

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 7th NOVEMBER, 1932.

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County Hall,  
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N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th November, 1932.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also:-  
Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, 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, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Mr. Culleton proposed:- "That we offer our sincere condolence to the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese and also the relatives of the late Arch-deacon Dunne, P.P., Castlebridge, who was an ideal priest and a good Irishman." He (Mr. Culleton) had the pleasure of knowing the late Canon Dunne intimately since he went to reside in Castlebridge over twelve years ago. He was beloved by every section of the community owing to his great devotion to duty, his unbounded charity and other outstanding qualities. "

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was supported by the Co. Secretary and Co. Solicitor.

The Chairman said he knew Canon Dunne very intimately for a considerable time and could truthfully endorse what Mr. Culleton had said about him.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

Mr. Gaul proposed that a resolution of condolence should be adopted to Rate Collector Philip Doyle in the death of his father.

Mr. Culleton seconded the resolution which was adopted in silence.



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SINN FEIN.

The following resolution was read from the Standing Committee of Sinn Fein:-

"That we resent the visit to Ireland of a representative of the British Crown, in the person of the Prince of Wales, as a deliberate attempt to perpetuate the partition of this country and to misrepresent its people to the outside world as being loyal to an Empire they hate for its countless crimes against themselves and against other victims of its greed and cruelty all over the earth."

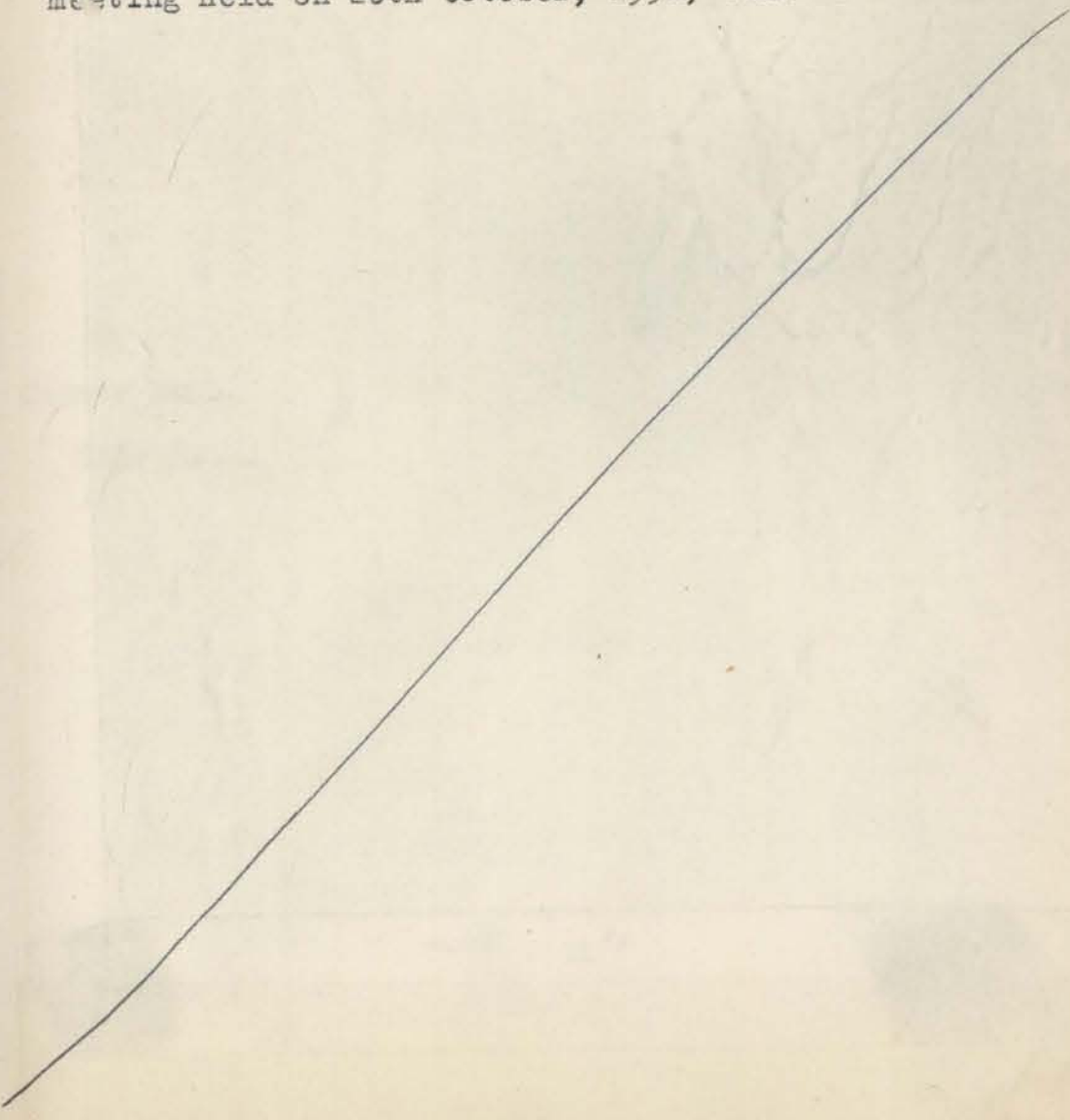
The Chairman said he considered this resolution purely political and he would rule it out of order.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £920.8.11d was examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th October, 1932, were submitted.





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 20th OCTOBER, 1932.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th October, 1932.

Present: Messrs J. Culleton, Thos. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, and James Shannon.

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

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

A letter was read from the Co. Surveyor, explaining that as he had an appointment with Mr. Olley, Engineer to the Board of Works in Dublin, in connection with the Sow Drainage Works, on date of meeting, it was not possible for him to attend.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,768. 5. 3d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

Under date 17th October, 1932, letter was read from Mr. J. Quirke, Rate Collector, (No. 1 District) asking the meeting to receive a deputation from Rate Collectors as to the payment of their poundage.

The meeting acceded to this request and the following Rate Collectors attended:- Messrs. Quirke, Curtis, J. Cummins, O'Reilly, E.J. Murphy, J.J. Sinnott and M. McCarthy.

Mr. J. Cummins, who acted as spokesman said it was understood that the Collectors were to be paid a bonus for the 1931-32 collection.

Chairman - That referred only to Collectors who closed in time.

Mr. Cummins said that the Collectors had not received the amount agreed to.

The Chairman said that the Co. Council agreed to payment of



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full thing but the Local Government Department <sup>only</sup> sanctioned an extra penny poundage to those Collectors who closed Warrants within a short time of close of financial year.

The Council were bound by this.

Mr. Curtis (Rate Collector) said the men who were paid at 5d in the Pound asked for the bonus and that the poundage rate should be raised to 7d. The Co. Council agreed to the bonus only so that the men who were on the fivepenny basis held they got nothing extra.

Mr. O'Reilly asked that the Finance Committee should request the Local Government Department to allow some concession to the men who did not close.

Mr. Cummins asked where they stood with regard to remuneration regarding the Credit Notes and the Chairman said that the Co. Council had not yet decided.

Mr. O'Reilly held there was more trouble with these Credit Notes than with the ordinary collection. There should be no deduction made in poundage for these Credit Notes.

Mr. Cummins also raised the point as to remuneration to Collectors in regard to the grouping of holdings for preparation of Credit Notes.

It was pointed out to him that the Finance Committee had agreed to the payment of £1 for each Collection District and this amount would be paid when sanction was received.

Mr. Cummins stated that the Collectors were in favour of payment of poundage on the system which was to be proposed by Mr. Roche at the meeting of Co. Council on 24th October, 1932, that the Collectors should be paid on each 10% of their lodgments after the first 10%.

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

"That in view of the fact that a considerable time has elapsed since any payment of poundage has been made to Rate Collectors and pending any decision as to a change in present method of payment of remuneration, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public



"Health, to sanction payment of poundage upon all sums collected to 31st October, 1932, less a defer of 5% to Collectors who have lodged by that date 25% of current warrant excluding arrears. We are aware that several Collectors depend upon their remuneration as Rate Collectors for a livelihood and that they cannot carry on unless they receive some interim payments of poundage."

It was decided that the question of Poundage on Credit Notes be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The Collection up to 20th October, 1932, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>1933.</u>
Sean Gannon (No. 10)	46.75
E.J. Murphy	42.20
W. Doyle	37.0
A. Dunne	35.6
J. Curtis	35.0
P. Carty	34.0
T. Rowe	31.5
W. Cummins	31.25
P. Nolan	31.15
J. Cummins,	30.30
Sean Gannon (No. 6)	30.0
J. Quirke	29.35
J. Deegan	28.60
J.J. O'Reilly	26.66
M. Murphy	26.2
M. McCarthy	23.0
J.J. Sinnott	27.66
T. Bolger	21.5
P. O'Byrne	18.45
Philip Doyle	
	<u>30.2.</u>

The Collection was 11.5% behind the collection for same period last year.

The Chairman pointed out to the Rate Collectors that it was essential they should do everything possible to push forward the Rate Collection otherwise the County Services would be greatly hampered.

Under date 11th October, 1932, Mrs. Mary Purcell, Clonegal, Ferns, wrote that when she asked Mr. Deegan, (No. 7 District) what was the amount due by her when he called for the rates, he told her



he would take a couple of her cattle and then she would know what was due. This was only one of the many insolent things he said at the top of his voice. He shouted several times after her so that she was afraid to go near him and he pushed a Six Day Notice under the door. It was very difficult to pay rates without having this kind of treatment.

