

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 10TH NOVEMBER, 1930.

MINUTES.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 10th November, 1930.

Present Mr M. Doyle, Chairman, (presiding); also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, John Doran, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4582:11:9d. was examined and signed.

DEATH OF VERY REV. CANON D'ARCY P.P.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Smyth seconded by Mr Cummins:- "That we offer our heartfelt condolence to our esteemed colleague, Mr T.F. D'Arcy, in the loss sustained by the death of his uncle Very Rev Canon D'Arcy, P.P. Kilrush, the veteran Ecclesiastic of the diocese and who had administered the spiritual affairs of his parish with great kindness and ability for the past 40 years."

The Secretary on behalf of himself and his staff endorsed the resolution which was adopted unanimously all members standing.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded a vote of sympathy to Mr Jordan, County Councillor, in the death of his aunt Miss Higgins.

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The Secretary, on his own behalf, and that of his staff associated himself with the resolution which was adopted in silence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd October, 1930, were submitted as follows:-

A meeting of Finance Committee was held on 23rd October, 1930, in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford.

Present:- Messrs James Hall, T. McCarthy, S. O'Byrne, and James Shannon,

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6,415: 3: 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

Rate Inspector. Application was read from Mr. O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector, to have his position made a permanent one.

The Secretary stated Mr. O'Kennedy was appointed by the County Council at their meeting held on 9th September, 1929, and the approval of the Local Government Department was received on the 19th September, the Department stating that the appointment was to be on probation for a period of twelve months.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:-

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint on a permanent basis Mr. O'Kennedy as Rate Inspector."

Mr. Hall proposed that Mr. O'Kennedy carry on as Rate Inspector for another twelve months on the probationary basis.

This resolution was not seconded, and the recommendation of Mr. O'Byrne was agreed to, Mr. Hall dissenting.

The Chairman held that as Mr. O'Kennedy had given satisfaction in the discharge of his duties for the past twelve months he was entitled to be permanently appointed.

Under date 17th October, 1930, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.75539/30 Fa - Loch Garman) that he had learned with regret of the death of Collector John Doyle. As regards the position of Ex-Collector Donohoe as stated in the Department's

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letter of 26th September, (G.69687-30) the Minister's decision removing Mr. Donohoe from office was final and could not now be withdrawn.

The Minister approved of the arrangements for Collector Curtis to close the warrant in the late Mr. Doyle's district and of Collector Bolger closing the Collection in Donohoe's district. It was presumed that Collectors Bolger and Curtis would furnish any additional security that might be required.

Under date 16th October, 1930, the New Ireland Assurance Co., 12, Dawson Street, Dublin, wrote (48/1610/30/N/5) that they had no objection to Mr. Thady Bolger acting in district of Mr. Donohoe provided the counter sureties for the latter had no objection to this course. The Company were communicating with them. They were not agreeable to bond Mr. Donohoe in the event of his being reinstated as Rate Collector.

Rate Collection: District No.19. Under date 16th October, 1930, Mr. William Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, brother of John Doyle, deceased Rate Collector, applied for the temporary position. He pointed out that he had on many occasions assisted his brother in the collection and he knew the district thoroughly. He understood that provision had been already made for the temporary appointment but, in view of the honourable way in which Mr. John Doyle had carried out his duty, the writer would be glad if the application for the position by him would be favourably considered. If appointed he hoped to perform the duties in as capable a manner as his late brother had done.

Mr. Thomas D. Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, and James L. Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, the personal sureties for the late Collector wrote asking that the temporary position should be given to William Doyle.

The Rate Inspector stated he understood that Collector Curtis had no objection to Mr. W. Doyle being appointed to close warrant.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:-

"That we recommend Mr. William Doyle, Scullabogue, Newbawn, for appointment as temporary Collector to close current warrant

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in District No. 19, "as recommended by the late Collector John Doyle's sureties."

The proposition was unanimously adopted.

Transfer of Lands: Under date 20th October, 1930, Mr Elgee Solicitor, wrote that on a search he had found that the Representatives of the late Mr John Pierce assigned the Great Saltee Island to Mr Nicholas Brennan, 7 Hardwicke Street, Dublin, Club Steward, and that the Deed of Transfer was registered in the Land Registry on 1st March, 1930. The Memorial to the Deed did not set out the Purchase money paid by Mr Brennan, but it is stamped to cover a sum not exceeding £50.

Inconnection with the transfer of part of the lands of Boira South to Madame Serres, Mr Elgee enclosed extract from the Memorial of the Deed of Transfer from which it could be seen that the Conveyance is dated 2nd September, 1929, and covered part of the lands containing 117 acres 1rd 5 perches to Madame Serres excepting thereout to Major Bryan and the Owners and occupiers of Upton House (the residence of Major Bryan) the right of hunting, shooting, fishing, and taking game on the said lands. The Memorial did not set out the purchase money paid by Madame Serres to Major Bryan.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the transfer of these lands until report was received from Collector Sinnott who was making further enquiries locally as to whether there is anything on the lands that could be seized.

Rate Collector M.M. Kelly (District No. 6): Under date 17th October, 1930, the Managing Director of New Ireland Assurance Co. 12 Dawson Street, Dublin C.2 wrote that above Collector had had a judgment marked against him for £35 and costs as indicated by a report in the Dublin Mercantile Associations Gazette dated 8th October, 1930. As they were sureties ~~mf~~ for this Collecotr under Fidelity Guarantee Bond to the County Council they asked for a statement showing the position and state of this Collector's Accounts, also the amount of arrears out-

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standing and the report of the Rate Inspector's last check.

Report under date 18th October, 1930, was read from the Rate Inspector, who pointed out that he had examined the Collecting books of Mr Kelly on the previous day when they were found quite in order. He had intended going through the district also but the day was ~~so~~ very wet he had not done so. He would, however, go through it on 22nd or 23rd inst. and would then be in a better position to report more fully. In the meantime he (Rate Inspector) was notifying several defaulters. The amount collected to date was £1456: 8: 11d. equal to 33.6 per cent of his full year's warrant and arrears viz. £4431:16:7d.

The Rate Inspector mentioned that the judgment referred to in letter of the New Ireland Assurance Company relative to Collector Kelly was in respect of a large house which he took in Enniscorthy.

No order.

State of Collection: The following State of the Rate Collection to the 23rd October was submitted:-

1.	E.J. Murphy	£2666: 11: 8d.	45 %
2.	J.J. O'Reilly	£2760: 12: 4d.	43.1 %
3.	T. Bolger	£2317: 17: 6d.	42.3 %
4.	J. Quirke	£2848: 18: 8d.	42.1 %
5.	J. Curtis	£1941: 2: 11d.	41.7 %
6.	Patk. O'Byrne	£2124: 8: 10d.	41.2 %
7.	Art Dunne	£3533: 13: 4d.	41.1 %
8.	M. McCarthy	£2662: 15: 2d.	40.3 %
9.	Patk. Nolan	£3851: 15: 4d.	39.5 %
10.	John Deegan	£3612: 11: 11d.	39.3 %
11.	Thos. Roe	£1758: 14: 2d.	39.0 %
12.	Jos. Cummins	£2532: 5: 2d.	38.4 %
13.	Sean Gannon	£1706: 11: 10d.	38.0 %
14.	Phil. Doyle	£2555: 7: 9d.	37.8 %
15.	W. Cummins	£2251: 8: 11d.	37.0 %
16.	Patk. Carty	£2094: 19: 10d.	36.0 %
17.	Matthew Kelly	£1539: 16: 10d.	35.5 %

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18. John J. Sinnott	£2371: 12: 1d.	34.7 %
19. Thos. Sutton	£2669: 14: 10d.	33.3 %
20. John Doyle (Decd)	£1090: 10: 2d.	32.2 %
21. Patk. Donohoe	£ 812: 11: 10d.	16.0 %
Total Collected	£49704: 1: 1d.	38.1 % ,
Amount outstanding	£80694: 9: 9d.	

ROSSLARE FORESHORE INQUIRY.

Under date 15th October, 1930, the Finance and Establish -
ment Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce, Lower
Castle Yard, South, Dublin, wrote that expenses totalling £8: 16: 0d.
were incurred by Messrs E.J. Smyth and A. Hassard in connection
with their recent visit to Rosslare for the purpose of the Inquiry
held on 29th September, 1930, into the application for an Order
prohibiting the removal of sand and gravel from the foreshore at
Rosslare, and requesting that a remittance for the amount would
be forwarded to the Accountant of the Department. A bill for
£7: 0: 6d. for Shorthand Note of the Inquiry was received from
Mr J.F. Heffernan, "Free Press."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon, it was
decided to recommend the County Council to pay £8: 16: 0d. to the
Department of Industry and Commerce in respect of expenses of
Inspectors holding recent Inquiry at Rosslare and a sum of £7:0:6d.
cost of Shorthand Note to Mr J.F. Heffernan, "Free Press", Wexford.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following under date 15th October, 1930 (19973/29) was
read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have to inform you that three instalments of £131: 12: 2d.
each together with poundage at the rate of 1/- in the £ amounting
in all to £414: 11: 3d. are still outstanding in respect of the
expenses incurred in the restoration of the above named Drainage
District under The Drainage Maintenance Act 1924. If this
amount is not lodged to our credit before the 15th November next
we shall be obliged to report the matter to the Department of

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Finance with a recommendation that the sum be deducted from grants payable to your Council. We may add that it will also be our duty to report the facts to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to meet the demand of the Office of Public Works in connection with Sow Drainage District as on more than one occasion the Council have expressed their determination to refuse to take over any drainage district in regard of which reconstruction work had not been carried out to the satisfaction of the Drainage Rate payers."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME. -----

Under date 9th October, 1930, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, forwarded report of the results of the Autumn Examinations as follows:-

Vincent C. Quirke - Passed the B.A. (Honours) Degree Examination.

Margaret Berney - Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.

Kevin Hall - Did not reach the required Pass Standard at the B. Sc. Degree Examination.

POSITION OF PRISONERS' DOCK IN COUNTY COURTHOUSE. -----

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Department of Justice under date 17th October 1930 (297 -25) in which it was pointed out that the Circuit Court Judge had written to the County Council that there should be direct communication to the Dock without the prisoner coming in contact with the public and that ~~this~~ this could be effected only by having the Dock at the side of the Court, the front facing the Bench and the Jury Box. The following is the concluding paragraph of the letter:- "The Minister assumes that the County Council will comply with the Judges' suggestions as regards the position of the dock and that

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you have already received the advice of the Architect from the Board of Works as to the manner in which the change can best be effected and this Department therefore is not in a position to issue any further instructions or suggestions in the matter."

It was decided to direct the County Surveyor to inform the Department of Justice that as a change in connection with the position of prisoner's dock in the Courthouse was for the convenience of this Department they should pay the expense in relation to same, which would amount to about £70.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING - ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr R. Whelan, Caretaker, Enniscorthy Courthouse, under date 18th October, 1930, in which it was pointed out that the electric light to the Courthouse had failed. He went down to the power station on two occasions and the men who came from it said the fault was not with them, that the wiring had gone wrong and when certain lights were put on the whole system fused. In view of the Circuit Court being held next month and the danger of persons coming from the Office of the District Court Clerk falling downstairs it was imperative that the lights should be seen to without delay."

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor with power to have the necessary work carried out to ensure the proper lighting of the premises.

