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HELD ON

14th MAY, 1934.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

14th MAY, 1934

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 the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th May, 1934.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also:- Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clinee, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, T.F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £342:16:8d Salaries etc. and £17102:6:11d for Road Contractors and Transfers to Public Bodies were examined and signed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors as appearing on Form 22 and certified by Co. Surveyor be and are hereby approved and that Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence on the death of his uncle, the late Mr. Frank Wadding, received from Mr. Gaul, M.C.C., be inserted on Minutes of this day's meeting."

The following is copy of letter referred to in this resolution:-

"Please convey to your Council my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy occasioned by the death of my uncle, the late Francis Wadding. I also wish to thank yourself for your kind remarks. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Miss N. Connolly, County Librarian, and Dr. Eugene Connolly, in the death of their father, who during his long life earned the respect and esteem of all who had the happiness of his acquaintance."

The Chairman and Secretary associated themselves with the resolution.

RATE COLLECTION

The state of Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>12/5/34.</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	95.2
2. M. Kehoe	88.8
3. J. Curtis	88.8
4. D. Kenny	84.7
5. P. Carty	81.8
6. P. Nolan	79.4
7. S. Gannon (No.6)	78.8
8. Ml. McCarthy	77.1
9. J. Deegan	75.0
10. J.J. O'Reilly	74.4
11. A. Dunne	74.4
12. S. Gannon (No.10)	73.8
13. J. Cummins	72.4
14. W. Cummins	71.4
15. W. Doyle	70.0
16. J. Quirke	67.0
17. J.J. Sinnott	66.2
18. J. Flood	65.3
19. P. Doyle	63.2
20. M. Murphy.	60.4
	<u>Average....75.4</u>

The Secretary stated that the Collection was 17.9% behind that of the corresponding period last year.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

MEETING 12th APRIL, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th April, 1934.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

THE LATE MRS. QUIRKE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That we express our deep sympathy with Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, in the death of his mother."

The Secretary expressed his sympathy and that of his staff with Mr. Quirke in his bereavement.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3941:2:10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection up to date (12th April, 1934) was submitted as follows:-

<u>Rate Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>12/4/1934</u>
E.J. Murphy	85.6
M. Kehoe	74.9
J. Curtis	73.6
P. Nolan	71.4
S. Gannon (No. 6)	69.8
P. Carty	66.7
D. Kenny	66.1
S. Gannon (No.10)	65.1
A. Dunne	64.9
J. Cummins	64.2
J.J. O'Reilly	63.2
M. McCarthy	62.3
W. Cummins	62.0
J. Deegan	61.7

<u>Rate Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>12/4/1934</u>
W. Doyle	59.2
J. Quirke	58.3
J.J. Sinnott	57.6
J. Flood	56.1
P. Doyle	54.4
<u>M. Murphy</u>	<u>53.0</u>

The Secretary stated that compared with the corresponding period last year the collection showed a decrease of 26 per cent. the amount collected (excluding arrears) being 64.5 per cent. as against 90.8 per cent. in 1933.

The Rate Inspector said it was very difficult to say definitely who was able to pay rates at present owing to the way people were circumstanced. Everybody was telling the Rate Collector for his district that they would pay as soon as they could dispose of their stock and this was what happened - when the stock was sold the rates were paid.

Chairman - May we take it that no one is deliberately holding back rates?

Mr. O'Reilly, Rate Inspector, replied in the negative.

In further reply to the Chairman, the Rate Inspector said he was not able to suggest anything that would speed up the collection.

Mr. O'Byrne said if a Rate Collector had anyone in his area able to pay he should inform such a person that proceedings would have to be taken against him.

Rate Inspector - That has been done already.

CLAIM FOR REFUND OF RATES

Application for refund of Rates on empty stores and yard valued at £2 for the past ten years and on lime kiln valued at £1 for eighteen years up to 1930 was received from Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, be informed that Finance Committee are advised that her claim for refund of Rates cannot be allowed."

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR

In connection with the complaint of Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, that Collector M. Murphy had, without the slightest provocation, been most insulting to him as regards the collection of rates, Mr. Murphy wrote that he never insulted Martin Kelly and had never given him the slightest provocation to complain.

It was decided to furnish Mr. Kelly with copy of letter from Mr. Murphy.

RATE DISTRICT NO.7

The Finance Committee agreed to the following draft advertisement in respect of appointment of Rate Collector for No.7 District:-

"The above Council will, at their meeting to be held on 14th May, 1934, at 10.30 a.m. (official time) consider applications for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District, which comprises the District Electoral Divisions of:-

Ballindaggin, Castledockrell, Killoughrim, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, Rossard, St. Mary's and Tombrack.

"Candidates must be over 21 years of age and not more than 50 years old on 14th May, 1934, and must submit birth or baptismal Certificate with application.

"Remuneration:- 5d in the £. on all monies collected and lodged (provided Warrants are closed by statutory dates) with Statutory fees for work in the preparation of Electors' Lists, which for past financial year amounted to £35.

"The Warrant for current financial year is not available but the amount for financial year 1932/33 was £6819 and for financial year 1933/34 £8317.

"Terms and conditions of appointment which should be obtained by all intending candidates will be furnished on application to the Undersigned.

"Candidates must pass qualifying examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic which will be held on Friday, 11th May, 1934, at 10.30 a.m. (Official time) in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford. (No further notice of this date of this examination will be given.)

"Applicants who have been successful in previous examinations for Rate Collectors will not be required to sit for examination but should furnish date of examination at which they were successful.

"Applications (with testimonials and reputable evidence as to character) must be lodged with the Undersigned not later than Friday, 11th May, 1934, at 10 a.m. (official time).

"Personal attendance of candidates necessary on the day of election.

"The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment on 14th May, 1934.

"The successful candidate must receive the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

It was decided that Mr. Myles Redmond, St. John's Road, Wexford, be appointed to draft and mark examination papers and also to act as Superintendent, fee to be £1:1s. per examination paper and £1:1s. for acting as Superintendent.

RATE INSPECTOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the claim of Mr. O'Reilly, temporary Rate Inspector, for £33:5s. for thirteen weeks' travelling expenses be allowed. This is within the allocation."

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That, as Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, has now reported that the title of James Sexton, Bulgan, Glynn, at land at Boolabawn, is in order we recommend the Co. Council to advance to Mr. Sexton under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 90% of the value of house (which he is erecting) as certified by Assistant Surveyor for the District, if house is valued by Surveyor at an amount under £200. If the house is valued at over £200 the amount of loan be limited to half the value of the house."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in view of the fact that the Rate Collection is 26 per cent behind percentage at a corresponding period last year and of the deduction of £12543 from Agricultural Grant we request the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to sanction overdraft accommodation to the Council of £62,500 from 1st May, 1934, to 31st July, 1934."

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION

Mr. Alfred Lyne forwarded notice claiming £1443:14s. compensation for malicious damage, destruction and appropriation of tools, machinery, plants, seeds, farm produce, cattle, pigs, fowl and eggs etc., from Palace House, Palace, New Ross, on or about 3rd March, 1923.