Mr. Deegan came before the meeting and denied the statements in Mrs. Purcell's letter. The money he wanted her to pay was some which he had been obliged to lodge on her behalf in March 1932, in order to close his collection. She had always given trouble in regard to the payment of her rates.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with Mrs. Purcell and inform her that the statements made in her letter of the 11th October were contradicted by Mr. Deegan, Rate Collector.

The Finance Committee then dealt with the details of the Collection in each Collector's District:-

J. Quirke, (No. 1 District) said some three or four ratepayers in the beginning refused to pay, but they had paid since. He believed all who were really able had paid. He had served a large number of Six Day Notices and obtained a fair amount of money as a result.

Mr. Wm. Doyle (No. 2 District) stated he got no definite refusal to pay but would not expect any improvement until people were able to make money by the sale of their stock, or crops. He had been paid some of the arrears. His district was not a great barley country, but had some beet. He was sure the people would pay when they were in a position to do so.

Phil. Doyle (No. 3 District) The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Doyle that he had only 18% of the current warrant lodged and he was at the bottom of the list.

Mr. Doyle said that he did his best but the general depression was affecting the ratepayers in his district. A number of people



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had sold barley but had not yet been paid. The same applied to beet. There was no definite refusal to pay. He did not expect much improvement in the collection for some time, though he would obtain a fair amount of money within the next fortnight.

The Chairman pointed out that unless Mr. Doyle made a determined effort to push forward his collection, he would be in serious trouble not alone with the Council but with the Local Government Department.

Mr. McCarthy (No. 4 District) was greatly afraid that the drop in collection would be much higher later on. In the majority of outstanding cases the ratepayers held live stock which they could not sell. He served about half a dozen Six Day Notices. He did not think any more necessary.

Patrick Nolan (District No. 5) stated a number of people were endeavouring to sell their cattle without result. He had served a number of Six Day Notices but until people sold their stock he did not think these would bear much fruit.

Collector S. Gannon (Nos. 6 and 10 Districts) said that the drop in the collection in his own district was caused by the general depression. In the beginning of the collection a few people had declined to pay but they had paid since. He served only one Six Day Notice. He expected a good deal of money within the next fortnight.

Mr. Deegan (No. 7 District) stated that no one had refused to pay/him up to this. His district was dependent more or less on barley and sheep. Everyone appeared to be willing to pay if they had the money and he fully expected by the end of October his collection would show considerable improvement.

J. Summins (No. 8 District) stated that as the people were not making money they were not able to pay. He had not served any Six Day Notices. No one had refused to pay but the farmers pointed out to him they had not sold a beast since the summer. There



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might be a few men in the district who could pay but they said they wanted to carry on their farms, and pay their men, and when they sold stock or corn would pay. He hoped for improvement with the sale of the barley.

The Chairman said that this Collector might find a few Six Day Notices helpful.

Mr. O'Byrne considered the Collector should take proceedings against people who were in a position to pay and would not do so.

P. O'Byrne (No. 9 District) said he had received £113 that day and he expected a very good improvement inside the next fortnight, when barley was sold. He issued a number of Six Day Notices and there was no definite refusal to pay.

Mr. W. Cummins (No. 11 District) stated that his ratepayers were paying as they were able to make money. The fair in Castlebridge that day was practically no fair and the same might be said of the recent Enniscorthy fair. He had a good deal of derelict farms in Edermine district. He had not served any Six Day Notices. No one had refused to pay.

Matthew Murphy (No. 12 District) This Collector had been in office from the 23rd June only. He stated that people were waiting to sell their corn to pay their rates and very little threshing had been done in the district up to the present. There had been no definite refusal to pay and no one was evading payment. He served a number of Six Day Notices but without much result.

Thady Bolger (No. 14 District) believed that something bordering on an organisation to refuse to pay rates existed in Ballyellis, and Askamore, out of which districts he practically obtained no rates. He had received nothing from Auctioneers as they had been unable to let lands. A deterrent to payment was the fact that owing to a glut in the barley market in Ferns buying had ceased for the time being. He had been unable to obtain accurate information as to an organised attempt in the two districts he had



mentioned not to pay rates.

Mr. J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 District) said he expected improvement in his district after the corn had been threshed. He had served about fifty Six Day Notices without result. No one had refused to pay but he had heard of people who had recommended people not to pay. When they were challenged with this statement they neither admitted it nor denied it. The people of the district could not dispose of their stock and until demand for these increased, it was not possible to expect an improvement in the rate collection.

Mr. Art Dunne (No. 15 District) attributed the backward state of the collection to the fact that people could not sell their stock. Ratepayers who had been most punctual in payment this year were unable to meet their obligations now, as they had brought their cattle to Fair after Fair without result.

The Meeting instructed Collector to take steps to secure payment by proceeding against defaulters who appeared to be in a position to pay.

J.J. Sinnott (No. 16 District) said his district was entirely dependent upon cattle which were really unsaleable. Then he had a number of derelict farms which were being added to yearly. He had served a large number of Six Day Notices but there was a result, only in one instance.

There was some corn to be threshed in Monamolin and part of Wells and he expected that people in this district would pay after threshing. There was also some improvement in Ford but he could not see any prospect of general improvement in his district. It was a fact that people would not take farms in it for nothing. He met with no definite refusal to pay.

Mr. E.J. Murphy (No. 17 District) stated that the Ratepayers were willing to pay if they had the money. As soon as they sold their cattle and corn he believed they would all pay up. He had served a considerable number of Six Day Notices but had not issued any



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Court Summons to the present.

Mr. Thomas Rowe (No. 18 District) stated that no ratepayer had definitely refused to pay, but a number of them had "put him off". He had served a large number of Six Day Notices and had secured good response to them. He anticipated by the end of the month his collection would be considerably advanced.

Mr. J. Curtis (No 19 District) said that everybody who had money was paying their rates and a number of ratepayers were waiting to thresh their corn. He had issued a considerable number of Six Day Notices without result. Of course part of the district was new to him. He expected to get a large amount of rates by the end of the month.

Patrick Carty (No. 20 District) said he hoped for early improvement. All the Ratepayers promised to pay and there had been no refusals. He had made a great improvement in the collection inside of the last few weeks.

#### PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR

##### WM. DOYLE, (No. 2 District)

In connection with the personal sureties of above Collector, Messrs. Colfer & Sons, Solicitors, New Ross, wrote that Mr. James L. Doyle, Carrigbyrne, uncle of Rate Collector and Thomas D. Doyle, of Scullabogue, his father, were old and esteemed clients of his firm for many years and could be regarded as solvent for the amount of the personal bond required by Mr. Wm. Doyle, in his position as Rate Collector.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That provided no objection is made by Local Government Department, Messrs. J.L. Doyle, Carrigbyrne and Thomas D. Doyle, of Scullabogue, be accepted as personal sureties for Mr. Wm. Doyle, Rate Collector, No. 2 district."



EXPLANATION OF RATE COLLECTOR BOLGER.

Mr. Thady Bolger, (No. 14 District) came before the meeting and explained that the reason for non-lodgment of £28.8.2d between 3rd and 8th September, was caused by the fact that when his checking was finished on the 3rd instant it was after banking hours and as he was such a long distance from the Bank he waited until he was in town on the 8th to lodge the amount.

The Finance Committee decided to accept Mr. Bolger's explanation but pointed out to him that for the future he must comply strictly with the direction of the Local Government Department to lodge every forty-eight hours; otherwise difficulties might <sup>be</sup> raised by the Insurance Company.

Under date 26th September, 1932, Mr. J. Wickham, Ford of Lyng, Tagoat, wrote as follows:-

"Please bring this before your meeting, or I will have it published in the paper. Why should I get a Six Day Notice to pay rates and other people did not get it. I would not mind if everyone were served alike. Mine would be paid could I have sold my cattle. I am scourged here these years. I have five acres of land useless. I cannot get any road ~~after~~ a day or a night's rain. I was in the agony past two winters, a priest or doctor could not get near the place. The County Council would not do anything to have it remedied. They are all the time talking about the rates. It does not matter what go on the rates for some things. A racing track could be put to Rosslare for all the strangers of the world. If some of them were here it would be done long ago, but the poor want nothing in this world."

It was decided to inform Mr. Wickham that the County Council could not interfere with the Rate Collector in the discharge of his duty.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Application was made <sup>By</sup> ~~from~~ Mr. Patrick Power for payment of rent



of 10/- per week for the use of Ballycullane Hall for verification of Weights and Measures. This included light and fuel as well as accommodation.

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

"That subject to sanction of the County Council a sum of 30/- be paid Mr. Patrick Power for use of Ballycullane Hall, during the period it was occupied by ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures in the discharge of his duties.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

In connection with Scholarship of Mr. M. F. O'Keefe, 61, The Faythe, Wexford, the Finance Committee asked if the Academic Council would recommend the Co. Council to renew this Scholarship.

Under date 14th October, 1932, the Registrar, University College, Dublin, wrote:-

"Your letter of 8th instant re Scholarship of Mr. M.F. O'Keefe, was brought before the Academic Council at its meeting yesterday and they agreed to make no variation in their previous report."

The report stated - Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe - Did not reach the Pass standard at the Second year College Examination in Arts."

"It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 20th October, 1932, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- Miss O'Ryan said that she had been told by a Rate Collector that some prominent Ratepayers refused to pay their rates though they were well able to do so.

