallen. This wall is almost down and the Commissioners would be glad to have the matter attended to. He also asked the name of the Official Pound-Keeper.

It was decided to adjourn this matter pending report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District.

#### FOREMAN IN CHARGE -

#### RECONSTRUCTION WEST WING COUNTY HALL

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. John Armstrong, whose appointment by him as foreman in charge of the reconstruction work of West wing of Co. Hall had been approved by the County Council at last meeting was not available as he had taken up a position in Dublin. He (Co. Surveyor) proposed appointing another suitable man.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the appointment of Foreman - in Charge of reconstruction work of West wing of County Hall be allowed to remain in the hands of the Co. Surveyor."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th May, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be received and considered.

POUNDAGE OF RATE COLLECTORS:- The following under date 26th May, 1933 (G.55687-1933) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at the authorised rate to all Rate Collectors who closed their warrants by the 27th instant.

"It should be understood that any Collectors who remained in arrear after that date will not receive similar favourable treatment and the Council in such cases should consider what disciplinary action is called for."

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF DISTRICTS:- It was pointed out that in view of amount of new Warrant for No. 14 District the Finance Committee at their meeting on 24th May, 1933, had decided to recommend appointment of new Collector.

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR:- The recommendations of the Finance Committee were considered with the following motion by Col. Gibbon and of which he had given previous notice:- "That vacancy in office of Assistant Surveyor be not filled but that arrangements be made for the carrying out of the work in vacant district with the existing five Assistant Surveyors."

Col. Gibbon proposing his motion, said that the time had come when economies should be made. Five or six years ago he proposed that when a vacancy arose in the Assistant Surveyors branch that it not be filled. He did not mean to throw the extra work on the other Assistant Surveyors without their getting some remuneration. One of the questions to be considered was, whether they could legally compel the other surveyors to take on the extra



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work without coming to an arrangement which would be acceptable to them. There were several ways of dealing with the matter, but if his motion were accepted the financial side of the legal question would be examined. The question was whether the surveyors would be able to do the work with an increase in their travelling allowance, proportionate to the increased mileage, which they would have to cover or the alternative of making an arrangement by which a saving could be effected by the Council, and portion of the salary which was paid to Mr. Kehoe given to them. He suggested that his motion be passed, that the financial side be postponed. He understood from the Co. Surveyor that the work could be carried on efficiently with one assistant surveyor less.

Col. Quin seconded the motion.

Mr. D'Arcy said it was evident that Col. Gibbon's motion would mean an increase. The present was not a time for increasing expenditure.

Miss O'Ryan stated she would not be in favour of a proposition which, if it means one surveyor less, was going to cost the same amount of money as they had been paying.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that if they appointed a surveyor to replace Mr. Kehoe they probably would have to pay him the same salary and in addition they would have to pay Mr. Kehoe a pension.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, in reply to Col. Gibbon said the Council could not compel the other assistant Surveyors to take on the work in Mr. Kehoe's district without their consent.

Mr. D'Arcy said the Council would not be so childish as to pay a new surveyor the same salary as Mr. Kehoe was receiving.

Col. Gibbon - You will have to do it ultimately.

Mr. Hayes said that the Council would have to consider if the work would be done as efficiently by departing from the existing arrangements. If a comparison was made with the system under which work of the County Health Board was being done in Wexford area it did not lead to efficiency.



The Chairman stated that as far as the work in the future was concerned there would not have to be as much travelling as heretofore by the surveyors as all the main roads should be by now sufficiently dealt with to avoid it to the same extent.

The Co. Surveyor stated he discussed the matter with the Assistant Surveyors who were quite willing, in fact, rather pleased to do the work in Mr. Kehoe's district if they got reasonable remuneration. The total mileage of roads in the county was fairly evenly divided among the Assistant Surveyors and was as follows:-  
Mr. Kehoe 340.64; Mr. Treanor 333.53; Mr. Ennis 321.7;  
Mr. Birthistle 342.5; Mr. Cullen 321.21; Mr. O'Neill 315.9. Total 1975.48 miles.

If Mr. Kehoe's district were divided among them it would mean sixty-eight additional miles travelling for each of them. He understood from Col. Gibbon that the travelling allowance which Mr. Kehoe had been paid and the balance of his salary after the pension had been paid would be divided among the five Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Keegan stated that one of their assistant surveyors, Mr. Ennis, was only a part-time official of the Council.

Miss O'Ryan asked if it would not be advisable for the Co. Surveyor to go into the whole question of a re-allocation of the work of the assistant Surveyors and reported to the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy said that they had not been able to get very far with the matter that day and if they were to adopt Col. Gibbon's motion it would mean an increase of the salaries of two surveyors. He proposed that a new surveyor be appointed for Mr. Kehoe's district at a salary of £3 a week with £3 weekly travelling allowance. Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. Corish said he would prefer a surveyor to be appointed at a lesser salary than to have two surveyors given the work at only £1 a week each.



Miss O'Ryan proposed that the Co. Surveyor should consider with the Assistant Surveyors, the matter of re-allocation of their work and mileage and the remuneration which they were prepared to accept as regards proposed new conditions, and submit report.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was passed.