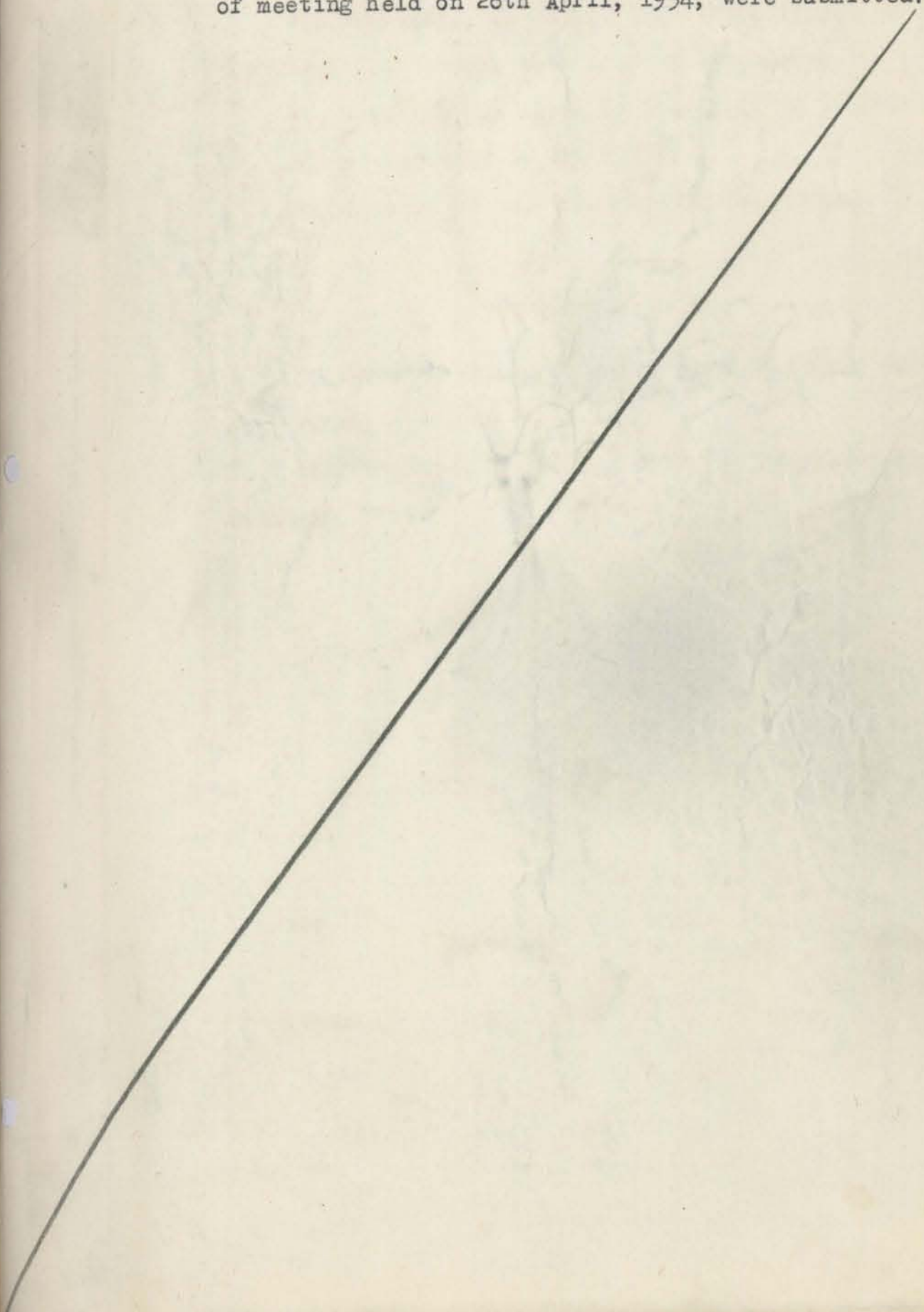
Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

ILLNESS OF MR. S. HAYES

Certificate was read from Mr. J.W. Whelan, Dentist, that for the three days from 3rd April, 1934, Mrs. S. Hayes, Assistant in Co. Council Offices, was suffering from abscess and had to have teeth extracted in consequence of which he was unable to work for the period named.

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 12th April, 1934, be received and are hereby approved."

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th April, 1934, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th April, 1934.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

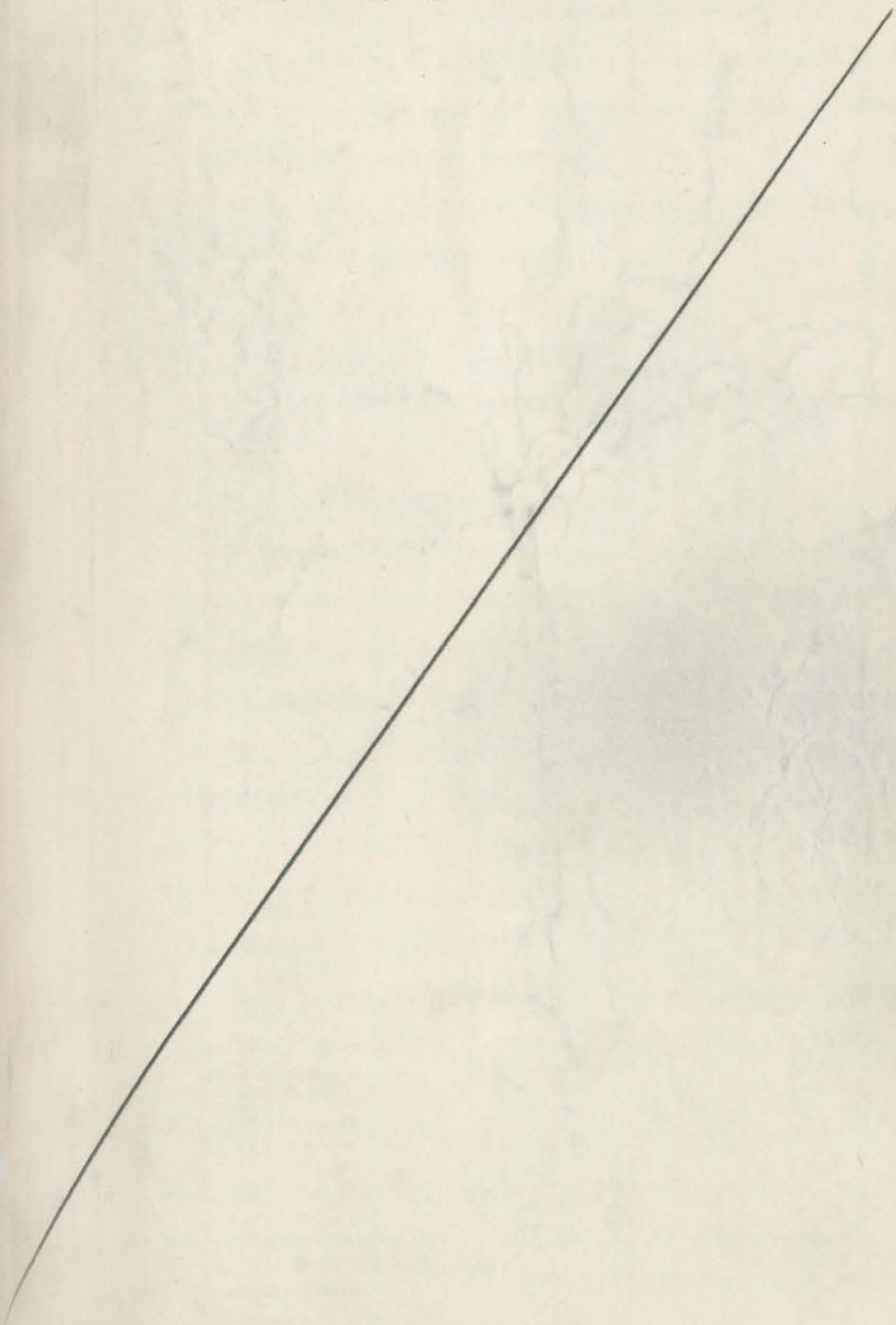
PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2050:8:2d was examined and signed.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 26th April, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be approved."

MEETING 9th MAY, 1934:- Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 9th May, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Hall, Wexford, on 9th May, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that he was unable to attend as he was obliged to transact some Co. Council business with Land Commission.

Mr. Hall was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2338:0:5d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. MARGARET D'ARCY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, M.C.C., in the death of his mother, a kind friend and helpful neighbour, who, during her long life was respected by everyone in her district."

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected 8/5/1934.</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	92.6
2. M. Kehoe	87.0
3. J. Curtis	86.7
4. D. Kenny	84.7
5. P. Carty	81.8
6. P. Nolan	78.7
7. S. Gannon (No. 6)	78.7
8. J. Deegan	74.4
9. M. McCarthy	74.0
10. S. Gannon (No.10)	73.7
11. A. Dunne	73.7
12. J.J. O'Reilly	73.4
13. J. Cummins	72.4

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>8/5/1934.</u>
14. W. Cummins	70.6
15. W. Doyle	70.0
16. J. Quirke	66.4
17. J.J. Sinnott	65.7
18. J. Flood	65.3
19. M. Murphy	60.4
20. P. Doyle	60.0
	<u>Average.....74.4</u>

The average of collection is 74.4%. The amount outstanding is 33.7% or 19.7% behind amount of percentage at the corresponding period last year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the attention of Rate Collectors M. Murphy and P. Doyle who have collected 60.4 and 60 per cent respectively be called to the fact that another collector has lodged 92.6 per cent of his warrant and the Finance Committee fail to understand why Messrs. Murphy and Doyle are 32 per cent behind in their collections as compared with the Collector referred to. We are of opinion that the wide difference in these collections could not have arisen if Messrs. M. Murphy and P. Doyle had exercised more energy in the discharge of their duties."

RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION.

The following under date 13th April, 1934, was read from the Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, 4, Upper Ormonde Quay, Dublin:-

"Representations on behalf of the Rate Collectors employed by the Wexford County Council have been made to this Union through the Local Branch, in connection with the matters set out hereunder. It is felt that the claims of these officials are just and reasonable and I am to ask that your Council will see fit to make the necessary recommendations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his sanction.