The Chairman stated he recommended anyone to whom he was speaking to pay their rates, but it was a different thing about the Land Annuities.

Mr. McCarthy - At the meeting of the Finance Committee everyone of the Collectors told us that anybody who was able to pay was doing so.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was a peculiar state of affairs if any Rate Collector would tell one story to an individual Member of the Council and the very opposite one to the Finance Committee meeting.

The Chairman said that it might be that Rate Collectors were not calling for the Rates in certain places, in his district, unfortunately, they came too often.

Miss O'Ryan said she would ascertain from Rate Collector whether the persons whose names were mentioned to her as having refused to pay, had since paid. In the event of these rates not being paid she would bring up the names of the parties concerned at next meeting of the Council.

COMPLAINT BY J. WICKHAM:- In connection with complaint made by Mr. Wickham, Ford of Lyng, of service of Six Days' Notice to oblige him to pay his rates, the Chairman said that Mr. Wickham had very grave reason to complain as for the last 15 years he was "smothered" by the Ford of Lyng and for long periods at a time he could not get in or out of his holding. The Ford of Lyng had been constantly on hands for the past ten years or rather on the hands of the County Council Lawyers and the whole district was affected by the flooding there. He had been speaking to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, who told



him that the Court Proceedings would be on in November, but since then Mr. Elgee stated they could not come on till after Christmas. He (Chairman) did not wonder that Mr. Wickham was becoming tired of the present position.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Co. Council several years ago directed that proceedings should be taken in the local Court but their instructions were never carried out.

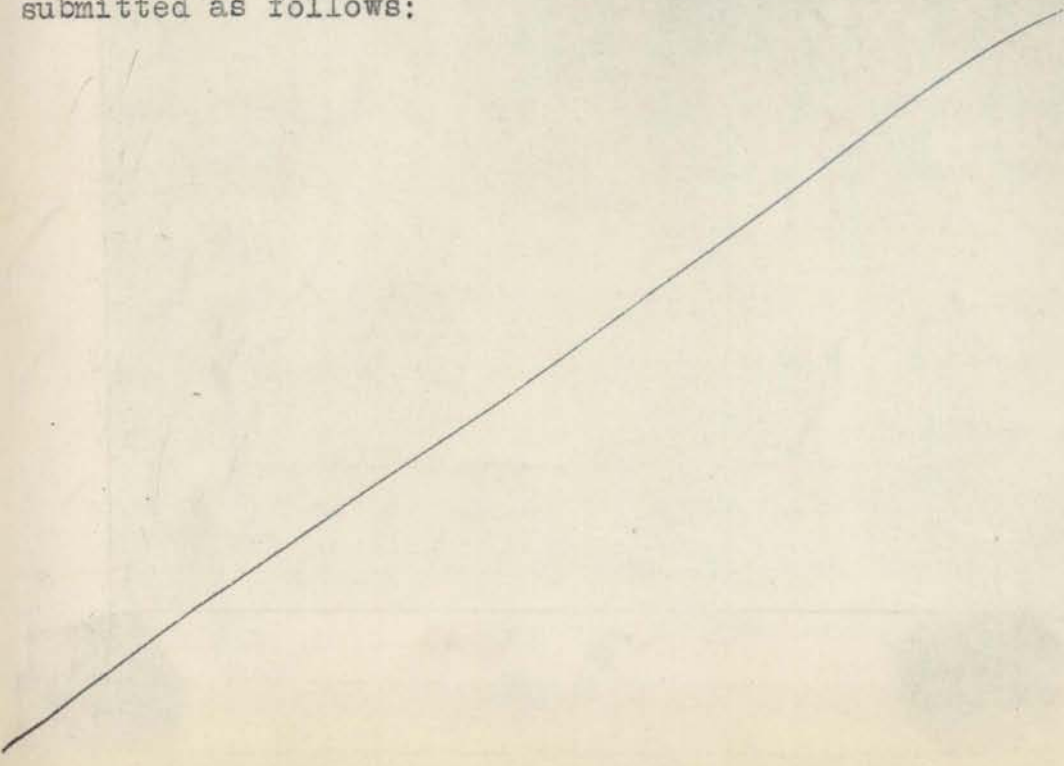
The Chairman said he would ask that this thing be settled up as soon as possible.

Mr. Elgee contended that he was doing all he could to bring the proceedings to an issue.

The Chairman said it was terribly hard lines on Mr. Wickham that five acres of his land should be rendered useless by the fault of other people not preventing its flooding - in fact a good deal of the land of all the occupiers down to Ballygeary ~~was~~ suffering on account of the action of the Slob Owners.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee held on 20th October, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee held on 3rd November, 1932, were submitted as follows:





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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

3rd NOVEMBER 1932.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd November, 1932.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and Mr. Waller (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, Dublin) were also in attendance.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,358.1.4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>					<u>1933.</u>
		£	S	D	
1.	E.J. Murphy	2311	15	1	49.5
2.	S. Gannon (6)	1456	2	1	45.2
3.	J. Curtis	2109	10	8	41.5
4.	P. Carty.	1659	8	3	38.2
5.	T. Rowe	1409	12	7	38.0
6.	A. Dunne	2780	9	6	36.5
7.	J.J. O'Reilly	1829	8	11	35.1
8.	J. Deegan	2301	10	3	33.2
9.	J. Cummins	1658	1	9	33.1
10.	S. Gannon (10)	1131	9	9	33.1
11.	Wm. Doyle	1681	19	7	31.6
12.	J. Quirke	2296	10	4	31.4
13.	W. Cummins	1366	14	2	30.0
14.	P. Nolan	2110	9	8	29.4
15.	M. McCarthy	1458	5	1	28.4
16.	M. Murphy	1078	12	4	28.1
17.	P. O'Byrne	1065	16	9	27.3
18.	T. Bolgere	1146	10	7	26.4
19.	J.J. Sinnott	1299	6	11	24.3
20.	P. Doyle.	1264	3	0	23.7
Total.		£33415	7	3	32.9

It was decided to communicate with Collectors T. Bolger, P. O'Byrne, Philip Doyle, and J.J. Sinnott, and point out to them that the Finance Committee are greatly dissatisfied with the



manner in which the collection in their districts is proceeding. The Committee are strongly of opinion that great improvement would have been apparent if reasonable activity was exhibited, in carrying out the work. These Collectors are warned that unless very substantial progress is made in a comparatively short period, serious notice will be taken of backward state of collections in their districts.

APPLICATION FROM COLLECTORS:- Under date 20th October, 1932, letter was read from Collector M. McCarthy, (No. 4 District) asking the Finance Committee to receive a deputation from ~~Rate~~ Collectors who were paid at 5d in the pound, with a view to having this figure increased to 7d in the pound.

Collectors McCarthy, P. Carty (No. 20) and Patrick Nolan (No. 5) attended.

Mr. McCarthy stated there were six Collectors concerned in the application, the three who were present and also Collectors T. Bolger, (No. 14), Art Dunne (No.15) and Matthew Murphy (No. 12). He spoke for the whole six and pointed out that twelve months ago these Collectors made application to the Finance Committee for an increase in their remuneration. The Finance Committee recommended they should be paid at 7d in the pound which represented the rate of remuneration received by the majority of the Council's Collectors. They were also recommended for the bonus. The Co. Council did not confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to an increase in the poundage and as regards the bonus the Local Government Department agreed to an extra rate of poundage in the case of Collectors who had closed. The result was that the Collectors whom he represented and certain other Collectors did not receive the extra remuneration or the bonus. Two years ago he received in poundage £148. and last year the amount was only £98. His out of pocket expenses in connection with his work as Collector came to £17.12.6d and his travelling expenses for checking etc. was £30. This left him only about £1 per week as remuneration. The men on the roads and in quarries were



paid at a higher rate. If he got the 7d in the £ it would bring his remuneration up to the previous year.

Messrs. Carty and Nolan also referred to the drop in their remuneration on the same lines as in Mr. McCarthy's case.

Mr. Carty stated his travelling expenses were about £50, as he was a long way from his checking station.

After consideration the following order was made by the Finance Committee:-

"In view of the circumstances of the country the Committee do not feel justified in recommending any increase of salary or remuneration at the moment."

CREDIT NOTES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to pay poundage on Credit Notes in the same manner as if these were cash lodgments."

REPAIRS FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

Two tenders were received as follows:-

The Irish Boring Company, 118-119 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin, tendered at £3,779.17.6d., and the Irish Piling Co., 3, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, at £3,969.14.8d.

The Co. Surveyor's estimate which was made out in July, 1932, was £3,325.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if it would be possible for the Co. Surveyor to carry out the work by direct labour.

The Co. Surveyor replied in the negative. It would cost £1200 or £1500 for plant and it would not be satisfactory to obtain this on hire. His experience was that even in small jobs the hiring for any reasonable period ran close to the cost of the actual machines. He quoted instances of this.

Mr. Waller stated that both firms tendering had carried out work for Delap and Waller, and had never given any trouble.

The Chairman suggested that as both tenders were above the



estimate it might be better not to make any recommendation, but to leave them to the County Council for decision.

Mr. Waller pointed out that the duty had gone up on cement and other things since the estimate had been prepared.

Mr. Culleton stated that cement and steel etc. could be obtained from the Continent, as well as from England.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that providing for traffic in lieu of a temporary bridge, an allowance of £127 should be made and a further £185 for the lifting and replacing of the bascule. This would bring the estimate to £3,637 leaving the difference between it and the lower tender £142.

