

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES.

OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER,  
1926.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.



The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 11th October, 1926.

The following were present:- Mr. T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs William Boggan, Patrick Byrne, James Cline, Michael Cloney, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, Michael Doyle, James Gaul, Jame Hall, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Mernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shanon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John White, John Pender, Thomas Rossiter, Colonel C. M. Gibbon and Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the following reply from Mr. Coghlan, Manager National Bank Wexford, to vote of sympathy passed to him on the death of his wife be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting of the Council:-

'Kindly convey my very grateful thanks to your Council for their kind resolution of sympathy in my recent sad bereavement and I also wish to sincerely thank you for your own personal message of sympathy"

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

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##### Finance Committee

The following Minutes of Finance Committee of 16th September were read:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on September 16th 1926.

Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presided. Also present, Messrs Patrick Hayes, Aidan Mernagh, John O'Byrne and William Thorpe.

The Assistant Secretary and the Co. Surveyor were also in attendance. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Col Gibbon regretting his inability to be present at the meeting as he would be absent in Dublin.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6070-8-1 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following percentages of the first moiety of the current rate collected to September 16th 1926:-

E.J. Murphy 65.38: B. Cleary 55.15: J. Curtis 46.98:  
J. Quirke 45.08: M. Kelly 40.26: S. Gammon 30.15: J. Cummins 29.91:  
M. Deegan 29.87: T. Rowe 28.56: J.J. Sinnott 26.24: P. Fitzpatrick  
25.02: J.J. O'Reilly 23.98: C. McCarthy 23.38: P. O'Byrne 22.44:  
P. Walsh 21.79: J.J. Kelly 21.68: T. Sutton 21.67: W. Cummins 21.62:  
J. Doyle 17.87: P. Donohoe 11.87: P. Furlong books not yet issued.

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman it was decided to instruct the Deputy Checkers of the Rate Collectors' accounts to note at next checking the number of Demand Notes still in each Collector's books and report on the matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

It was further decided that Collectors who had not 25 per cent of their first moiety lodged should be notified that the County Council consider they are not doing their best ~~or using sufficient endeavours~~ to push forward their collections.

The Committee expressed their disapproval of the very small amount collected by Mr P. Donohoe.



Mr P. J. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector for No. 15 District submitted the following letter which he had received from James Egan, Fairview, Gorey:-

"I have pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of Rate Form No. 353 and Form No. 1 and I deeply regret not being in a position financially to deal with the matter satisfactorily until a later date and hoping for more prosperous times ahead. I have heavy outstanding debts to meet long since overdue which I am meeting to the best of my ability observing the circumstances, so I would not and shall not be in a position to deal with this matter before July 1st 1927 at the earliest. Then I probably could tackle it by instalments. Hoping this will meet the approval of the officers concerned and hoping you will forward this letter to those concerned for consideration observing the circumstances, thus ends this matter for the moment.

Without incurring your displeasure I request you to forward this letter to the proper <sup>r</sup> if necessary a higher authority."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr O'Byrne that Mr Fitzpatrick be instructed to take proceedings to have an Examination Order obtained against Mr Egan.

COSTS R.D. COUNCIL SOLICITOR.

The following from Mr William Caulfield, former Solicitor for the Wexford District Council was read:-

"I understand my claim for costs as Solicitor for the Wexford Rural District Council in respect of Malicious Injury Claims as furnished to the Council now comes before your County Council. The original amount was £888-9-6. The Public Health Board offered me £400 in settlement and I am now without prejudice<sup>ee</sup> to my full rights prepared to take £500 in settlement of the Bill if paid from your next meeting."

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided to recommend the County Council to offer Mr Caulfield £450 in settlement without prejudice.



### FORMS FOR JURORS' LISTS.

Mr John N. Scallan, County Registrar applied for sanction to obtaining 1500 forms in connection with Jurors' Lists.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that Mr Scallan be given permission to have the necessary forms printed.

### PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS.

Students who have been awarded Primary Scholarships wrote stating that they intended to avail of the Scholarships at the following Colleges:-

Joseph Flynn, St Peter's College, Wexford

Thomas Higgins, do

Laurence Butler, do

Mary Kavanagh, Loreto College, North Great George's Street, Dublin

Richard F. Doyle, Blackrock College, Dublin

Order- Approved.

### DISTRICT COURT ENNISCORTHY.

Mr P. J. Shaw, Secretary Enniscorthy Technical Schools wrote as follows:-

"Relative to the weekly District Court which is held in the Technical Schools here, the actual cost in connection with the washing down of the Schools after each Court is 3/- per week.

On behalf of the Technical Instruction Committee I respectfully request that the Finance Committee of your Council would favourably consider the granting to this Committee of the sum of £10-10-0 per annum to cover this actual cost, and also for the heating in connection with the holding of the Courts, and further that this request be made retrospective as from the 1st April 1925."

It was decided on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr P. Hayes that the County Council be recommended to agree to the payment of £8 per annum as from the 1st April 1925 for the cleaning and heating of the rooms in Enniscorthy Technical Institute used for the Enniscorthy District Court.



### PLANS OF OLD JAIL.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, Wexford:-

"I would be glad to receive £10 due for preparation of above plans. Will you please bring the matter before the Council's Finance Committee."

It was decided that the amount be included in the Advise Note for payment at next Finance Committee meeting.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

On the instructions of the Committee, University College Dublin was communicated with by telephone in order to ascertain the names of the students eligible for the award of a University Scholarship, in view of the fact that the University College opens next month and students would require a little time in order to make the necessary arrangements for attending at lectures in Dublin.

In reply to queries over the telephone, the Secretary of the University stated that he could not at present forward the list requested as the names had not been submitted to the Academic Council. There would be a meeting of this Council in a few days when he would immediately forward the results.

### RATES WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

In connection with application for rates by the Wexford Corporation for Wexford Courthouse, the following letter was read from Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst, as to Rates on Wexford Courthouse. In this case I think that the Council should apply for a provisional revaluation of the Courthouse premises, in a similar manner as has been done in some cases for Poor Rate Valuations where the premises have been burned down. The premises having been destroyed now for some time, or rather a large part of them, the full valuation of £110 should not be allowed to stand and the Council should not pay the rates on same until the Valuation has been amended."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman,



it was decided that application be made to the Valuation Office to have a provisional revaluation of the Courthouse premises made with a view to adjustment of the rate.

SALE OF TYPEWRITER -- COUNTY LIBRARY.

In connection with the sale of an old Typewriter from the Office of the County Library for £5 by Miss Walsh, Librarian, and in respect of which Miss Walsh had already notified the Committee that she had been offered £6: 6: 0, the following letter was submitted from Miss Walsh:-

"The first offer I got for the machine was cancelled so when I got a second offer of £5 I decided to accept it. I approached the Lawson Typewriting Company about it but all they would allow me for it was £2. In that case you can see we did very well. I trust this puts everything in order".

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, that Miss Walsh be notified that she should have obtained the approval of the Finance Committee before she ~~xxx~~ sold the typewriter at a lesser price than previously agreed, but in the present instance as Miss Walsh acted through inexperience of public procedure, the Committee are prepared to accept £5 for the old machine.

OVERDRAFT.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made to Directors of National Bank Ltd., for continuation of present overdraft of £30,000 for six months ending 31st March, 1927. That sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health to same be applied for".