It was agreed that further consideration of notice of motion by Col. Gibbon and of Mr. D'Arcy's motion should be dealt with at next meeting of the Council.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- Under date 18th May, 1933, the following letter (H.49044/33) (Wexford Co.) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your communication of the 9th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the making by the Wexford County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Name of Borrower	House	Amount of Advance £.
William Orr	Raheenmore, Killenagh.	50
John Whelan	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	180
Daniel Tomkins	Esmonde Street, Gorey	115
Thomas Roche	Kilcloran, Camolin	167.10
Mrs. Nellie O'Callaghan	Bearlough, Rosslare	130.
John Webster	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	180
John & Annie Redmond	do do	140
William Roche	do do	180.
John T. Sutton	Whitemill Road, Wexford	125
Patrick Grant	Busherstown, Ballymitt	50
John Breen	Templeshannon, Enniscorthy	180
Michael McGrath	do do	180
Daniel Bolger	do do	130



In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Secretary stated that the Local Government Department had sanctioned the two loans of £2,000 and £8,000, besides sanctioning loans to a number of individual applicants.

As regards the obtaining of the money represented by these loans, the following under date 25th May, 1933, (11257/33) was received from the Office of Public Works:-

"We beg to state that the Minister for Finance has not yet sanctioned the making of the loans of £2000 and £8000 to the Wexford County Council and we await his decision in these cases."

Mr. O'Byrne considered that a strong protest should be made as regards the delay in obtaining the loans. Councils had been accused of not doing their best under the Housing Acts but in Wexford, people who had houses actually finished, had neither received Grant nor loan which was altogether unfair, and was bound to have a prejudicial effect upon the future working of the Scheme as it would ruin the credit of applicants.

Mr. Cummins said that Mr. Corish T.D., should raise the question in the Dail, but in reply Mr. Corish said he would 'phone to the Office of Public Works and find out exactly how the matter stood.

Subsequently Mr. Corish stated he found as a result of his telephone conversation, that the Board of Works had gone out of their way in endeavouring to obtain the sanction of the Minister for Finance. When he (Mr. Corish) was in Dublin he would take up the matter directly with the Finance Minister, and hoped to be able to have it dealt with satisfactorily without further delay.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if it was to be understood that applicants for houses were to be charged £5.5s. each for mortgage.

Mr. Elgee said that by arrangement with the Council he had cut down the ordinary fee of £8 or £9 to the five Guinea figure.

In answer to Mr. D'Arcy, he said that this money would not be credited to the County Council; it would be paid to himself for



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his services, and to cover the cost of the necessary stamps.

Mr. D'Arcy stated he was not going to stand for that kind of thing. As Mr. Elgee was the Council's Solicitor, paid a salary each year for doing the work of the Council and as this was the work of the Council, why should each applicant be saddled with a payment of £5.5s. for his mortgage.

Miss O'Ryan - It does not cost anything like £5.5s. under the Board of Health.

The Chairman mentioned that the cases were not analogous, as no applicants for labourers' cottages were executing a mortgage for a loan.

Col. Gibbon suggested the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee, but Mr. D'Arcy objected.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Council had taken up the Scheme in order to provide for people with bad houses, or who had no houses and it would not help if extra cost was piled on them. The Board of Health were not paying anything like £5.5s. or half of that for mortgages for acquisition of land under Labourers' Act.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would hand in notice of motion to have this particular matter as to payment for preparation of mortgages dealt with at next meeting.

Mr. Elgee - In view of that notice I would like to withdraw my offer to do the work for £5.5s.

The matter dropped.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Gaul, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Council approve of loan of £170 to James Doyle, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - site at St. Michael's Road, Gorey, and loan of £130 to John Roche of Ballylemin, Screen, Mr. Elgee having certified that the titles to plots etc. were in order. "



FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE:- Col. Gibbon said he wished the County Surveyor to inform the Council as to the progress of repair work at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor replied that the progress was very slow and behind the time scheduled for its completion. The contract was timed to be completed on August 20th, but it would not be done by that time. There was delay in reference to piles, which was outside the control of the Contractor.

Col. Gibbon alluded to the great inconvenience which would be caused to the farming community by the closing of the road until perhaps the end of September or October.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co. Surveyor stated that the work was not properly organised. The man in charge was anxious to do good work, but he had not sufficient experience to organise it properly.

Mr. Corish - How many men has he employed?

Co. Surveyor - About fourteen.

Mr. Corish - How many are Wexford men?

Co. Surveyor - He has five or six of his own men.

Mr. Corish - That is a rather high proportion. It is Wexford money is being spent, and there is a good deal of unemployment in the rural areas.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor to the Council, should examine the terms of the contract, consult with the advisory engineers, and communicate with the contractor that the Council were not satisfied with the progress of the work, and that he would be held responsible for the delay in completing the work.

Mr. Cummins seconded Col. Gibbon's motion which was adopted.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the Co. Surveyor said he did not think the Contractor could put on eight or ten men more.

Mr. D'Arcy said he did not then see how the work could be expedited.



Col. Gibbon - If this road is not to be opened at the scheduled time it means that the farmers will be caught with their corn when they should be bringing it into Wexford. The Council should not stand for that.

County Surveyor - I do not know what you may do.

Chairman - My opinion is that the Contractor should carry out the terms of the contract.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor said that the withholding of payments might hold up the work further.

In reply to Mr. Culleton the Co. Surveyor said that a satisfactory footbridge had not been provided at Ferrycarrig.