RECONSTRUCTION OF WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

The following under date 15th October was submitted by the County Surveyor from McNally & Co., Contractors for the reconstruction of the Wexford Courthouse:-

"We have been in communication with the Makers of the Entrance Gates and Iron Stairs, and this firm will not be able to complete the delivery of these goods for about six weeks. The new fittings for the Court we will not have ready for about the same time. The alterations to the Cells etc., will take about four to six weeks to complete.

Under the circumstances we respectfully apply for an extension of time to enable us to complete the works. If the Council would grant an extension until, say, the 1st January, everything would be well finished by that date.

The County Surveyor stated he was not prepared to recommend that the extension to 1st January should be given, but he considered an extension to the 1st December reasonable. It was very difficult in the case of reconstruction work to fix an exact time for conclusion of the contract and all he could say in regard to the present job was that the work had not been held back in any way whatever.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That we recommend the County Council to grant an extension of time to McNally & Co., from the 20th October to 1st December relative to Contract for reconstruction of Wexford Courthouse"

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Mr. Leacy, Local Inspector under Prevention of Cruelty to Children Society, wrote, under date 14th October, 1930, that application would be made on 22nd October, 1930, for the committal to an Industrial School of Mary Esther Dunne, The Deeps, Kyle, Wexford. The child was nine years old and the mother was dead since 1925. The father lived alone and was not in a position to exercise proper supervision over the child. It was anticipated that the Committal would be of a temporary nature as the father hoped to be in a position to again make a home for himself and the child.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd October, 1930, be received and considered."

Permanent Appointment of Rate Inspector: Mr Gaul proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr McCarthy in seconding said he had been the Chairman of the Finance Committee which made the recommendation and the view he took of the matter was that as Mr O'Kennedy had given satisfaction during his probationary period he was entitled to permanent appointment.

Mr Hall proposed the following amendment:- "That Rate Inspector remain in office on a probationary basis for a further twelve months." He thought that the improvement in the Collection was due principally to the fact that the Collectors were calling on Ratepayers more systematically now than in the past. He admitted that Mr O'Kennedy had carried out his work well but he did not see that Mr O'Kennedy or the County Council would suffer in any way by leaving the appointment remain on a temporary basis for a further year.

Mr Hall's amendment was not seconded and the resolution of Mr Gaul was then put and declared adopted.

Transfer of Lands: It was decided on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Mr O'Byrne that references to this matter in Finance Committee meeting of October 23rd be dealt with in Committee. [Colonel] Gibbon referring to Great/Island^{Saltee} said that the Society for the Protection of Birds rather shied at taking over the Island owing to the high rates and annuity. If these could be reduced the Society might take over the place as a bird sanctuary. The Land Commission annuity was £56 or £46, and the rates approximately £23 or about £70 per annum in all. One of the influential members of the Society was to approach the Land Commission with a view to securing a reduction in the annuity

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and the Society were also to ask the Council if they would be prepared to accept a sum of about £10 for rates.

Mr Elgee said the only thing that could be done would be to apply for a revision of valuation and it was probable the present assessment would be reduced in view of the fact that the Island was of no value as it was not used for any agricultural purpose whatever. In this way the Society would pay a lesser amount in rates but the actual amount of rate in the £ of valuation could not be interfered with.

It was then decided that the County Secretary communicate with the Land Commission and the General Valuation Department and point out to them that the National Society for the Protection of Birds were about to purchase the Great Saltee Island for National purposes and would be prepared to take it over if a substantial reduction could be obtained in amount of Land Annuity and also in the Valuation of the holding.

Electric Light Enniscorthy Courthouse: The County Surveyor said he had this matter in hands. Something was wrong with the switches which were not quite satisfactory.

Electric Light for New Courthouse and County Council Offices: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy seconded by Mr Hall: "That the County Surveyor be empowered to sign on behalf of the Council the contract note with Electricity Supply Board for the installation of electric light in the rooms of the Old Jail which had been renovated for Court purposes and for County Council Offices."

Prisoners' Dock in Courthouse: The County Surveyor said that at last meeting of the Council it was decided the Council would not agree to the erection of a staircase to the prisoners' dock unless the Government paid the cost. The day following the meeting an Architect from the Board of Works attended and went into all the details of the cost of the renovation. What apparently he wanted to do was to find out if by cheese paring

somewhere else they could cover the cost of the erection of the stairs. But if the stairs were necessary in the future they could be put up without interfering in any way with what they were now doing.

No action was taken.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr McCarthy: "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd October, 1930, be and are hereby adopted."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th November, 1930, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 6th November, 1930.

The following were present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Hall, John J. Culleton, Thomas McCarthy, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr Elgee, Solicitor, and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

Mr McCarthy took the chair on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr O'Byrne,

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

A vote of sympathy was adopted to Mr T.F. D'Arcy, County Councillor, on the death of his uncle, the Very Rev Canon D'Arcy P.P. Kilrush, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Hall seconded a resolution, conveying the sympathy of the meeting to Mr Jordan, County Councillor, in the death of Miss Higgins.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3766:2:4d. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

The State of the Rate Collection to 6th November, 1930, was submitted as follows:-

1. E.J. Murphy	47	Per Cent.
2. J. Quirke	45	"
3. J.J. O'Reilly	45	"
4. J. Curtis	45	"
5. Patrick Nolan	45	"
6. Art Dunne	44	"
7. Thady Bolger (No.14)	44	"
8. M. McCarthy	43	"
9. Thos. Rowe	43	"

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10. Patrick Byrne	42 Per Cent
11. John Deegan	42 "
12. Joseph Cummins	42 "
13. Philip Doyle	41 "
14. Patrick Carty	40 "
15 Sean Gannon	39 "
16. W. Cummins	39 "
17. J.J. Sinnott	38 "
18. M.M. Kelly	38 "
19. Wm. Doyle	36 "
20. Thos. Sutton	35 "
21. Thady Bolger(for No.12)	16 "

The Rate Inspector suggested that Collector Sutton be compelled to lodge £100 per week for the next four weeks, at the end of which his Collection could be reviewed. He recommended that regarding the offer by Messrs Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, of payment of two years rates in settlement of claim for four and a half year's rates, £24:17:6d. due on holdings of the late Peter Rourke, Horetown, North, Taghmon, that the offer should not be accepted.

Re L.A. Bryan, Boira South, Mr Bryan had retained the shooting rights over the property. He had a boat on the bog which Collector Sinnott considered of practically no value.

Messrs W. Doyle and T. Bolger had taken up duty for Nos. 19 and 12 Districts respectively.

Under date 31st October, 1930, Mr T. Bolger wrote that he would go on immediately with Collection in No. 12 District.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:- "That Collector Sutton be called upon to lodge at least £400 by the first meeting of Finance Committee for the month of December 1930.

In connection with the case of Peter Rourke, Horetown North, it was decided to adjourn consideration till next meeting of Finance Committee when Rate Inspector expected to have further particulars.

The following under date 29th October, 1930 (G79341- 1930 Loch Garman) was read from the L.G.D:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and the Public Health to acknowledge/receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, and to state that in the circumstances he agrees to the temporary appointment of Mr William Doyle to close the 1930/31 warrant of his late brother, Collector John Doyle, the sureties of the late Rate Collector having expressed their agreement there-to."

In connection with payment of Poundage to Rate Collectors the following under date 24th October, 1930, (G77427 - 1930 Fa Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, relative to the payment of poundage fees on lodgments made subsequent to the 31st March, 1930, in respect of the 1929/30 warrant and arrears, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw attention to the terms of this Department's letter and enclosure of the 26th June last. I am to point out that no one of the Collectors has so far lodged the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of the current rate. I am to state that the Minister will defer further consideration of the proposal to pay poundage until the end of this month."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That Local Government Department be requested to sanction payment of poundage to each Collector in respect of lodgments on current year's warrant to the 31st October, 1930. Payment to be made to each Collector as soon as he has lodged 40% of the total of current year's warrant including arrears. That Local Government Department be also requested to sanction payment of poundage to Rate Collectors in respect of lodgments made subsequent to the 31st March, 1930, in respect of last year's warrant, said amounts having been deferred from Rate Collectors in accordance with instructions of Local Government Department."

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REDEMPTION OF RENTS - OLD WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

The following under date 31st October, 1930 (S75,968/30 Loch Garman -Pg) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 25th instant and previous correspondence in regard to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £3,649 for the redemption of ground rents arising out of the former Wexford Courthouse site, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the matter might have been referred to this Department before the amounts proposed to be paid were agreed to with the several interests concerned. The Minister is not, however, prepared to withhold his sanction to the proposal, and I am to enclose a copy of a communication sanctioning the raising of a loan of £3,649 as proposed."

Under date 31st October, 1930, the following (S.79,643/30 Loch gCarman Pg) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the application of the Wexford County Council for sanction to the raising of a loan of £3,649 for the redemption of ground rents arising out of the former Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has given his sanction to the raising of a loan of this amount for the redemption of ground rents: the loan to be obtained from the Treasurer of the Council and to be repayable within a period of ten years with interest at the rate of one half per cent under Irish Banks Discount Rate (varying) subject to a minimum of four per cent. A signed duplicate of sanction is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurer."

Mr Elgee said that he thought the statements as to the action of the Council in this matter as set out in the Minutes of their meetings from time to time afforded sufficient information to the L.G.D. and besides he was of opinion that the

Departments really concerned were the Department of Finance and Department of Justice.

EXAMINATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

Under date 28th October, 1930, the Office of National Education wrote that arrangements for holding the examination for above Scholarships in Easter Week were now being made and the Wexford County Council should state if they desired a special examination and indicate the time. In this event the attention of the Council was called to Clause 12 (a) of the Official Regulations as follows:-

"The cost of the examinations will be borne by the Department except in the case of special examinations held at the instance of a Council or to meet the conditions of a Council's special programme or part programme of examination when the cost must be defrayed by the responsible Council.

In reply to a query from the County Secretary the Office of National Education wrote under date 5th November, 1930, that, owing to pressure of work on their Inspectorate, it was not possible for their Department to undertake a special examination for County Council Scholarships. The Department had no exact information as to what the cost of such an examination would be. The setting of the papers would cost approximately £10 or £11; expenses of printing the papers £10; do for time tables and instructions to candidates £2; examining papers 1/- each. To these items would have to be added the cost of the Superintendence and any other incidental charges.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "The Finance Committee regret that the Office of National Education have not seen their way to fall in with the request of the Council - fortified by the opinion of their Scholarship Committee - that Examinations for award of Secondary Scholarships be held in July as the fixing of this examination in Easter Week will mean that candid-

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ates will receive only three-quarters of the normal preparation. However, in view of the fact that a Special examination could not be arranged for under an expenditure of about £40, we recommend the Council to fall in with the suggestion of the Office of National Education and agree that examinations for award of Secondary Scholarships be held during Easter week in conjunction with examination of candidates seeking entrance into the Department's Preparatory Colleges."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 3rd November, 1930, requisition was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, as to supply of full Standard Kits to the six Garda Ex-Officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts. Most local Authorities, he pointed out, now supplied these kits by arrangement with the Local Government Department.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, be requested to furnish the County Council with the approximate cost of a full standard kit for Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts. That our Secretary communicate with other Councils in An Saorstát and ascertain if they have supplied these kits to Inspectors and at what cost. That the matter be further considered when the information referred to in this resolution is at hand."

GOREY COURTHOUSE AND PLOUGHING MATCH DANCE.