COSTS MR. WILLIAM CAULFIELD.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 4th October, 1926, recommending that the Bill of Costs submitted by Mr. Caulfield, Solicitor, should be taxed.

A long discussion took place after which Mr. Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con., :-

"That the offer of the Finance Committee to pay Mr. Wm. Caulfield, Solicitor, Wexford, a sum of £450 in settlement of his claim for costs against the late Wexford R. D. Council be confirmed provided this arrangement be sanctioned by the Department for Local Government & Public Health"

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

"That the recommendations of Finance Committee from meeting of 16th September, 1926 be and are hereby adopted".

The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th September, 1926 were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 30th September 1926.

Present:-Messrs Thos. McCarthy(Chairman)presiding, Aidan Mernagh,P. Hayes,Wm. Thorpe and Sean O'Byrne.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary and the Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-"That we offer Mr M. Coghlan, Manager, National Bank, Wexford, Treasurer to Wexford Co. Council, our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his wife and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Coghlan."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-"That we offer Mrs Connor, Lucas Park, Enniscorthy our deep sympathy in the death of her husband, Mr J.P. Connor, Under-Sheriff of the County Wexford for many years."

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5572-13-1 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-"That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers asking ratepayers who have paid Poor Rates to any Rate Collector of the Council and who have not obtained recognised official receipt to communicate with the Secretary to the County Council."

#### RATES ON BANTRY COMMONS.

Under date 24th September 1926, Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross wrote:-

"Mr Edward J. Murphy Rate Collector has handed us your letter of the 17th inst. in reference to position of



"arrears due out of Bantry Commons.

About two years ago we proceeded against all the persons rated in respect of the Commons except a small number who had paid.

The proceedings were strenuously defended and after a lengthy hearing the District Justice stated he would give a Decree in the case of every person rated against whom user could be proved.

The Rate Collector has gone to considerable trouble to produce evidence of user, and a number of persons gave him information. They refused however to attend the hearing and had to be summoned to attend. They were reluctant witnesses and gave the Court no assistance and user was only proved in a few of the cases.

The defence also pointed out that the practice of the County of Wexford Rate Collectors in serving the six day notices by post was not in accordance with the Act, and in our opinion that point was sufficient to dismiss the summons. Under these circumstances we withdrew the proceedings and advised the Collector to serve the six day notices in accordance with the Act.

This was accordingly done, but both ourselves and the Collector found it was impossible to get any person to prove user, and we could not proceed further.

From information gleaned by ourselves from clients of ours in the neighbourhood and from what transpired at the hearing it seems to be clear that a large proportion of the persons rated do not use the Commons now, although possibly they may have used it during the year in which their names first appeared on the Rate Books; and user at least once a year must be proved.

We have given the Collector details of any money collected by us in respect of the Bantry Commons Rates and we understand he is furnishing you with a report."

The following were appointed a Sub-Committee to go into the question of Bantry Commons Rates and endeavour to make a recommendation to the Council with a view to having the collection of these rates placed on a business footing:-



"Messrs W. Thorpe, James Shannon, M. Jordan, Co. Councillor John Quigley, <sup>Ballybawn</sup> ~~Beleghawn~~ Mills, <sup>Bryan</sup> O'Neill Ballindoney, Ballywilliam and the Rate Collector, E.J. Murphy.

EX-COLLECTOR JAMES MURPHY.

The Secretary reported that ex-Collector James Murphy had lodged £111-8-3 which covered his liability except in cases in which he disputed payment by ratepayers who held no receipts and who were unable to substantiate their claims by any documentary evidence.

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

Messrs J. Cummins and J. Quirke came before the meeting as a deputation from the Rate Collectors to urge upon the Committee the inequity of retaining poundage from the Rate Collectors to the extent which at present existed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hayes:- "That the amounts of poundage due to Rate Collectors in respect of lodgments of rate up to 30th April last be paid as from this meeting."

The state of the Rate Collection was considered and it was decided that Rate Collectors whose collections are backward be informed that the decision of the Council directing Collectors to close the first moiety of Rate by 31st October next and full amount of warrant by 31st March next will be adhered to.

MAINTENANCE MAIN ROADS- ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT

The County Surveyor submitted communication from Mr W.P. Casey, Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy asking for an instalment of at least £200 on foot of contract for maintenance of main roads in Enniscorthy Urban District.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "The Finance Committee are prepared to pay amount certified by Co. Surveyor in connection with application for payment of work on main roads in Enniscorthy Urban District."

~~SANCTION OF COUNCIL.~~



SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT.

Under date 28th September 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G/43402/1926/Wexford County) stating that the Minister for Local Government sanctioned overdraft not exceeding £30,000 on the account of Wexford County Council to 31st December next. Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Resolution of County Council meeting of 13th September 1926 empowering Finance Committee to deal with awards under University Scheme was read.

The Secretary submitted the following recommendations of the Authorities of University College, Dublin on results of Leaving Certificate Examination as regards applicants to Wexford County Council for University Scholarships:-

- Margaret Berney, Foxcover, Monaseed, Gorey, 832 marks. 1.
- John J. Kenny, Irish Street, Bundfody, 787 marks. 2.
- Michael G. Stedmond 2 Island Road, Enniscorthy, 757 marks 3.

The University authorities recommended that University Scholarships should be awarded to these three candidates.

The two other applicants, James G. Maddock, Ardancuan, Rosslare Harbour, and Anastatia Dunne Ballybrannis, Enniscorthy, failed the examination.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That University Scholarships be awarded Margaret Berney, John J. Kenny and Michael G. Stedmond as recommended by University Authorities Dublin.

Michael J. Howlett, Shelbaggan, Arthurstown wrote asking for a year's extension of his University Scholarship-Medical course. It would, he wrote, be impossible for him to qualify unless he was granted this extension.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by Mr Thorpe:- "That we recommend the County Council to agree to extension of University Scholarship to Mr Michael J. Howlett for one year."

Correspondence was read from University Authorities



and Mrs McAuliffe, Johnstown, Clonagal explaining that her son, Donald, a University Scholarship holder of Wexford Co. Council, had been unsuccessful in his examinations because he was ill for some time previous to the dates on which they were held.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That subject to recommendation from the University Authorities Dublin, we consider the Co. Council should favourably consider renewal of University Scholarship to Donald McAuliffe."

The Secretary reported that the University Authorities had been asked for results of Examinations in the cases of Aidan Timmons and Kathleen M. Bolger, the other holders of University Scholarships outstanding for renewal.

Mr Robert G. McDonald, Nethertown of Almorness, By Dalbeattie, Scotland wrote under date 10th September 1926 that Mr Stephen J. Furlong, South Main Street, Wexford, holder of Agricultural Scholarship had arranged to take up practical work on his farm. He would report from time to time as to the progress made by Mr Furlong.

#### PETROL PUMPS.

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

"That persons who have erected petrol pumps in rural districts or on main roads in Urban districts, and who have not obtained licences for same under Local Government Act 1925 be informed that they will be prosecuted unless they take out licences forthwith."

#### APPOINTMENT-ASSISTANT TO LIBRARIAN.

Miss Walsh, County Librarian, forwarded the following notice convening Sub-Committee for 2nd October 1926:-

"To consider the question of forwarding to the County Council a resolution regarding the submission of names of the successful candidates for the opinion of the Library Committee."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:- "That Miss Walsh, Co. 7



"Librarian, be informed that the County Council will carry out the appointment of Assistant in County Library office after examination conducted by Christian Brothers according to the decision which the Council recently arrived at."