After discussion the following recommendation was agreed to:-  
 "That as the two tenders received for the repairs of Ferrycarrig Bridge are above the County Surveyor's estimate, the Finance Committee consider they are not empowered to deal with same, but refer them to the Council meeting of the 7th November, 1932, for consideration. They direct that the firms tendering should be informed of the position and requested to attend the said meeting of the County Council."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he was at Courtown Harbour on 31st October, 1932, with Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Fisheries Department, to discuss the question of the dredging. He was also glad to mention that Mr. Culleton, a Member of the Finance Committee was present on the occasion. While there a sluicing was carried out with about four feet head of water owing to the freshet in the river. This sluicing had been very successful and he (Co. Surveyor) had no doubt whatever that the channel could be kept clear and maintained by the sluicing. With regard to the bar outside the Pier Head this depended upon the weather. At certain periods this Bar would disappear but might be replaced in a night if there was a change of wind. On Sunday, 30th October, 1932, three sluices had been carried



out and he was perfectly certain a few more flushes would clear the channel. But of course there was always a danger that a particular wind would cause the place to silt up again. While he was there boats went out one hour after low water. He might mention however, that the biggest boats were not fishing now but the herring boats which drew three feet six inches were able to proceed to sea an hour after low water. As regards the removal of the gravel from the south of the south pier, Mr. McNeill said this would improve the channel but unfortunately it would help to starve the shore to the north where they had put down concrete blocks and if the removal were carried out to any considerable extent, it would mean that finally that portion of the shore would be all cut away. What the Council were taking was not doing any harm as it could be easily replaced in one night. Mr. McNeill suggested that they should delay any action as to dredging the channel between the Piers in order to have full tests of what the freshets in the river would be able to do. As regards the dredging of the basin Mr. McNeill had a suction dredger at Buncrana which could be employed but if the work was to be carried out under Relief Grant for unemployment he (Co. Surveyor) wished to point out that the suction dredger would only employ three men who would be imported from Dublin and this would not relieve local unemployment. Since his interview with Mr. McNeill he had met Mr. P. Donovan, Wexford, who offered to take out 8,000 to 10,000 cubic yards from the basin and give a depth at ordinary tides of four feet six inches low water, which, in the Co. Surveyor's opinion was ample. It was proposed to deposit the stuff at the back of the wall which had been rebuilt over the sand bank. Mr. Donovan stated he would be prepared to maintain the channel between the walls up to May to a depth of four feet. He would employ eight men for a period to close on six months. One of these would be his own man from Wexford but the other seven would be taken from Courtown. His quotation for the work was £900. The estimate was £1200, the County Council to provide half and



and the Fishery Department the other moiety. Full particulars had been sent to Mr. McNeill who would make a recommendation to the Fishery Department in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Council be recommended to accept the offer of Mr. P. Donovan at £900 to dredge the basin of Courtown Harbour taking out from 8,000 to 10,000 cubic yards and guaranteeing a depth of four feet six inches at low water of ordinary tides, also to maintain the channel up to May, 1933, with a guarantee of four feet of water."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Intimation was received from St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, as to application at Wexford District Court, on 9th November, 1932, for committal to Industrial School of Sarah McDonald, (14 years) Bridget McDonald, (8½ years) and Mary Anne McDonald (7 years). The mother was dead and the father, John McDonald, Castlebridge, a motor driver, was unable to exercise proper control over them.

Mr. Elgee was instructed to oppose these applications as in the opinion of the Finance Committee, John McDonald, the father, should be able to provide for the three children concerned.

Intimation was received from the District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, as to proposed committal of Albert Joseph Slye, (11 years and 9 months) and Mary O'Neill (12½ yrs) Ballinakill, Ferns, to certified Industrial Schools, under the provisions of School Attendance Act, 1926.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary, University College, Dublin, reported that Mr. John J. Hunt, (Co. Council Scholar) had passed the B.A. Honours Degree Examination, in Irish and English, with Second Class Honours in Irish.

Miss Catherine Kichham, (Co. Council Scholar) had passed the B. Comm. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours.



Mr. Arthur J. Nix, (County Council Scholar) had failed at the B.A. Honours Degree Examination in Legal and Political Science.

It was decided to communicate with Mr. Nix and ask him for his observations on the report of the College Authorities.

#### INCREMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICIAL.

Under date 2nd November, 1932, the following was read from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices:-

"Sometime ago the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote to the Co. Council that they were prepared to sanction Official's increments which had not become effective owing to Declaration of Allegiance, and that legislation in connection with the matter would be forthcoming.

"The County Council adjourned consideration of my case until this legislation was passed.

"As however, there appears to be no sign of any Bill being brought forward I would ask the Co. Council to approve of the payments of my increments and would point out that if these had been agreed to now no question of any sort of declaration would be raised."

It was decided to inform Mr. Hayes that the Finance Committee were not empowered to alter or amend the resolution of the Council deciding to adjourn consideration of his case until the legislation referred to by Local Government Department had been implemented.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 31st October, 1932, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (Co. Council Treasurer), wrote that his Directors had sanctioned overdraft Accommodation of £40,000 up to 31st December, 1932

#### LOST PAY ORDER.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That duplicate Order be issued for No. 162 (Subsidiary Account) issued from meeting of 6th October, 1932 amount 18/- Payee Anthony Doyle, Ballycarrigeen, Boolavogue, Ferns, who lost original. That Treasurer be instructed to place estoppel on said original Pay Order."

Passed.



RATE COLLECTION: - The Secretary stated that Poor Rate to date represented 35% of Warrant collected, the figure at corresponding period of last year being 43 %, reduction 8%. Of the four Collectors referred to in the resolution of the Finance Committee, Messrs. Bolger's and O'Byrne's collections showed an improvement since the meeting. Collector Doyle's ~~Father~~ had died on the 6th November, 1932, which would account for no improvement in his case.

APPLICATION FROM COLLECTORS:- It was decided to postpone consideration of this application until the next meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 12th December, 1932, the matter to be referred to on Agenda paper.

POUNDAGE ON CREDIT NOTES:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded a resolution confirming the recommendation of the Finance Committee of 3rd November, 1932; "That poundage on Credit Notes be paid to the Rate Collectors in the same manner as if these represented cash lodgments. Passed.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING:- The Co. Surveyor stated he had received a letter from Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Office of Public Works stating that provided Mr. Donovan's offer for the dredging of Courtown was accepted it could be arranged that payment would be made on measurements only. Although the price was not unreasonable Mr. McNeill doubted if Mr. Donovan's method of work would be expeditious or in the end quite successful, However, he would consider the offer.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Co. Surveyor had received any report as to an accident in the Harbour on Thursday night, when four men were thrown out of their boat and one of them was badly injured.

The Co. Surveyor replied in the negative, and said he would investigate the matter.

Mr. Keegan said that the boats which drew four feet six inches of water were not used exclusively for the Summer, they could be



fishing now if the channel was deep enough for them. He contended that over £16,000 had been spent on Courtown since 1913 on botched jobs. If this money had been distributed in Home Help the fishermen and their families would have been much better off.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Co. Surveyor said that the proposal made for the dredging of the basin of Courtown was the only way in which the work could be done.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the contract with Mr. Donovan should provide for a uniform depth all over the basin and be laid on the table for the inspection of Mr. Keegan.

Mr. Keegan said he wanted the neck of the harbour cleared to let the boats out.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and passed.

#### INCREMENT OF CO. COUNCIL OFFICIAL.

Mr. Gaul gave notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:- "That the resolution of the Council deciding that no increments be paid Mr. S. Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office, until legislation abolishing Declaration of Allegiance became effective, be rescinded, and that said increments be paid to Mr. Hayes!"

Proposed by Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd November, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

Passed.



FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 3rd November, 1932, re above having been read and approved, it was decided that the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee consisting of Messrs. Walsh, T.F. D'Arcy, R. Corish, J. Culleton, Col. Gibbon, T. McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne, should have a consultation with Mr. C.F. Hollinshead representing the Irish Boring Company, and Mr. P.G. O'Rourke of the Irish Piling Company as to their tenders.

Subsequently Mr. Walsh (V.C.) reported that as the result of the interview, the Irish Boring Company were prepared to carry out the work at £3,700 and the Irish Piling Company at £3,600.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the amended tender of the Irish Piling Company, 3, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, for repairs to Ferrycarrig Bridge at £3,600 be accepted, subject to this being made in writing by said Company with a guarantee bond from the New Ireland Assurance Company in the amount of the tender that the work will be carried out according to specification."

DAYS OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Murphy:- "That meetings of Co. Council be held monthly in future."

In moving his motion Mr. Murphy referred to the fact that taking into account the hour at which the business at recent fortnightly meetings had been disposed of there was no reason why they would not be able to dispose of all the business at a monthly meeting if they sat after lunch. The day in the month which they would save would be of great value to busy Councillors.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Shannon, while dubious of the success of monthly meetings, <sup>object</sup> did not wish to see the change in operation as an experiment and he



suggested if the Council agreed that it would be limited to six months the position to be reviewed at the end of that time.

*Election*  
The Chairman suggested that as in all probability a County Council would be held next year ~~and~~ if Mr. Murphy's motion was carried they might regard it as effective until ~~next~~ County Council election.

After further discussion Mr. Murphy amended his motion to read as follows:- "That for the next six months the County Council meet once a month."