"1932/33 Collection: The Collectors feel that they have been very unjustly treated by the refusal of the Department to sanction payment of poundage in full for this collection. With one exception all warrants were closed within approximately three weeks of the date fixed and even at that date the amounts outstanding, as shown by information supplied to my Union, in no case amounted to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ and were for the most part about 1%. In view therefore of the small amounts uncollected, the fact that all such arrears were subsequently collected within a short period and, above all, the condition of economic depression prevailing, the Collectors feel that they are fairly entitled to the amounts withheld. My Union fully appreciates that the Wexford County Council have endeavoured to influence the Minister to alter his decision on this question, for which efforts I am to tender the appreciation of this Organisation. I am now to request that your Council may be good enough to resubmit the case on behalf of these officials in order that this Union may have a further opportunity of approaching the Minister.

"Part Payment of Poundage: The payment of poundage in two instalments in accordance with the Public Bodies Order constitutes in the case of many collectors a definite hardship and in this connection my Union approves of the former proposal for part payment on each 10% of the warrant collected. The circumstances of the majority of the Collectors cannot be described as affluent and to oblige the officials to accept payment only twice yearly of a sum which undoubtedly constitutes the larger proportion of their annual income is a cause of embarrassment in most cases.

"My Union is of opinion that if the original

"proposal were again forwarded to the Minister that the combined efforts of your Council and this Organisation will be successful in obtaining a more satisfactory decision than formerly.

"Poundage Rate: It has been intimated to my Union that the rate of poundage payable to some collectors is on the basis of 5d in the pound while others are remunerated at the rate of 7d. On behalf of those on the lower scale, I am to appeal to your Council that, apart from the unnecessary distinction created, this rate is unduly low and incommensurate with the difficult and responsible work which is discharged by these officials. I am, therefore, to request that your Council will earnestly consider this representation on behalf of these lower paid collectors with a view to instituting a uniform scale of 7d in the £.

"Agricultural Grant: In connection with the supplementary Agricultural Grant my Union is of opinion that the Collectors have a distinct grievance owing to the non-issue of Credit Notes to rate-payers, or alternatively that compensation for loss of poundage through the operation of the Grant was not paid.

"It is felt that it should be only necessary to direct the attention of your Council to the fact that the Collectors were penalised by circumstances outside of their control for it should be readily realised how manifestly reasonable is the claim of the Collectors. That such is the case is demonstrated by the action taken by many other County Councils, either by the issue of Credit Notes or making a payment to their Collectors by way of Compensation. My Union believes that your Council would not be willing to impose this hardship upon their Rate Collectors and I am accordingly to ask that compensation will be made for the loss sustained."

A deputation from Collectors-James Quirke, M. McCarthy and Sean Gannon attended the meeting on behalf of the general body.

1932/33 Collection: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of full poundage as regards 1932/33 Collection, in view of the fact that we are convinced Rate Collectors did their best to secure prompt payment of rates and it was not their fault that warrants were not closed much earlier. The County Council put these proposals before the Minister some time back but unfortunately he did not see his way to agree. However, the Council would ask him to re-open the question and if at all possible to allow payment to the Collectors of the total amount of their remuneration. "

PART PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to re-consider the proposal of this Council to pay Rate Collectors their poundage on each 10% of Warrants collected. As already pointed out to him the Collectors in this County have no other source of income and it must be recognised that the payment of poundage in two instalments only, does inflict considerable hardship on these officials." Passed.

POUNDAGE RATE: In connection with the application that all Rate Collectors should be paid at a flat rate of 7d in the £. the Chairman moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That the application to fix poundage fees at 7d in the £. for all Collectors, be referred to the new County Council." Passed.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That no action be taken"

"as regards the non-issue of Credit Notes to Ratepayers in respect of the 1933/34 Rate Collection."

RATE COLLECTORS AND CHECKING OF ABATEMENT FORMS
AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1934/35.

Correspondence with Rate Collectors as regards above was submitted.

Collector Quirke (District No.1) wrote on behalf of the Collectors under date 28th April, 1934, that they had come to the conclusion that as the work of checking forms would entail a considerable amount of labour and a good deal of time and care to make the necessary enquiries in a proper manner they applied for payment of 1/- per Form as they believed this to be a reasonable claim.

The Collectors also wished to know what was their responsibility in case of prosecutions arising out of false returns.

The Secretary stated he had issued the following letter to the Collectors on 30th April, 1934:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of 28th instant regarding the remuneration etc. for checking Abatement Forms. As Rate Collectors were asked over ten days ago to deal with this matter I wish to point out that any delay in checking these Forms will cause considerable inconvenience to the Council.

"Until I am in a position to ascertain the number of workmen etc. as certified to by Rate Collectors the allocation of the Agricultural Grant to the various ratepayers cannot be dealt with.

"I have therefore, to instruct you to comply immediately with the terms of my letter to you of 27th instant as to checking these Forms.

"Collectors have no power to hold over the commencement

"of this work until the question of the remuneration has been decided by the Council.

"Your application will be brought before the first available meeting.

"Mr. O'Reilly, Temporary Rates Inspector, received instructions about a fortnight ago to hand out to Collectors the appropriate Forms of Abatement in each case for checking, but none of these have been returned to the present.

"This creates a very serious situation and I must request you to deal with these Forms forthwith.

"The question as to responsibility of Collectors in the case of legal proceedings arising out of these Forms will be decided by the Council after consultation with the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

Under date 30th April, 1934, Collector E.J. Murphy (No.17 District) wrote that he had been informed a meeting of Rate Collectors had decided they would not sign any Abatement Forms until they had some definite idea of what they were going to get as compensation for loss. The rebate would mean a serious loss of poundage to them.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That Rate Collectors be directed to lodge certified claims for abatement (Agricultural Grant 1934/35) with the Secretary and that the question of the amount of remuneration to be paid for the work be referred to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as it is probable that in this matter the Minister will fix a standard rate of remuneration to apply to An Saorstat." Passed.

Mr. Quirke on behalf of the Collectors stated they would not return the forms until the Local Government Officials' Union had come to an arrangement with the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the amount of remuneration to be paid Collectors.

Report was read from the Temporary Rates Inspector that Abatement Forms were handed Enniscorthy Collectors on 19th April, to Gorey and New Ross Collectors on 20th April, and to Wexford Collectors on 4th May. Notices were sent Wexford Collectors and M. Murphy (Enniscorthy District) to attend on 23rd April to take up these Forms.

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE

Under date 20th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.44365-34 Loch Garman) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th instant and to draw attention to the terms of this Department's letter of the 10th February last (Ref:G.16010/34) and I am to point out that as Collectors John Flood and M. Murphy (District No.12) have at this late period failed to account for 50% of their warrants, excluding arrears, the Minister is not prepared to sanction the payment of interim poundage to them until the equivalent of the first moieties and arrears of their current warrants has been accounted for. The collectors should be called upon to complete their first moiety collections and arrears without further delay."

Under date 7th May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.55619-1934 Loch Garman Fa) sanctioning payment at the normal rate less 10% to Collector J. Flood on lodgments to the 30th November last in respect of his 1933/34 Warrant.

The following under date 16th April, 1934, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.Loch Garman):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received an application from Mr. Charles McCarthy, ex-Rate Collector, for sanction of

"payment of poundage which he states is due to him by the Wexford County Council.

"I am to state that the Minister now sanctions the payment of poundage as proposed by the Council. Your letter applying for sanction to the payment is dated 22nd November, 1930."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That as the Department of Local Government and Public Health have sanctioned payment of poundage withheld from ex-Collector C. McCarthy, we again recommend to the Co. Council the payment of the amount in question viz. £31:16:11d."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the payment to Collectors of the balance of poundage on sum represented by first moiety of rates and arrears of Warrant for 1933/34."

RATE COLLECTORS AND COURT PROCEEDINGS

The following under date 3rd May, 1934, was read from Collector E.J. Murphy (No.17 District):-

"I wish to inform you that Mr. Maurice Kehoe, Rate Collector, on last Tuesday appeared in Mr. Fahy's District Court to prosecute a defaulting Ratepayer, When case came on for hearing the defaulter was defended by the State Solicitor, Mr. Kelly of New Ross, and Mr. Fahy gave a decree, but put on a stay for two months.

"The putting on of this stay will not help the Rate Collector nor the Collection by the 16th instant.

"I have cases in my Solicitor's hands and Civil Bills served to be heard soon. Before I proceed to this Court I am directed to bring this matter before your Council for

"their consideration and direction at your next general meeting on Monday next."

The meeting considered they had no power to interfere with the rulings of District Justice as regards a Court proceedings.