#### WORKING OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

"That County Librarian be directed to furnish detailed list of the attendance of members of Library Committee at meetings since formation of present Committee, viz, July 1925 to 30th Sept. 1926 taking into account dates for which meetings were summoned but quorum did not attend."

"That the County Librarian be directed to inform the County Council if books - bills for which have been presented to this meeting - have in every case been approved by Book Selection Committee."

The following resolution was also adopted:-

"That Mr James Horan, Rowe Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of Book Selection Committee of County Library."

#### REBUILDING OF WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary to communicate with the Minister of Justice asking him to arrange as soon as possible to receive deputation from the Co. Council in connection with the re-building of Wexford Courthouse.

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#### University Scholarships

Mr. Sean O'Byrne pointed out that of the three successful candidates for University Scholarships two had been awarded to former holders of Primary Scholarships and he considered the teachers of these two candidates were entitled to congratulation at the result.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee of 30th September, 1926, were adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne.



ROADS COMMITTEE.

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The following Minutes of Roads Committee in respect of meeting of 27th September, 1926, were submitted:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 27th September 1926.

Present:-Mr Thomas McCarthy, Chairman (presiding), also, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Richard Corish, James Hall, William Boggan, Patrick Colfer, James Shannon, Michael Cloney and Col Gibbon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### CINEMATOGRAPH ACT.

Under date 17th September 1926, the Chief Superintendent Civic Guard wrote in reply to a query from the Secretary to the County Council giving particulars of unlicensed buildings which are being used for cinematograph performances in the county:-

- (1)-Town Hall, Gorey.
- (2)-Protestant Schools, Gorey.
- (3)-Tara Hall, Courtown Harbour.
- (4)-National Schools, Coolgreany, Hollyfort, Camolin and Clonevin.
- (5)-Ramsgrange Hall.
- (6)- Hall at Irish Street, Bunclody.

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

"That the Managers or Owners of premises at Tara Hall, (Courtown Harbour), Coolgreany, Hollyfort, Camolin, Clonevin, Ramsgrange, and Bunclody used for cinematograph displays as reported to this Council by Civic Guard be informed that they must at once take steps to comply with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1909 and regulations thereunder.

It was pointed out that the premises in Gorey were under the control of the Gorey Town Commissioners.

In connection with Cinema Halls at Kilmore and Bridgetown, the property of Mr Michael Hassett (already licensed) the following report was read from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-



Kilmore.-

"As instructed by you I have again seen Mr Hassett's Cinema Palace at Kilmore Quay and also the one at Bridgetown.

The one at Kilmore is in size 36'x20' and is constructed of galvanised iron. There are three exits opening outwards with clear passage from seats to exits.

The operating box is constructed of galvanised iron with entrance opening outwards.

The fire extinguishers installed are two buckets of water, one of sand and also a wet blanket.

The light used in lantern is an ordinary 12 volt bulb light-off a 14 volt battery.

The films are stored in metal boxes and are used in the ordinary way on a standard Pathé machine. The floor level of Cinema is a few inches above the level of the ground outside.

The Hall is lighted by a 12 Volt bulb off a 14 volt battery.

There is no naked light used in the building.

In my opinion, this place is perfectly safe for the purpose for which it is used.

Bridgetown:-

"I have again seen Mr Hassett's Cinema at Bridgetown. Its size is 30'x15' constructed of masonry walls and slated roof. The floor is of wood and 2'9" over ground level. There is also a gallery which holds 25 people with a stairway down to exit.

The operating box is outside the building having iron roof and asbestos partition between operating box and wall.

Similar fire extinguishers are in use as at Kilmore and the lighting is also the same.

There are two large exits from Hall opening outwards having each three wide concrete steps to ground level.

I was speaking to Mr Hassett on Friday last and he said if the Authorities desired any changes made in either of the buildings (and if pointed out to him), he would at once make whatever alterations they thought necessary."



It was decided that Mr Hassett be directed to provide exit from the gallery in each case direct to the open; also that his attention be called to regulation 4 of the Statutory Rules and Orders 1910, as to providing proper fire extinguishers.

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

"That the Sergeants of the Garda Siothchana in each station and the Assistant Surveyors of the Council be appointed recognised Inspectors of the County Council under Cinematograph Act. That the Assistant Surveyors be directed to furnish half-yearly reports on 1st October and 1st April in each year as to the various Cinema Halls in the Rural Districts calling attention to any alterations in structures or to any other matter which in their opinion should be brought to the notice of the Council."

The following resolution was also adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to institute enquiries in order to ascertain what is the most advisable type of patent fire extinguisher to use in connection with celluloid film exhibitions."

#### PETROL PUMPS.

Under date 9th September, 1926 the following letter was read from Nathaniel Hayes, Main Street, Ferns:-

"Referring to the petrol pump which I erected without leave from your Council, I take this opportunity of expressing my regret for having done so, and shall be very grateful if you will convey to the members of the Council my sincere apologies. I was not aware that I was taking so serious a step when I erected the pump in a place other than that for which I had permission, or else I would not have erected it at all. In the circumstances, I trust the Council shall take a lenient view of the matter and allow me to leave the pump in its present position. Again regretting the trouble I have caused."

Under date 21st September 1926 the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/IR/93/32) that if the petrol pump presumably erected on a public road by Mr Hayes - was one in respect



of which they would grant a licence, it was open to the Council to grant a new licence for the balance of the period covered by Mr Hayes' present licence provided he surrenders the latter.

The County Surveyor ~~xxxxxx~~ recommended that the applicat<sup>ion</sup> of Mr Hayes should be granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That provided Mr Hayes surrenders his present licence for petrol pump and pays the prescribed fee, he be allowed to retain petrol pump in present position as County Surveyor reports it does not cause any obstruction to the public.

James Doherty Main Street, Buncloody applied for licence for erection of petrol pump at Island Road, Enniscorthy.

It was decided that application for licence and plan be referred to the County Surveyor for his report.

ALLEGED REMOVAL OF MATERIAL  
FROM ROAD 128R.

At the meeting of Roads Committee on 28th June last, correspondence was submitted in connection with allegation by Laurence Erwin, Raheen, Adamstown, that material had been taken from Road 128R. The Committee made no order as regards the complaint, but subsequently, Mr Thorpe raised the matter at a County Council meeting when it was decided to summon the parties concerned to the Roads Committee meeting of 27th September 1926.

The following is the complaint made by Mr Erwin under date 17th June 1926:-

"I wish to bring under your notice a contract road between Dr Keogh's house in Carrigbyrne and turn in Raheenacloonagh near Mr Rossiter's place, to have the tonnage of stones made small, it was too large last year as they had to be drawn off last term and dumped in Martin Kehoe's old haggard-well over one-third of them by a Direct Labour man, Aidan O'Neill at present working in Ballynaboola Quarry on the date of February 27th half holiday and March 6th half day, also about one-third of one yard removed to his own cottage and used to build piers. I hope this will get immediate examination. Stones at present within one hundred yards of depot."

Mr Barry obtained the following report under date 25th June 1926 from Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:-



"Aidan O'Neill, Ballynabola Quarry assures me there is no foundation for the assertion of Mr Laurence Erwin re removal of material on Road 128R. The contractor for the road is Moses O'Neill, a son of the above mentioned man. He broke the material in Kehoe's haggard from a pile of stones there. He did not cart back any stones from the road to the haggard.