Under date 5th November, 1930, the Hon Secs., Gorey Ploughing Match Committee, wrote, asking for the use of Gorey Courthouse for annual Ploughing Match Dance which would be held at the end of the year.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That, as Ploughing matches are recognised by County Committee of Agriculture as a prominent form of skilled labour, we recommend the Council to allow the Gorey Ploughing Match Committee the use of Gorey Courthouse for their annual dance on condition that the Committee of the Match

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will be responsible for the building furniture etc., while in their custody."

PRINTED FORMS FOR CORONERS.

Under date 4th November, 1930, Mr John J. Roche, Coroner for South Wexford, wrote, enclosing letter from the Department of Justice as to supply of Coroner's Certificates of Finding of Juries, which for the last 20 years had been supplied to him by the State.

The letter from the Department of Justice -(1st November, 1930 - 173/2) pointed out that it was usual for County Councils to supply Coroners with the standard forms necessary in connection with the holding of inquests free of charge. The Form of Order authorising burial before registry of death and the various forms required by the Births and Deaths Registration (Ireland) Act 1920 were supplied by the Registrar General's Office, Dublin,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the application of Coroner for South Wexford for supply of printed forms be adjourned to next meeting and in the meantime that the County Secretary communicate with the other County Councils in An Saorstát and ascertain what forms they are supplying to Coroners and at what ~~expense~~ cost."

TELEGRAPH LINES IN ENNISCORTHY.

The following under date 30th October (S.20) was read from Department of Posts and Telegraphs:-

"I have to thank you for your letter of the 29th instant giving consent for underground telegraphic lines along Mill Park Road, Market Street, Enniscorthy Bridge and Templeshannon Road, Enniscorthy. With regard, however, to the condition which has been added to the consent requiring "that so far as lines pass under Main Roads the work and the replacement of street surfaces be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor" it is necessary to explain that the Minister for

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Posts and Telegraphs is unable to accept any conditions which would, or might, impose upon him any expense or obligation inconsistent with the full exercise of his Statutory Powers.

Surveyors generally are not concerned with the manner in which the Post Office carries out its work, except so far as it affects the streets or roads under their control. Moreover, the Minister is under an obligation to restore roadways which are disturbed by his works to as good a condition as they were in before being disturbed, but as the road surfaces will no doubt be restored by the Council's Surveyor at the expense of the Minister you will no doubt be willing to agree that the condition is unnecessary, or that it may be amended to read "Provided that the road surfaces be restored to the reasonable satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

The County Surveyor said he had discussed the matter with Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, and with Mr O'Maille of the L.G.D. At ~~the~~ present it was proposed that water pipes and electric cable should cross the bridge. There were two pipes already under the footpath on the upstream side. It was proposed to put another pipe on the other side and this with the electric cable would leave very little room for anything else. He thought in view of this the Post Office Department should be asked to put their cable outside the Bridge Parapet.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That, in connection with the laying of underground telegraphic wires in Enniscorthy town, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to place their cable outside the parapet of the Enniscorthy Bridge."

SALARY OF CARETAKER. COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, that the salary allowance etc., of Mrs McNally, County Courthouse Caretaker, for quarter ended 30th September, 1930, and amounting to £15:2:3d. be recommended for payment.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Notifications were received from Clerks of District Courts as to committal to Industrial Schools of the following children:- Patrick and James Kehoe, Castlebridge: Mary Doran, Ballysilla, Ballymurrin.

All applications had been forwarded to Mr Elgee, Solicitor.

The following letter from Manager, Danesfort Industrial School, was read:-

"I beg to inform you that on the 4th June, 1925, a child named Patrick Rourke was at the District Court of Enniscorthy ordered to be sent to St. Patrick's Boys Industrial School, Kilkenny. On the 5th February, 1930, he was admitted on transfer from Kilkenny to this School by Order of the Minister. It is recited in the Detention Order that the child was born on the 2nd June, 1919: he was ordered to be detained up to but not including the 1st June, 1930. The usual period is when the boy attains the age of 16 years, so that in this case the date should be 1st June, 1935. I beg to refer you to the maintenance account for the half year ended 30th September last where he is entered under the Register No. 1434, his maintenance being charged up to and including the 31st March last, the date of his official discharge from this school. I have retained the boy in the school and am about to take proceedings to have the boy re-committed to such time as may be ordered. I shall be obliged if you would inform me what action your Council would adopt having regard to the circumstances of the case."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Hall:- "The Finance Committee, in view of the circumstances set out in letter from Manager, Danesfort Industrial School, Upton, Co. Cork, under date 31st October, 1930, have no objection to the recommittal of Patrick Rourke to this Industrial School."

COMPLAINT RE OVERHANGING TREES.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr T. Parle,

Weston, Wexford, under date 29th October, 1930, calling attention to the fact that the County Surveyor had not carried out the necessary work in connection with the cutting of the trees overhanging his premises, and nothing had been done with regard to the fence which was destroying his garden. He asked to have the work done by 1st November as the delay which was causing much trouble and inconvenience had been unreasonable.

The Committee having inspected the premises decided that the County Surveyor should cut the main branches of the tree at entrance gate to County Council premises and adjoining the residence of Mr Parle. They recommended that no action should be taken as regards the second tree complained of by Mr Parle or the fence between the two holdings.

SLIPPERY ROADS.

The County Surveyor read letter, under date 4th November, 1930, from Fleming & Co., 10 Burgh Quay, Dublin, offering to supply a Coleman Gritter, costing £96:10:0d., for trial on any selected roads. This machine would distribute any type of small gravel, or small material could be used.

A resolution was adopted to avail of the offer of Messrs Fleming & Co., the machine to be utilised on the New Ross - Enniscorthy bitumen road on which a number of serious accidents had occurred.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of the 6th November, 1930, be received and considered."

Poundage for Rate Collectors: The following under date 8th November, 1930 (G 72142/1930 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant and to state that he has caused enquiries to be made by one of his Inspectors into the progress of the Rate Collection in the County Wexford. The results of the investigations show the state of the Collection to be most unsatisfactory. The Minister therefore finds himself unable to consent to the County Council's proposal regarding the payment of poundage. He only agrees that poundage may be paid to each Collector on all sums lodged up to the 31st ulto. including the balance of fees in respect of the warrants for 1929-30 where he has deposited with the County Treasurer sums equivalent to 50 per cent of the current warrant and arrears, provided that such lodgment is made before the end of this month; no poundage to be paid until this has been done.

A number of Collectors had collected less than 40 per cent on the 31st ulto and the Minister calls upon the Council to forthwith terminate the services of these Collectors.

With regard to the proposed payment in lieu of poundage to the New Ireland Assurance Company in the case of the late Collector Furlong's warrant, I am to ask for full particulars showing how this warrant has been disposed of - the date of issue of the warrant - the amount lodged up to the date of default of the Collector, the date of claim on the Insurance Company the date or dates and amount of lodgments made by the Company, the rate of poundage proposed should also be stated

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and particulars given of any payments on account already made.

Mr Gaul pointed out that it was a great injustice to ask the Rate Collectors to work without payment.

Mr Cooney said the Local Government Department could not expect Rate Collectors to live on the side of the road. The action of the Department in deferring payment was putting a premium on dishonesty and would bring the whole business into disrepute.

Mr Keegan contended that if the officials of the Local Government Department had better knowledge of conditions prevailing in the rural districts of the County Wexford, they would not issue such drastic orders as they were doing and would realise how unjust it was to keep the Rate Collectors waiting for months for an instalment of poundage.

The Secretary said that the Collectors whose services the Department suggested should be terminated were:- W. Cummins, Sean Gannon, M. Kelly, J.J. Sinnott, Thos. Sutton, In the other districts below 40 per cent Collector John Doyle had died and his brother had been only recently appointed to take up the work while Collector P. Donohoe had been removed from Office and Thady Bolger had just started to wind up the Collection.

Collector John Sinnott had been ill for three weeks.

After considerable discussion Mr McCarthy proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Collectors W. Cummins, M. Kelly, Sean Gannon, and Thomas Sutton be summoned to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee of 20th November, 1930, and that they submit particulars of their Collection with full information as to derelict farms and irrecoverable rates. And that the Finance Committee report to next meeting of the Council."

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That copy of letter of L.G.D. (No. G 72142/1930) under date 8th November, 1930, be forwarded each Rate Collector for his information."

Industrial School Children: After a long discussion as to the

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training of children in Industrial Schools the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That in connection with contributions made by parents or guardians towards the maintenance of children in Industrial Schools we call on the Government to pay in relief of local rates, at least half to County Councils concerned. That we request the General Council of County Councils to help Councils in securing this concession.."

Gritting Machine: Mr Keegan said he did not see much use in employing a machine for the work. He instanced a case in which a complaint of a slippery road made by him to the County Surveyor had been remedied, in half a day's employment for a man and horse.

The County Surveyor said the complaint of Mr Keegan had reference to a small local place but it would not be possible to do the 20 miles of road between Enniscorthy and New Ross, without a machine.

Mr Walsh said it was absolutely essential that something should be done on this road as horse traffic was impossible on it at the moment. People were complaining they could not bring a load into town.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr McCarthy:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th November, 1930, be and are hereby adopted."

DUNCANNON HALL.

Under date 7th November, 1930, Mr B. Downes, Duncannon, wrote that as regards erection of proposed Entertainment Hall at Duncannon he would apply in person to the meeting of the Council on 10th inst. to explain his position.

Mr Downes did not attend and on the motion of Mr Colfer seconded by Mr Gaul it was decided that the matter should be adjourned to County Council meeting of 24th inst. to allow of

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Mr Downes' attendance.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The Secretary reported that Dr. Christopher Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, took up duty on 7th November 1930.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The Department of Local Government wrote under date 25th October, 1930 (G76405 - 1930 Pf - Loch Garman) that the Minister had approved under Section 58 (4) of the Local Government Act 1925 of the powers delegated by the Wexford County Council to the County Library Committee.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Gaul:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey, and renewal of licence under same Act to John Doyle, North Street, New Ross.

DE-RATING COMMISSION.

The following under date 6th November, 1930 (S.3629) was read from the Secretary to the President of An Dail:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of your Committee on the 27th ultimo, calling upon the Government to produce the report of the De-Rating Commission as soon as possible, and to inform you that it has been referred to the Minister for Finance, to whom it is suggested any further communication in the matter should be addressed."

The Chairman said it would be no harm to ask their T.D.'s to speed up the production of this report.

Mr Corish said they would be attending the Dail on the 19th inst and they could raise the matter.

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Mr O'Byrne said it was expected the report would be ready for the meeting of the General Council of County Councils to be held on 25th November.

ROSSLARE FORESHORE.

The following under date 7th November, 1930, (M.S.1447) was read from the Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the Prohibitory Order at Rosslare I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to enclose herewith a supply of Posters for exhibition along the area covered by the Order. It is desirable that the Posters should be affixed to notice boards at each end of the Strand as well as at points in between where they will be easily observable by the public.

The posters should be varnished over to prevent damage by wind or rain.

I am to add that the names of Mr N.J. Kelly and John J. Kelly, Rosslare, should be added to the list which accompanied the Department's letter to you of the 17th ultimo"

The County Surveyor said the necessary work would cost about £5.

The Chairman said if the Council undertook the work and the responsibility for having the posters exhibited it would be an admission of their liability to maintain them also. He thought it was the business of those people who benefited by the action of the Department of Industry and Commerce who should look after the matter.

Colonel Gibbon said the best thing to be done would be to ~~send~~ in an estimate to the Department as to the cost and explain to them that the Council would attend to the work if the Department paid for it.

Chairman - I am opposed to that: we should have nothing to do with it. If you once undertake it you will have to look after it for all time.