CREDIT NOTES:- Mr. McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 4 District, wrote that the holdings 1a at Yoletown, E.D. Tacumshane (Matthew Rowe) had been grouped with a holding at Grageen same Electoral Division, owned by Thomas Rowe, through error as he was under the impression that this holding belonged to Thomas Rowe.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That £1 amount of Credit Note be paid Mr. Matthew Rowe, Grageen, for holding No.1a Yoletown, on certificate from Rates Inspector that Mr. Matthew Rowe has not received any payment on Credit note for any other holding."

Michael Wickham, Tomnalossit, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for payment of £1 amount of Credit Note which he had not received in connection with his holding No.5a (E.D. Enniscorthy Rural).

It appeared that the holding had been grouped with a holding of Kate Gordon who had received £1 for credit Note on No.12 Knockmarshal, Enniscorthy Rural E.D.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gulleton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Collector Gannon (No.6 District) be requested to furnish explanation as to how holding of Michael Wickham, Tomnalossit, Enniscorthy was amalgamated with that of Kate Gordon."

BOARD OF HEALTH AND
PAYMENT FOR COTTAGE PLOTS

The following under date 30th April, 1934, was read from Collector E.J. Murphy (No.17 District):-

"In reply to yours of the 27th instant re backward state of Rate Collection I wish to inform you that several of my ratepayers are complaining very hard against the action of the Co. Board of Health holding on to their monies in respect of the Cottagers' plots. They would have paid me weeks ago had they received their cheques in time. One Department overlapping the other, what can Collectors do. The several I have in mind would have paid their rates long ago as they always did. It is up to your Council to help the Collectors by passing a Public Resolution calling on the Co. Board of Health to pay their way, and also the farmers, and save the Collectors lots of trouble and worry. Collectors are not to blame for the state of the Rate Collection. Please bring this matter before your Council."

It was decided to make no order on this communication.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR.

In connection with the complaint made by Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, as to abusive language used towards him by Rate Collector, Matthew Murphy, by directions of the Finance Committee at their meeting of the 12th April, 1934, the letter of Collector Matthew Murphy, denying that he had used any abusive language to Mr. Kelly was forwarded to the latter.

In reply Mr. Kelly wrote that Murphy's statement was absolutely false. The insults he had received from the Collector were the ones he mentioned to the Co. Secretary. If the Council would not deal with the Collector he would have him brought to another Court.

The meeting decided to take no further action in the matter.

EX-COLLECTOR MATTHEW KELLY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to examine the arrears of payment in the case of Ex-Collector Matthew Kelly for Mrs. Westropp Dawson, amount £8. "

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 7.

Under date 21st April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.46910/34/Loch Garman) stating that the Minister had no objection to the terms of the draft advertisement or conditions of appointment proposed to be issued in connection with the vacancy of Rate Collector in District No.7.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT

The following under date 23rd April, 1934, (S) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that the Government have decided to make provision for the payment of a sum of £300,000 to County Councils in respect of grants absorbed in the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts to meet arrears of annuities which have been funded under the provisions of the Land Act, 1933. A vote for the amount will be submitted to the Dail at an early date.

"The Minister wishes it to be clearly understood that the amount now proposed to be paid is in respect of grants for which County Councils have already taken credit in previous years, and the amount payable to each County must not be applied to a reduction of the estimated expenditure to be met out of rates in the present year. The amount must be applied to reducing overdrafts and rehabilitating the financial position of the Council. In all cases the

"Council will bear in mind the necessity of making full provision to meet current services. The Minister will not be prepared to accede to an extension of overdraft accommodation in the present year since, if outstanding revenues are collected the payment now proposed to be made should effect a material improvement in the financial position of the Council. There should be no relaxation in the collection of outstanding rates. Councils should determine that all warrants must close not later than the 30th June next."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we recommend the Council to extend the period for the closing of Rate C Collectors' Warrants to the 30th June, 1934, and that arrears of rate for 1933/34 be collected separately and not carried forward for collection with 1934/35 Warrant."

REMISSION OF SURCHARGE

Under date 3rd May, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (S/16011/34 Loch Garman (Fb)) that the Minister had directed that the surcharge of £4:17:6d in respect of the purchase of flags in connection with the Eucharistic Congress 1932, be remitted.

COUNTY COUNCIL - OFFICE HOURS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That County Council Offices for the duration of summer time be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m."

COUNTY REGISTRAR AND
OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on 29th March, 1934, application was received from the Co. Registrar, for further office accommodation. He suggested that as a means of meeting his requirements, the old Council Chamber should be

divided in two and a section be assigned to him. The Finance Committee then decided that consideration of the application be postponed until the Council had taken over their new Council Chamber and also for information from Co. Registrar as to the purpose for which the further accommodation was required by him.

Under date 16th April, 1934, the Co. Registrar wrote that his present accommodation was insufficient for his work and records and he required further room.

It was mentioned that the intention of Mr. Dwyer was to use half of the old County Council Chamber as a store room.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Registrar be informed that the Finance Committee cannot recommend that any portion of the old Council Chamber should be converted into a store room. They are, however, prepared to direct the County Surveyor to fit up a compartment on the ground floor to afford additional storage accommodation for him."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 13th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.38918/34 Loch Garman Fa) sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 to 30th April, 1934, on the accounts of the County Council, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate. Under date 21st April, 1934, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford wrote that the application of the Council re continuance of overdraft accommodation to the extent of £40,000 to the 30th April, 1934, was before his directors. It was with some hesitation they sanctioned same and would point out that no reduction in the amount had been made since April, 1933.

Under date 23rd April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, wrote (G.43727/34 Loch Garman, Fa) that the Minister sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £62,500 from 1st May, to the 31st July, 1934, on the

accounts of the Council, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That application be made to the National Bank, Treasurer of the County Council, for overdraft accommodation to a limit of £62,500 from 1st May 1934, to 31st July, 1934, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. That it be pointed out the increased accommodation is required owing to the backward state of the Rate Collection and the stoppage of £12,543 from the Agricultural Grant to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities."

SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That Co. Solicitor's out-of-pocket expenses from 17th May, 1933, to 20th March, 1934, amounting to £35:2s. be recommended for payment to the County Council."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as regards the application for loans of £180 each under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from:-

- Mrs. Mary Fortune, Enniscorthy Road, Ferns.
- Edward Moran, Newtownbarry Road, Ferns.
- Andrew Holden, The Square, Ferns.
- Michael Colfer, Main Street, Ferns.
- John Bailey, Main Street, Ferns.
- Peter O'Brien, Main Street, Ferns.
- Michael O'Brien, Station Road, Ferns.
- Nicholas Breen, Milltown, Ferns.

"As Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, certifies that these houses are value for £195 only the maximum amount as loan cannot exceed £175:10s. and which we recommend the Council to advance.

"That as regards the application of Mary J. Whelan of

"Ratholm, Killinick, for loan of £200 and who estimated the value of her house at £400, as Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, has now certified that the value of the house is £200 only, we recommend the Council to advance £180 as a loan this being the maximum amount in the circumstances."

Application was received from Messrs. J.A. Sinnott & Co., on behalf of Daniel Sheehan, Old Church, Enniscorthy, who had acquired plot and rights of Mr. Michael Doyle, Rectory Road, Enniscorthy, who had lodged application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts about 12 months previously. Mr. Doyle had now given up the idea of proceeding with the building and the vendor of the plot had agreed with Mr. Doyle's consent to sell to Mr. Sheehan. Messrs. Sinnott & Co., asked that the name of Mr. Sheehan should be submitted for that of Mr. Doyle as the applicant for loan.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Finance Committee cannot recommend the substitution of the name of Daniel Sheehan, Old Church, Enniscorthy, for that of Michael Doyle, in connection with the application for erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Mr. Sheehan can make application for loan under this Act in regard to any new scheme which may be adopted by the Council.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS

The following applications for compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend:- Minister for Posts and Telegraphs £12 - destruction of ten telegraph wires. Ellen Kehoe, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, £5 for injury to her shop, premises and Goods. Patrick Whelan, 6, North Main Street, Wexford, amount £10.

ILLNESS OF MEMBERS OF CO.COUNCIL STAFF

The Secretary reported that Mr. S. Hayes of County Council Staff was absent on Medical Certificate from Dr. James A. Pierse, for a fortnight ended 7th May, 1934. No substitute was employed.