The stones used to build the piers of O'Neill's cottage were carted to the cottage and broken there by him. He gave his son some assistance on the road on Saturday evenings."

Mr Erwin came before the meeting and stated that two-thirds of the stones which had been put upon the road by O'Neill, and not one-third as stated in his letter, were taken off in February and March but were replaced on the 21st August. He was witness himself to the incident but had no one to corroborate his statement.

Mr O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor stated that on the 17th November 1925, he measured the stones and found that the proper amount of material had been provided for the road. If Mr Erwin had furnished him with the complaint in February or March, when the removal was alleged to have occurred, it could then have been investigated, but as Mr Erwin did not write till June, it was not possible to say definitely what had really happened.

His final inspection was in April after which he concluded that all the material had been spread on the road.

Aidan O'Neill said he was working in Ballynabola Quarry and his son, Moses was contractor for the road. The complaint made by Mr Erwin was untrue and was actuated by spite owing to a ~~political~~ ~~political dispute~~ political dispute between the people of Raheen. Mr Erwin and he were on opposite sides and had not been friendly since. He admitted having spread the stones for his son on half-holidays, but had never taken any time from the County Council for this purpose.

Col Gibbon considered the Committee were wasting their time in going any further into the complaint, as there was no independent witness on either side.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Colfer seconded the following



resolution which was adopted:-

"That in the absence of corroborative evidence, we consider the complaint made by Mr Erwin relative to the taking of material ~~from~~ from Road 128R has not been sustained."

It was proposed by Mr Corish seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne and passed:- "That the County Council be recommended to issue instructions to Aidan O'Neill, employed in Ballynabola Quarry that in future he cannot work on any contract road and that in the event of his failure to observe this instruction, his services be dispensed with."

"We consider that the County Council should issue a general direction that in no circumstances will men employed under the Direct Labour Scheme be allowed to work on roads which are under contract."

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

John Donovan, Ballyclemock, Foulks mills, ganger under Direct Labour Scheme, wrote applying for an increase of wages owing to the large amount of work that was now placed under his charge.

The County Surveyor said Donovan had a good deal of work to do, but it was all within a two miles radius. He had no more extra work than other gangers.

Col Gibbon proposed and Mr Cloney seconded:-

"That the application of John Donovan be refused."

Mr Colfer proposed that Donovan be granted an increase of 5/- per week in his wages from the time extra work started in the Road section.

Mr Corish proposed and Mr Shannon seconded:- "That the application from John Donovan for increase of wages be adjourned to next meeting of the Roads Committee to which Donovan should be summoned in order to state definitely the amount of extra work he has had to perform."

Mr Colfer withdrew his proposition in favour of Mr Corish's motion which was then regarded as the amendment.

A show of hands was taken when it was found that four



members were in favour of the amendment and five against.

The amendment was declared lost and the resolution refusing the application was passed nem. con.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report for the month of September:-

"The work of repairing bascule of Wexford Bridge is making satisfactory progress, and there will be no necessity to close the roadway, except perhaps, for a few hours on a couple of evenings later on.

As directed by the Council I have made application to the Local Government Department for permission to close two roads while bridges are being re-built- one in Gorey and one in Sparrows land. I have acknowledgment from the Local Government that the matter is receiving attention.

On the 24th inst I made inspection of portion of the Sow Drainage area complained of by Mr Cullen of Killisk. I have no doubt that the drains, which have not been cleaned under the recent improvement work, were originally made in connection with the entire Scheme and the neglect of this now renders the work done on the main river of very little use to the holdings on the south side of the river. I consider that the County Council should not take over this work as a completed job until these drains are properly cleaned.

On the 18th inst I met County Council Committee at Verona Bridge and we interviewed Mr McCarthy of Fairfield, owner of the land on which trespass will take place. Mr McCarthy, after some discussion signed agreement granting permission (amended in some minor particulars). The Committee recommended that legal opinion should be got as to the powers and rights of the Council in regard to matters connected with the bridge and obstruction with the channel and the flood overflow. I wrote to Mr Elgee giving him particulars and submit copy of my letter to him.

As directed by the Council I have put advertisement in



the local Press warning the public not to interfere with the public roads- including Urban Main Roads- without my authority. I have an application from the New Ross Gas Company for permission to open and make good a leakage in the gas main, and I have sanctioned same subject to the road being restored to my satisfaction.

I have sent circular letter to all the Assistant Surveyors drawing their attention to the Council's orders in connection with the dumping of road material or other obstruction on the travelling surface, and have notified them to have all such removed at once.

At the present time we have difficulty and expense in obtaining coal for our engines. We have now in work only two rollers and one rock drill, but there are six breakers at work. I do not think it would be advisable to shut down the breaker work, if we can obtain coal, as the work will be completed within about two months.

The contract work for tar surfacing sections of the Gorey-Arklow and Enniscorthy-New Ross road has been in satisfactory progress, and is now approaching completion.

I have an application from Mr Cousins for permission to erect a fence at Rosslare, and I consider that permission should be granted, if the work be done to my satisfaction.

I have completed the damming ~~of~~ at Sluice Gates, Courtown Harbour, and have had pump at work. Mr Treanor now writes me that the floor of the sluice chamber appears to be in such a porous condition that the water level cannot be lowered. In order to staunch this, and properly make good the floor of the sluice chamber it would entail very great expenditure, possibly into thousands of Pounds, and I do not consider that this expenditure would be warranted. I am making arrangements for a diver to go down and report on the under water conditions, and I shall have further particulars for the meeting, after my inspection on Saturday evening.

I have received copy of letter from the Local Government Department sent to the Secretary of the Co. Council with reference to the improvement work on Enniscorthy-Wexford road, and note that



the Minister directs that the work be carried out by contract. I had previously written to the Department explaining position, and stating the Council wished to have the work done by Direct Labour, but this apparently will not be allowed. I have also received copy of specification amended and approved by the Local Government Department for the carrying out of the work, also copies of documents in connection with contract. This letter states that advertisement for tenders should appear in the Daily Press at least four weeks before the last date for receiving tenders.

During the coming week I shall be engaged on urgent private affairs and ask for sanction to absent myself from duty. I shall be in Wexford and available in case of any pressing matter turning up."

Sow Drainage.- The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the report of the County Surveyor relative to this Drainage Scheme, the County Council should protest against taking over same under the Drainage Act until all necessary repairs have been carried out."

Fence at Rosslare.-The following resolution was adopted:- "That Mr P.J. Cousins, Old Pound, Wexford, be allowed to erect a fence at Rosslare provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Courtown Harbour.- The County Surveyor stated that on his inspection of the work at the Sluice Gates at Courtown Harbour on the 25th inst., he found the floor so uneven, owing to a large hole which ran for a considerable distance in the centre at both sides that only half the volume of flushing could be obtained. Subject to the diver's report, he recommended that it would be better to simply use the half flushing and obtain a Grab-dredger for the lower end of the channel. This might cost a couple of hundred Pounds.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to adopt the suggestion of the County Surveyor relative to the work at Courtown Harbour and that the Department <sup>of Agriculture Fisheries</sup> be asked to revive



to their offer relative to providing a small dredging plant for the portion of the harbour between the entrance and the sluice gates."