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said it appeared that the proposer of the motion had in his mind a sitting of the Council without any break. He protested against this. Taking into account the hour at which he left Gorey and the time he could return it was beyond human endurance to sit all day without a break. His health had in the past suffered because he tried to do this.

Mr. Murphy said that each meeting of the Council could decide whether it was necessary to have an adjournment for lunch.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. MURPHY'S MOTION:- Messrs. Brennan, Gorish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (16)

AGAINST:- Messrs Clince, Cummins, Hayes, O'Byrne and Quin. (5)

Mr. Armstrong (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The next meeting of the County Council was fixed for Monday, 12th December, 1932, at 10.30 a.m.

#### MEMBERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to take steps to have altered Section 63 (2) (a) and (b) of Local Government Act, 1925, so that County Councillors shall be paid for every meeting of the Council and ~~for~~ *for* every Authorised Committee which they attend."



WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

Under date 2nd November, 1932, the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, wrote that the latter were anxious to arrange for the County Council to receive a deputation from the Commissioners to discuss a scheme with a view of raising assistance for the improvement of Wexford Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the deputation from Wexford Harbour Commissioners be received at 12 o'clock, noon, on 12th December, 1932, next meeting day of the County Council."

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following correspondence which had been circulated to each Member of the County Council was submitted:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

27th October, 1932.

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A Chara,

I enclose copy letter from Secretary of Commission of Inquiry, into the Sale to the occupying Tenants of Cottages and Plots provided under Labourers' Acts.

Also Terms of Reference.

These documents will be considered at the meeting of my County Council on 7th prox.

Since the meeting of County Council on 24th instant, I received a further letter from the Secretary to the Commission, stating that the Commission would be glad if the Council would nominate a Member to give evidence as to the opinion of the Council in regard to the Sale to the present occupants of Cottages and Plots.

This is also a matter which will be considered at the County Council meeting of the 7th prox.

Mise, le meas,

N.J. FRIZELLE,

Runaidhe.

To Each Councillor,  
Wexford County Council.



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ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI.  
(Department of Local Government and Public Health),

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM  
(Custom House),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH  
(Dublin)

19th October, 1932.

A Chara,

The Commission appointed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inquire into the Sale, to the occupying tenants, of Cottages and plots provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, desire to receive an expression of the considered opinion of each Local Authority as to the desirability and practicability of devising a Scheme of Sale under the Terms of Reference within which the Commission's Inquiry must be confined. I am accordingly to request that you will be good enough to submit the Terms of Reference to your Council/Board at their next meeting and forward immediately thereafter, to the Commission, their opinion in the matter, as indicated above.

A copy of the Terms of Reference is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

P.M. Wilson,

Runaidhe do'n Coimisiun.

To each County Council,  
" " Board of Public Health  
" " Board of Health and Public Assistance.



COPY.

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

Terms of Reference.

To consider and report within six months to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the cottages and plots provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts:

- (1) whether there is a demand from the general body of tenants for vested ownership
- (2) whether the formulation of a scheme of sale acceptable to the general body of tenants is practicable without placing an unreasonable burden of cost on the ratepayers or increasing the liability of the State.
- (3) whether the sale of the cottages and plots to the occupying tenants would be advantageous to the Agricultural Labourers as a class or whether the alienation of the property by sale to the sections of that class at present occupying cottages and plots would tend to bring about ultimately a serious housing shortage for the class as a whole.
- (4) whether the average present tenant is in a position adequately to maintain the property in addition to paying a purchase charge and rates should a purchase scheme be carried out,

and to suggest, at the same time, to the Minister:

- (1) in the event of the Commission concluding that a scheme of sale is practicable and advisable:-
  - (i) a general scheme of sale or
  - (ii) a model scheme of sale applicable to a particular county where all the circumstances correspond closely with the general circumstances of all counties.
- (2) in the event of the Commission concluding that a scheme of sale is not practicable and advisable:-

amendments, if any, in the present law relating to the cottages and plots that, in the opinion of the Commission, would tend to the advantage of the Agricultural Labourers as a class.



The Chairman said that the Members of the Health Board who were conversant with this matter were present. The Councillors had been supplied with the terms of reference to the Commission of Inquiry and should now be in a position to deal with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That this Council approves of the sale of labourers' cottages to occupying tenants."

The Chairman said that he considered the purchase scheme put forward by the Co. Wexford Board of Health was in front of anything that was published. He thought the Council should approve of this scheme and they could then decide if they would give evidence in favour of it.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That we approve of the Scheme drafted by Co. Wexford Board of Health for the sale of labourers' cottages to occupying tenants."

Mr. Jordan said the Board of Health had nominated Miss O'Ryan and their Secretary to give evidence before the Commission.

The Chairman said that he was very much in favour of the sale and the scheme of the Health Board would be a benefit to the tenants and the Ratepayers.

Mr. Gaul said that the tenants wanted a different scheme and they should be entitled to representation.

Chairman - Anyone who will volunteer evidence will be heard.

Mr. Shannon suggested that before arriving at a definite decision a conference of Co. Council, Co. Board of Health and Occupying Tenants of cottages should be held.

Mr. Jordan - The cottagers can give evidence on their own. Each one of them was supplied with a copy of the scheme.

Mr. Gaul - At any meetings of the tenants which I attended they were all in favour of purchase but they drafted a scheme different to that of the Board of Health.

Mr. Keegan said the majority of tenants were in favour of



Purchasing but he considered some distinction should be made between cottages built forty or fifty years ago and those recently erected.

The Chairman said that the scheme of the County Board of Health provided that all cottages should be put into repair before being handed over to the tenants.

Mr. Gaul said he would not take any part in the vote on the resolution until the cottage tenants held another Convention.

Mr. Shannon said that if agreed to he would be able to call a convention of the cottage tenants for Sunday, 13th November, 1932, and have a scheme prepared.

Mr. Armstrong contended it was very unfair for the Council to agree to the Board of Health Scheme until they had the considered views of the occupying tenants before them.

The Chairman mentioned that the Board of Health Scheme had been under consideration for the last two years and every cottage tenant was aware of its provisions, having been supplied with a copy

Mr. Shannon asked if Col. Quin's proposal was carried would the County Council submit the Board of Health scheme to the Commission.

Chairman - Certainly and I would point out that the tenants have a right to submit evidence if they wish and to submit any scheme.

Mr. Cummins said he did not know anything about the scheme. It was very much like voting in the dark.

Mr. D'Arcy asked how the Co. Board of Health had fixed future rents.

Chairman - The ratepayers and tenants will get benefit. On completion of the sale the tenant will get 3d a week off his rent.

Mr. D'Arcy - If the tenant dies will his son have the right to sell the cottage by public auction.

Mr. Gaul - Only to a labourer according to the scheme.

Mr. D'Arcy - In thirty or forty years these houses may be occupied by other than labourers.

A vote was taken on Col. Quin's resolution with the following result:-



FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (13)

AGAINST: Nil.

The following declined to vote:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne and Shannon. (8)

Miss O'Ryan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Col. Quin, Miss O'Ryan was nominated to give evidence in support of the scheme of the Co. Board of Health, on behalf of the County Council.

WATERFORD AND NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY

AUTHORITY.

Under date 1st November, 1932, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H. 75609/30 Ilgh (U.S.P.) enclosing for the information of the Council copy of an Order which had been made adapting the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority of 1904 so as to bring it into conformity with the Local Government Act, 1925.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 28th October, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (R.G.M./32) (Roads) that £3997 had been paid the County Treasurer in respect of Road Maintenance Grant.

EMPLOYMENT ON ROADS.

The Chairman drew attention to a complaint that had been made to him about the employment of workers in the Carrigbyrne quarry, that there ~~were~~ three men out of the one house employed who were related to the ganger, and another man who expected work in that quarry would not be taken on.

The Co. Surveyor said that the three relatives of the ganger who were employed were not living in the one house. They were all



married and had dependents.

Col. Quin - Is it a crime that these men should get work?

Chairman - No, but are you going to leave one man hungry and employ all the rest?

Mr. Deegan said that the Carrigbyrne quarry was by no means an isolated case, In the north of the County they had men who had unemployment cards stamped up for years retained in work and others who had no stamps were idle.

Mr. Corish - How many men are employed on the relief work in Oylegate? My information is that there are only five, and that a couple of them were employed on other jobs and were transferred there.

The Co. Surveyor said the work must be done first in the Brownswood quarry and that was being done. They must keep a couple of the old hands in the quarry who were experienced at the work.

Mr. Corish - Everyone knows there is terrible distress in Oylegate.

Co. Surveyor - I will see if I can get more employed.

Mr. Murphy - I am afraid this relief grant work is not working out as we intended it should. I thought it was for the relief of men who had been out of work for some considerable time. I know a man who had been working for five years with a farmer and he has left him to work on the roads, and he is going back to the farmer when the road work is finished.

Mr. O'Byrne said when the direct labour scheme was adopted there was a standing order agreed to that men would <sup>not</sup> be taken from farmers.

The Co. Surveyor said that if men registering as unemployed at the Labour Exchange and the manager gives out their names, he must employ them unless he has anything against them.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought the Council passed a resolution that the men longest out of work should be employed first.

Chairman - I thought so, too.

The Secretary said the question was raised about the employment



of single men with dependents as well as married men, and when it was referred to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce they were informed that married men with dependents must be employed first.