Certificate was received from Dr. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Tuberculosis Officer, that Mr. T. Moore of Co. Surveyor's Department, who had been under treatment for Pulmonary tuberculosis about two years ago, was now suffering from sub-acute nephritis (probably of tubercular origin) and would be unable to resume duty for one month from 24th April, 1934.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:- "That sick leave be granted Mr. T. Moore, County Surveyor's Department, in accordance with Certificate of Dr. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from Mr. J. Leacy, Inspector N.S.P.C.C., as to his intention to apply at the District Court, New Ross, for the committal of Catherine Roche, aged three years and 2 months, to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, under Section 58 (1) Children's Act 1908. This child is illegitimate, and the mother Anastasia Roche resides at Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

PAYMENTS

The following resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That as regards claim by Collector J.M. Curtis (No.19 District) for £2:3:10d for travelling expenses for attendance at sessions for revision of Jurors we recommend that mileage rate for motor cycle be paid at 2½d per mile instead of at 4d per mile as claimed and that the total amount recommended for payment be £1:15:10d."

"That as certified by the Department of Industry and Commerce (20th April, 1934 - 35870) a sum of £3:19:6d be paid Messrs. J.A. Rooney, 8, College Street, Dublin, for Weights and Measures Equipment."

"That £3:10:11d expenses incurred by Mr. Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, in connection with inspection of Grab and Crane at Buncrana and which it was proposed to purchase for Courtown Harbour, be paid."

"That £4:10s. expenses for attending in Dublin on three occasions in connection with the business of the Co. Council be paid Mr. Barry Co. Surveyor."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 9th May, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION:

POUNDAGE RATE:- The following resolution was moved by Col. Quin:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance Committee referring application on behalf of Rate Collectors for the fixing of Poundage fees at 7d in the £. to all Collectors, to the new Council, and that no order be made thereon."

This resolution was, however, not seconded.

RATE COLLECTORS AND CHECKING OF ABATEMENT FORMS:- Mr. Cooney held that it was very unfair that the Council would not agree to the application of the Rate Collectors and fix a sum of 1/- per Form, in view of all the time and trouble which would be caused in verifying these forms in a proper manner.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the confirmation of the Minute of Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee and fix, subject to sanction, the sum of 1/- per form as the remuneration to be paid Rate Collectors for their work in connection with the verification of Abatement Forms - Agricultural Grant 1934/35."

The Chairman said that the work in question was caused through an order of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and he did not see why they should pay to have it carried out. It was very unfair to saddle the ratepayers with the cost.

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

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Cooney, Corish, Kelly, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. - 9.

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. - 13.

Mr. Colfer was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost. He then put the recommendation of the Finance Committee as the substantive motion and it was carried without dissent.

COMPLAINT AGAINST RATE COLLECTOR:- Mr. Culleton proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed:- "That Rate Collector M. Murphy and Mr. Martin Kelly be requested to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee."

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

FOR:- Messrs. D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Keegan and the Chairman.

(5)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Gibbon, Hayes, Kelly, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Smyth. - 16.

Mr. Gaul and Mr. Hickey were not present when poll was taken.

The motion to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and declared carried nem. con.

RATE COLLECTORS AND COURT PROCEEDINGS:- Mr. Cooney said it was very extraordinary to see the State Solicitor defending a ratepayer who he understood was able to pay his rates and applying for a long period for payment while at the same time the Co. Council were pressing Rate Collectors to close their Warrants at once. He proposed:- "That copy of letter of Rate Collector E.J. Murphy as regards Court Proceedings be furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their information."

This was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Hall objected to the resolution. There was no statement in Mr. Murphy's letter that the ratepayer referred to was in a position to pay his rates. How did Mr. Cooney know that the ratepayer was in a position to pay? It was very difficult at the present moment to say who could pay and who could not.

After further discussion the resolution was put and passed.

ILLNESS OF MR. T. MOORE, CO. SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT:- Under date 11th May, 1934, the Co. Surveyor reported that Mr. Moore, his senior clerk was now in Hospital and owing to the state of his health it would be some time before he could resume duty. He therefore applied to the Council for the appointment of a temporary assistant in his office.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. John O'Kennedy (ex-Rate Inspector), William Street, Wexford, be appointed assistant in County Surveyor's Office as substitute for Mr. Moore, during the latter's illness."

The Co. Surveyor recommended the appointment of Mr. D. Radford, Junior Clerk in his office. Mr. Radford, he said, had been carrying on the work and was conversant with it. He (Co. Surveyor) was perfectly willing that Mr. O'Kennedy should come into his office, but he did not think it fair that Mr. Radford should be asked to teach him his business. When it was proposed that Mr. Moore should be transferred from his office to the position of Rate Inspector and that Mr. O'Kennedy should be taken over by him, Mr. Moore would have been available to give all the information and instruction necessary to Mr. O'Kennedy, until the latter had obtained a knowledge of the work. Things, however, were different now as Mr. Moore was not available. The only point at present was as to whether Mr. O'Kennedy was to come into his office as the senior or as assistant.

Col. Quin proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded:- "That the Co. Surveyor be allowed to make what he considers the best arrangements for the discharge of the duties of his office as between Mr. Radford and Mr. O'Kennedy."

Co. Surveyor - Mr. Radford is doing the work satisfactorily. If Mr. O'Kennedy comes in as senior now Mr. Radford will have to teach him, but if the Council puts in Mr. O'Kennedy as senior he will have to do the work attached to the position.

A poll was taken on Col. Quin's proposal with the following result:-

FOR:- Col. Gibbon, Col. Quin and Miss O'Ryan. (3)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Hickey, Jordan, Kelly, McCarthy, Maylor, Smyth, O'Byrne and the Chairman. (18).

Mr. Keegan (1) declined to vote and Mr. Gaul (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The resolution of Mr. Corish to appoint Mr. O'Kennedy during the absence of Mr. Moore on sick leave was then put and declared carried.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That Mr. O'Kennedy while acting as substitute for Mr. Moore in Co. Surveyor's Department receive remuneration calculated on the salary paid Mr. Radford viz., £157:10s. per annum."

Col. Quin's motion was not seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That during the period for which Mr. O'Kennedy acts as substitute for Mr. Moore in Co. Surveyor's Department he be paid at the same salary as Mr. Moore receives viz., £206 per annum."

BOARD OF HEALTH AND PAYMENT FOR COTTAGES:- It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That copy of Mr. Murphy's letter in connection with the delay on the part of the Board of Health in paying purchase money for

"Cottage Plots should be furnished to the Board."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th May, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS
1899-1931

The following notice of motion which was given by Mr. Corish on 9th April, 1934, and which was circulated to members of the Council on 10th April, 1934, was moved by him:-

"That the Wexford County Council borrow from the Local Loans Fund a further sum of £10,000 to be repayable in 35 years, Interest to be calculated at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ for the purpose of making advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899-1931."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said that the scheme already promoted by the Co. Council had been a great success. The applicants had fully discharged their liabilities and in his opinion every encouragement should be given to the people to build and own their own houses.

Mr. Kelly in seconding the motion said that a number of enquiries in connection with a new scheme had been made to him.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that people under the scheme were paying a much lesser rent than formerly and occupied a much improved house.

The Secretary stated it had been decided some time after the adoption of the old Scheme that Sureties should be provided by new Applicants.

Mr. O'Byrne gave notice of motion for next meeting of

the Council to have rescinded the decision of the Council that Sureties should be provided. Sureties were not, in his opinion, necessary as the Co. Council had a mortgage on the house. Sureties would be no benefit to the applicants and no benefit to the County Council.

Col. Quin held that if they wanted to foreclose on the mortgage the Council might expect endless trouble.

After further discussion the motion of Mr. Corish was put and passed without dissent.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKERS

The following notice of motion (adjourned from last meeting) stood in the name of Mr. Cooney:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to discontinue the employment of men for road and quarry work, including Gangers who have an accumulation of Insurance Stamps and employ men who have no such accumulation of Stamps."

Mr. Cooney said that the men in whom he was interested had been taken into employment on roads since the last meeting. If Assistant Surveyors would be prepared to give first preference to the unemployed there would be less complaints and less grumbling. He appealed to the Surveyors for fair play for the unfortunate unemployed and, hoping that this appeal would meet with consideration, withdrew his motion.

GRANTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. Corish said that employment on roads was not up to last year as they were waiting for intimation of Grants. He understood that they would not know about Road Improvement Grants until the end of June. They had earlier information in previous years. If they adopted a resolution asking the Department to inform them in the Autumn as to the approximate amount of road Grants they were likely to receive for the year they could employ a number of men in February and March - the slack time. He had not

received any intimation of any Grant yet beyond the Main Road Maintenance Grant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to make available as soon as possible road grants proposed to be furnished this Co. Council and that they issue their permission for the Co. Council to proceed with any works for which they have been told Grants will be available."

