

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING HELD ON 14th OCTOBER, 1929

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 14th October, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Colloton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, Colonel Gibbon, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following, under date 17th September, 1929, was read from Mrs Hayes (Widow of Mr. P. J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy):-

"I wish to convey to you - Councillors and their staff my sincere thanks for their kind messages of sympathy in the irreparable loss I have sustained by the death of my dear husband. R.I.P. Also for their kind tributes of respect and esteem which were paid to his memory at their many different meetings and which I highly appreciate.

'The many kind letters of sympathy which I have received like those of your Council and self have helped very much to lighten my burden of sorrow. I take this opportunity of asking your Council to forgive me for not having acknowledged their expressions of sympathy before now.'"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That letter from Mrs Hayes, Enniscorthy, acknowledging vote of condolence adopted to her by this Council be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

Mr. Hall proposed the following resolution:- "That our



deepest sympathy be offered to Mr. D. J. Bolger, Ferns, and family in the loss sustained by them through the death of their mother! In proposing the resolution Mr. Hall said that the late Mr. John Bolger, husband of the deceased had been Chairman of the Council for a great many years and some of his colleagues who were still members - the Chairman and Mr. Cummins for instance - knew the value of the services which Mr. Bolger had given to the Council and to the County. Mrs Bolger was the most respected lady in the district of Ferns. Her great kindness and charity to the poor and needy would not be forgotten. Her work for the poor was well known though a great deal of it never came to the ears of the public."

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was supported by several members.

The County Secretary and County Surveyor, from personal acquaintance with the late Mrs Bolger, paid tribute to her fine qualities.

The resolution was passed in silence.

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The following Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting of 12th September, 1929, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 12th September, 1929.

Present:- Messrs Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon and James E. Walsh.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

(Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, attended after the examination of the payments and presided for the remainder of the meeting.)

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4232: 5 : 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The state of Rate Collection for first moiety of Rate for 1929-30 which was submitted showed that 33 per cent had been collected to 12th September. At the corresponding period last year the amount collected for first moiety showed 15 per cent collected.

In connection with the proposal made at meeting of County Council on 9th instant that arrears of rates on Bantry Commons should be wiped out provided the ratepayers concerned gave an undertaking to pay the current and all future rates, it was pointed out in the course of a lengthy discussion that if the Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the proposal they would set up a very dangerous precedent and could not in equity refuse the acceptance of a similar proposal from general ratepayers in arrear.

It was decided that Mr. Jordan, T.D., be informed, on behalf of Bantry Commons ratepayers, that the Finance Committee have no power to recommend the wiping out of any arrears of rate due on land.



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In connection with Fidelity Guarantee bonds for Rate Collectors the following Collectors attended as a deputation:- Messrs Quirke, J. Cummins, J. J. O'Reilly and J. J. Curtis.

Mr. Cummins, who acted as spokesman to the deputation, stated that as regards fidelity guarantee bonds the New Ireland Assurance Company now required collateral security in the sum of £500 . Immediately after last meeting of the Finance Committee it had been arranged through Mr. Brennan, Secretary, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., that Cover Note would be issued by the New Ireland Assurance Co. The question of providing collateral security was now raised by the Company who asked for the names of collateral sureties for a joint and several bond of £500 with bankers' reference.

Mr. Cummins stated that as the Company required Collateral security for such a large amount, the premium charged, viz., £9, per collector, was very high. Some of the Collectors would not be in a position to obtain Collateral security.

The Chairman asked what was the situation in other Counties or was the proposal of the Company confined only to Wexford.

The Secretary said that the Insurance Co., stated that counter security was being required from the Rate Collectors in other Counties.

Mr. Cummins said the Rate Collectors had held a meeting and it was then found it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for some of the men to provide counter personal security with bankers' references. There were very many men well off who were *not* in a position to give a bankers' reference.

Mr. McCarthy said he considered the demand of the Insurance Company was unreasonable.

Chairman - What do the Rate Collectors ask the County Council to do. ?

Mr. Cummins - Would it not be possible for the County Council to take personal security. Why should the Rate Collectors pay money to an Insurance Company for nothing. ?



The Chairman said that it was out of the question to ask for the acceptance of personal security. No Council would accept it.

Mr. Cummins said he understood that some of the Collectors in Co. Kilkenny have given personal security only to the Council and this had occurred within the last five or six years.

The Chairman pointed out that if they had personal security only in the case of defaulting Rate Collectors they would only ruin decent people. Their first duty was to safeguard the Council and the ratepayers and they would not be in a position to do this with personal security.