#### NATIONAL ROAD GRANT.

Letter under date September 21st 1926 (AR/SGN/32) was read from the Local Government Department (Roads) in which it was stated that the Minister had directed that the work be carried out by contract.

Mr Corish proposed:- "That we request the Local Government Department to inform this Council why they have directed the Council to have the work in connection with National Road Grant for Wexford-Enniscorthy road done by contract."

Mr Hall seconded.

Mr Boggan mentioned that in his opinion it was a misapplication of the Grant to construct roads for the use of heavy lorries.

Col Gibbon said that if it was not for the amount the Government were providing for the Enniscorthy-Wexford road, the County Council would have been compelled to strike an extra rate of a shilling in the £ to put this road into decent order.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Leave of Absence of Co. Surveyor.- It was decided on the motion of Mr Shannon seconded by Mr Corish that the Co. Surveyor be granted as from 27th September 1926 a week's leave of absence to attend to private business.

#### OPENING OF ROAD AT FERNS.

Mr Robert C. Williamson, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy applied for permission to open the side of the road from the Rectory wall at Ferns to Mr Bolger's gate for the purpose of carrying water supply from town main to the Rectory. The road would be left in good order on completion.

On the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Hall, Mr Williamson's application was granted.



SHED AGAINST RETAINING WALL  
ON ROAD 19G.

Messrs Farrar Brothers, Curratubbin, Killena, Gorey applied for permission to have a 6" wall plate inserted in wall beside their residence at Curratubbin and stated that this would be no obstruction to the road or to the public.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor recommended that the application be acceded to.

Order- Approved on the motion of Mr Hall seconded by MrCorish.

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS -  
ENNISCORTHY URBAN DISTRICT.

The Town Surveyor, Enniscorthy applied for instalment of £200 for maintenance of the main roads within the Urban District.

Order- Referred to Finance Committee.

WEEDS AND SEEDS ACT.

The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction held on 6th September 1926 was approved and recommended to the County Council for adoption:- "That we recommend the County Council to take the necessary steps to have the provisions of the Weeds and Seeds Act applied to the County Wexford."

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter under date 10th September 1926 was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Mr Matthew Breslin, owner of the Gorey Courthouse:-

"We shall be glad if you kindly let us know definitely what your Council intend doing with reference to the Gorey Courthouse, as in default of a satisfactory reply we shall have to proceed against them to compel them to put the premises in repair under the Covenant in the lease."

It was decided to inform Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey that application for compensation for this Courthouse would be heard in November and when the award for compensation was made, the question of repairs would be dealt with.



BUNGLODY COURTHOUSE.

The following report was read from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have inspected this place. It certainly wants some repairs inside and more particularly outside. Moreover the roof appears to be leaking. I think on the whole it would be well if you could see it personally. If I got three or four day's notice I could arrange to have a ladder there so that you could see the roof etc. £9-10-0 would cover the repairs actually required inside."

It was decided to recommend the County Council to expend the £9-10-0 estimated by Mr Ennis for repairs to the interior of the Courthouse and that the Council should call upon the landlord to deal with any necessary outside repairs including roof.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

The following report from the meeting of the Ancient Monuments Committee held on September 6th 1926 was submitted:-

"Ancient Monuments Committee. - Meeting 6th September 1926.

Present- Rev R. Fitzhenry P.P.(presiding), Miss K. Browne and Mr Sean O'Byrne.

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

Correspondence was submitted.

The Board of Works wrote that Dunbrody, Rathumney and portion of the old ruins at Ferns had been vested in them.

The Land Commission wrote that as regards any lands about to be sold under Land Act and on which any historic ruin or ancient monument stood, the Commission asked the Board of Works in the first instance to take over the structures and if they could not see their way to do so it was then offered to the County Council.

A resolution was adopted asking the County Board of Health to see that the graveyards under their control are kept in a proper condition. Complaint had been made that the state of several left much room for improvement. The Committee considers that if each of these graveyards is not looked after by a caretaker, such an official should be appointed.



"A resolution was adopted asking the County Council to request the Board of Works to take over the following:- Clonmines, Castle of Ferns, Mountgarrett Castle, Bannow Church, Rathmacnee Castle, Killiane Castle, Coolhull, Slade, St Vaux, St Mary's Church and Monuments (New Ross), Ballyhack Castle, Butter<sup>milk or Nock</sup> Castle, Churchtown (near Lady's Island).

The following resolution was also adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to enter into agreements with the owners of the following Castles, etc. in order to have them preserved as Ancient Monuments:- Ballyteigue, Ballyhealy, Ferrycarrig, Barntown, Artramont, Rathlammon, Lady's Island, Clougheast, Baldwinstown, Kilcavan, Taghmon, Sigginshaggard, Ballykerogue, Ballycogley, Butlerstown, Newbawn, Sigginstown, Lingstown, Houseland, Adamstown, Slevoe, Deeps, Fethard, Clonard (fragment), Ballyconnor, Kilcloggan, Kilhile, Danescaastle, Killisk, Limerick, Taylorstown, Brownswood, Rathshelane, Westgate, Wexford; also Kylehaun Graveyard (Monart), ~~Beltinst~~ <sup>Dolmen</sup>, Bree Hill, Barmoney, Robinstown (New Ross), Newbawn (Collop's Well), Standing Stones at Ballyboker, Knockhowlin, Clonhaston, Greenmount, Whitechurch (New Ross), Ogham Stone, Cotts, Tacumshane, Idol Stone, Bannow.

A suggestion was made that the County Council appoint a deputation from Ancient Monuments Committee to wait upon the Ministry of Industry and Commerce relative to the Board of Works taking over the monuments referred to in the Minutes of this meeting."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Cloney seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the report of the Ancient Monuments Committee in respect of their meeting held on the 6th September 1926 be received and approved.

#### INJURED WORKMAN- APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION.

Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey Solicitors, wrote under date 20th September 1926 applying for £9 being eight weeks' compensation to James McDonald of Raheen, Adamstown who, it was alleged by them, while working in Tomgarrow Quarry on the 22nd July 1926



was injured by striking his left knee against a rock.

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was before the Insurance Company. This man returned to work after the injury but afterwards on his way to the quarry fell off his bicycle.

SPEED LIMIT-MOTOR VEHICLES  
NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

The following letter was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross under date 21st September 1926:-

"At last meeting of my Council a resolution ~~a resolution~~ was passed requesting the County Council to fix a speed limit, in any Bye Law they may adopt, of ten miles per hour for motor ~~vehic~~ vehicles travelling in the Urban District."

It was decided to point out to the New Ross Urban Council that in connection with their application to fix speed limit for motor vehicles on public thoroughfares under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act 1903, certain information was required by the Department of Local Government, and particulars of what was necessary by the Department had been furnished to them. Until such particulars had been received, the resolution of the Urban Council asking for the fixing of a speed limit could not be dealt with.

ENNISCORTHY-SCARAWALSH ROAD( 1E).

The Chairman proposed and Mr Hall seconded:- "That £50 be withdrawn from the Contingencies Fund to make good damage caused by excessive traffic on Road 1E."

Passed.

DANGEROUS CORNERS.

It was decided that the County Council be requested to provide in annual estimate for next financial year, a sum sufficient to cover cost of removal of dangerous corners on roads in order to provide for the safety of the public.