Mr. Corish said the Labour Exchange was bound to give out the names of the men who are longest out of employment, and if the County Surveyor comes across a man who is only a week out of work and who has been sent to him by the Labour Exchange, and that man has deceived the manager of the Exchange about it, he could be sent back to the Exchange again.

Chairman - I think the Co. Surveyor should ask his surveyors to try and regulate this work a little better than it has been done. Lots of men on the roads who have six or eight years' stamps are not disturbed and there are lots of idle men who have not worked for a considerable time.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the managers of the Labour Exchanges be asked to indicate on the list they give out, how long the men are idle, and let the ~~surveyors~~ employ the men who are longest out of work. If the managers cannot do it the Council should refer it to the Ministry for Industry and Commerce and they would get a very sympathetic hearing.

Mr. Corish said the Managers would not do that.

The Secretary agreed.

Mr. D'Arcy said that men were getting work who were only idle for one week.

Mr. Murphy said the gangers should have an intimate knowledge of the men and the time they were idle.

Col. Quin said he did not understand the matter. Did the Council propose to turn out the men who had been regularly employed on the permanent staff for a number of years?

Mr. D'Arcy - No. We are referring to the relief work.

Mr. Armstrong asked when the work on the Bunclody road would be started. A relief grant had been allotted to it.



The Co. Surveyor replied that he issued instructions to the Assistant Surveyors to start all the work out of hand.

The Secretary said he had received a letter from Bunclody signed "P. Doyle, Secretary," stating that at a meeting of the unemployed in Bunclody on the 4th instant, a resolution was passed asking the Council to put into operation the relief scheme passed by the Council some time ago. It was recommended that the grant should be used to provide work for the unemployed rather than a continuance of work for those already in the Council's employment, and that hand breaking of the quarry material should be adopted. A memorial was signed by the seventy-eight men at the meeting, about one-fourth of whom were married.

The Chairman said the employment of the men was carried out with the greatest justice and fairness in his area. Nobody would object to the ganger being kept on.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Surveyor could not get a ganger for Gorey quarry without keeping on a man who had twelve years' stamps.

The Co. Surveyor said that as regards <sup>rock</sup> quarrying he must employ some ~~rock~~ experienced men, but for hand-breaking of stones that is not necessary, and he would give instructions to that effect.

The Chairman said that after this discussion the Surveyors would know the Council's feelings in the matter.

Mr. Gaul said that on the Curraclloe road it was unemployed men were engaged with the exception of the quarry work.

Miss O'Ryan asked why the County Council would not ask the Minister to instruct the managers of the exchanges to hand out the names of the men in the order of having men longest out of work put first.

The Chairman said he would be only too happy to take a resolution to that effect.

Mr. Corish - I do not think we should go to the Ministry. The manager could be misinformed by the men. A man may be signing as



unemployed while he is working. The managers have instructions to give out the names of the men who are longest unemployed. If a case is known to the contrary the man's name should be sent to him, as the man may have deceived him.

Mr. Hall referred to the case of a man named Corish in Carrigbyrne who had been out of work for nine months and there were three men from the one house employed in the quarry where he expected to get work.

Chairman - I have asked the Co. Surveyor to see that he gets work.

Mr. Keegan moved that any man that had three months' stamps be not employed by the Council under any heading.

Mr. Hayes said he was sure the manager of the exchange was misled in many cases.

Mr. Cummins proposed that an inquiry be made into the case of the man Mr. Murphy mentioned, that was going back to the farmer after the road work is done.

Mr. O'Byrne said it should be reported to the exchange to see if the man had been signing while he was employed. They wanted all the unemployed to sign the register at the exchange but did not want the employed to sign.

Chairman - If the man who makes the report does not wish to carry it further we cannot do so.

Mr. Culleton - Do not the managers of the exchanges make enquiries I had a man who left me and I had an inquiry about him.

Mr. Gaul - That is only where they go into benefit.

Mr. Corish said the applications at the Labour Exchanges were so numerous now that the managers have not time to make enquiries. He then asked if any progress had been made as to the securing of the Relief grant for the Sow drainage area.

Co. Surveyor - Nothing further since my interview with Mr. Olley, Engineer.



UNEMPLOYMENT IN KILLURIN DISTRICT.

The following memorial was received on behalf of the unemployed in Killurin: "On behalf of the unemployed (numbering fifty) of this district we respectfully request your help in providing work for us. Most of us unemployed have several dependents. Many have large families. We are anxious to secure work, and shall do our utmost to give every satisfaction at any work provided for us. We prefer work to doles. At present, we and our dependents are badly off. If we fail to secure employment of some kind we shall be obliged to seek home help. We respectfully put forward the following schemes for your consideration (1) Roadwork: (a) The road from Glynn to Carrigmannon needs attention. This road is much used by beet growers from Bulgan, Tomcoole, Davidstown, Whitechurch, Wilkinstown, etc., when delivering beet to Killurin railway station. During the past few years it was much cut up by the motor haulage over it of sand for Wexford-New Ross road. Several times last year, lorries passing over this road sunk in the marly surface. The deep drains and dangerous corners too on this road need attention, only last week a collision between a beet lorry and a Wexford Trader's motor-van took place; (b) The road from the Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross is very frequently flooded along that portion near the bridge. The surface too requires attention; (c) In view of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge, the diverted traffic will make the Killurin-Ballyhogue road much worse. Several sections need repair at present, and dangerous corners at Redinagh could be taken off; (d) The road from Corlican Cross to Lambstown Cross is badly in need of repair. Owing to the breaking up of the Glynn-Carrigmannon road last year, much sand and beet traffic was diverted along it. At present, beet growers from Lambstown, Corlican, The Point, Ballinaclay, etc., experience much difficulty and delay, in getting their beet to Killurin station along this road; (e) The lowering and repair of the hill on the Glynn-Killurin road



"known as Mernagh's Hill would be much welcomed in this district. It is the main road between Glynn Catholic Church and Killurin. If the hill were lowered traffic on the Glynn-Carrigmannon road could be turned to this route; (f) The taking off of elbow corners near Ballyeaton Cross on the main Wexford-Glynn road. (2) Quarrying: "We respectfully request the Council to arrange immediately for the breaking by hand of all stones, required next year for the roads in this area; (3) The cleaning of fishing draughts along the banks of the Slaney. The fishing draughts, i.e. hauling and landing places for the fishing nets are, in many places in this vicinity in need of cleaning and repair; (4) Drainage of land; (5) Housing - the building of labourers' cottages; (6) The provision of a proper water supply for Lower Killurin, and the cleaning of the supply for Glynn Village. The latter supplied with the inhabitants about 160 school children. Trusting to your kind consideration, and hoping you will find it possible to provide us with work. Signed on behalf of the Killurin unemployed - Patrick Walsh, Andrew Hamilton, Joseph Fox, Pierce Walsh and John Cullen."

Rev. F.E. O'Rourke, P.P. Glynn, writes as follows:-

"I have seen a draft of the Petition for employment which is about to be sent to your Council by the large number of men in this district who are at present out of work. In view of the deplorable condition to which these men and their families are reduced I cannot but admire the very temperate and reasonable manner in which they have stated their case. I can unhesitatingly vouch for their honesty and sincerity. They are men willing to work and who are prepared to fulfil their obligations to their employers faithfully and conscientiously. Under the present circumstances of distress and necessity there is not likely to be any slackness or neglect in their work. There are about 150 depending on them and this makes these men take a very serious view of their position which is to them one of great alarm and almost of despair. I know them to have a great



repugnance to anything in the shape of a dole. What they want is work. Of this they have assured me over and over again; and I believe them. With regard to the works suggested to be undertaken I must say unreservedly that all of them are badly needed and some are absolute necessities for all that use the roads. Owing to the haulage of heavy loads the roads are badly broken down in places whilst the deep and dangerous corners make ordinary travelling quite risky. Driving in a motor car along some of the less used and narrower roads is a matter not to be lightly undertaken owing to the ill-defined borders and the almost completely grass-grown tracks. I am sure the members of the Co. Council will consider this petition favourably and sympathetically and will do all they can to relieve the terrible distress existing in this locality."

The following was read from Rev. P. Hutchinson, C.C., Glynn :-

"Just a line in support of the communication which has been sent to you from the unemployed here in Killurin. They are in a worse plight this year than heretofore owing to the very bad price which they received this season for their fish and were unable to put any money by for the coming winter months. These men and their families are certainly in need and if you can do anything to help them it will be much appreciated."

Col. Quin - We have every sympathy for the unemployed but we ought to remember that it is not our business ~~but~~ the business of the Government to do this. We are looking to the ratepayers for money and it is very easy to be charitable with other people's money. We should understand that it is the business of the Government. Let us do what we can, but not have every burden laid on the rates.

Mr. Corish - I think what they are asking us to do is for the Council to make representation to the Government on their behalf.

Col. Quin. - That is all right.

Miss O'Ryan - The scheme they put forward is there. They are excellent men, all hard-working, and anxious for work. It is hard to



see what can be done in the district except drainage.

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

"That deputation on behalf of the unemployed from Killurin district be heard by the Council."

The following deputation attended:- Messrs. Patrick Walsh, James Sexton, George Higginbotham and Joseph Fox.