Mr. McCarthy said the Finance Committee should express the opinion that the demand of the Company was unreasonable and should not be insisted on.

The Chairman said that if the New Ireland Insurance Company insisted on counter security the Rate Collectors would have to look for another Company through whom they would be able to provide fidelity guarantee bonds.

Mr. Cummins said the Rate Collectors understood that unless they provided counter sureties immediately the cover note would be cancelled.

It was pointed out that Mr. Corry, Assistant Manager, New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., had stated there would be fourteen days' notice of withdrawal of cover note given.

It was decided that, as suggested by the Chairman, the Rate Collectors should endeavour to induce the New Ireland Assurance Co., to waive their demand for counter sureties and failing an arrangement with New Ireland Co., regarding this that they should enter into negotiations with some other Company.

Subsequently it was arranged with Mr. Brennan of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Co., that the Rate Collectors should be given a month by the New Ireland Co., to provide collateral security.

In connection with the position of Collectors O'Byrne, Kelly and Sutton, further lists of temporary uncollectable items



were submitted.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that since last meeting Sutton had seized five beasts belonging to Agnes Murphy, Castlebridge, for rates amounting to £40 odd and he (Mr. Elgee) had collected for Sutton during the week £40 from Mrs Lambert, Kyle, Wexford.

It was decided that the three Collectors concerned should attend the Finance Committee meeting of 26th September, 1929, when the questions of their continuance in office will be finally decided. It was also agreed to that the question of handing over the collecting books for current rate to Collectors Kelly and Sutton be decided at same meeting.

A resolution was also adopted that Collector O'Byrne be directed to furnish within a week the name of personal security vice John Caulfield.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, in accordance with the report of Academic Council, University College, Dublin, University Scholarships for year 1930 be awarded the following:-

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| John J. Hunt, Seafield, Duncormack (1350 marks) (Arts)      | 1. |
| Catherine Kickham, Abbey House, Enniscorthy (1091)          | 2. |
| Arthur J. Nix, South Street, New Ross (931) (Commerce)      | 3. |
| James Kelly, 18, North Main Street, Wexford (896) (Science) | 4. |

#### PUBLIC BODIES ORDER 1929.

Circular Letter (38111/1929) under date 7th September, 1929, from Local Government Department was read and the various articles of Public Bodies Order, 1929, were considered.

It was decided to furnish each Rate Collector with a copy of the Order for his information.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1928

Under date 6th September, 1929, the Department of Industry



and Commerce (Gas and Weights and Measures Section) wrote that the set of measuring instruments for the testing of petrol pumps ordered by the Department on the authority of the Council under an inclusive contract from Messrs Daniel Miller & Co., Church Street, Dublin, had been delivered to the Weights and Measures Inspector for Wexford area. The five instruments had been tested, adjusted and stamped by the Department and certified a/c was enclosed.

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

"That, as certified by the Department of Industry & Commerce, a sum of £39: 10: 0d be paid Messrs Daniel Miller & Co., 29 Church Street, Dublin for supply of set of measuring instruments for the testing of petrol pumps in the County Wexford."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Communications were read from the Civic Guard and the Inspector of the Local Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as to proposed committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:- Mary Kate and Margaret Fortune, Cross Lane, New Ross; Thomas Grace, Haughton Place, New Ross and Peter Fleming, Donard, Clonroche.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 12th September, 1929, be received and considered."

#### Scholarship Schemes

Mr. Cooney moved and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That the names of applicants for Primary and University Scholarships be furnished the members of the County Council prior to consideration of the question of eligibility of the candidates for award of Scholarships".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 12th September be and are hereby confirmed with the exception of any references to rate Collection".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 26th September, 1929, submitted to this meeting as follows be received and considered:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 26th September, 1929.

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

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3703: 14: 0d was examined and signed.

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

The following, under date 26th September, 1929, was read from Mr. C. H. Richards Local Taxation Officer:-

"I beg to report that P. Hawkins, Clerical Assistant, while engaged temporarily in Local Taxation Office, issued a Road Fund Licence for £4: 16: 0d and failed to account for same or enter amount in cash book. Licence was issued on 26th August, 1929.

"He also retained amounts representing payment for driving licences up to £37: 0: 0d.

"I asked him for an explanation of his conduct and he admitted having kept the amounts in question and which he has since made good".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Patrick Hawkins, Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, be suspended from duty and that report of Local Taxation Officer be referred to next meeting of County Council."