The Roads Committee are of opinion that in the meantime as many such corners are dangerous only because of the obstruction of the view, the Assistant Surveyors should approach owners of land on which these corners are with a view to securing consent to having hedges cut down and substituted by a post and wire fence.



Weeds and Seeds Act.

It was decided that recommendation in connection with this matter be adjourned to next meeting the Secretary, in the meantime, to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture how the Act had worked in other Counties, what officials were employed in its administration and the cost of its working to the rates.

Application Increase Salary John Donovan

In connection with the application for increase of wages from John Donovan, ganger, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we dissent from resolution of Roads Committee refusing increase of wages to John Donovan. That application from this man be reconsidered at next meeting of Roads Committee as we believe the Council have not had sufficient information to deal with it. That Donovan be summoned by the County Surveyor to the said meeting of the Roads Committee"

The following resolution was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Gibbon and adopted:- "That recommendations of Roads Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1926, be and are hereby confirmed with the exception of that dealing with application for increase of wages from John Donovan, ganger, as application in this case will be reconsidered at next meeting of the Roads Committee".

APPLICATION ERECTION PETROL PUMP.

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James Doherty, Bunclody, applied for permission to erect petrol pump at his premises at Island Road, Enniscorthy. The County Surveyor recommended that the application be granted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of



the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That Application of James Doherty for erection of petrol pump at Island Road, Enniscorthy, be and is hereby agreed to. That licence issue as soon as Mr. Doherty has paid the necessary fee"

GANGER AND MASON.

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Mr. Cooney complained that a ganger who was also a mason had been brought in from Rural District to repair a wall in John Street, New Ross, while masons in town were idle. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That a tradesman (other than a road or quarry ganger) be employed in future to carry out tradesmen's work".

This was adopted Colonel Quin and Mr. Thorpe dissenting.

x APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT IN OFFICE OF CO. LIBRARY.

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The Secretary reported that 21 candidates sat for examination for Assistant in County Library Office which had been set by the Christian Brothers. At previous examinations the Council had decided that a percentage of thirty-three and one-third should be obtained in examination for Arithmetic, English and Irish. No percentage of marks had been fixed for typing exam.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:- "That the standard to qualify for pass in typing examination for appointments in the gift of the Wexford County Council be fixed at thirty-three and one third per cent of maximum marks".

The following resolution adopted at meeting of Library



Committee on 9th October, 1926, was handed in during the meeting of the County Council:-

"That we call the attention of the County Council to the powers delegated to the Library Committee on the 27th April, 1925. That in view of the resolution then passed the resolution of the 10th May, 1926, would appear to be ultra-vires in connection with the motion of proposal withdrawing powers".

The Secretary explained that in May 1925 a full delegation of the powers of the County Council under the Libraries Act including the appointment and removal of officers was given to the Library Committee. In May 1926 the Council decided to keep within their own hands the appointment and removal of Officers and the following appeared on the agenda paper of the County Council for meeting of 10th May, 1926:- "County Library Service - Delegation of Powers to Library Committee".

The Library Committee were furnished with the resolution of the County Council on 18th May.

Mr. Elgee said that the County Council could at any time withdraw delegation of powers to Library Committee and resume the exercise of these powers.

Mr. Corish contended that a notice of motion was necessary but Mr. Elgee held that as it had been decided the Council could, at any time, withdraw the delegation of these powers there was no necessity for <sup>notice of</sup> motion. He considered the Council were quite in order in making the appointment of Assistant to Librarian that day.

The following result of Examination conducted by Christian Brothers was submitted:-



Candidate's Number.	Name of Candidate	Irish 100	English 100	Arithmetic 100	Typing 100	Total 400
10	<del>Augusta Mahon, Talbot St., Wexford</del>	80	72	80	65	326
22	Julia Kehoe, Heath Park, Ballinabola	79	72	80	67	298
11	Anastasia Grannell, Ram St., Wexford	84	62	90	55	291
4	Elizabeth Carroll, 96 Faythe, Wexford	88	76	80	46	290
16	Kitty Dunne, 19 Parnell St., Wexford	90	73	90	36	289
18.	Eileen Doyle, Cottage, Taghat	64	62	80	73	279
12	Bridie Nolan, Monument House, Wexford	77	76	40	67	260
2	Elizabeth McGrath, Ahullen, Kilanerin	66	62	50	75	253
20.	Mina Boyle, 3, William St., Wexford	80	58	70	41	249
17	Lily Dunne, 19 Parnell St., Wexford	52	50	70	74	246
9	Maisie Donnelly, Green St., Wexford	58	73	80	28	239
6	Teresa J. Bolger, 7 Monument Place, Wexford	6	58	60	97	221
14	Bridie Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford	55	81	50	30	216
8	Annie O'Brien, Jamestown, Oylegate	43	51	70	50	214
3	May O'Brien, Railway View, Enniscorthy	90	83	40	0	213



Candidate's Number	Name of Candidate	Irish 100	English 100	Arithmetic 100	Typing 100	Total 400
13	Monica Corcoran, Nash, New Ross	20	63	40	58	181
5	Mgt.T.Jordan,Reahouse, Duncormack	38	59	50	27	174
19	Bridget Doyle 32,South Main St.Wexford	32	54	40	40	166
24	Mary J. Walsh,4 Paradise Row,Wexford	47	59	30	9	145
1	Mary Keating, Great Gortens,Cleariestown	6	47	10	55	118
15	May Roche, Co. Hospital, Wexford	31	40	10	29	110.

From Examination result the following candidates qualified for appointment:-

Exam No.	Name of Candidate	Total Marks 400	Result
10.	Margaret Mahon, Talbot, Street,Wexford	326	Passed in all subjects.
22	Julia Kehoe, Heath Park, Ballinabola	298	" " " "
11	Anastasia Grannell, Ram St., Wexford	291	" " " "
4	Elizabeth Carroll, 96 Faythe,Wexford	290	" " " "
16	Kitty Dunne, 19, Parnell St.Wexford	289	" " " "
3	3	5	10
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Exam No.	Name of Candidate	Total Marks (400).	Result
18.	Eileen Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat	279	Passed in all subjects.
12.	Bridie Nolan, Monument Ho., Wexford	260	" " " "
2	Elizabeth McGrath, Ahullen, Kilanerin	253	" " " "
20	Mina Boyle, 3, William St., Wexford	249	" " " "
17	Lily Dunne, 19, Parnell St., Wexford	246	" " " "
8	Annie O'Brien, Jamestown, Oylegate	214	" " " "

It was decided that all qualified candidates would be taken as proposed and seconded.

The following was the result of first poll:-

For Kehoe	For Grannell	For Carroll	For Eileen Doyle	For Bridie Nolan	For Elizabeth McGrath
Colfer Cooney Thorpe	Clince Kavanagh Mernagh	Corish Gaul Pender Rossiter Shannon	Boggan Cloney Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan O'Donoghue Quin Walsh White	Connors Murphy Chairman	Byrne P. O'Byrne S.
3	3	5	10	3	2



Margaret Mahon, Kitty Dunne, Lily Dunne, Mina Boyle,

Annie O'Brien received no vote.