Mr. Culleton - That is a disgrace. People made complaints to me three months ago, and I brought it on at meetings and understood a footbridge was to be put there.

Mr. Gaul said he crossed a footbridge erected at the place.

The Co. Surveyor stated they were not satisfied with the structure referred to by Mr. Gaul.

Mr. Culleton - I brought this matter up at the last two meetings of the Council, as I was asked to draw attention to it.

Mr. D'Arcy - The terms of the contract are there.

Chairman - And the Co. Surveyor and his officials should enforce them.

Mr. Culleton proposed that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to erect a proper footbridge, and that the cost be deducted from the Contract.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the terms of the Contract for repairs at Ferrycarrig Bridge as regards erection of temporary footbridge be enforced.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that under the terms of the Contract the Contractor could provide a ferry instead of a footbridge.

Mr. Culleton said the attention of the Council should have



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been called to that fact.

The Co. Surveyor said that there was a footbridge at the place but he would not certify for it until it had been subjected to further examination. The terms of the Contract were to provide for foot passenger traffic.

Mr. Culleton said if the Council had believed a suitable footbridge would not have been provided there would have been a great deal more support given to the project of providing a temporary bridge for light traffic and for pedestrians.

Col. Quin's resolution was then put and passed.

The resolution of Mr. Culleton that a proper footbridge be provided at the expense of the Contractor was withdrawn pending report of Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor as to the terms of the Contract on this point and on the point of the penalties which were enforceable if contract is not completed within the stipulated time.

FOREMAN - in - CHARGE OF WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION CO. HALL, WEST WING:- Mr. D'Arcy proposed that as the Council were unable to secure the services of Mr. Armstrong the position should be advertised by the Co. Surveyor on the terms and conditions already agreed to.

Mr. Cooney seconded and said that there was no reason why the Co. Surveyor should have the selection of the official.

The Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor was responsible for carrying out the work.

Mr. Gaul stated that he proposed at last meeting that the position be advertised but the majority were in favour of leaving the matter in the hands of the Co. Surveyor.

The Chairman remarked that the Council should consider favourably any recommendation made by the Co. Surveyor as to the man to be employed.

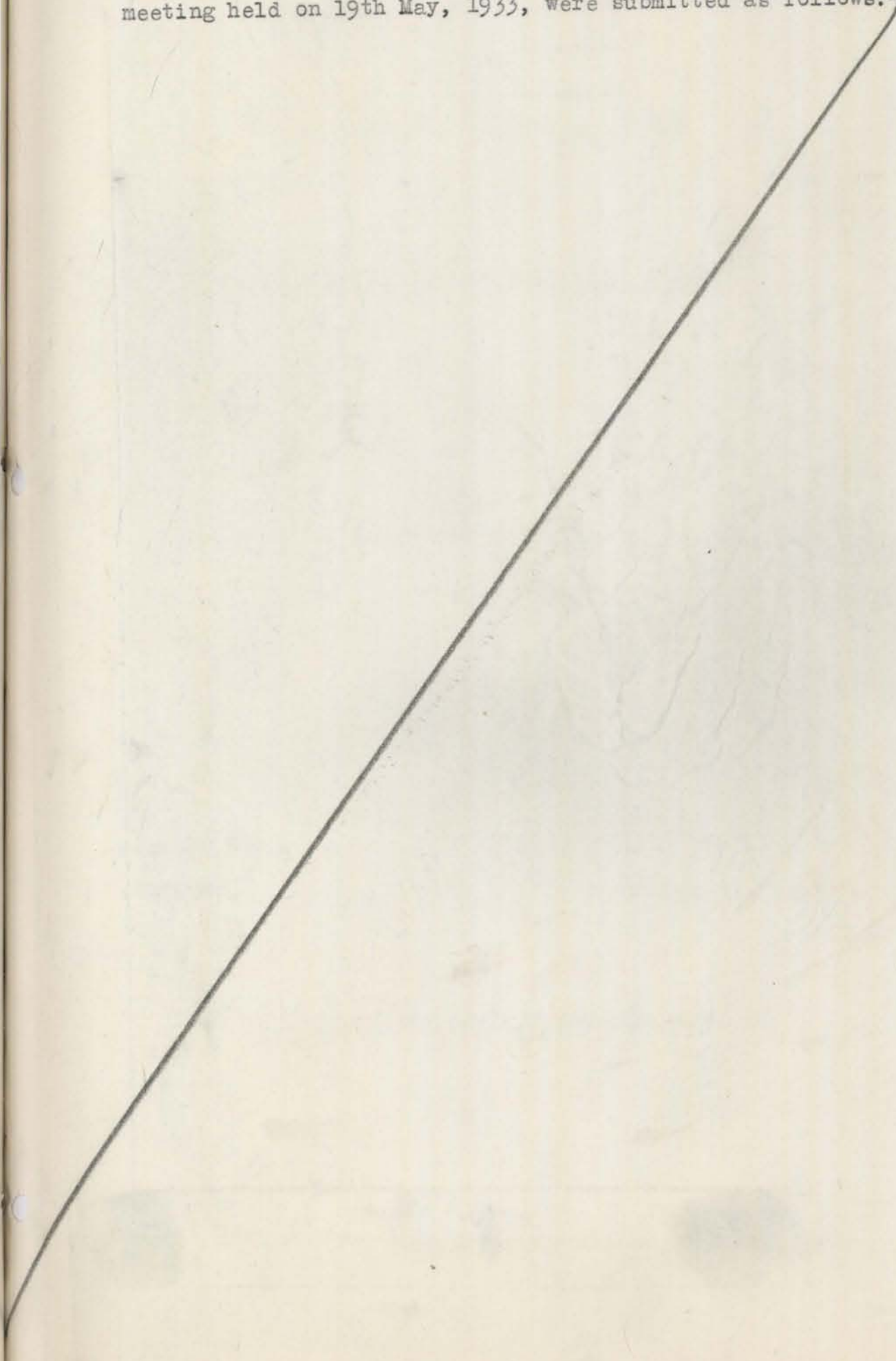
The resolution was then put and passed.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance



"Committee meeting of 11th May, 1933, be and are hereby adopted except proposal to amalgamate Rate Collection District No. 14 with other districts which we dissent from."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of special meeting held on 19th May, 1933, were submitted as follows:-





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCILFINANCE COMMITTEESPECIAL MEETING - 19th MAY, 1933M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A special meeting of the Finance Committee to deal with lists of temporary uncollectable rates was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 19th May, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. J.J. Culleton, James Hall and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The chair was taken by Mr. Culleton, on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The following amounts were agreed to as final list of Temporary Uncollectable Rates to be carried forward for collection warrants for year 1933/34:- J. Quirke £856.18.3d; Wm. Doyle £1206.4.4d; Philip Doyle £435.5.9d; M. McCarthy £406.19.11d; P. Nolan £912.12.9d; Sean Gannon (No.6) £458.13.4d; John Deegan £109.16.5d; J. Cummins £484.5.10d; S. Gannon (No.10) £353.15.7d; W. Cummins £806.10.8d; M. Murphy £421.15.5d; J.J. O'Reilly, £178.10.5d; A. Dunne (No.14) £203.1.10d; A. Dunne (No.15) £900.8.4d; J.J. Sinnott £805.4.8d; E.J. Murphy £27.15.9d; T. Rowe £266.18.6d; J. Curtis £227.7.9d; P. Carty £172.19.8d.

COLLECTOR O'BYRNE

The Secretary reported that Collector O'Byrne had not yet furnished his list of temporary uncollectable Rates. The Collector had been notified by Rates Inspector to attend at Enniscorthy for the purpose on 17th May, 1933, but Collector did not turn up.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That County Council be recommended to suspend Rate Collector O'Byrne from office owing to his failure to submit lists of Temporary Uncollectable and outstanding Rates as instructed by Finance Committee."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of special meeting of Finance Committee held on 19th May, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

F I N A N C E   C O M M I T T E E

MEETING 24th MAY, 1933

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th May, 1933.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last ordinary meeting of 11th May, and of special meeting of 19th May, 1933, were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2953.12.11d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

Rates Inspector stated he had taken up the books of Collector O'Byrne (No.9 District) which from examination were perfectly in order. Collector O'Byrne had lodged £205.10.11d between 20th and 22nd May. The reason given by him for not attending at Enniscorthy on 17th May, 1933, was that as he was away from home, the communication from the Rates Inspector did not reach him. The amount outstanding in the District was £550.3.6d.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That provided Collector O'Byrne undertakes to lodge by 8th June, 1933, a sum of £250, the Finance Committee will withdraw the recommendation that he be suspended from office.

"That a sum of £300.3.6d be carried forward in this District as temporary uncollectable rate."

Collector O'Byrne then came before the meeting and promised that he would carry out the directions of the Finance Committee and leave no complaint as to his conduct, in dealing with his collection in the future.

In connection with the proposal of Father Sweetman to attend the meeting of Finance Committee relative to arrears of rate due on Mt. St. Benedict, Gorey, it was decided Father Sweetman be informed



"that the Finance Committee will be prepared to have an interview with him at their meeting on 8th June, 1933, at 2.15 p.m. in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford."

In connection with the proposed transfer of District No. 14 to Collector J. Cummins (No. 8) Collector J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 District) and Collector Art Dunne (No. 15 District) it appeared that the amount of Poundage on Warrant for No. 14 District calculated at 5d. in the £. for current financial year would be £109.15s. To this £16 under fees for Voters and Jurors Lists should be added. If with the transferred portions of the District to Mr. Cummins and Mr. O'Reilly, they were paid their existing poundage rate of 7d. in the £. the contrast between the full warrant at 5d. and the amount to be paid under transfer, showed an increase of £29.5s. by transfer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That taking into consideration the amount of Poundage on warrant for current financial year in Rate Collection district No. 14 and as the transfer of the divisions in this district might mean an increase over this amount, the Finance Committee are of opinion a new appointment should be made for this district."

#### POUND ETC. AT GOREY

In connection with the communication received from Gorey Town Commissioners as to repair of wall of pound etc. at Gorey, the County Surveyor stated that the County Council did not own the Pound and had nothing to do with the Pound Keeper.

Mr. Elgee stated that the Pound Keepers in the past were appointed by the Sheriff whose powers had now devolved upon the District Justice. The only concern the Co. Council had with the matter was to provide a sum not exceeding £10 for the establishment of a Pound.