#### STATE OF RATE COLLECTION

Death of Collector Deegan. The Secretary reported the death of Collector M. Deegan (No. 7 District) on 24th September, 1929, following an operation in County Hospital, Wexford.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That a vote of condolence be passed to the family of the late Mr. M. Deegan, Rate Collector for No.7 District, and that we direct our Secretary to make arrangements with Mr. John Deegan, brother of deceased, to close his collection, subject to approval of the sureties of deceased. We wish to point out to the Council that Mr. John Deegan acted as temporary Collector in this district some years ago."

State of Collection. State of the rate collection as follows was submitted:-

				<u>Arrears outstanding for periods up to 31st March, 1929.</u>		
District	No.	Collector				
"	1.	J. Quirke		£207	: 9	: 8
"	2	T. Sutton		602	: 4	: 5
"	3	P. Doyle		315	: 9	: 7
"	4	J. Quirke		929	: 0	: 10
"	5	M. Culleton		1918	: 10	: 2
"	6	M. M. Kelly		759	: 3	: 7
"	7	M. Deegan		382	: 3	: 6
"	8	J. Cummins		332	: 5	: 7
"	9	P. O'Byrne		651	: 5	: 10
"	10	S. Gannon		239	: 5	: 4
"	11	W. Cummins		415	: 13	: 4
"	12	P. Donohoe		446	: 11	: 5
"	13	J. J. O'Reilly		33	: 11	: 1
"	14	T. Bolger		76	: 0	: 5
"	15	A. Dunne		260	: 11	: 2
"	16	J. J. Sinnott		149	: 0	: 4
"	17	E. J. Murphy		163	: 1	: 0
"	18	Thomas Rowe		123	: 4	: 6
"	19	J. Doyle		183	: 18	: 11
"	20	J. Curtis		110	: 18	: 11
"	21	P. Carty		501	: 19	: 10
Total arrears outstanding				£8801	: 9	: 5

The 1929-30 rate was submitted as follows:- (1st moiety).

E. J. Murphy	67%	Collected
J. Cummins	62%	"
J. Doyle	58%	"
T. Bolger	57%	"
J. Curtis	56%	"
A. Dunne	53%	"
J. J. O'Reilly	52%	"
J. Quirke (No.1)	51%	"
J. Quirke (No.4)	51%	"
S. Gannon	50%	"
M. Deegan	45%	"
J. J. Sinnott	45%	"
P. Doyle	41%	"
W. Cummins	40%	"
P. O'Byrne	39%	"
T. Rowe	35%	"
M. Culleton	34%	"
P. Carty	33%	"
P. Donohoe	24%	"
M. Kelly	5%	"
T. Sutton	2%	"



Average of first moiety collected 43%, representing £25622:4:0.

The amount outstanding on first moiety is £33472: 6 : 3d.

Collectors Sutton, M. Kelly and P. O'Byrne.

The Finance Committee, at their meeting of 12th September, 1929, directed the attendance of these three Collectors at the present meeting.

In Sutton's case the amount of arrears was £602: 4: 5d.

The Chairman called Mr. Sutton's attention to the very large amount of arrears still outstanding in his district.

Collector Sutton said the principal cause of the large arrear was the outstanding rate on derelict farms. He would be always in the back ground while the farms in question remained derelict.

The Chairman asked Mr. Sutton when he proposed to collect the £300 which he said was recoverable.

Collector Sutton - I have done all in my power to get it. I have made seizures and done all possible.

The Chairman asked the Collector to give the names of ratepayers who owed large amounts.

Collector - Agnes Murphy, Castlebridge, owes £50. I seized five cattle in that case and they were bought in for £31.

Chairman - Why let them go so cheaply ?.

Collector - I could not get any more.

Chairman - Why did you not send them to Dublin ?. Have you any prospect of making an appreciable reduction in the arrears at present.?

Collector - I would have had £20 or £30 last week only my motor bicycle broke down. The last 25 per cent is very difficult to get in my district.

Mr. O'Byrne - But every other Collector has the same difficulty to deal with.

In further reply to the Chairman, the Collector stated that Andrew Doyle, Barmoney, owed £9. He meant to make a seizure at this place next week.



Chairman - Are all the cases similar to those of Agnes Murphy and Doyle?

Collector - Most of them are. I have decrees in a good many cases.

Mr. Elgee said a number of people were making payments on account to him for the Collector. He had about £30 or £35 in hands under that head.