Elizabeth McGrath then fell out and a vote was taken as between Kehoe, Grannell, Carroll, Doyle, Nolan, with the following result:-

For Kehoe	For Grannell	For Carroll	For Doyle	For Nolan
Colfer Cooney Thorpe	Clince Kavanagh Mernagh	Corish Gaul S.O'Byrne Pender Rossiter Shannon	Boggan Cloney Ml. Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan O'Donoghue Quin Walsh White	P. Byrne Connors Murphy Chairman
3	3	6	10	4

As Kehoe and Grannell secured an equality of votes a poll was taken as to which of them should remain in. The result was as follows:-

For Kehoe	For Grannell
P. Byrne Cloney Colfer Cooney Gibbon Hall Pender Thorpe Walsh White	Boggan Clince J. Connors Corish Ml. Doyle Gaul Jordan Kavanagh Mernagh Murphy S. O'Byrne O'Donoghue Rossiter Chairman Shannon
10	15



Colonel Quin did not vote.

Kehoe then fell out and a poll was taken as between Grannell, Carroll, Doyle and Nolan with the following result:-

For Grannell	For Carroll	For Doyle	For Nolan
Clince Kavanagh Mernagh	Colfer Cooney Corish Gaul S. O'Byrne Pender Rossiter Shannon	Boggan Cloney Ml. Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan O'Donoghue Quin Thorpe Walsh White	P. Byrne J. Connors Murphy Chairman
3	8	11	4

Grannell having fallen out the next poll was between Doyle, Carroll and Nolan with the following result:-

For Doyle	For Carroll	For Nolan
Boggan Cloney Doyle Gibbon Hall Jordan Kavanagh O'Donoghue Quin Thorpe Walsh White	Clince Colfer Cooney Corish Gaul S. O'Byrne Pender Rossiter Shannon	P. Byrne Connors Mernagh N. Murphy Chairman
12	9	5

Nolan having fallen out the final poll was between Miss Doye and Miss Carroll.

The following is the result:-



For Doyle	For Carroll
Boggan	P. Byrne
Cloney	Clince
Doyle	Colfer
Gibbon	Connors
Hall	Cooney
Jordan	Corish
Kavanagh	Gaul
Murphy	Mernagh
O'Donoghue	S. O'Byrne
Quin	Pender
Thorpe	Rossiter
Walsh	Shannon
White	
Chairman	
14	12

The Chairman declared Miss Doyle elected.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That Miss Eileen Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat, be appointed Assistant to Librarian in County Library Office, Salary £78 per annum; duties to be as set out on last minutes of Council and copy of which has been furnished Miss Doyle, holidays not to exceed three weeks in any one year: appointment to be determinable by a month's notice in writing at either side".

The following is the list of candidates that failed at examination:-



Exam No.	Name of Candidate	Total Marks (400)	Result
9	Maisie Donnelly, Green St., Wexford	239	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 28 marks in typing)
6	Teresa J. Bolger, 7, Monument Place, Wexford	221	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 6 marks in <del>Irish</del> typing)
14	Bridie Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford	216	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 30 marks in typing).
3	May O'Brien, Railway View, Enniscorthy	213	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining no mark in typing)
13	Monica Corcoran, Nash	181	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 20 marks in Irish).
5	Mgt. T. Jordan, Reahouse, Duncormack	174	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 27 marks in typing).
19	Bridget Doyle, 32, South Main St., Wexford	166	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 32 marks in Irish).
24	Mary J. Walsh, 4, Paradise Row, Wexford	145	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 30 marks in Arithmetic and 9 in typing).
1	Mary Keating, Great Goreten, Cleariestown	118	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 6 marks in Irish and 10 in Arithmetic).
15	May Roche, Co. Hospital, Wexford	110	<u>Failed</u> (obtaining only 31 marks in Irish, 10 in Arithmetic and 29 in typing).

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APPLICATION FOR CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

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Mr. John J. Heaney, Taravie Hotel, Courtown Harbour, Gorey, applied for licence under above Act.

Referred to Roads Committee which is empowered to deal with the matter and issue licence if Report of Civic Guard is regarded as satisfactory.

COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Coris seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Mr. Myles Bergin, Gibson Street, Wexford, be appointed a member of the above Committee vice Wm. J Larkin, High Street, Wexford, resigned.

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEES

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Mr. Stafford, Clerk to No. 1 Sub Committee reported that his Sub Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Joseph Dugga, Bridgetown, as a member vice Mr. Christopher Culleton, resigned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Joseph Duggan, Bridgetown, be appointed a member of Old Age Pension No.1 Sub Committee vice Mr. C Culleton, resigned "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That as recommended by Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee No.3 Rev. Robert Hickey, C. C., Barntown, Messrs John R. Cullen, P.C., Brownscastle, Taghmon and Wm. Bennett, Taghmon, be appointed members of Sub Committee vice Rev. J. Gaul C.C. and Mr. James Cullen, Taghmon, deceased and Mr. Edward Brennan, Taghmon, disqualified for non attendance. "



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MUTUAL ASSURANCE) ACT, 1926-

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The Secretary stated he had received from the Department of Local Government copy of above Act.

AUDITOR'S REPORT CO. BOARD OF HEALTH.

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Under date 27th September, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (41605/26) forwarding copy of report of Auditor and Abstract of a/cs for Co. Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance for half year ended 31st March, 1926.

NATIONAL ROAD GRANT.

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Under date 5th October, 1926 the Department of Local Government wrote (61987) as follows in connection with above grant:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in deciding that the work under the National Road Grant for the Enniscorthy-Wexford Road should be done by contract, he was guided inter alia by the fact that the Council could not, owing to the inadequacy of their plant, carry out the works expeditiously or satisfactorily. He was further of opinion that work of the nature proposed cannot be efficiently and economically carried out by inexperienced men. For similar work already advertised there has been keen competition. In the best interests of obtaining good value for money expended it is considered that carrying out this work by contract arrived at after public advertisement is the only right and proper course to adopt".

It was decided that County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Roads Committee specification for this work; said



specification to provide for the employment of local labour and a recommendation that the Contractors should hire any available machinery of the County Council which was available".

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

Under date 8th October, 1926, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.3706/1926) forwarding copy of above Act and pointing out that the Officers and employments to which the Act applied are at the present time those noted in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 2 (1) of the Act.

APPLICATION FOR SUPERANNUATION BY MR. B. J.  
O'FLAHERTY, SOLICITOR.

Under date 7th October, 1926 the following letter (43592-26 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to previous correspondence and to your letter of the 23rd ultimo in regard to the application of Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty for compensation for loss of employment as Solicitor to the late Gorey Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the question of granting an allowance or compensation under Section 8 of the Local Government Act, 1919, is a matter in the first instance for the Wexford County Council. The Minister's authority to give a decision under that Section does not arise unless and until there is a dispute as to the right of Mr. O'Flaherty to receive an allowance under the Section in respect of ceasing to perform the duties of Solicitor. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sean O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor to late Gorey Board of Guardians and late Gorey Rural District Council, was paid for his services by taxed costs we consider he is not entitled to superannuation and hereby refuse his application



for same.

#### INQUIRY RE CLOSING OF ROADS.

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The Secretary stated that the Chief Engineer of the Department of Local Government had fixed Wednesday 10th November, as date for holding Inquiry re closing of Roads to heavy lorry traffic.

#### DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

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##### Grat Island and Camblin.

Letter under date 7th September, 1926, (No.17857/26) from Office of Public Works re above Schemes, which had been adjourned from previous meetings, was read for the meeting.