The County Surveyor said as regards the ownership of Gorey Pound, there was some doubt. John Valentine, Courthouse Keeper in Gorey, was the Pound Keeper, having succeeded his father in the



occupation of the premises which were used as a Pound.

It was decided to inform the Gorey Town Commissioners that the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to disclaim all liability as to repair of wall etc. at Gorey Pound.

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

A letter was read from Messrs. J. Whitty and M. Hughes, Hon. Secs. , Gorey Agricultural Society, for use of Gorey Courthouse for meetings of newly formed Committee.

The application was acceded to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

#### LAWN MOWER - GOREY COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

John Valentine, Courthouse Keeper, Gorey, applied for a lawn mower, for upkeep of Courthouse grounds. The existing one was completely worn out and useless.

The following resolution was proposed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That Co. Council be recommended to allocate a sum not exceeding £2.10s. for purchase of Lawn Mower, in connection with grounds in Gorey Courthouse."

#### BALLYTHOMAS QUARRY

The Co. Surveyor said as directed at last meeting of the Finance Committee he had attended at Ballythomas Quarry and investigated the complaint made by James Hempenstall, Blacksmith, that the work of sharpening quarry tools was taken from him owing to political reasons. He (Co. Surveyor) found that there was no political element whatever in the matter. Those concerned appeared to be the one way of politics, but there was some personal spite existing. It appeared that Hempenstall who owned the forge that was convenient to the quarry had fallen into bad health, and employed a smith from the Co. Wicklow, and the work of sharpening the tools was carried out at this Forge by the Smith whom Hempenstall had installed. He (Hempenstall) had recently recovered his health and started work himself, with the result that the second Smith had



opened a forge some little distance from the quarry. In the circumstances an arrangement had been made that the work would be divided equally between the two Smiths. Hempenstall was quite satisfied with this and as regards the political side, he explained to the Co. Surveyor he had always voted Fianna Fail.

The meeting approved of the arrangement to divide the work equally between the two Smiths.

#### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

Applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were received from the Official Liquidator, Motorways, Cork, Ltd., for £350 (injury to four vans).

Brigid Kirwan, malicious injury to wooden gate 10/-; to wall £2.0.6d. and to a post and wire fence £9.10s.

Michael Doyle, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, £5 injury to motor lorry

Patrick and Arthur Carton, Drumgoold, Enniscorthy, £39.16.6d. injury to dwelling house.

These were all referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to oppose.

#### DEMAND REPAYMENT LOAN SOW DRAINAGE

In connection with the Demand received from the Office of Public Works under date 18th May, 1933 (10385-33) re above, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Pay Order for £275.11.3d. issue at next meeting of County Council to Board of Works for instalment of loan and penal Interest for Sow Drainage Scheme, provided an assurance be received that no surcharge be made against the Co. Council in respect of penal Interest."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from District Court Clerk as to application at Gorey District Court on 26th May, 1933, by Garda Siochana, to have James Quinn, aged 9 years, Mary Quinn, 7½ years, and Margaret Quinn, 5½ years, of Raheen, Camolin, committed to St. Michael's Industrial School. The Mother was dead and the father in a very delicate state of health and unable to support them.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th May, 1933, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- As regards appointment of Rate Collector for No. 14 district it was decided on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by the Chairman that appointment be made at County Council meeting on 12th June, 1933, poundage fees to be at the rate of 5d in £. on amounts collected and lodged; qualifying examination to be held on Saturday, 10th June, 1933, commencing at 10.30 a.m. in Irish, English and Arithmetic.

BALLYTHOMAS QUARRY:- Under date 26th May, 1933, James Stanley, the second smith concerned, wrote that he had sharpened the Ballythomas Quarry tools for the past three years without complaint. Last year he moved to another smithy and now understood that the work was to be given to another man. This should not happen. As he had no other means of livelihood he considered he should get the work as in the past.

The meeting approved of the arrangement to divide the work between Hempenstall and Stanley.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 24th May, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### DRINAGH CEMENT WORKS

In connection with deputation to Minister for Industry and Commerce as regards the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works the following under date 16th May, 1933, (1654/33) was read from Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Agriculture:-

"I am desired by the Minister for Agriculture to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and to state that he will be prepared to do everything in his power to facilitate the deputation from the Wexford County Council which is to see the Minister for Industry and Commerce on Thursday next in connection with the establishment at Drinagh of one of the proposed cement



"factories. The Minister desires me to point out, however, that it is not the practice for one Minister to accompany a deputation to another Minister and he, accordingly, regrets that it will not be possible for him to be present at the interview between the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the deputation. "

The Chairman said that the deputation, which was representative of various bodies in the county, was introduced to the Minister for Industry and Commerce by the T.D.s for the county, with the exception of Dr. Ryan, whose reasons for absence they had just heard. The whole matter in reference to the cement works was put before the Minister very forcibly by the deputationists representing the Wexford Development Association. They had a very full statement which was read by the Solicitor to the association, and he (Chairman) did not think there was very much to add to it, but it was supplemented by other members of the deputation. He thought, however, that everything was embodied in the written statement. The Minister's reply, as far as he (chairman) could gather, was to the effect that if any body of people in the district or county would put up some capital, the matter would be gone into immediately by the Department and that they would be prepared to advance monies to help to a very large extent whatever local capital would be put up. He presumed that it was from the Trade Loans Fund the money would be obtained. They were to advance a certain amount, but the Minister did not define what amount would be forthcoming. The first move to be made was to find people to put up some money. He took it that that was the Minister's meaning.