The Collector said his largest arrear was in the case of William Larkin, Harristown, who owed £128. This man had thrown up his land but it was understood that his brother, John, was taking it over and the arrears would then be paid.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee expected Mr. Sutton to have at least £100 of the arrears collected by this day fortnight - otherwise the County Council could not continue to allow the collection to go on indefinitely and would take drastic measures to have the warrant closed.

The Collector said he would do his best to meet the direction of the Committee.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which passed nem.con.

"That Collecting Books for current financial year be handed Collector Sutton. We consider that, in order to be fair to the ratepayers of the district, the existing rate should be in course of collection as soon as possible!"

Collector M. Kelly then came before the meeting. In his case the arrears are £759: 3: 7d of which £402: 5: 7d is outstanding in respect of year ended 31st March, 1929.

The Collector said that he had collected £60 since last meeting of the Committee. He thought £200 would be recoverable.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That Collector M. Kelly be directed to lodge within the next fortnight £100 of the recoverable rates."

Mr. Kelly said he would give an undertaking to that effect.



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

"That Collecting books for current rate be handed Collector Kelly. This step is taken in the interests of the ratepayers of the district."

Collector O'Byrne also came before the meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that the amount of arrears in this Collector's district was £651 of which £227: 10: 9d was outstanding in respect of year ended 31st March, 1929.

The Collector said that the amount of arrears outstanding on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons was £110. There was a sum of £68 under decrees which had not been executed. Taking these and other items into consideration the arrears recoverable at the moment would be £290.

In reply to the Chairman, the Collector said he would exercise the powers under his own warrant in some cases next week.

It was decided that this Collector be directed to lodge £100 of the recoverable arrears by next meeting of the Committee.

The Collector said he would do his very best to comply with the direction of the Finance Committee.

#### Surety of Collector O'Byrne

With reference to letter of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, read at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, stating that John Caulfield, Grange, personal surety for Mr. O'Byrne, had informed him that he had not a penny and to the direction of the Finance Committee to Collector O'Byrne to provide a second personal surety, the Collector, in reply to the Chairman, said that Mr. Caulfield had property to the amount mentioned in bond.

It was decided to inform Mr. Caulfield that the County Council would not consider the question of releasing him from Suretyship for Collector O'Byrne until the latter had closed his warrant when an application for release can be submitted by him.



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Personal Security for Collector Bolger

Under date 24th September, 1929, Collector Bolger wrote that he expected to forward the name of second personal surety by the 27th. It was not through any negligence on his part that the matter was so long hanging on.

It was decided that the Secretary/<sup>report</sup> to next meeting of the Committee if Mr. Bolger had submitted the name of second personal surety with Banker's reference and that Mr. Bolger be informed that this matter must be disposed of by that time.

Approval of Appointment of Rate Inspector

The following, under date 19th September, 1929 (G.65417-1929 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the appointment on probation for a period of 12 months of Mr. John O'Kennedy as Rate Inspector on the terms as set out in the replies to Queries.

'One set of queries, together with declaration form, which has been noted in this Department are returned, herewith.

'I am to add that the Minister consents to the revision of Mr. T. A. Frizelle's salary as agreed to by the County Council on the 29th July last.'"

It was decided that Mr. O'Kennedy, who had taken up duty, should attend the meetings of Finance Committee when the Secretary considered it would be advisable.

Rate Checkers

Under date 19th September, 1929, letter was read from Mr. M. J. Finn, Official checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts for New Ross District, that owing to the condition of his health he was unable to continue this work longer and asked that arrangements be made for checking the accounts in future as from 27th instant.

The Secretary said he had arranged for Rate Inspector to take over the checking of the Rate Collectors' Accounts for this district as from 27th September, 1929.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.



Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the resignation of Mr. M. J. Finn as Rate Checker for New Ross District be accepted as from 27th September, 1929."

Under date 24th September, 1929, Mr. Jasper Whitty, Official Rate Checker for Enniscorthy District, wrote that he had held the position for sixteen and a half years and during that period he had never received any payment for postage or for attendance at County Council Offices on several occasions. Now that he was relieved of the office he would be very thankful if the Council would consider granting him some remuneration for loss of office.

Mr. Shannon proposed:- "That in view of the fact that Mr. Whitty, Official Checker of Rate Collectors' Accounts for Enniscorthy District did not in the past furnish any accounts for postage or for travelling expenses in visiting County Council Offices we recommend he be paid half year's salary (viz., £15) as compensation for said amounts and for loss of office. This recommendation is subject to confirmation by County Council and Local Government Department."

Mr. Hall seconded. Passed.