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

"The Office of Public Works is requested to send down an Engineer to consult with the local people concerned in Great Island and Camblin drainage Schemes in order to ~~ask~~ arrive at some idea of the cost of the proposals. The County Council would not feel themselves in a position to give any undertaking as to maintenance of Schemes, to collect and pay annuities, unless the consent of the local people to the initial cost is secured".

##### Kilmannock Scheme.

It was decided that the further consideration of this matter be adjourned until particulars asked for in connection therewith by Land Commission are available"

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Consideration of letter from Office of Public Works under date 26th August, 1926 (17059-26) directing attention to the difference of opinion as to the ownership of one of the channels was further adjourned. The Council at their meeting on 13th September, 1926.



had adopted a resolution directing Counsel's opinion to be obtained in the matter.

Mr. Elgee explained that the Law Library had been closed for the Long Vacation and in consequence he had not been able to obtain Counsel's opinion, but he would have it by next meeting.

#### COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

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Under date 2nd October, 1926, letter was read from the Secretary, Co. Councils General Council, stating that it had been arranged to have Annual Meeting in Dublin on 10th December and notice of matters for discussion should reach the Secretary on or before 10th November.

#### RECONSTRUCTION WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

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Under date 1st October, 1926, the following letter (404/296) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of the 16th September in regard to the conditional award of £500 made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission in respect of the partial destruction of the Wexford Courthouse, and to express regret that owing to pressure of public business the Minister finds himself unable to appoint a date for the reception of a deputation from the Council on the subject."

"I am, however, to state that if you will be so good as to furnish a statement in writing of the proposals of the Council and of their reasons for desiring the conversion of the Jail premises for use as a Courthouse instead of proceeding with the reinstatement of the partially destroyed building, the matter will be fully ~~xxx~~ considered."

"It should be borne in mind that the Commission's award was made for the specific purpose of reinstating the original building. "



The following order was made:-

"The County Secretary and County Surveyor to draw up a statement of the Council as to why the latter consider that the Old Jail should be remodelled to provide a Courthouse and Co. Offices". "That the Minister of Justice be asked to arrange or reception of deputation from Council on this matter".

#### BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

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An application from Michael Bassett, St. Joseph's Blind Asylum, Drumcondra, asking the Council to put into operation section 2 of the above Act was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

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Letter was read from Mr. J. J. Kelly, Hon., Sec., Co. Wexford National Teachers' Association, stating that Messrs H. O'Byrne, Ballindaggin, and himself had been appointed to represent the teachers on the Scholarship Committee of the Council.

#### LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

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The following resolution from Tipperary S. R. County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That we, the County Council of Tipperary S.R., request that in future the responsible Minister direct the officials of the Irish Land Commission to adhere to the former procedure, namely, cause due notice to be given in every case of intention to proceed for the recovery of instalments due.

"We wish to add that, in our opinion, it is very harsh treatment on the now hard pressed agriculturalists of the Free State the handing over to the State Solicitor the collection



of half yearly instalments five or six weeks after they fall due, thereby incurring in a great many cases a lot of unnecessary expense".

#### RECOUPMENT SANITARY SALARIES.

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The following resolution from Carrickmacross Urban District was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we, the Urban District Council of Carrickmacross, hereby request all County and Urban Councils in the Free State to demand the repeal of Section 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, which enacts that there shall not be paid to any County Council or to any Urban District Council a greater recoupment of Sanitary Salaries than was paid to each Council in the local financial year ended 31st March, 1902."

#### PLANTING OF MOUNTAIN OF FORTH.

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The following resolution was forwarded from a meeting held in Barntown on 10th October, 1926, in connection with the proposed planting of the Mountain of Forth:-

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Forth Mountain Afforestation Committee and residents generally, do hereby call upon the Government and the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture to commence the planting of Forth Mountain this Winter."

"We have offered the entire waste portion of the mountain comprising about 1000 acres free of cost, and though this offer has now been made for quite a long time, yet so far as the Government is concerned, nothing definite has been done."

"Our Deputies, Messrs Corish and Doyle, T.D.'s tell us that they are doing all in their power to further the scheme and we would like the County Council to endorse this Resolution and thus



strengthen our Deputies' hands in this matter.

"We want work started on the Mountain as soon as possible as we have no wish to endure another Winter of unemployment, privation and starvation "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That the Minister for Lands and Agriculture be requested to proceed at once with the planting of the Mountain of Forth. This work would be a great boon to the County and would provide a great deal of employment for the local people who <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ urgently in need. It would indeed confer great advantages to the community generally".

#### CONVEYANCE OF HARMLESS LUNATICS.

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Mr. Murphy said he wanted to mention a matter that was of vital importance especially to the poorer <sup>portion</sup> ~~parties~~ of the population of the Country and that was with reference to dealing with the admission of harmless lunatics to the mental hospital. There had been a couple of such cases recently in his district and one of them had ~~been~~ a fatal termination. One man became afflicted and was not a very bad case and the Civic Guards could do nothing on their own responsibility. It was a case of waiting on the doctor in the ordinary way. The trouble was that owing to the present state of the law regarding harmless lunatics, the responsibility rested with the friends of the patient. The people belonging to the man he referred to were poor with the result that they could not afford to get a horse or motor to remove the man. The matter was put off from day to day and one evening a certificate was got from the doctor and the next morning the unfortunate man got up and hanged himself. There was another case of a young girl and it meant getting a car to go 22 or 23 miles, and only a neighbour ~~who~~ gave his



car, things might have been bad too. He wished to know if it would be possible for the County Council or the Board of Health to utilise the ambulance in bringing patients to the mental hospital. They all heard a lot about cruelty to animals but when it came to a human being something should be done. The Health Board had ambulances which very often lay idle.

Mr. Murphy then proposed:-

"That the attention of the Local Government Department be called to the anomaly at present existing as to conveyance of dangerous and harmless lunatics. The relatives of harmless lunatics were not in a position to pay for their conveyance to public institutions. Recently in this County, owing to the fact that no money was available for payment of conveyance, a harmless lunatic could not be put under proper control with the result that the unfortunate man committed suicide. We request the Local Government Department should suggest some means by which such unfortunate occurrences could be prevented in the future."

Mr. Walsh who seconded the resolution said that the question of dealing with harmless lunatics was overlooked in the amalgamation scheme. Accommodation for these poor people was available in the old workhouses. The present was a scandalous state of <sup>affairs</sup> ~~affairs~~ and was entirely the fault of amalgamation.

The resolution was adopted nem.con.

GESTETNER DUPLICATING MACHINE.

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Mr. H. W. Serpell of the Gestetner Co., attended before the Council and gave a demonstration as to the capabilities of the



Gestetner machine for duplicating purposes.

It was decided that the machine which cost £31 should be tested in Co. Council Offices and report as to its working be submitted to the Finance Committee by the County Secretary and County Surveyor.

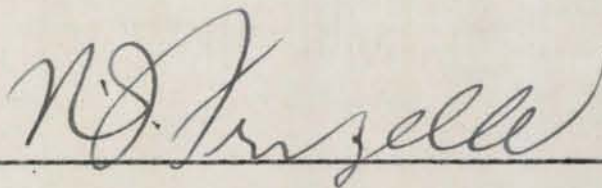
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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.  
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct  
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of my County  
Council in respect of Meeting held on 11th October,  
1926.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1926.

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