Mr. Gaul - How much capital would he want you to put up locally?

Chairman - There were several sums mentioned, but I think the minimum sum was about £10,000.

Mr. Corish - Something like that.

Miss O'Ryan said that a more important point was stressed, that the Minister had the power of issuing or refusing licences, and only a certain number of factories would be allowed in the Saorstat. He



said that on the question of issuing licences he would give preference to Wexford over other districts if a company were prepared to start - he would give premier consideration to Wexford provided they complied with the conditions.

Mr. Corish - What Miss O'Ryan means is that there are certain people putting up proposals to start cement factories and the Minister would give very favourable consideration to those people if they proposed to start in Wexford.

Chairman - He said he would not give any consideration to any place if they did not put up some capital.

Miss O'Ryan - A licence would be issued to Wexford in preference to other districts if they comply with the regulations.

Chairman - But in no case did he say that consideration would be given unless some sort of company were formed.

#### FORD OF LYNG

The Chairman said after the reception of the deputation by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, accompanied by Col. Gibbon, they went to the Board of Works and made the best case they could as to the Ford of Lyng. The Board contended they were interested in the matter to a very small extent but they would examine the circumstances of the case and report to the Council. It would appear they would not be prepared to take much responsibility on themselves when they came to deal with it.

Mr. Corish - They said they would examine it from the legal aspect.

Chairman - The information we got was anything at all but encouraging. The Board of works are to examine the matter and ascertain if they have any locus standi.

#### BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE AREA

Mr. Corish said that when at the Board of Works the deputation raised the question of improving the existing drainage work at Ballyteigue and this was looked on more favourably than the Ford of Lyng. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the Government



"be requested to provide the amount of money required in order to put the drainage area at Ballyteigue into efficient working order." There were 47 married men (with 75 dependants) in the neighbourhood unemployed and also a number of single men. It was necessary that something should be done to save the lands of adjoining farmers from permanent flooding.

Mr. Gaul seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Chairman - They considered Ballyteigue more favourably than Ford of Lyng and it is the opinion of the deputation that a certain amount of money will be forthcoming for Ballyteigue.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul a resolution of thanks to the deputation for their efforts in connection with a Cement Factory for Wexford; Ford of Lyng and Ballyteigue Drainage, was adopted.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Co. Surveyor said the dredging work at Courtown Harbour was to be finished in six months from the date of signing the contract.

Mr. Keegan - In six months, with four weeks more to finish it. It is to finish on 26th June.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the work was four and a half months in progress.

In reference to an inquiry by Mr. Keegan as to an accident to one of the men on the job the Co. Surveyor stated he was informed the Contractor (Mr. Donovan) had the men insured.

Mr. Keegan - Would you be surprized to hear he has not them insured.

Chairman - That is not our business.

Mr. Smyth stated he was informed that there was likely to <sup>be</sup> legal proceedings arising out of the accident, and the Council were likely to be involved.

Mr. Gaul stated he was informed by the Contractor that he had the men employed on the job insured.



Co. Surveyor - The Contractor told me that he is paying the man weekly compensation, and that the case is coming on for arbitration at the next Circuit Court.

Mr. Keegan - What have you paid the contractor.

Co. Surveyor - £210.

ROAD GRANTS

Under date 9th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R.G.M./32) that a payment of £2552.10.4d. for Road Maintenance Grant had been made on 5th May, 1933, and under date 27th May, 1933 (S.G.L./32) the Department wrote that £5000 had been paid on 26th May, 1933, from the Road Improvement Grant for the current financial year.

Under date 19th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.G.L./32) approving of Road Improvement Grant Scheme which involves an expenditure of £14062.

POSTPONEMENT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

Under date 15th May, 1933, the following circular (F.42/33) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to Circular Letter No. F.18/33 dated 21adh Feabhra, 1933, on the subject of the holding of Local Elections and to state after considering recommendations made in that behalf it has been decided to appoint a day in the month of November next for the holding of triennial elections of members of local authorities in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, and an Order to that effect will issue in due course.

"In this connection I am to direct your attention to the provisions of Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Local Elections Act, 1927. In consequence of the Order above referred to the year 1933 will be a year in which a triennial election to the Council or of the Commissioners is held.. Accordingly the annual or first quarterly



"meeting at which the Chairman and vice-Chairman or Mayor, as the case may be, is to be elected will be a meeting held after the day appointed for the election, that is to say, in the case of a County Council - the fourteenth day after the day of election, and in any other case - the tenth day after the day of election, and therefore in this year annual and first quarterly meetings and elections of chairmen, vice-chairmen and mayors will not be held during the period 23rd June to 1st July."

Mr. Gaul said it was not fair to the ordinary ratepayer that the elections would not be held in June.

The Chairman concurred.

Mr. Gaul - In my opinion there should be an election when the time was fixed. It is not fair to the people, because you do not know whether they want us here or not.

Col. Quin - We all agree with you. It is a very fine political move - the cutest thing I have heard of for years.

Mr. Cummins - Would it be any use suggesting that the month of November is no time to have an election?