The County Surveyor in reply to a query said the notices would have to be renewed every year.

Chairman - If anyone should undertake the work of exhibiting these posters it should be the Wexford Harbour Commissioners seeing that the Order appears to have been made solely for the protection of Wexford port.

Mr Hall proposed and Mr Gaul seconded the following resolution:- "That we consider it the business of the Department of the State concerned to exhibit the posters of the Prohibitory Order as to removal of material from Rosslare foreshore seeing that this foreshore is claimed to be the property of the State."

Passed.

DUMPING OF FOREIGN GRAIN ETC.

The following resolution from Kilkenny County Council was submitted:- "That we wish to place on record our grave disappointment at the inaction of the Minister of Agriculture in allowing the dumping of Foreign Oats into An Saorstat, thus helping to deprive the tiller of the soil of all chance of a home market for Grain, which he is already selling at 50% under cost of production; and in view of the detrimental effect its continuation would have on Agricultural Labour and the many dependent industries - viz., Poultry, Eggs, the rearing of young stock etc, - we request he will take prompt action with a view to putting a complete embargo against this unwarranted Import."

"We also remind him that the demand already put forward with a view to protection of Barley Growers is also of vital importance to agricultural conditions."

"Further we would, in view of his oft repeated opinion given in times of stress to farmers when their Grain was unsaleable at a remunerative price - viz "to have all the Grain fed to Stock and leave the Country on four legs" - suggest that some arrangement for the transfer of Grain from Grain-Growing districts to grazing districts should be made with Public Carrying Companies to carry same at low rates on a proportionate mileage basis which would create practically a new trade for

Carrying Companies."

"Finally, in view of the low price existing for Cereals he should see that very material reduction in present exorbitant Cereal carrying rates be brought into effect."

After a long discussion Mr O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Brennan and adopted:- "That the resolution from Kilkenny County Council as to dumping of foreign grain etc submitted to this meeting be adopted with the following amendment:- The words -"for the transfer of grain from grain-growing districts" to read "for the transfer of agricultural products from tillage districts."

TOWN TENANTS' COMMISSION.

The following resolution from Tullamore Urban Council was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh seconded by Mr McCarthy:- "That we call upon the Government to forthwith introduce legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Town Tenants' Commission appointed by them over two years ago".

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

The following under date 5th November, 1930, was read from Miss A.L. Massy, Galteemore, Bailey, Co. Dublin, Hon. Sec. Irish Society for the Protection of Birds:-

"Thank you very much for your letter of 4th November, enclosing a copy of the resolution re Wild Birds Protection Act 1930 made by the County Council. The Committee of the above Society wish me to express their thanks to the County Council for asking the Minister for Justice to issue this Order."

FOOTPATH AT McCURTAIN ST. GOREY.

Under date 5th November, 1930, the Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote that the Gorey Town Commissioners wished to direct the attention of the County Council to the dangerous state of the footpath at McCurtain St. Gorey, and to point out that altho' the necessary repairs had been decided on by the County Council the work had ~~not~~ not been carried out. The footpath was used extensively

by the people and the Commissioners felt there should not be any further delay in attending to the matter.

The County Surveyor said he had no money to do the work but was bringing forward a proposal in connection with the annual Roads Works Scheme which would be under consideration by the Council at an early date.

It was decided to inform the Gorey Town Commissioners accordingly.

EMPLOYMENT OF MORE ROAD MEN.

Mr Gaul asked if there was any possibility of the County Surveyor putting on the roads more men than at present.

The County Surveyor said he had in view the sending of a notification to the Assistant Surveyors that as there was a lot of potholes and other matters to be attended to at once that they should employ a certain number of extra men.

Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING - 24TH NOVEMBER, 1930.

MINUTES.

Fortview,
WEXFORD.

N.J. Frizelle,
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 24th November, 1930.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

THE LATE CANON D'ARCY P.P. KILRUSH.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr Hayes:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence from Mr T.F. D'Arcy, County Councillor, on death of the late Canon D'Arcy P.P. Kilrush, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

"I am in receipt of your letter of a few day's past for which I am very grateful and you will kindly express my sincere thanks to both the Finance Committee and to the County Council for their resolution's of sympathy or rather their votes of sympathy, and I must also thank you and your staff for your kind sympathy. Expressions of sympathy in times of trouble are always consoling."

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6410:9:2d. was examined and signed.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

As the 8th December, 1930 - the ordinary meeting day of the Council is a holy day of obligation - the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Culleton:- "That next meeting of County Council be

held on Tuesday 9th December, 1930."

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by County Surveyor:-

"The work of laying cement-bound macadam on Gorey-Courtown Road is now completed, but there still remains to be carried out work in connection with the sides. Owing to the very bad weather, and the fact that slow hardening cement was used on this work it will not be possible to have the road opened to traffic before the 21st proximo. I have already notified the Local Government Department to this effect, and now ask that you make formal application for keeping road closed up to the 21st December.

The laying of cement-bound macadam on the Wexford-New Ross road is well advanced, but has been very much delayed by the bad weather. It will not be possible to open the road for traffic before the 21st December next, and I have notified the Local Government Department accordingly. It will be necessary for the County Council to make formal application for extension of time in this case also.

I have been in communication with the Minister of Lands and Fisheries in regard to receiving deputation with reference to new sluice gates at Courtown Harbour, and now have reply stating that no useful purpose will be served by the proposed deputation.

Recently a motor car collided with the retaining wall at Ballydaniel Bridge near Camolin on Road T.7. No.3 and caused damage to same. I have obtained the name of the owner of the car, and have notified the Insurance Company. I suggest that the County Solicitor be asked to communicate with the owner of car claiming cost of repair to wall, which I estimate at £5:10:0d.

On the 10th instant the Committee appointed to deal with the complaint of Miss Forrestal in regard to flooding met on the site. There were present Mr McCarthy M.C.C., and also Mr Clince M.C.C., with Mr Elgee and the County Surveyor. Miss

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Forrestal was also present. The County Solicitor will submit report on the matter.

From time to time there has been flooding of the road at Ballywether Bridge, on the road from Wexford to Taghmon, No. 72. Recently the flooding has been excessive, and unless steps can be taken to have the riverway cleared the nuisance cannot be abated without heavy cost in raising the road.

The Secretary has handed me list of dangerous corners forwarded from the Superintendent Civic Guards with suggestion that danger signs be erected on same. In one case we already have sign on the Main Road at Tomcoole Cross, and in one other case the suggested sign is on a Main Road, but all the others are on County Roads. It is not usually the practice to put signs on any but Main Roads, as the expense of warning signs and danger signs would be prohibitive.

It will now be necessary to make provision for the furnishing and other works of new premises at the Old Jail, and I suggest that a Committee be appointed to go thoroughly into this matter, and report later to the County Council. I have been considering the advisability of transferring the Machinery Workshop from Enniscorthy to the unoccupied premises at the back of the new office block, and suggest that the Committee deal with this matter also.

At last meeting of the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee there was a discussion regarding the necessity for repairing the house occupied by the Assistants to the Caretaker. This house is an appurtenance to the bridge, and is the joint property of the Wexford and Kilkenny Councils. There is a question as to the legal powers of the Bridge Committee in carrying out this work, and application has been made to the Local Government Department, but in order to avoid any difficulty I ask that a proposal be approved by the Wexford County Council to bear half the cost of the work. The funds already allocated to the Bridge Committee will cover the cost. As this is a contentious matter I suggest

that it be heard in Committee.

I have been in communication with Messrs Fleming in regard to a trial of Road Gritting Machine. There appears to have been some misunderstanding as to the machine to be supplied on trial and I now have a letter suggesting a different type of machine which is priced at £117, and would appear to be more suitable than that formerly referred to. Messrs Fleming are prepared to send on trial, and to give extended terms of payment.

I have recently been in communication with the Electricity Supply Board and Gas Company with reference to the proper restoration of the roads in the town of New Ross.

I submit list of defaulting Contractors against whom proceedings should be taken if they continue in default.

I have application from Messrs Bolger, Ferns, for supply of broken stone from Carriganeagh or Gorey Hill Quarries, and submit same for your consideration."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline:- "That the Report of County Surveyor to this meeting be received and considered."

Gorey-Courtown Road: The County Surveyor said that in the case of this contract slow-hardening cement had been used owing to the scare about the failure of Ferrocrete in Limerick

Mr O'Byrne said if at all possible this road should be opened to traffic on the 17th December as an important fair would be held in Gorey on the following day. The County Surveyor said he would arrange to have the road opened for traffic on 17th December.

New Ross - Wexford Road: Miss O'Ryan said the County Surveyor could allow traffic to pass at the side road by the "burnt" house. She considered there had been great lack of foresight in obtaining supplies for this road. As a matter of fact that very morning the Ganger said he was awaiting sand. It was a terrible inconvenience to the public to have the road closed for such a long period.

The County Surveyor said they expected they had enough

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sand in the first instance.

Miss O'Ryan considered there had been great delay in starting the work and which could have been avoided by a little foresight.

The County Surveyor denied this and said that the work was arranged for without any undue delay whatever.

It was decided to apply to the Minister of Local Government for an extension of time allowed for the temporary closing of Gorey-Courtown and New Ross-Wexford Road to the 21st December, 1930, in each case.

Courtown Harbour Sluice Gates: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 6th November, 1930 (1841/30) from the Department of Fisheries:-

"With further reference to your communication of the 6th instant, relative to the provision of funds to supply new sluice gates for Courtown Harbour, Mr Lynch desires me to say that the question of a contribution from State funds is still a matter of correspondence between him and the Minister ~~of~~ for Finance. Unless further matters can be brought to light in addition to those already put forth by the deputations in 1928 and again last June, he does not consider any useful purpose would be served by the proposed deputation."

Mr Corish said that he had been speaking a few days ago to a responsible official in the Department of Fisheries who informed him that requisition for the State Grant in this case had been made to the Department of Finance which had returned it with an enquiry if a smaller sum could not be sufficient. The Ministry of Fisheries had replied that the amount for which they asked was the smallest they could accept and was only half cost of the proposed work. It was hoped these further representations would be successful. He (Mr Corish) would call on the Ministry of Fisheries again.

Ballydaniel Bridge: Col. Quin said he happened to pass by the bridge shortly after the accident and saw the motor car. The bridge was built without foundation except a dry stone wall and

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anything could knock it over. This could not happen with a proper foundation. It had been injured some time previously by another motor vehicle. He thought the concrete wall had been put up last year or the year before and it was knocked down by a lorry laden with sweets.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said the cost of repairing the damage in the last named instance had been recovered from the Insurance Company. This second motor then came along and collided with another part of the bridge including a small portion of what had been rebuilt. The foundation was a masonry wall but he could not say how long it was erected. They simply put the concrete wall on top of the masonry and pointed the joints. The foundation in his opinion was absolutely sufficient for the wall and any increased work would have been waste of money.

Col. Quin said if another car collided with the wall it would topple over again. A nine inch wall was not the proper thing for such a structure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Cline:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to apply to Insurance Company for amount of cost of repair of Ballydaniel Bridge necessary owing to collision of motor car."

Miss Forrestal's House: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Brennan:- "That the report of Sub-Committee in connection with flooding at holding of Miss Forrestal near Enniscorthy be considered in committee as Miss Forrestal has threatened legal proceedings."

The following report of Sub-Committee under date 22nd November, 1930, was submitted by Mr Elgee, Solicitor:-

"As instructed I attended at Miss Forrestal's Premises near Enniscorthy with the Sub-Committee appointed by the Council, on Monday the 10th inst., Mr McCarthy, Mr Cline and the County Surveyor being present - Miss Forrestal was also there.