The Chairman in addressing them said they had received their memorial but he did not think the Council had very elaborate funds to spend on unemployment. The only thing they could do was to make representations to the Government for another grant for their area. Out of our own funds we could not do very much. We know your plight is very bad and that the small price you got for salmon during the year has a good deal to do with your condition at present. But, I <sup>would</sup> like to point out, that Killurin is not a solo in this for every village and rural district in the county is in the same boat. To-day there is an awful lot of unemployed men who had worked with the farmers until now, but the farmers, at the moment, cannot employ them. They have no means to pay them and can hardly meet their own calls. Owing to the widespread unemployment on farms throughout the whole County, you are not, as I said before, solo in this. It is the same all over and we give all credence to your case and will do what we can for you. We cannot do very much out of our own funds, but we will do our best to get a grant for the district and have some of the work mentioned in your memorial carried out.

Mr. Walsh (deputationist) said there were at least 47 men unemployed in the district.

Miss O'Ryan - They are not all farm labourers, but mostly fishermen.

Mr. Corish - I propose that the Co. Surveyor be asked to examine these schemes and prepare one for the Government.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Passed.



Mr. Corish - I think there is more money coming to the county in very short.

Mr. Keegan - There are a lot of idle men and I think the special attention of the Minister should be drawn to the state of unemployment.

Co. Surveyor - As regards the first items on the memorial they are works that should be done if we were in a position to do them. The items at the end, like the building of labourers' cottages, drainage and water supply, are matters outside our jurisdiction.

Mr. Birthistle, D.S. - I looked over this memorial on Saturday and with regard to dangerous corners, the statement is correct. There are seven or eight dangerous corners, if removed, would be a great improvement. The roads are not so bad except in some short stretches and, as far as the corners are concerned, £100 would do them.

Mr. Corish - That would not be much to relieve unemployment.

Mr. Birthistle - I am afraid not.

Chairman - Some of the works suggested would be more or less for the Board of Health.

Mr. Gaul - The Health Board are about to build houses.

Co. Surveyor - Regarding the road work there is nothing mentioned that could not be profitably done if we had the money.

Miss O'Ryan - There is another corner coming from Killurin road, at the back of the barracks, and it is very dangerous.

Mr. Birthistle - That would be among the number I have in mind.

Co. Surveyor - It is mentioned here in the memorial; it is known as Mernagh's Hill.

Mr. Birthistle suggested that the Council make representation to the Minister, so far as relief of unemployment was concerned to start with the preparation of extra material for the main road from Killurin to Ballybrennan, which would be requiring repairs later on. If they got a grant for the work it would relieve all



the unemployment in Killurin.

Chairman - Why not make a report on it?

The Co. Surveyor said this would be done.

PIERS AND HARBOURS.

Mr. Cummins said he regretted to inform the Council that they would have many deputations coming from his district if it was thought deputations would have any effect. It was four years ago or more, since he brought under the notice of the Council the condition of the harbours and piers in the south, and only last Tuesday there was a big meeting at Ballyhack, which was attended by 100 men, the priest, and Mr. Allen, T.D. The fishermen down there had a very bad season, and their position was just the same as they heard from Mr. Keegan, earlier in the day, with regard to the fishermen at Courtown. They could not, except at half tides, get in or out to fish, and the reason he was raising the question was because if they were going to apply to the Government for a grant to relieve the unemployed he thought all should be included. He brought the matter forward four years ago and there was also the case of Arthurstown, Duncannon and Fethard, and all these men want something to be done, and all were comparatively idle. There was no necessity of bringing them there on a deputation - he was explaining their needs and they were wanting some employment. He would like that the Council embrace this place in the representations to the Department and for the Co. Surveyor to go down there and give an estimate on what would be required. He will meet the priest, minister and fishermen down there to point out what was necessary. The question was asked what it would cost. Nobody could tell what it would cost. Mr. Allen promised to bring the matter before the Minister and as Mr. Corish was there he thought they and the other T.D's of the county should try and assist them in getting some grant. The people down there were in the same position as the men from



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Killurin who came before them that day. When he (Mr. Cummins) brought it forward four years ago a committee was to go down. The Committee never went, and if the work required to be done four years ago it was more necessary now.

Mr. O'Byrne said as there was a promise now to get further relief grants he suggested from the big number of men knocked idle in Cahore district, it would be advisable to get some money for the Boira Drainage, the other scheme there. It would relieve unemployment by having the land so benefited, utilised. The best land in the country was flooded there.

Mr. Corish said they had not seen Mr. Rutledge, who was ill at the moment, in connection with the matter. A Parliamentary Secretary had been appointed and he (Mr. Corish) would see him about the Boira drainage as soon as he could arrange an interview. As far as Great Island was concerned he had that case before the Board of Works, and he thought something would be done. Are we getting any dues from steamers coming into the harbours mentioned, asked Mr. Corish.

Secretary - No.

Mr. Corish-Why not? I do not see why harbour dues should not be charged at Duncannon and Kilmore.

Mr. Murphy said the dues on vessels coming to Arthurstown and Duncannon went to Waterford. It was extraordinary.

Mr. Corish - It is.

Mr. Murphy - We are supposed to keep Duncannon in repair and the dues go to Waterford.

Secretary - That is the Act of Parliament.

Mr. O'Byrne again referred to the Cahore district, and the Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor could note all these suggestions in his report, and let them all go together.

Mr. Corish - The question about the dues is important.

Chairman - What would the whole thing amount to during the year? I do not think it would amount to £20.



Col. Quin - Even £20 is something.

Mr. Corish - I think when steamers or cross-channel boats go there they ought to be charged dues.

Chairman - You could only try and keep them from Waterford.

Mr. D'Arcy - We should have legislation.

Mr. Corish - I propose that a strong recommendation be made to the Government. After all the pier is there in Duncannon, and we are responsible for maintaining it. Why should we not get the dues for these places? I think it is ridiculous.

Col. Quin - I will second Mr. Corish. I think this argument is very sound.

Chairman - It would be a good thing if you could do it.

Col. Quin - You cannot do anything without trying it, and Mr. Corish is in power now to get what he wants. He has got the whip hand.

Secretary - The proposal is that strong representations be made to the Government with a view of having Duncannon and Arthurstown brought within the jurisdiction of this Council.

Mr. Cummins - And Ballyhack.

Co. Surveyor - It was done under a grant by the Fishery Department a number of years ago, and it has considerably silted up since.

Chairman - Why not hand it over to Waterford?

Co. Surveyor - It is not a steamer harbour.

Secretary - These places are what is known as scheduled piers and when the Local Government Act was passed the County Councils were bound to maintain these scheduled piers in their areas.

Co. Surveyor - You better include Slade and Fethard in the resolution.

Mr. O'Byrne - Mention all harbours.

Mr. Corish said he was referring to any harbour in the county



under the jurisdiction of another county.

Secretary - Would you amend your proposition to read "Any harbbour in the rural area of Co. Wexford under the jurisdiction of another authority?"

Mr. Corish agreed, and the resolution as thus amended was then put and passed.

COUNCILLOR AND MILK SUPPLIED TO BOARD OF HEALTH.

Under date 4th November, 1932, Col. Gibbon, Co. Councillor, wrote that he had received several orders to supply milk to children and which were signed by Mr. M. Walsh, Home Assistance Officer. He wished to know was he permitted to supply milk, seeing that he was a County Councillor. If not allowed to supply it he believed some of the children would find difficulty in getting good milk in the immediate neighbourhood.

The Secretary stated that he submitted Col. Gibbon's letter to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, who was under the impression that if Col. Gibbon was paid for the milk referred to in his communication he would be disqualified as a County Councillor.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that the matter should be discussed in Committee.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that the milk was being supplied under a Relief Grant but Mr. Elgee referred to a decided case which stated that a guardian of the Poor was held to be disqualified because he sold sheep to the person who had a contract for the supply of meat to the Workhouse. In that case it was held that the Guardian could not supply in his own name or in the name of any other person any provisions for the support of the Poor, or be concerned directly or indirectly in furnishing or supplying the same or in any contract relating thereto.

Mr. Jordan mentioned that the idea underlying the Scheme was to establish milk depots.

This was found impossible and it was then decided to get the



milk from the most convenient places. There was no contract whatever.

Mr. Hayes said that in Col. Gibbon's district if he (Col. Gibbon) was prevented from supplying milk there was nobody else in a position to do so.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to state if Co. Councillors in the position of Col. Gibbon, who by supplying milk are filling a public want through money voted under a Relief Grant, are disqualified from acting as Co. Councillors, or suppliers of milk. If this represents the law at present steps should be taken to have it amended."

Mr. O'Byrne held they should ask the Department of Local Government to allow milk to be supplied to children other than those of parents receiving Home Assistance. Many children whose parents had not the benefit of Home Assistance throughout the County were undernourished, and some machinery should be established to deal with such cases. He proposed that milk be supplied to all children on the certificate of the local Dispensary Medical Officers.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Col. Quin said it would be very hard to draw a dividing line as to who really was able or unable to pay for milk. He believed the Government had taken the only way to prevent abuse.

Mr. Gaul mentioned he had raised this question at the Board of Health but the latter were unable to get the sanction of the Department to it.

Miss O'Ryan held that ~~the~~ Medical Officers had these powers already.

The resolution was put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.



SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The following report of Scholarships' Committee was approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"A meeting of the County Council Scholarships Committee, was held on 29th October, 1932, in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, for the purpose of considering the following letter from the County Councils' General Council:-

"Considerable anxiety is felt in many counties at the small number of candidates presenting themselves for examination for County Council Secondary School Scholarships. The County Councils' General Council therefore has been requested to invite the County Councils of An Saorstat to furnish their considered views as to the provisions of existing schemes for scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools and to offer suggestions as to how the system may be improved.