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Quin:- "That we strongly protest against the change of month for holding local elections from June to November, 1933, the latter being a most unsuitable time."

Mr. Gaul - The people should be given an opportunity of re-electing their present representatives or choosing others.

HARBOUR MASTER KILMORE -

INCREASE OF WAGES

Under date 20th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.53072/1933 - Loch Garman Pg) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., regarding the proposed increase in wages of 5/- per week to Mr. Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore. I am to state that the matter is one in the discretion of the County Council subject to



"review at audit. In view of the very recent appointment of this man to the position an increase in his wages would appear to be premature."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be informed that as Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, has been discharging the duties of this position for the past ten years the Co. Council considered he deserved a small increase in his remuneration."

#### COAST EROSION AT SLADE

Under date 19th May, 1933, the Land Commission acknowledged (P (11) 19220 - 33 Ely Estate Record No. E.C.4148) resolution as to Coast erosion at Slade adopted by Co. Council on 8th May, 1933.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as this Co. Council have been receiving acknowledgments of resolutions passed by them calling on the Department to deal with Coast erosion at Slade for several years past they wish to know when it is intended the necessary work will be put in hands."

After further discussion it was decided to request Mr. Corish, T.D., to interest himself in the matter and to interview the Land Commission Officials with a view to having the grievance of the tenants in this matter remedied.

#### RAHEENAROSTIA WATER SUPPLY

Under date 17th May, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded Sealed Order (No.P.H. 28056 -1933) stating that the special expenses for providing and maintaining water supply at Raheenarostia would be chargeable on Carrigbyrne Dispensary District.

#### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That we approve of application to Minister for Local Government and Public Health for



an Order authorising the temporary closing of Roads as under:-

1. Link Road from Enniscorthy Urban Boundary to Clonhaston Cross (L.30 No.39) from 30th June, 1933 to 31st August, 1933, inclusive. Alternative Route via The Rectory, Glencarrig and Clonhaston Quarry.
2. Link Road from Ryland Turn over Clohamon Bridge to Clohamon (L.33 No.47) from the 19th June, 1933, to 21st July, 1933, inclusive. Alternative Route via Ballycarney Bridge or Bunclody Bridge.

#### ROAD MATTERS

In connection with application from Shelburne Co-operative Society, Campile, to cut road 683 in order to lay pipes for water supply, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, reported that the proposed cut was about 26 feet long. The Society would put up notices and restore the roadway. He considered the application should be granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the application of Shelburne Co-operative Society, Campile, to lay water supply pipes under road No.683 be granted, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

John Kennedy, Ballinaberney, Strahart, came before the meeting and complained he had not been accepted contractor for haulage for roads 159 and 162.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that Kennedy tendered for Road 159 at 1/- per yard but was not accepted as Tenders Committee considered the figure too high, and because he was getting as much haulage as he was able to do. Kennedy had been always unsatisfactory both as road contractor and haulier. Carroll of Clohamon to whom the work had been given at 10d. per yard had finished drawing while Kennedy had not even started his work.

As regards Road No.162 Kennedy tendered to supply field



stones at 8/- per cubic yard. This was much too high and was not accepted. He (Mr. Ennis) offered Kennedy 5/6d to 6/6d per cubic yard according to quality but Kennedy would not agree. The stones put out by Kennedy every year were poor in quality and badly broken. He (Mr. Ennis) had made no arrangements yet for the haulage to this road but Carroll could supply the material at a reasonable price.

Kennedy complained that Carroll was well off, and had forty acres of land. He (Kennedy) was the only person who tendered.

The Co. Surveyor said the tender was not accepted as it was over the estimate.

Mr. Cummins submitted that the discussion was out of order. The Tenders Committee had gone into this matter very carefully, and when their report came before the Council it was unchallenged. He protested against the time of the Council being taken up by would-be contractors bringing forward petty grievances which should not be entertained if the Council had any confidence in the Committee. He proposed "That the Council proceed to next business."

Col. Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mark Hanlon, Clongeen, Foulksmills, came before the meeting and complained that his son had not been accepted for some roads at Wexford although he was the lower tender.

Mr. Corish said Hanlon's son's tenders were not accepted by Tenders Committee as he was a minor.

The Co. Surveyor said the haulage work on four of these roads had been referred to him by the Tenders Committee and arrangements had not been yet entered into.

Hanlon stated that the haulage on Road 67 was being carried out by a steam engine.

Mr. O'Byrne asked what was the necessity for employing a steam engine.

Mr. Cooney - Engine haulage is getting preference to horse



haulage.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should make enquiries as to how haulage was being carried out on this road.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Council proceed to the next business."

Mr. Armstrong said that some definite decision should be arrived at by the Council as regards mechanical haulage. There was grave disappointment in Bunclody when horse haulage was not employed for work on Clohamon road the draft being only two miles. The limit for mechanical haulage should be defined. He gave notice of motion for next meeting to have this matter considered and a definite decision arrived at.