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We inspected the Lands where the Stream which causes the complaint as to flooding is, and found that this Stream runs down through Miss Forrestal's Lands to the Fence at the side of the public road where the water runs over a cement spillway into a Tank or Trap at the side of the road, and from this Tank the water runs into a Drain immediately under the Tank.

The Spillway above referred to is about five or six feet above the road surface, and, when there is a heavy fall of rain, a large flow of water comes down this Stream. As the fall of the land to the Spillway is very steep such water shoots over the Spillway with great force beyond the Tank or Trap on to the Public Road, and this is the probable cause of the alleged flooding.

While in no way admitting liability in the matter the Committee in order to protect the Public Road from flooding recommended that the height of the cement Spillway be reduced, and that the aperture in same through which the water from the stream flows should be increased, and further, that the height of the walls forming the sides of the tank at the Road surface should be raised. The County Surveyor was of the opinion that if these alterations are carried out any nuisance caused by flooding of the Public Road will be abated."

Mr McCarthy moved the adoption of the report and asked the Council to consider the advisability of proceeding with the necessary work immediately as Miss Forrestal had threatened legal proceedings. There was no flooding they could see in connection with any portion of her premises but there was flooding on the road ten or twelve yards beyond her place and nearer to Enniscorthy. The improvements suggested would prevent any further flooding but whether they would prejudice the position of the Council as regards any proceedings that may be taken was another matter.

Mr Elgee said that for the present and until they saw if Miss Forrestal was going to make any further move it would be better not to take any steps as regards carrying out recommendations.

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The Chairman said that if Miss Forrestal was prepared to give an undertaking that she would not carry on the threatened legal proceedings he supposed the improvements could be carried out.

Mr Elgee agreed.

It was then decided to postpone further consideration of the matter until it had been ascertained if Miss Forrestal was prepared to give the undertaking suggested by the Chairman.

Ballywether Bridge: The County Surveyor said the real point as regards the flooding of the road at this place was that the river was a natural stream and as it was not cleaned up for a considerable time the nuisance was becoming more acute every year. Mr Elgee had informed him that in the case of a natural stream the Council had not power to interfere.

Miss O'Ryan said that the flooding at the place this year was the worst that could be remembered. On the 20th November heavy lorries only could pass through it as about 300 yards was well under water. As the New Ross-Wexford traffic had now been diverted to this road on account of the repair of the main road the matter was really serious.

Mr Elgee said if the stream in this case was a naturally running one the Council had no power to interfere. The only thing to be done was to approach the land owners and ascertain if they would be prepared to help in cleaning up the place.

Miss O'Ryan said several of the land holders lived at a distance and she did not believe the Council could count on getting very much help from them.

The Chairman pointed out that in his district a farmer whose lands had been flooded obtained an injunction against the offending party and he could not believe the County Council had no remedy against persons whose default was causing extreme public inconvenience as well as seriously injuring the public road.

The County Surveyor said the only alternative to cleaning up the water way was to raise the road and this would be very

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expensive.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr Elgee for further advice as to the most suitable action by the Council, the County Surveyor to furnish full particulars to him.

Dangerous Corners: The following under date 30th October, 1930, was read from Mr. W.P. Quinn, District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford:-

"In view of the increasing number of accidents on the public roads of this Police District during the past twelve months and having regard to the ever increasing number of motor vehicles on the public roads I would respectfully suggest to you that "warning signs" be erected at the following places, or at as many of the places cited as is considered necessary having regard to the amount of traffic on the road embraced.

1. WEXFORD TOWN VICINITY Erection of a warning sign at McCullough's cross situated on the Wexford-Duncannon road, where the road leading Rathaspick to Taghmon crosses the Duncannon line.

2. DUNCORMICK BRIDGETOWN AREA Erection of warning signs at the following places:- Duncormick Hill cross, outside the village of Duncormick on road leading to Cullenstown, where the road to Cullenstown and Carrick-on-Bannow converge.

3. DUNCORMICK CROSS At Cross near new School, on road leading Wexford-Duncormick adjacent to Protestant Church. There is a dangerous blind corner here and with opening of new National School a short distance away a Warning sign is now necessary.

4. BALDWINSTOWN CROSS This is a very important cross still without a warning sign. Four roads converge at this point and three of the roads have blind corners while in addition there is a School on the blind corner of the Duncormick-Wexford road at this point. I would like to lay special stress on this cross-roads as it is much frequented by traffic and is dangerous.

5. CULLENS CROSS, TULLYCANNA This cross is dangerous in as much as it is blind - four roads meet here, i.e., Tullycanna to Baldwinstown road and Taghmon to Duncormick road.

6. CHURCHTOWN CROSS, BRIDGETOWN This is situated on the Wexford-Bridgetown Road at the Church of Ireland, Bridgetown. It is a bad blind "S" bend, the road which converges to main road here is not of importance, but the double blind bends make the spot dangerous to traffic.

7. TAGHMON Tomcoole Cross. This Cross is situated on the Main Wexford-New Ross road, the Taghmon to Glynn road crosses the main road at right angles and as the Cross is somewhat hidden it is suggested that warning sign is required.

8. KILLURIN At the crossroad lying under the Garda Siochana Station at Killurin on the road leading from Killurin to Enniscorthy main or trunk road. There is a blind corner at this spot which though not much frequented by traffic is considered dangerous.

9. ROSSLARE PIER - GREENFIELD CROSS There is a very dangerous blind cross here at the junction of the following roads:- Tacumshane - Killinick road and Bridgetown-Tagoat road. Two serious accidents occurred here during the past two months due to the high fences and absolutely blind or concealed junction.

10. KISHA CROSS This is a bad blind cross at the junction of the following roads:- Lady's Island - Tagoat road and Ballytrent-Killinick Road. The cross is blinded by high fences and thus rendered dangerous to the heavy traffic using the road especially during Summer months.

11. TWELVE ACRE CROSS ROADS There are two roads converging on the main road at this point near each other. Both converging roads are hidden and are thus dangerous to traffic. The main road leads from Broadway to Killinick and at Twelveacre the road from Tagoat and the road from Bridgetown converge, both converging roads being blind.

12. LOUGH CROSS At this place the following roads converge - road Ballytrent to Killinick and the road Broadway to Tagoat. The cross is dangerous in as much as approaching traffic cannot be observed owing to high fences at the corners.

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13. ROSSLARE STRAND BALLYBRO CORNER This is a blind corner on the road leading from Rosslare Strand to Tagoat which is much used during the summer months by motor traffic proceeding to Rosslare Strand as it is on the main road leading to Tagoat R.C. Church.

I append hereto a rough sketch map giving brief particulars of the various crosses and blind corners enumerated above in order to facilitate you. It will be seen that many of the places named are, without some type of warning sign, dangerous to traffic. Of course many signs have been erected over the maze of roads in South Wexford, but I feel that in the Public interest this important matter should be brought to your notice for whatever action might be considered advisable in the circumstances."

The following orders were made on this communication:

No.1 Warning sign to be erected.

No.2 County Surveyor said this was a dangerous corner but the road was only a County road and if they agreed to put these signs on County roads they would be swamped with the expense. That was the only reason why he had not put up a sign already at the place.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that as this corner was extremely dangerous the County Council agree - although the road in question was only a County road - to treat the application as an exceptional case and direct that a sign should be erected.

Mr Colfer seconded the motion which was adopted nem con.

No.3 It was agreed, in view of possible danger to the school children, that a warning sign should be erected at Cross near Duncormick new School.

No 4 It was decided that warning signs should be erected in connection with the three roads having blind corners.

No.5 The meeting considered that if the hedge at Cullens' Cross, Tullycanna, was cut so as to prevent the view being obscured a warning sign was not necessary.

The County Surveyor said he would have hedge properly trimmed at the point complained of.

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No.6 It was mentioned by Colonel Gibbon that the most dangerous place on this road was where the Bridgetown Road lead to Wexford at the Cross of Newcastle.

No order.

Mr Gaul asked where was the money to come from to provide all these signs. There was very little money for the roads and dipping into it in this manner would cause further depletion. He thought they should ask the Local Government Department or the Automobile Association to provide these signs on condition that the Council would carry out the erection.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor said that each sign cost about £2.

No 7. County Surveyor said there was a warning sign already at Tomcoole Cross.

No.8. Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the most dangerous corner in the whole County was from Glynn down to Killurin, Railway Station.

It was decided that the County Surveyor inspect the place and erect a warning sign either at the place recommended by the Garda Superintendent or at that mentioned by Miss O'Ryan, whichever he considered most dangerous.

No.9. The Chairman said at Rosslare Pier-Greenfield Cross there was no great necessity for a warning sign. If the fence was attended to it would meet the circumstances of the case.

The County Surveyor said he would look after the matter.

No.10 The County Surveyor in reply to a query said he would cut the fences at this place and it was agreed that if this work was carried out there, a warning sign was unnecessary.

No.11. The same order was made as in No.10.

The County Surveyor said that the fence at this place had been previously treated.

The Chairman mentioned that instructions should issue to the Assistant Surveyors to have hedges at dangerous corners cut down once a year. In some instances this was not done with the result that danger to traffic was as bad as before anything was

done.

The recommendation of the Chairman was approved.

No.12 Lough Cross - It was decided that the County Surveyor should endeavour to effect such an improvement to hedges at this corner as will obviate the necessity for warning sign.

No.13 It was decided that there was no necessity at present for the erection of a warning sign at this corner.

Mr Murphy said that a year and a half ago the County Surveyor had promised he would erect a sign at Poulfur National School but it was not up yet.

The County Surveyor said the sign was on order and would be erected as soon as it came to hand. There had been considerable delay with the Contractors.

Mr Shannon and Mr Keegan said that it was scarcely fair to deal only with the dangerous corners in Wexford district alone and contended that the Council should not take up consideration of the matter until they had a full list for the whole county, when the most dangerous ones could be selected. Dealing with one district only was not the best way to proceed.

County Courthouse: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr Clince:- "That the following Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the questions of provision of furniture for Court premises and County Council Offices; additional works; proposed transfer of machinery yard and other matters to be submitted to them by the County Surveyor."

Messrs Corish and Colonel Gibbon (representing Wexford) Messrs Culleton and Shannon (representing Enniscorthy), Mr Hall (Gorey) and Mr Meyler (New Ross) with County Surveyor to meet on Saturday at 11 o'clock.

Mountgarrett Bridge: The County Surveyor said there were two houses in which the County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny were concerned, the caretaker's house and an adjoining one. They had no documents in connection with either house. They

had been acquired by the Grand Juries of the two Counties. It was found that the old house of Forrestal, the caretaker, was in the way of the new approaches to the bridge and in consequence the Mountgarrett Bridge Committee erected a new residence for the caretaker. The second house was occupied by people named Doyle on consideration of giving assistance in the opening of the bridge, because the one man was not able to open the span. On account of its extra weight in the new bridge this was very heavy work as compared with the former conditions. Doyle, as Assistant to the caretaker, raised the point as to whether he was bound to do this extra work under the conditions of his employment but it appeared he would be satisfied to enter into new conditions covering it if the house in which he resided was repaired. He was prepared to sign an agreement as caretaker of the house when repaired and to give the necessary assistance to open the span. The Mountgarrett Bridge Committee would have carried out the work only there was a doubt as to whether the house in question was an appurtenance to the bridge and hence the Bridge Committee were not satisfied they had the power. They had referred the question to the Local Government Department for decision. In the meantime he (County Surveyor) had had a communication from the Secretary and County Surveyor of Kilkenny wanting the work to go ahead. It would cost £128 the two Councils paying £64 each, and sufficient funds were in the hands of the Bridge Committee to meet the cost. Of course the whole matter would be subject to Doyle being prepared to enter into the necessary legal agreements.