HAND BREAKING MATERIAL

Mr. Cooney proposed the following resolution:- "That, in future, all material required for minor roads, be broken by hand." Even if this proposal meant increased expenditure it would relieve unemployment and the extra cost would probably be less than the cost of home assistance.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in any quarries suitable for hand breaking, and where men could earn anything approaching a livelihood, hand breaking was employed.

Mr. Birthistle said that in the great majority of quarries even allowing a small preference for hand breaking, men could not earn a livelihood breaking stones suitable for the road. In fact it would be nothing short of inhuman to employ them at the wages which they could earn.

The Co. Surveyor said that even with the Co. Council not taking into consideration quarry charges and Insurance Stamps, men were unable to earn a £1 for hand breaking. There had been an understanding that a margin of 2d per yard would be allowed for hand breaking over the price for machine broken material but even with this men were only able to earn from 15/- to £1 per week.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that if they paid more for road materials there would be less money to be spent on the roads. He suggested they should adjourn consideration until next

meeting and in the meantime the Co. Surveyor could revise the report as to costings relative to breaking of material, which he had presented to the Council some time ago, and bring concrete figures before them.

Mr. O'Byrne asked the Co. Surveyor to hand break wherever it could be reasonably carried out.

The Chairman said that that proposition had been before the Council for ages.

Mr. Armstrong said the whole business seemed to be thrown on the Surveyors but if the Council could adopt a definite figure, say that quarter of the material should be broken by hand, they would know where they were.

Miss O'Ryan seconded Col. Gibbon's proposal which was adopted.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR
No. 7 DISTRICT.

The Secretary reported that he had received three applications for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District, viz:- John Deegan, Ballinure, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy, (Temporary Collector), Patrick Roche, Tomahurra, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Balfe, Croneyhorn, Carnew. The first named was the only one whose application was received in time. The application of Roche, who said his train was late, was received twenty-five minutes after the appointed time and Balfe did not lodge his until 3.10 p.m.

Deegan and Roche sat for the examination. The former failed in Irish, his marks being 12 out of a possible 100; he passed with 40 and 37 marks respectively for English and Arithmetic out of a maximum of 100 in each subject.

Roche received the following marks;- Irish 69; English 72; Arithmetic 38. Total 179.

Balfe passed examination on 10th June, 1933, obtaining second place with 250 marks.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed the appointment of John Deegan with the proviso that he be given a period of two years to perfect himself in Irish. He pointed out that Mr. Deegan had held the temporary position for five years and proved himself to be an excellent Rate Collector. He had passed the examination in Arithmetic and English which were really the two principal subjects so far as rate collecting was concerned.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following:- "That the names of the three applicants be put to the meeting for the purpose of selection."

Miss O'Ryan said that the meeting ^{should} stand by the advertisement and consider the appointment only of any person whose application was lodged in time.

Mr. Corish moved as an amendment to Mr. McCarthy's motion:- "That in as much as applications from two candidates for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District were not received in time, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, the Council consider only the application of Mr. Deegan which complies with the regulations."

Mr. Cline seconded.

The Chairman decided to take a vote on Mr. McCarthy's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (9)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. (13).

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

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Corish then withdrew his motion, after which

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "As it appears that no candidate for the position of Rate Collector for No.7 District before the Council, is eligible, one not having passed the examination and the other two not lodging their applications in time, no appointment be made at this meeting but arrangements be made for a new advertisement and examination to fill the position."

Col. Quin seconded.

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

FOR:- Messrs. Brennan, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hayes, Keegan, Kelly and Miss O'Ryan. (11)

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

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

Mr. D'Arcy subsequently gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:-

"That resolution of the County Council which decided to hold a new examination to fill the position of rate Collector for Rate District No. 7 be rescinded and that the Council proceed to fill the position."

CO. WEXFORD (CONTROL OF DOGS) ORDER OF 1907.

The Department of Agriculture under date 4th May, 1934, forwarded copies of County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order 1907, and the Regulations adopted thereunder by the Wexford County Council on the 25th June, 1930.

This matter arose out of a discussion at last meeting of Co. Committee of Agriculture in consequence of the number of Sheep which were being killed by dogs.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that a synopsis of the regulations made in the matter by the Co. Council be advertised in the local papers.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES
MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., asking the Co. Council to appoint one of its members to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company and to exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That in accordance with communication received from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., under date 10th April, 1934, Mr. John P. Kelly, M.C.G., Kilpierce, Enniscorthy, be appointed to represent the Wexford County Council at the General Meetings of the Company and to exercise every other right or power incidental to the Council's membership."

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the selection of Miss O'Ryan.

A poll was about to be taken when Mr. Kelly stated he would withdraw in favour of Miss O'Ryan and the latter was unanimously appointed.

APPOINTMENT OF RATES INSPECTOR.

The following letter under date 20th April, 1934, (G.45528/1934, Loch Garman - Fa) as to above appointment was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to refer to your letter of the 13th instant relative to the filling of the position of Rates Inspector and to enclose form of Statutory Request on which application should be made to the Local Appointments Commissioners, 45, Upper O'Connell Street, to recommend a suitable person for the post.

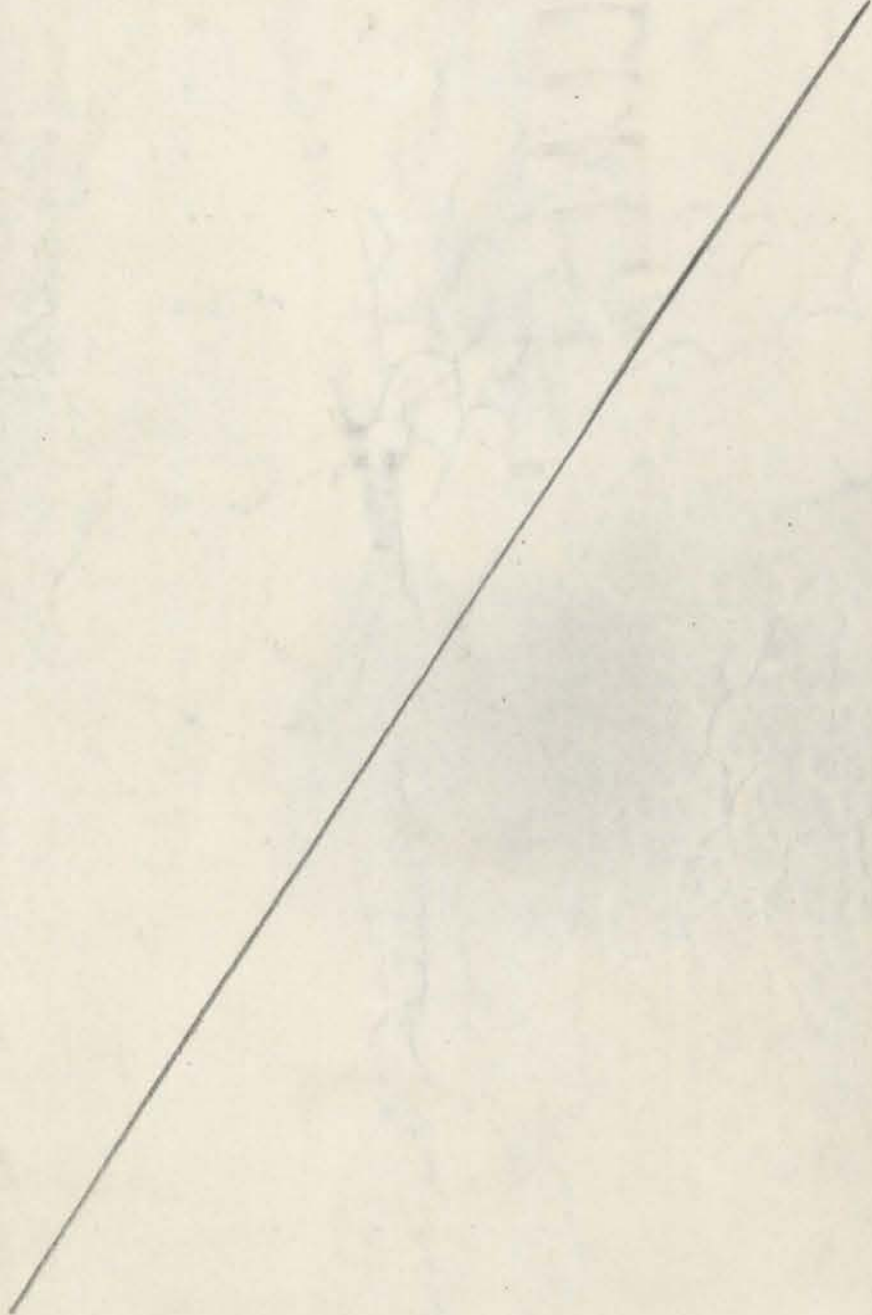
"The Council's proposal in regard to age limits with which the Minister does not concur, will be brought before

"the Local Appointments Commissioners, who will have to determine the qualifications as to age, health, character etc."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Under date 5th May, 1934, the Department of Education wrote that all schemes for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools should be submitted in duplicate for the approval of the Minister, not later than 1st June.