George Parker, John Parker, Aidan Parker and Thomas Parker, all of Ballinadrissogue, came before the meeting and asked that the lane from Ballinadrissogue to Ballyvaldon should be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Council had decided to schedule all applications of this nature for which a reasonable case could be made and let the Government Department decide between them.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided that the application should be placed on list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

A very extensively signed memorial from ratepayers and residents of Palace, Knockroe, Robinstown, Rathgarogue, Lacken and Ballinvegga, asking for a Minor Relief Schemes Grant for repair of Connolly's Lane from Enniscorthy - New Ross main road - about midway between Corcoran's Cross and Palace Railway Bridge - to the old road New Ross and Palace.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the lane was approximately half a mile long. It was eight feet wide for a third of its length and varied from 10 feet to



to 15 feet for the remainder. The land owners were willing to give the necessary land for widening. It would cost £200 to widen and surface.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Gaul it was decided that the application be scheduled for Minor Relief Schemes Grant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the application for repair of lane in the townland of Killanne, Enniscorthy, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme."

Mr. Hayes brought forward the flooding of the road at Brownstown leading to Cleariestown Church and School.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor should report to next meeting in connection with the matter.

The Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. B. Downes had erected some time ago a cinema hall at Duncannon on the side of the road and the Council decided not to proceed against him. He was now building an extension of the cinema and this should not be allowed. The road was only 14 feet wide.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor furnish Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, with particulars of road encroachment at Duncannon by Mr. B. Downes with a view to proceedings being instituted against Mr. Downes to compel him to remove the structure objected to.

#### BOIRA DRAINAGE

Under date 22nd May, 1933, (10009/33) the following letter from Office of Public Works to the Co. Surveyor was read:-

"Referring to the suggestion in your letter of the 19th ultimo that a further grant should be made to enable drainage work to be carried out further down the Boira (Owenavarragh) river, we regret that at present there are no funds at our



"disposal for the completion of the work, but if and when a further grant for Minor Relief Schemes is available the matter will be considered."

Mr. Corish stated that Mr. Kehoe, T.D., and he were with the Parliamentary Secretary. The plans, etc., sent up by the County Surveyor would be examined and money would now be available. They would continue to keep in touch with it.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Armstrong and adopted:- "That we request our T.D.s to continue to use their best efforts to secure the necessary Government Grant to complete the Boira Drainage."

#### EMPLOYMENT AT TAGHMON

Miss O'Ryan said that at the last meeting they had a deputation from Taghmon, and the Council adopted a resolution to have hand-breaking of stones as far as possible in Upton Quarry. She saw a list of men from the Labour Exchange, and certainly some of the names were not of those longest unemployed or with the most dependents.

The Co. Surveyor said he was not bound to go to the Labour Exchange at all in that case, but it was in the area of Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, who had resigned. Mr. Kehoe knew the local men, but he (County Surveyor) did not, and Mr. O'Neill, assistant Surveyor, who was doing Mr. Kehoe's work did not and he (Co. Surveyor) thought the only thing to do was to get a list from the Labour Exchange. He got other lists since, and he had arranged to have the men in Taghmon on hand breaking adjoining Taghmon.

The Chairman said that the present system was absolutely ridiculous. They got a whole list of names and they were not conversant with the facts applying to the men or their individual abilities. Unless they got some system whereby they could ascertain whether men were capable for jobs or not they were going to have chaos.



The Co. Surveyor said he had a list of men, and had marked the most deserving.

Miss O'Ryan asked to see the list.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the following applicants be deemed eligible to compete for award of University Scholarships:-

1. Cooney Johanna, Ballykelly, New Ross.
2. Cullimore Thomas, 15, Green Street, Wexford.
3. Donnelly James J., Hilltown, Ballymitty.
4. Doyle Kate, Stokestown, New Ross.
5. Gantley Nicholas J., The Quay, New Ross.
6. Murphy Mary, Killahard, Blackwater.
7. Sheehan Patrick, Clonattin Road, Gorey.
8. Tobin Philip, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That, provided no objection be made by Garda Siochana Authorities, new licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to:- Philip Kehoe, Ballycullane Joseph Kehoe, Blackwater; Peter Kehoe, North Street, New Ross and P.N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon, New Ross. And renewals of Licences to the following:- J.J. Codd, 26-27 Court Street, Enniscorthy; M.R. Moran, Castle Street, Enniscorthy; N. Tackaberry, Bunclody; Robert Butler, St. Ivers, Broadway; Myles Byrne, Market House, Gorey; Mary Byrne (John Bolger & Co., Ltd.) The Mills, Gorey; Robert Spencer (John Bolger & Co., Ltd.) Church Street, Gorey and Walter Boggan, Kilmuckridge.



THE TURF INDUSTRY

Mr. Cummins said they saw a lot in the papers with regard to turf. In his district - in Ballycullane and Boley Bog, there was turf in the old days, and when the railway was being laid a man told him that they could not get a foundation for a bridge in consequence of the presence of turf. Mr. Shannon told him some time ago that there was a lot of turf in the north of the county, and perhaps there was a lot of turf in other parts. He proposed that the Council inform the Minister that there was turf in the county, and that the possibilities should be explored, and ask him to send down an inspector. The cutting of turf would help the unemployed, and the turf itself would be of great advantage to the people.

Mr. Shannon seconded, and said that a meeting representative of Carlow and Wexford had been held at Kiltale. He was not able to attend that meeting, but he was under the impression that by the next meeting of the Council they would have full particulars about the turf bog up there.

Mr. Cummins said he did not want to wait until next meeting.

The resolution was adopted.

Michael Doyle