Mr Walsh, as a member of the Bridge Committee, spoke strongly in favour ~~for~~ of the work being carried out. They would, if they adopted the County Surveyor's suggestion have a title to the house and this was absent at the moment.

Colonel Gibbon proposed that the matter be referred to Mr Elgee.

Mr Elgee said that the Bridge Committee had their own Sol-

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icitor and they should be advised by him.

The County Surveyor said if the County Councils agreed to carry out the work the Bridge Committee would close their accounts and hand over any money to their credit to the two Councils in equal moieties.

Mr Elgee said that in his opinion if indemnities were obtained from the two caretakers that they held their houses as such the Council would be sufficiently protected.

Mr Corish raised the question as to the Insurance of Doyle who was evidently receiving no wages.

The County Surveyor said that question of the Insurance of Forrestal the real caretaker of the Bridge was under consideration by the National Health Insurance Commission. The Council had a comprehensive Insurance policy under the Workmens' Compensation Act and this would cover Doyle's and Forrestal under that particular head.

Mr Corish continued to express his dissatisfaction as to arrangements for Insurance.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon seconded by Mr Brennan:-

"That, subject to the receipt of approval of the Local Government Department previous to entering on the work of reconstruction of house of Assistant Caretaker for Mountgarrett Bridge and to satisfactory arrangements being made as regards insurance of both caretakers of this Bridge we approve of the proposal of the County Surveyor to reconstruct the house occupied by Doyle, Assistant Caretaker, cost not to exceed £128, half to be contributed by Kilkenny County Council."

Gritting Machine: Colonel Gibbon thought this gritting work could be done by an ordinary manure distributor costing about £12. It would be a decided advantage to have several of these machines at centres instead of having one large machine which would have to be brought over the whole county.

Mr Keegan advocated employment of men and horses for the

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work and instanced a case to which he had directed the attention of the County Surveyor and in which the- gritting by horse and cart had been carried out at very small expense. Why employ machines when horses and carts could do the work cheaply?

Mr Corish suggested they should approach one of the local Agricultural Implement Makers with a view to having a manure distributor adapted for the spreading of road grit. This machine would cost about £16, and the money would be spent at home. He urged very strongly that the machine should be given a trial on the understanding that if it worked satisfactorily the Council would purchase several machines. He proposed a resolution to this effect.

Mr O'Byrne seconded.

Messrs Gaul and Hayes protested against the employment of machines for this work while men and horses were available.

Mr Corish pointed out that men would be employed in connection with the working of the distributor.

Mr Gaul proposed :- "That any work necessary for gritting tar macadam roads to ensure the safety of ordinary vehicular traffic be carried out through the employment of men and carts as had been done to the present."

Mr Hayes seconded the resolution.

A poll was taken on Mr Gaul's amendment, with the following result:-

For - Messrs Gaul, Hayes and Meyler, - 3.

Against - Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 18.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed nem con.

Replacement of Road Surfaces: The County Surveyor said that the Gas Co. in New Ross had opened portion of main roads and had not carried out the replacement of the surface ~~and~~ in a satisfactory manner.

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Mr Cooney said the New Ross Gas Company had certainly mutilated the streets very badly. The New Ross Urban Council had a rule by which the Gas Company were bound to give notice of the time of opening streets and also had to deposit £1 before they could proceed, and which was spent if they did not do the work of replacement satisfactorily.

The County Surveyor said that as regards this class of work if a bad job was made of the replacement it caused endless trouble though the repairs in the first instance would be a simple matter.

Mr O'Byrne proposed that when it was found necessary for the convenience of Companies or private persons to open up streets in towns the work should be carried out by the employees of the County Council the people concerned being responsible for the cost. This was the arrangement made by the Dublin Corporation and was the only way to ensure that the work of replacement would be properly carried out. Where the work was not well done it might be months before any defect became apparent.

Mr Corish said Wexford Urban Council had the same difficulties with the local Gas Company and he thought it would be advisable if they wrote to the L.G.D. asking if they could suggest what steps might be taken to deal with the situation. Very often when replacements were made they looked all right immediately after the work was done and months after there was a shrinkage of the soil as the place had not been properly rammed and the Council was put to unnecessary expense.

Mr O'Byrne seconded Mr Corish's resolution.

The Chairman then proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That advertisements be published in the local papers stating that the County Council will proceed against any person or persons who open any road under the jurisdiction of the Council without notifying the County Surveyor and obtaining his consent, thereto. In the event of replacement of openings in roads and streets not being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor the Council will take the

necessary action against the person or persons concerned."

After further discussion Mr Corish ~~withdrew his resolution~~ and proposed the following ~~instead~~:- "That we request the Local Government Department to advise this Council as to their position when roads and streets are opened by Gas or other Companies or by private individuals and replacement is not made to the satisfaction of the officers of the Council, Have the Council any special powers beyond the ordinary law to have this work properly done? In the opinion of this Council it would be advisable - if the power does not already exist - they should be empowered to open and close streets and roads at the expense of persons or Companies for whose business or convenience such openings are made."

Mr Keegan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr Cooney proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the New Ross Gas Company be called upon to replace^{to} the satisfaction of the officers of this Council the surface of main roads in New Ross Urban District opened to lay gas pipes etc., If they refuse or neglect to comply with this request proceedings be instituted against them."

Defaulting Road Contractor: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:

"That proceedings be instituted against John Kinsella, Jnr., Croghan, Inch, and his sureties for neglect of his Contract Roads No 5, 76, 81, and 86.

Application for Broken Stone: The County Surveyor said he had written Messrs Bolger & Co. that he could not deal with the matter but that he would bring it before the Council.

Mr Elgee said the Council had no power to sell material which was suitable for road metalling and it was decided to inform Messrs Bolger & Co. to this effect.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Shannon:- "That the Report of County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted."

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PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The following Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 20th November, 1930, was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That County Council be recommended to fix meeting of 22nd December for consideration of Provisional Road Works Scheme."

Colonel Gibbon said that every one knew the condition of the county and the County Surveyor should be instructed to ~~that~~ be prepared to go before the Council with some suggestions for a much smaller figure for roads as an alternative to those he had put forward and which could be considered on 22nd prox.

Mr Corish objected to the statement of Colonel Gibbon. They had agreed to take up this matter on the 22nd December and these ex parte statements were most unfair and were evidently intended to prejudice the position. They certainly could not consider a matter and adjourn it at the same time.

The matter dropped.

CAHORE PIER.

The following memorial which was signed by 22 fishermen using Cahore Pier was read:

"We, the undersigned fishermen who fish from Cahore Pier, respectfully beg to bring under the notice of the County Council a matter connected with the above Pier, which is a source of considerable annoyance to the users and danger to their crafts, besides limiting its (the Piers) usefulness very considerably.

We refer to a patch of submerged rocks on the north or working side of the Pier close in by the Pier wall and just beside the landing steps.

Water is almost always shoal on these rocks, which means that the adjoining portion of the Pier is useless as a berth for boats, a circumstance which makes itself keenly felt during the fishing season when all the boats are working. Moreover, as mentioned, these rocks are a constant source of danger to

boats, particularly in bad weather. 20

We are making this representation to the County Council in the hope that it may see its way to remedy the trouble as soon as may be.

We beg to suggest filling in the angle of junction of the old and new piers with sufficient concrete to cover the rocks in question, which we believe would be an effective and cheap remedy.

The County Surveyor stated he was bringing forward a proposal in the Public Works Scheme to carry out the suggestion of the memorial.

Mr Smyth said he knew the place for a great number of years and the obstruction interfered greatly with the mooring of boats alongside the Pier. It should have been removed years ago.

The County Surveyor said the work would cost about £25. It could not be done by blasting as this operation might blow the corner off the existing Pier and the rocks could not be wedged out. The filling as suggested by the memorialists was the best method and met with his approval.

COOLNAGREE LANE.

Rev. Owen Kehoe C.C. Adamstown, wrote that the lane leading from Doononey Road to Barmoney Quarry was in a wretched condition and the people living in Coolnagree and locality could only travel over it with the greatest difficulty, and danger. He recommended the Council, if possible, to do something to have it put into a passable condition.

A memorial signed by 25 local Ratepayers on similar lines to Fr. Kehoe's letter was read.

Mr Birthistle said that though the lane which was about a mile long was near Barmoney Quarry the Council did not draw any road material over it. It joined two public roads on which was an extremely steep hill. If the lane was put into repair the hill could be avoided.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr

Corish seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That a Sub-Committee consisting of Miss O'Ryan and Messrs Gaul and Doran with the County Surveyor be appointed to inspect and report to the Council at to lane at Doonooney; date, time, and place of meeting to be fixed by the County Surveyor.

PROPOSED ENTERTAINMENT HALL AT DUNCANNON.

Mr B. Downes, Duncannon, came before the meeting with reference to resolution at last meeting of the Council refusing him permission to erect an entertainment hall at Duncannon, the site of which was within 13 feet of the centre of the roadway.

Mr Downes said he would like to know the real objection to the proposal.

The County Surveyor said the Hall was not the prescribed distance from the centre of the public road which at this place was very narrow, and there was bound to be congestion when cinema shows and other entertainments were being held there and consequent danger to the public.

Mr Murphy said that the entrance to the Hall could be made at the side and by this congestion would be avoided.

The County Surveyor said the boundary wall was only three feet from the water channel.

Colonel Quin said it was against the law to erect a new building within 30 feet of the centre of the road, except on an old foundation and what was the use of having a law if it was not carried out.

Mr Colfer proposed that the Council take no action in the matter.

Mr Gaul seconded.

The County Surveyor said that a few years ago Mr Downes erected without authority a house on another portion of the plot and which was not 30 feet from the centre of the road.

Mr Corish said that for seaside places like Duncannon the Council should not consent to the erection of any building which

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was to be only 13 feet from the centre of the road and which might interfere with the scenic beauty of the place. They would establish a very undesirable precedent if they accepted the present application.

Miss O'Ryan said that they should uphold the County Surveyor's view. Something should be done also to ensure that in seaside places such as Duncannon and Rosslare buildings of some architectural beauty were erected and not the tin-roofed monstrosity called a bungalow.

After further discussion a poll was taken on the motion of Mr Colfer with the following result:-

For - Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, Shannon, Smyth and Walsh - 12.

Against - Messrs Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Gibbon, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, and the Chairman - 10.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

ROSSLARE COAST EROSION.

The County Surveyor submitted the following under date 27th October, 1930, from Mr R.D. Patterson, Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Waterford (since deceased):-

"With reference to yours of the 15th instant suggesting that the material dredged from Rosslare Harbour at present finds its way back to the harbour and would be better deposited off Rosslare Strand to assist making up the foreshore.

I am directed to inform you that, as regards the first point the Company are not aware that the material dredged finds its way back to the Harbour, the dumping ground having been chosen with a view to having it carried away from the Harbour on the tides. It is considered, however, extremely probable that if deposited off the Strand some at least of the dredged material would be carried back into the Harbour.

The material dredged consists for the most part of black mud and of mud and sand mixed, the latter containing large

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quantities of decaying seaweed. It should be taken into consideration that if this material were dumped off the Strand and drifted towards the shore as is desired, the result would probably be that the Strand would be covered by a black oozy slime giving off an offensive smell which would be most unpleasant for residents and visitors.