The following report of Scholarship Committee was approved on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Brennan:--



A meeting of Co. Wexford Scholarship Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 12th May, 1934.

Present: Rev. J. Doran, President, St. Peter's College, (Presiding), Rev. Br. Foran, Messrs. E.P. Foley, John J. Kelly and H. O'Byrne.

The Secretary was also in attendance.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following recommendations were adopted:-

That Valuation as a criterion of means of parents or guardians now sets up an entirely false standard. It should be deleted from scheme and a provision inserted that the means of parents and guardians for each individual case be carefully considered.

As regards age limit the Committee consider that where at all possible candidates who have reached their thirteenth year only should be induced to apply for award of Scholarship so that they could qualify to meet the requirements of Secondary Schools and of Intermediate examination.

The Committee would be glad to see the period for Scholarship extended to a fifth year, but, recognising that a general extension under this head might not be feasible at present, they recommend that a provision be included in the Scheme that in the cases of pupils of outstanding merit the Co. Council should have power to extend the period of existing scholarship by one year.

In compliance with the suggestion from the Department of Education the Committee recommend that an additional clause be inserted in the scheme that renewal of scholarship for a fourth year be conditional on pupil passing the Intermediate Certificate Examination.

That this regulation be applied only to scholarships

awarded for first time in year 1935 and in succeeding years.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

This Scheme, allowing for necessary changes in dates, was approved without amendment.

SANCTION OF SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

The following letter under date 8th May, 1934, (No.L.1458/34) as to sanction of above was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo, and its enclosed extract from Minutes of meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the 9th April, 1934, on the subject of sheep dipping arrangements in County Wexford, I have to state that while the Minister for Agriculture regrets that your County Council have not seen their way to adopt regulations as recommended by the Department with a view to securing the dipping under proper supervision during the dipping periods of the current year, he will not withhold his sanction to the appointment of the under-mentioned persons to act as Dipping Inspectors in the forthcoming dipping season, with remuneration at the rate of £1 a week and a refund of the actual amount spent in postage, viz:-

James Murphy, Myles Roban, Patrick Ormonde,

Thomas Prendergast, M.J. Hennessy and James Hayden."

CAHORE PIER

The following letter under date 30th April, 1934 (No.D/84/2) as to above was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and previous correspondence on the subject of Cahore Pier; I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he has given very careful consideration to the representations made in this matter. As a result the Minister regrets that he cannot hold out any promise of funds being made available for an extension of the Pier as proposed, as he finds that such a project would involve expenditure of about £4,000, which would be out of all proportion to the importance of the purpose to be served by the proposed work."

Mr. Smyth said this letter was in reply to a resolution, which had been forwarded to the Department on three or four occasions and he was sorry to say it was unfavourable.

Chairman - There appears to be no use in pursuing it any further.

MORRISCASTLE GAP

Mr. Keegan raised the question of road diversion at Morriscastle Gap. He considered that without such diversion it would not be possible to prevent the road being impassable owing to storms. He understood that the farmer through whose land the new road could be made was satisfied to give the land. He proposed that Mr. Smyth, Co. Councillor, and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the District, interview the farmer concerned and report generally to next meeting as to the necessity and feasibility of having the road diversion carried out at a suitable place near Morriscastle Gap.

SOUTHERN PIERS & HARBOURS

The following report on South Wexford Piers and Harbours was submitted from Co. Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Co. Council I now submit report on the South Wexford Harbours:-

SLADE:- I inspected this Harbour at dead low water and found it completely dry. The Harbour itself is silted up to such an extent that fishing boats cannot work satisfactorily. Moreover, larger boats cannot come in with safety. The entrance for some distance seawards is badly choked with stones and gravel so that boats can come in only at half tide. I estimated that some 500 or 600 cubic yards of silt must be removed from the basin, and say about 300 or 400 cubic yards of gravel from the entrance. I calculate the cost of this work at £200 to £250. If the work is to be done it should be put in hands during the Summer. Some small repairs to

"masonry etc., and the painting of railings are also required, but these can be attended to under ordinary proposal, and I have directed the Assistant Surveyor to attend to them at once.

FETHARD:- This Harbour also was completely dry, and silted up. I estimate about 600 cubic yards will require to be removed, and will cost £150. Small repairs required will be dealt with, and the Assistant Surveyor has been directed to put in hands.

DUNCANNON:- Outer Harbour is silted up, but is not now used by large vessels. It would be very expensive to deal with this. The Co. Council has already taken up the question of the Waterford Harbour Authorities being responsible for it. The inner basin, or boat Harbour, is badly silted with mud. To make a satisfactory job would require the removal of about 1,000 cubic yards, and will, I estimate cost £250.

All the structure is in good condition, but the railings require painting, and I shall have this attended to under ordinary proposal.

ARTHURSTOWN:- This Harbour is somewhat silted, but coal vessels can come alongside the pier to discharge. The masonry is in repair.

BALLYHACK:- This is not a "scheduled Harbour". The construction of the boat Harbour was carried out by the Fishery Department some years ago, but is now to a large extent of little value owing to silting with river mud. If a Grant be obtained the basin could be cleaned out at a cost of £250.

CARNE:- There are some holes in the concrete at end of pier, but, generally, the work has stood up well. At the first opportunity, with fine weather and low water I shall have necessary repairs carried out, and I propose to place some heavy concrete blocks as an anti-scour apron around the end. The local people ask to have the decking raised about a foot

"at the end so as to be above high water. They offer to carry out the work to my satisfaction provided the County Council supply the cement. Other work of a like nature, under similar conditions has proved satisfactory, and I ask for the sanction of Co. Council to deal with the matter now. The ordinary maintenance proposal will cover all this.

KILMORE:- The pier is in good condition, but some small repairs are required at the breakwater. The decking of the pier is worn and uneven, and I propose filling holes with tarred stones. This Harbour, in my opinion, cannot be kept with a good depth over any large area. At present alongside pier there is berthage for two vessels, and a third berth could be obtained by digging out at low water. It appears to be the general local view that the breaches in the breakwater should be properly opened, and that the scour through these would, to a great extent, prevent deposit in the upper part of basin. I propose this Summer to open out one breach, and to keep careful record of the effect."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That copy of report of Co. Surveyor as to South Wexford Harbours be furnished the appropriate Government Departments with a request to provide a Grant for the dredging work specified in said report."

CURRACLOE STRAND ROAD

Under date 14th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (R/RG/32) that it would be open to the Council to submit proposals for improvement of Strand Road at Curracloe in the event of monies being made available for work on roads in its class.

The Co. Surveyor said that up to the present ordinary road grants were not available for a road of this class. The only grant that might be counted on was a Tourist

Grant or an unemployment Grant. He believed the Tourist Association had made application for a grant for this road and he hoped it would be successful.

Mr. Corish said he was aware that the Tourist Association had made strong representations to the Ministry in the matter. He then proposed:- "That we communicate with the Tourist Association and ask them the result of their negotiations to the Government as regards grant for repair of Curracloe Strand Road."

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was adopted nem. con.

DUNCANNON HARBOUR

Under date 14th April, 1934, (No.2093/34) the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture wrote that the resolution of the Council in connection with Duncannon Harbour was receiving attention.

FORD OF LYNG

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"On the 3rd instant (May, 1934), by appointment the County Council Deputation attended at the Office of Public Works, Dublin. Mr. Doyle, Chairman, County Council, Col. Gibbon and Alderman R. Corish with Mr. Kehoe, T.D., accompanied by the County Surveyor were present, and were received by Mr. Hegarty, in the unavoidable absence of the Minister. Mr. Doyle put forward the request for a Grant of £200 in accordance with the arrangements made with the Slob owners, and entered fully into all matters connected therewith. Col. Gibbon, Alderman Corish and the County Surveyor spoke also and dealt with special features arising out of the later discussion.

"Mr. Hegarty pointed out that usually Minor Relief Grants were confined to the Winter months, and as this work should, of necessity, be done in the Summer, it would require

"special consideration. He promised to report fully to the Minister, and hoped to have an early reply sent to the County Council."