"My Committee will be glad therefore if you will ask the Scholarship Committee of your Council to take this matter into consideration at the earliest possible moment and to furnish me with their considered views and suggestions with as little delay as possible."

**Present:** Rev. R. Talbot (presiding), Messrs. Sean O'Byrne and John J. Kelly.

The Secretary to the Co. Council was also in attendance.

The Committee considered carefully the papers set for examination for 1932 and came to the conclusion that taken all round, but more particularly in History and Geography the standard was too high for pupils of stipulated age. They also felt it would be advisable that direct questions should be set. In some instances the questions in History and Geography for 1932 required the exercise of considerable deductive powers and were unsuitable for the pre-adult mind.



" The Committee were also of opinion that the C.E.C. of the National Teachers' Organisation should be asked to submit recommendations and suggestions as regards the type of examination paper, which recommendations and suggestions should receive favourable consideration from the Department of Education.

The question of the award of Scholarships on the Department's Elementary Leaving Certificate was also considered but no order was made thereon as in present circumstances it was not believed feasible to utilise the Leaving Certificate for the purpose."

#### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

Under date 3rd November, 1932, the following letter (20828/32) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We have been entrusted with the administration of Minor Relief Schemes and with a view to having these schemes carried out in the most efficient manner, we shall be glad to learn whether your Council will permit the Co. Surveyor to co-operate with us by acting as our Agent Inspector at an Agency fee of 4% on the actual sum expended. The County Councils of Cork, Donegal, Kerry, Galway, Mayo, Longford, Clare, Sligo, Leix and Cavan have already consented to their Co. Surveyors acting as our Agent Inspectors for the purpose.

The duties required of the County Surveyors are:-

(a) All supervision necessary for the efficient and economical execution of the works and the carrying out of such instructions as may be given from time to time by this Department.

(b) The checking and discharging of wages sheets making the necessary payment, vouching of same, stamping of insurance cards, and all duties ordinarily connected with this branch of the work.

(c) All incidental clerical work in connection with (a) and (b) above.

(d) The preparation of drawings and specification for work in connection with bridges, minor drainage schemes, etc., where



"such are necessary. The majority of the works will, however, be of a simple kind such as the construction of accommodation roads, roads into turbary, etc., which will require little or no technical investigation.

A list of the selected works will be forwarded for your information at a later date."

Under date 4th November, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (R.F.U./201) that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health trusted the County Council would arrange for the necessary co-operation of the Co. Surveyor in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Wexford Co. Council have no objection to their Co. Surveyor acting as Agent Inspector for Minor Relief Schemes on behalf of the Office of Public Works on conditions set out in their letter of 3rd November, 1932 (20828/32)."

ROAD FROM BISHOPSWATER TO RATHASPECK.

The following memorial signed by nineteen Ratepayers was read:-

We the undersigned ratepayers beg to bring to the notice of the County Council the poor condition of the road from Bishopswater Cross to Rathaspeck. Owing to the total inadequate tonnage allowed during the last few years, the foundation stones are protruding much above the surrounding surface; also in a good many places the road is so worn that its centre is lower than the edges.

We - Your memorialists earnestly beg you to restore this road to its former condition.

As this road is the principal road for horse traffic to and from Wexford for a large area of South Wexford and the horse has been man's helpmate and servant, since the Flood, - please help us to lighten his burden and save his knees."



The Co. Surveyor said the road was certainly in a bad condition.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided that the Co. Surveyor present <sup>a</sup> report relative to this road at next meeting of the Co. Council.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

The Co. Surveyor stated that since this matter was under discussion he had visited the place with Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Board of Works, who was anxious that some borings should be made. He (Co. Surveyor) pointed out to Mr. McNeill that as this was not a scheduled harbour, the Co. Council could not legally spend money in connection with it. Mr. McNeill said he would recommend his Department to give £10 or £15 to cover cost of the necessary borings. It had been originally contemplated to put the breakwater in the centre of the old rubble mound. Since then there had been a good deal of discussion with the fishermen regarding these little harbours. What they wanted usually was a wharf, and it was proposed to put this at St. Helen's close to the inside of the present rubble mound where the fisherman could land.

Col. Gibbon proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:- "That as arranged with the Co. Surveyor we approve of expenditure of £10 to £15 by Board of Works in making borings at St. Helen's Harbour. If these be satisfactory the Co. Council will be prepared in conjunction with the Department to carry out the necessary work at this harbour provided they can legally do so."

Passed.

#### BALLYTEGUE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor stated he had to make a further inspection of this drainage scheme.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Co. Surveyor should arrange at next meeting to meet himself, Mr. P. White, Beckville, Hon. Sec. to the Drainage Committee, and Mr. N. White, Ballyran/~~g~~ who was also



interested in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor said he would write the persons named as to his next visit. He had secured a good deal of information to the present.

ROADS - ROSSLARE HARBOUR.

Under date 1st November, 1932, the following was read from Mr. D.J. Callanan, Barryville, Rosslare Harbour:-

"At a public meeting held at the Social Club here on the 24th ultimo, Mr. P. Coffey, P.C. in the Chair, it was decided to make application to the Council to have that portion of the public road at Rosslare Harbour running from Donoghue's Corner past the Tennis Court and on to the residence of Mr. Wm. Duggan, presented, so that it be included in future estimates to be maintained by the Council.

I shall be glad if you will be good enough to have the matter placed on the Agenda for early consideration and oblige.

The immediate residents on this road pay approximately in rates, £50 per annum and were it not for the attention the road gets at the expense of a few, it would be impossible to approach our homes. The road is also used by those living along the cliff and we have, in wet weather, to wade through water in coming and going to our homes, which for our children is a serious matter owing to injury to their health.

Mr. Keating, T.D., when he heard of the proposed meeting kindly attended and promised to use his influence with your Council. We also feel sure of the help of Ald. Corish, T.D., and Mr. Doyle, Chairman of your Council, both Gentlemen being aware that the residents of this District are unable to enjoy the comfort of a motor-car in their travels.

I note from a recent report of Meeting of your Council that you had a sum of £2000 surplus for road maintenance and I respectfully suggest that portion of this sum be allocated to meet our requirements and at the same time it would alleviate the serious unemployment



"that is prevalent in this District owing to the falling off in imports and exports due to tariffs etc.

Thanking you in anticipation and hoping to have our demand favourably considered."

The Co. Surveyor stated that as the road was not included under the Co. Council's jurisdiction they could not legally carry out any repairs to it.

Mr. Corish mentioned that he and Mr. Doyle (Chairman) had brought this road to the notice of the Council more than twenty times.

Chairman - It is leading only to a few houses.

Mr. Murphy said if it was proposed to take over this road, the resolution which had been adopted on his initiative not to include any new roads in the Road Estimates would have to be rescinded.

The Chairman suggested that a small committee might be appointed to inspect and report.

This suggestion was adopted, and the Chairman, Col. Gibbon and Mr. Corish were appointed as the Committee, in conjunction with the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, inspection to be carried out on 8th November, 1932, Mr. Callanan to be informed of same so that he could arrange for the attendance of interested parties.

#### KILTREA QUARRY.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that he was anxious to come to some agreement with Mrs. Roche, owner of this quarry, as to its extension but he had received no reply from her relative to the offer which he made.

Mr. Clince - There will be no agreement unless you are satisfied to put up a stone fence at the quarry.

It was decided to postpone further action pending reply from Mrs. Roche.



#### ROAD AT KILTURK, KILMORE.

The Co. Surveyor said he had inspected this road and found that the land at each side was higher than the road. Some old man had informed Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, that a drain had formerly existed which took the water off the road. There was no sign of this now; it was obliterated completely and must have been filled up for the past sixty or eighty years. The result was the road was flooded and the only thing that could be done was to raise the surface. He was bringing forward a proposal for this purpose into his annual Road Estimate when the matter could be fully discussed.

#### DAMAGE TO DIRECTION POSTS.

The following report was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"The Summonses against the ten boys and their Parents in respect of the damage to the above Sign Post were heard at the Wexford District Court yesterday.

I had issued five Summonses against the Parents and their respective Sons. In four cases a Fine of 1/- and Court Costs was imposed, and in one case that against Thomas Kelly and Daniel Kelly where it was doubtful that the Boy was present at all, the Justice gave the Defendant the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the Summonses as against them. The Justice stated that in future cases of a similar nature coming before him he would deal with same in a different manner. "

#### PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the several proposals for payment presented to this meeting including proposals for payment to Road Contractors ( as appearing on Forms 22 certified by Co. Surveyor) be and are hereby agreed to subject to the modifications and other orders thereon noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."



SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Walsh called the attention of the Co. Surveyor to the dangerous and slippery condition of the road at the Weigh-house on Cherry's road leading into New Ross town and also at Ely's Walks on the main road from New Ross to Wexford. From what he had seen in the Press the Co. Council would be held liable for damages if any accident happened on these thoroughfares.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would deal with the matter.

HOUSING ACT, 1932.

The following resolution from Donegal Co. Council was marked "read" on the proposal of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That this Council requests the Government to alter Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1932, so that the minimum area of houses, under reconstruction clause, be reduced from 500 to 400 square feet, as these people for whom the Act is intended are unable for various reasons to take advantage of it.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all County Councils throughout the Saorstát for adoption and to the T.D's of the County."

*Michael Doyle*

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