Approximately 100,000 cubic yards is dredged every three years, and as the work has just been completed it is not anticipated that further dredging will have to be done until the Summer of 1933."

The County Surveyor forwarded copy of this letter to Mr S.W. Mobbs, Borough Surveyor, Lowestoft, who replied as follows under date 1st November, 1930:-

"I beg to thank you for your letter of the 28th ultimo and for copy of letter from the Great Southern Railways.

With regard to the latter, I have to say that my note of information given me at Rosslare of the Harbour dredgings was that the material was "mainly sand".

I am of opinion that if the harbour dredgings were deposited as advised there is not the slightest chance of mud being deposited on Rosslare Strand. Mud may be said to be almost soluble in rough water and is carried away and cannot be deposited except in "quiet" water, i.e., such as submerged banks below the influence of wave action or in the mouths of estuaries such as Wexford Harbour.

Although the eroding cliffs south of Rosslare Strand are of such material as makes soft mud under the influence of water there is no sign of such mud along the Strand, adjacent, as one would expect to find if the Railway Company's contention in this respect were correct.

Some quantities of seaweed might be washed ashore, as it is now at times, but is unlikely to be in sufficient quantities to be detrimental to the amenities of the shore.

I would point out that if ~~the~~ placing the material as

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suggested is commenced and any detrimental effect is experienced either to Rosslare or the Railway Company operations could be immediately discontinued."

Colonel Gibbon said it was a question for the Government to issue orders as they think fit in respect of the depositing of material which had been dredged from Rosslare Harbour. He proposed the following resolution:- "That copy of letters from Great Southern Railways and Mr Mobbs, Borough Engineer, Lowestoft, be forwarded to the Government and to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners for their information."

Mr Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted.

In connection with the proposed deputation to the Minister of Industry and Commerce as to the planting of Rice Grass to combat coast erosion to the North of Rosslare Strand letter was read from the Ministry under date 13th November, 1930, (M.S.1447) acknowledging receipt of report of Mr Mobbs, and stating that the planting of Rice Grass in such cases as therein referred to was a matter which the Department understood was being considered by the Inter Departmental Committee on Coast Erosion. Pending the report of this Committee the Department of Industry and Commerce were not in a position to receive a deputation on the subject.

Under date 15th November, 1930, Mr N.J. Kelly, Strand Hotel, Rosslare, wrote:-

"Owing to the further encroachment of the Sea, and the very grave danger of my property and Rosslare being washed away, I beg to appeal to your Council for their help in building groynes or other protective work on the foreshore.

Being one of the parties most interested with home and business at stake, I am quite prepared to do my part, and having already started the work of groyning I need a quantity of large stones, so I now ask your Council for their co-operation in giving me a supply from their Kerlogue or Newquay quarries.

Trusting they will give this very urgent matter their kind consideration."

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On the same subject the following under date 15th November, 1930, was read from the Hon. Sec., Rosslare Tourist and Development Association:-

"At a recent meeting of this Association the continued erosion of the Cliff road was considered.

This road has ~~now~~ become very dangerous, and the water service pipes are now within eight feet of the edge of the cliff. Should more of this cliff be eroded it is probable that the water supply of Rosslare will be cut off, and the road - which serves a number of houses - will be impassable.

In view therefore of the urgency of the position and of the threatened results which your Council will recognise must be of very grave import to the residents of Rosslare, the Association requests that it immediately consider the danger, and respectfully suggests the removal of the road further inland and the sloping and draining of the face of the cliff as a means to averting the calamity which must otherwise inevitably occur."

Colonel Gibbon said the County Surveyor could go into the question of providing an alternative road and the Council could obtain from their legal adviser an opinion as to whether the County Council were bound to provide this. As regards the sloping of the cliff Mr Mobbs had pointed out that this would not have any good effect unless they provided an abutment of groynes at the bottom to protect it. The cost of this was prohibitive but in addition it would probably involve erosion to the north of that point and at the place of which Mr Kelly complained. Their legal adviser had informed them they had no authority to spend one penny in preventing coast erosion but in view of the loss it would be to their rates if the Strand Hotel and other houses were wiped out by erosion he proposed that if the County Surveyor had material in the quarry which was suitable for the purpose that it be sold to Mr Kelly - or any of the other residents in Rosslare who were similarly situated - at cost price.

Mr D'Arcy seconded.

Mr O'Byrne - We refused a few yards of stones a few minutes

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ago to a man in Gorey district who wanted to improve his places, and we are proposing now to give material to another person. I don't see any difference.

The County Surveyor pointed out that ~~by~~ allowing Mr Kelly material at cost price they were taking steps to protect the public road opposite Mr Kelly's Hotel, because if the sea ever encroached as far as the Hotel it would certainly destroy the road.

The resolution was then put and declared carried.

Colonel Gibbon then moved, Mr D'Arcy seconded and it was passed:- "That the County Surveyor visit Rosslare with a view to affording the Council information as to cost of a road further inland, as an alternative to the Cliff Road which is disappearing through erosion of the Coast and that our Legal adviser consider the question of the liability of the County Council to provide any alternative road in the circumstances."

The following Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 20th November, 1930, was submitted:

"ROSSLARE FORESHORE.

"In acknowledging the resolution of the County Council of 10th November, 1930, pointing out that the Council considered it was the business of the State to exhibit the posters containing the prohibitory order relative to removal of sand and gravel from the beach at Rosslare foreshore, the Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch), 14 St. Stephen's Green N.Dublin, wrote (M.S.1447) that there seemed to be some misconception as to the purpose of the Order, which was "made for the protection of the shores or banks of the sea" which expression connotes all property, public or private, adjacent to the sea and liable to be affected by encroachment by the sea. The portion of the Shore which belongs to the State is merely the foreshore i.e. the area between the lines of high and low water marks of ordinary mean tides. It is

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apparent that a Prohibitory order would be unnecessary in as far as foreshore alone is concerned since no matter what changes occur, foreshore as defined above will always remain. But indiscriminate removal from the foreshore would, in the case of Rosslare Strand, assist the sea in its advance on the adjoining property which comprises inter alia a public road and other property belonging to the County Council and it was, with a view to minimising this danger to such property that the Order was made and not merely to protect the foreshore itself as stated in the resolution. The duty of publishing, exhibiting and enforcing these orders lay with the applicants. The Department would be glad to learn in due course that the posters had been exhibited in the manner indicated.

It was decided to refer consideration of the matter to County Council meeting of 24th November, 1930."

Colonel Quin proposed the following :- "That no action be taken in reference to publication of Prohibitory Order as to removal of beach material from Rosslare Strand."

Mr Clince seconded.

Colonel Gibbon said these notices were signed by the Government and were issued after a Public Inquiry in the interests of the people who owned property at Rosslare. The Council should assist by having the notices put up. It was not a very big thing and they should not take such a parochial view of this matter as to refuse.

The Chairman said the Prohibition was being carried out without any publication of the Order.

The resolution was then put and passed, Colonel Gibbon dissenting.

WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES AT CLONATTIN ROAD, GOREY.

Under date 13th November, 1930, the Secretary County Board of Health wrote that a special report from the Engineer of the Board had been requested for the meeting of the 17th November, 1930.

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CURRADUFF LANE.

Under date 15th November, 1930, Dr. O'Neill, M.O., Killanne, Dispensary District, wrote calling attention to the very bad condition of Curraduff Lane, Kiltale. It lead to several houses and in parts was impassable even for horse traffic. The carting of stones from a quarry in the lane had made its condition much worse and it was a great hardship on the people living there to have to travel over it.

A memorial signed by 12 persons was also read as to the very bad condition of the lane and stating that as twelve people had a right of way on the lane five of whom lived on it, they appealed to the County Council to take it over and put it in repair.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported under date 21st November, 1930, that this was a mountain lane, very rough and water torn. He knew it for the past ten years and never saw any serious attempt by the people living on it or using it to keep the mountain floods from tearing it up. There were about 200 cubic yards of stones drawn down it every Summer by the County Council but owing to the time of year haulage was carried out it had no ill effect on the lane: it was the winter floods which were entirely responsible for its present state. The total lengthth was about three quarters of a mile and it would cost a very considerable amount to make it a County road, as the entire length would require centee filling and some widening would also be required; in places it was only nine feet wide. Some years ago he offered to allow those using the lane to draw for its repair a certain quantity of spawls or stripped material from the Quarry but no one availed of the offer.

Mr Shannon said that although he would not dispute the report of Mr Ennis it was still a great hardship on those people who lived there as they could not get to or from their places. He proposed that a Sub-Committee be appointed to

visit the lane and report to the Council.

Mr O'Byrne seconded the proposal.

On a show of hands ten voted in favour and six against.

The motion was declared carried.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr Gaul seconded by Mr Colfer:- "That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to visit Curraduff Lane and report to the Council in the matter of application to take it over, and maintain it as a County Road. That the County Surveyor accompany the Sub-Committee and that in consultation with the members of the Sub-Committee he fix date time and place of meeting:- Messrs J.Clince, M.Jordan and J. Brennan."

BALLYGILLANE ROAD.

The following under date 10th November, 1930, was read from Mr J.Cahill, Ard-na-Mara, Rosslare Harbour:-

"I am requested by many local residents to draw your attention to the condition of the road at the water-hole, Ballygillane. Some twelve months ago the road at this point was raised about a foot and in my opinion the work was left in an unfinished condition so that at the moment - after the recent rains - the mud is about three inches deep and in some parts is a veritable quagmire. If something is not done towards improving the surface of the road at this point it will prove a decided hardship on the residents attending their religious duties."

The County Surveyor said the road had been sheeted with stones recently.

Mr Birthistle said he was over it recently and did not find any flooding but since then - in fact only a few days ago - the ganger of the section said it was very bad. The flooding was all due to the water backing up in the land on St.Helen's side and until this was remedied the place would not be free from occasional flooding.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr Elgee to ascertain

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if any remedy could be taken against land owners whose neglect was the cause of the flooding.

DISTRICT COURTHOUSES.

The following under date 25th October, 1930, was read from the District Court Clerk, Wexford:-

" Enniscorthy Courthouse

I am directed by the District Justice to bring under your notice the condition of the anthracite stove in Enniscorthy Courthouse; it is not working properly. As the Circuit Court will be held there in a few weeks' time this matter will require immediate attention.

Mr Doran's Office is also imperfectly heated. It will be impossible to keep his books and records dry without an anthracite or other stove there, any fireplace is wholly ineffective for the purpose of keeping such a large room dry or warm. Please get this matter attended to at once.

New Ross Courthouse

The District Justice has spoken frequently to the County Surveyor about providing a proper Witness Stand in above; it would cost very little and take little time. Nothing has been done.

Buncloody Courthouse

For some years past the District Justice has been requesting the County Surveyor to get the Bench altered to meet present-day requirements and to give Solicitors, Pressmen and Officials attending this Court some chance of heating during the Winter Season. Unless both this matter and the New Ross item be put in hands within the next week the District Justice intends to bring the matter under the Notice of the Minister for Justice."

Enniscorthy. The County Surveyor said the complaints in this case had been attended to.

New Ross. In connection with New Ross the County Surveyor said he had arranged with Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district to see the District Court Clerk and ascertain the best

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place at which to put the witness stand but the Clerk was unable to give a decision until he consulted further with the District Justice.