The Chairman said that the deputation were inclined to believe that the grant would be made available.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 20th April, 1934, the Office of Public Works wrote (G.113/34) forwarding copy of their letter of 12th March (6297-34) extending the period for dredging at Courtown Harbour to 30th September next. This letter had failed to reach Co. Council Office.

In connection with the importation of crane and grab free of duty, for use at Courtown Harbour, letter was received from the Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture (No.740.G/34) under date 1st May, 1934, regretting that the representations made by the Minister as to having the crane admitted duty free had not been successful, and from the letter received from the Minister of Industry and Commerce it would not appear that any useful purpose would be served by making any further representations.

Attention was called to the reply of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to a question raised by Mr.Keating, T.D., in An Dail and from which it appeared that the Minister for Industry and Commerce invited further representations to be made to him. He appeared to be under the impression that no steps had been taken to procure the crane and grab from any place outside the British Isles.

The Secretary stated that in view of this question and answer he furnished the Minister for Industry and Commerce with a report of Co. Surveyor under date 13th February last which pointed out that no less than 38 firms outside Britain had been asked to tender for the

Crane and Grab. A number of them had quoted at figures which were in excess of those received from the English Firm plus duty and several others declined to tender.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That as regards the purchase of crane and grab for Courtown free of duty we desire to call the attention of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to the letter of our County Secretary under date 11th May, 1934, enclosing report of the 13th February, 1934, furnished by the Co. Surveyor to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and from which it will be observed that every possible step was taken by the Council to secure this crane and grab from other than British sources but without success.

"In the circumstances we appeal to the Minister to forego the amount of duty in this instance, as the crane and grab are being purchased really for a national purpose viz. the development of the fishing industry."

Under date 17th April, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S/45327/34 Loch Garman), that it was noted that the Co. Council propose to defray from revenue the cost of proposed crane and grab at Courtown Harbour.

BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE

Col. Gibbon said that the Office of Public Works was under the impression that the Trustees of Ballyteigue drainage area were looking for a large sum of money to renovate the whole area. This was not correct. They only wanted sufficient to deepen one section of the canal and which could be carried out for well under £2000.

The Co. Surveyor was of opinion that the work would cost £10,000 to £12,000.

Mr. Corish said that the Office of Works had

considered the scheme and they were not satisfied that £2000 would be sufficient for the work. They thought it would cost about £8000. The place was under survey at the moment and a report might be expected very soon.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to provide a grant which will enable the Trustees of Ballyteigue Drainage area to have the work at the section of the Canal which requires deepening carried out."

Passed.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

Under date 2nd May, 1934, the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, wrote (A.220/1/1 (a) S.2.) that it was proposed to erect a low tension overhead network at Ferns, the work at which would necessitate the breaking up of foot-paths with a minimum amount of disturbance, and to avoid damage to persons, housing, roads and to the property of the Council generally, the Board's District Engineer, Mr. Tanham, who was carrying out the work, was instructed to get into communication with the Co. Surveyor and to meet his requirements as far as possible.

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

"That in connection with the erection of electric low-tension, overhead network at Ferns, we request the Electricity Supply Board to replace to the satisfaction of County Surveyor footpaths and any road surfaces which are taken up."

ROAD FROM RAMSGRANGE TO CAMPILE

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (R/RD/32) under date 23rd April, 1934, stating that the question of scheduling

the road from Ramsgrange to Campile as a Main Road would be looked into when revision of the Main Road Schedules was undertaken, but no change could be made in respect of the current financial year.

Under date 14th April, 1934, letter was received from Mr. S. Murphy, General Manager and Secretary, Shelburne Co-operative Stores, Campile, giving figures of the great amount of traffic and the quantity of corn, beet etc., which passes over this road.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had forwarded copy of this communication to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads).

DANGEROUS CORNER AT ROSSLARE

A resolution from the Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann was read calling attention to the very dangerous turn existing at Etchingham's Cross, Rosslare Strand. A hedge almost eight feet high prevented any possible chance of seeing an approaching vehicle until too late.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That in order to minimise the danger to traffic at dangerous corner at Etchingham's Rosslare, the Co. Surveyor should take steps to have hedge cut so as to afford a view to the users of the two roads which intersect at this point."

Passed.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT

The Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Cumann wrote asking for Grant to relieve unemployment and pointed out that a quarry required to be opened in Morriscastle, while the Village of Kilmuckridge required new streets and drainage very badly.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded

resolution referring these matters to the new County Council.

Passed.

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Mr. James Hendrick, Camolin Park, wrote that there seemed to be a misunderstanding about the road which he applied to have repaired. The road to which he referred in his previous communication was that leading into Camolin Park at Kilcloran and which went on the Kilcloran road again.

Mr. Hendrick concluded his letter as follows:-

"It is the intention of the ratepayers to take drastic means to get this road repaired."

The Co. Surveyor stated that this was a branch of the Camolin Park Road and was not a public road. The Council had already applied for a relief grant but without success. The only thing they could do was to put it on again.

This was agreed to.

BUILDING TOOL HOUSE.

John Dunne, Courtown Harbour, wrote under date 25th April, 1934, asking for permission to erect a small tool house in a garden on the side of the road at Seamount, Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 28th April, 1934, he had inspected the site upon which it was proposed to erect the house and though the building would be within thirty feet of road centre it would not cause obstruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Co. Council make no order as regards application of John Dunne regarding erection of tool house at Seamount, Courtown Harbour."

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

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

"applications for repair of lanes be scheduled for consideration when grants under Minor Relief Schemes Vote are made available:-

Lane at Banntown and Island Lower (Craanford) and Ballycoursey Lane, Enniscorthy."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT 1908

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Robert Hanan, North Main Street, Wexford, provided a satisfactory report as to premises etc. be received from Civic Guards. And renewals of licences to J.S. Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, and John Doyle, 22, North Street, New Ross.

"These licences are to issue on the understanding that the Co. Council have now power to grant same."

ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of Analyst for quarter ended 31st March, 1934, was submitted. It appeared that 197 Food samples, 60 drugs and one water - Total 258 - had been dealt with during the period.

J.K.L. CELEBRATIONS.

An invitation was read from Mr. P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman of New Ross Urban Council and of Organising Committee, for the attendance of the County Council at the Civic Centenary Celebration on 17th June, 1934, to commemorate the unique services to Faith and Fatherland of Most Rev. James Warren Doyle, D.D., O.S.A. (J.K.L.) who was born in New Ross and received his early education there.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That this Council most heartily accepts the invitation to be present on 17th June, 1934, at the Centenary Celebration to commemorate Most Rev. Dr. James Warren Doyle, D.D. O.S.A. (J.K.L.), and

"will arrange to be present on the occasion."

FINE GAEL AND BUTTER TAX OF 2d.

The Hon. Secretaries, Wexford District Executive Fine Gael, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That we protest against the contemplated tax of 2d. per lb. on butter sold to retailers by farmers, and we see no justification for one section of agriculturists to be called upon to provide subsidies for another. Creameries have the advantage of bounties on butter exported whilst farmers are denied this."

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the resolution said that the idea of taxing unfortunate farmers outside Creamery districts to help creameries in the manner proposed by the Government was a crying shame. The farmers were prevented exporting any class of butter but the Creameries had that licence which farmers could not procure unless they had the most up-to-date plant such as a Creamery. The farmers were harrassed enough without going to tax them to the tune of 2d. per lb. of butter.

Continuing the Chairman said:- I understand that the matter has not been abandoned. A great many thought it but it was definitely stated in the Senate last week by the Minister for Agriculture that it was to come into operation. It is an injustice to the farmer and to the consumer as well. I do not know why we should be called upon to subsidise creameries. The creameries have been spoon-fed more or less by the Government for the last two or three years, and we have no ways or means of getting rid of our butter only in the local market. We cannot send one lb. across the water. They have all the advantage. They call on farmers to contribute 2d per lb. to help these people. I think it is monstrous.

Mr. Hickey seconded.

Mr. Culleton said that on Sunday when Mr. Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, was in Wexford opening the Industrial Exhibition in connection with the Feis, some of them tried to see him about the injustice of the matter referred to in the resolution. Mr. Lemass was not receiving deputations but his Secretary said he would put the objection to the tax before Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture.

Mr. Cooney - It is the poor people who have to pay for it and I think we should be unanimous in adopting the resolution.

Chairman - The poor people will not have to pay for it. The farmer will be at the loss of it.

Mr. Cooney - The increase will be put on when buying.

Chairman - There is nothing about that.

The resolution was adopted.

DUBLIN COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE & LAND COMMISSION ANNUITIES.

Correspondence between Mr. P. Belton, T.D., President de Valera and Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture as to Land Commission defaulting annuitants was submitted but no order made thereon.

Michael Doyle

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