Bunclody The County Surveyor said this was a rented building and the Council had not provided any furniture for it. Mr Elgee had written to the owner last Spring and had a reply that the owner would arrange with the District Justice for whatever alterations and furniture the latter required. The present letter was the first intimation he (County Surveyor) had that the arrangement had not been carried out.

Mr McCarthy said it might be possible to get a more suitable place for the Court.

The County Surveyor said the Hall was much more suitable.

Mr Elgee mentioned that the owner of the existing Court-house (Dr Dormer) died short time ago.

It was decided that Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, ascertain if the Hall at Bunclody would be available as a Court and at what cost.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.

The Chairman said it had been published that the Government were about to provide £300,000 for the relief of Unemployment and County Wexford should see that its share was forthcoming.

The County Surveyor said he had discussed this matter with the Assistant Surveyors and he thought that a good slice of what they got for the County should be spent on the Duncannon Line.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 28th October, 1930, the L.G.D. (Roads) wrote that a payment of £3,503 had been made on 24th October, 1930, in respect of the following roads T.7 £840 and T.12 £2663.

Under date 1st November, 1930, the Department of Local Government (R/R.G.131) wrote that the sanction of the Minister for Finance had been obtained to the making of a Grant from

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the Road Fund of £400 to the Wexford County Council towards the cost of surfacing in reinforced concrete, Lower King Street, Wexford. The Scheme submitted by the Town Surveyor Wexford for an expenditure of approximately £730 on the proposed work had been approved on the understanding that the full road width would be surfaced. The conditions notified in respect of previous grants governed this grant also.

Under date 27th October, 1930, the following letter (RGM -201/30) as to Main Road Upkeep Grants was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

1. "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is anxious to be in a position to notify to County Councils, as soon as possible, the grants which may be made from the Road Fund in respect of the year 1931-32. County Councils would, accordingly, do well to take an early opportunity to frame estimates of the sums which they are likely to allow for the upkeep respectively of (a) Main Roads and (b) County Roads for the financial year 1931-32. On particulars of these estimates being furnished to this Department the Minister will have them examined and he will then indicate, as soon as practicable, what upkeep grant, if any, can be made. Upkeep grants are calculated by reference to the amounts finally passed by County Councils, so that if grants are to be notified early the figures supplied should correspond as nearly as possible with the final figures. In furnishing particulars of the estimates the requirements in regard to the upkeep of Main Roads in the Urban Areas of the County should be borne in mind.

2. Provided the estimates of the Council show that a reasonable sum is proposed for the upkeep of all roads, the Upkeep Grant for 1931-32 will be calculated on the basis of 40 % of the sum proposed for all Main Roads only.

3. In dealing with their estimates Councils, subject to what is stated in the preceding paragraph, are to assume that the total sum provided in their Road Works Scheme is relieved to

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the extent of the Grant. In other words, the Grant is to be taken in as a credit and is not to form the basis of a supplementary Scheme after it is notified."

CLAIM FOR INJURY TO COWS.

Under date 17th November, 1930, the following was read from Mr James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Gorey:-

"I am instructed by Mrs. McGuire, Esmonde Street, Gorey, that on the 10th October last her husband Mr Patrick McGuire was driving two cows on the Public Road at Esmonde Street, Gorey. According to my instructions the cows were being driven out to grass at a field below the Railway Bridge. The road at this particular place has been recently tarred, and owing to the condition in which the road was left one of the cows slipped and fell. According to the report of Mr Mernagh, V.S. the cow has been seriously injured and it is probable it will be a total loss.

I should be glad if you will kindly let me know if under the circumstances you propose to compensate my client for the loss she has sustained."

On the advice of Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, it was decided to deny liability in the matter.

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO.4

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Keegan:- "That as recommended by No.4 Sub-Committee, Old Age Pension Acts, Mr James Redmond, George St. Gorey, be appointed a member of said Sub-Committee vice Mr Henry P. Wall resigned."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by Mr D'Arcy:- "That Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to Robert Butler, St. Ivers, Broadway, merchant, provided a satisfactory report as to his

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application be received from the Garda síochána."

CINEMA LICENCE.

Application was received from James McCormack, Raheen, Adamstown, for Cinema Licence for a moveable marquee.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had inspected the tent on 15th November, 1930. It was 36 feet by 20 feet. The projector was to be outside the tent enclosed in a sheet iron box and mounted on a lorry capable of being easily pulled away in case of accident. The only exit and entrance was near the box but McCormack had agreed to provide an emergency exit at one side of the tent. When this was provided there could be no objection to the issue of licence.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:- "That Licence issue under Cinema Act 1909 to James McCormack, Raheen, Adamstown, in respect of moveable canvas tent, subject to emergency exit being provided to the satisfaction of Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor."

GENERAL ROAD MATTERS.

Mr Hayes called attention to flooding at the old Churchyard at Kilmannon and the National School. He said he had discussed the matter with Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and the latter promised to make some arrangement to obviate the flooding. Further on this road the County Council had levelled up the water table and stopped the water on the land of Mr John Murphy, Kate's Cross.

Mr Kehoe said the water had always run across the road at this particular place which was not where the road was raised.

Colonel Gibbon held that the action of the County Council was the cause of the flooding of Mr Murphy's land. They should not have raised the road without allowing for the drainage.

It was decided that Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, furnish to next meeting his report on the matter.

Mr Keegan complained that heaps of road material had been left for ten weeks outside the dwellings of the people living in Clonattin Road, Gorey.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, denied that the time was so long. He promised the matter would be attended to as soon as possible

Mr Keegan also complained of the condition of Tara Hill Lane from Duffcarrig to Kilcavan but Mr Treanor said he had been speaking to one of the men living on it only a few days ago and he was quite satisfied.

Mr Keegan further complained that Mr Treanor had given a guarantee to the Gorey Town Commissioners that the foot-paths in McCurtain Street, Gorey, would be laid down.

Mr Treanor said he had promised to bring the matter before the County Council which he did on two occasions and the proposal was rejected. This was the only "guarantee" he could possibly give. It was now being brought forward for the third time.

DIRECTIONS TO T.D.'S

Mr Cummins referred to a resolution adopted by the Council at the meeting at which Mr Bergin of the Grain Growers' Association was present. That resolution, he said, was passed unanimously, and since then there was a motion in the Dail on which the resolution had a bearing. To their eternal credit three of the county T.D.'s - Dr. Ryan, Ald. Corish, and Mr Allen - voted, but the two other county T.D.'s did not carry out the wish of the County Council. It was not the first time the Council had been ignored, and he thought serious notice should be taken of the matter. When a resolution was passed it should get consideration from the representatives of the County, if it did not get consideration from the Minister. His resolution should be put into effect, and they should call

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on the T.D.'s to come there and get their instructions from the Council.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought Mr Cummins was right. The resolution with reference to protection for the farmers went from the Council almost unanimously.

Chairman - Did Mr Jordan support the resolution ?

Miss O'Ryan said she did not know. She was not speaking about Mr Jordan, at all. What she was speaking about was that they as a County Council - the premier representatives of the County - passed a resolution in favour of protection for the farmers. That resolution went before the Dail and was defeated and she thought they should again voice their feelings to the effect that they were still in favour of protection. If that were turned down by the Government, certainly the Government were not carrying out the wishes of the majority of the people of the county, and if they brought the matter forward again they should have a meeting, and get the T.D.'s either to support it or say they were not prepared to carry out the wishes of the majority of the people.

The Chairman said that the resolution referred to was carried by the Council, but did they really express their opinion as to the manner of relief they were asking for ? Did they ask for it through tariffs or through any other source ?

Miss O'Ryan said that according to the resolution the Council passed when Mr Bergin attended they asked for protection for some articles, and asked for prohibition of others.

The Chairman said the resolution was not unanimous. Other people might have views different from those of the Council, and he did not think it would be fair to expect people who were not in favour of tariffs to fall in with the Council. Everyone was entitled to his own views.

Miss O'Ryan said that certainly the resolution included tariffs.

Chairman - I don't think I agreed with all the points in

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the resolution. I said I was totally against the importation of oats, but I was not in favour of a tariff on barley, or in favour of all this beet growing they are talking about, because it can't be done.

Miss O'Ryan - There is a divided opinion on that .

Chairman - It may be, but you would want to get the weather settled first.

Mr Cummins said he had not mentioned tariffs. His resolution was for the T.D.'s to come before the County Council and to get an expression of opinion from the representatives of the people as to how they were to act in the Dail. He wanted a resolution from the Council that day calling upon the T.D.'s to come before the Council and they would give them instructions how to vote.

Mr D'arcy seconded the resolution.

Chairman - I think you are turning the Council on to political business. I think that's a matter for the political associations

Miss O'Ryan - I disagree with you.

Chairman - You may, but nothing will prevent me from holding my own opinion.

Miss O'Ryan - Is it political to ask for protection for the farmers ?

Chairman - Haven't you got political associations for that ?

Mr D'Arcy suggested that they had a right to express an opinion.

The Chairman said he thought they had expressed the needs of the country as much as anybody else, but whether they wanted to force their views on other people was another matter.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that the question of politics in the discussion was only a catch cry.

Mr Cooney referred to the tariff on butter, and asked what would be the effect of the consequent price of butter on men who had only two days work a week.

The Chairman remarked that a lot of people got what they wanted in that tariff.

Mr Corish said he did not want to apologise for Mr Jordan or Mr Esmonde, but there were such things as party affiliations and after all he thought they would be entitled to infer that a member associated with the Government party might have inside information secured at a party meeting that would prevent him from voting for the resolution submitted to the Dail on the previous Wednesday. They all knew that a party attached to the Government would ^{be likely to} get more information than other parties, and he did not think that in Mr Jordan's absence anything should be said in condemnation of him.

Mr Cummins - I am not saying anything.

Mr Corish said it might be taken that they were saying something. He agreed that it might be no harm to have the T.D.'s to come before the Council, but they all had party affiliations and it would be realised that a member of a party might sometimes have to vote against his own opinions.

Mr Keegan - We have four active members, and one sleeping member that we never saw since the election. That is the Government nominee - Mr Esmonde.

Mr Corish said there might be another resolution brought forward by the Council in future, and perhaps the position might be reversed, and Dr Ryan, Mr Allen and himself might be against the Council, while Messrs Jordan and Esmonde might be in favour of the resolution. He admitted that in a general way it was the duty of deputies to do all they could to help the farmers, but the question was what kind of help?

Chairman - That's the question. I hold that de-rating would be the biggest help the farmers could get at the moment. I would not favour tariffs at all, although the tariff just passed would suit me better than any other member.

Mr Keegan - What deputy could get up against the farmer? Who would be fool enough?

Chairman - There are other ways of helping farmers - if we could get down taxation.

Miss O'Ryan - Tariffs were included in the resolution when Mr Bergin was here, and you voted for everyone of them.

Chairman - I did not vote for every one of them. I am a member of the Grain Growers' Association, but don't agree with everything they do at all.

Mr Keegan remarked that if every member of the Council could work as hard for the farmer as the Chairman the farmers would be fairly well off.

Members were leaving the meeting during the discussion, and eventually there was no quorum.

The Chairman remarked it was a pity that Mr Cummins did not raise the matter earlier, but Mr Cummins said he did not wish to interfere with the agenda.

In view of the absence of a quorum no decision was arrived at, and it was suggested that Mr Cummins should again bring forward the matter at the next meeting, on a notice of motion to which he assented.

Michael Doyle

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.

I certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of Wexford
County Council in respect of Meeting held on 24th
November, 1930.

(Signed) _____

Secretary Wexford County Council.

28th November, 1930.