Kilmannock Drainage Rate

Under date 10th September, 1929, Mr. M. J. Finn, Checker for Rate Collectors' Accounts New Ross District, wrote he had been informed by Collector Rowe that the collection of these rates was in the hands of Mr. Colfer, Solicitor, New Ross, who had issued Civil Bills against the defaulters.

SUPERANNUATION MR. J. J. FANNING

Under date 20th September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.66025/29 Loch Garman) that the Minister awaited a formal resolution from the Council fixing the amount of pension in this case.

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



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"We recommend the County Council to adopt the following resolution:- "That in compliance with request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the superannuation of Mr. John J. Fanning, late clerical Assistant in County Council Office, be fixed at £96: 14: 9d per annum as from 13th May, 1929."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 25th September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.67268/1929 Ilgh (S) requesting that the amount payable by the County Council under above should be remitted to the Department as soon as possible.

It was decided to inform Local Government Department that the County Council at their last meeting had adjourned the consideration of payment of amount in question for three months.

SOW DRAINAGE SCHEME

Under date 25th September, 1929, Receivable Order from Office of Public Works for payment of £263: 4: 4d instalment due for loan for Sow Drainage Scheme and of £6: 11: 7d poundage was submitted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as the County Council have refused to raise any rate in connection with repayment of loan or for maintenance of Sow Drainage System the Finance Committee are not in a position to consider the claim for payment of £269: 15: 11d made by Office of Public Works."

CARETAKER OLD JAIL

Under date 24th September, 1929, the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:- "I beg to report that Mr. Frank Wadding, Caretaker of the Old Jail, has been unwell since the 12th August last, and I now understand that there is very little likelihood of his being able to take up duty again. I have had a man named John Doyle, John Street, in charge of the Jail premises since 12th ultimo, and I now ask for instructions regarding the matter. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter



up at the Finance meeting on Thursday next."

The following resolution was adopted:- "That John Doyle be appointed temporary caretaker of Old Jail during the absence, through illness, of Frank Wadding, remuneration £1 per week."

#### DEFAULTING LAND ANNUITANTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Land Commission be asked to supply the usual annual list of defaulting annuitants under Land Purchase Acts in the County Wexford"

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 20th September, 1929, the following was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Branch):-

"I am directed to inform you that the Department is prepared to sanction the renewal, for the School Year 1929/30, of the Scholarships awarded by the Wexford County Council to the undermentioned students:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Patrick Doyle	St. Peter's College, Wexford.
Thomas Cogley	" "
Joseph Flynn	" "
Thomas Higgins	" "
Laurence J. Butler	" "
James Donnelly	" "
Mary Kavanagh	Loreto Convent, North Great George's St., Dublin.
R. F. Doyle	Blackrock College, Co. Dublin.
John F. O'Brien	Christian Schools, Synge Street.
Eileen J. Cadogan	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Kathleen Doyle	" "
Johanna Cooney	" "
James Hargadon	Christian Schools, Gorey.
Patrick Sheehan	" "

"The Reports of the School Managers on the attendance and progress of the students are returned herewith."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 19th September, 1929, the Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Wexford Branch, wrote, that he was making application to Gorey District Court on 27th September for the committal of Bridget and Sarah Redmond,



Curratubbin, Gorey, to an Industrial School.

The Secretary stated that intimation of this application had been forwarded Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

NEW BUILDINGS' LIST

Application of Patrick Redmond, Tomnahely, Inch, Gorey, for inclusion of house, which was completed in June 1929, on new Buildings' list was agreed to.

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### Local Taxation Office

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That consideration of report of Local Taxation Officer, in respect of the action of Patrick Hawkins, Clerk in County Council Offices, be taken in Committee."

After ~~this~~ discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton, and seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the suspension of P. Hawkins, Clerk in County Council Offices, by the Finance Committee of the 26th Sept., 1929, be and is hereby confirmed and that this officer be dismissed."

As an amendment Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following:- "That the suspension of Patrick Hawkins by Finance Committee be withdrawn and that he be reinstated with the proviso that he be employed by the Secretary in a capacity which will not call for the handling of cash or the filling up of paying orders."

Mr. Shannon withdrew his proposal but a poll was demanded on the resolution of Mr. Culleton.

This resulted as follows:-

For: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall,

McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman (12)

Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Doran, Gaul Keegan, Murphy and Shannon. (9).

Messrs Corish and Hayes did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

### Superannuation Mr. J. J. Fanning

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, as recommended by the Finance Committee, and in compliance with the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the superannuation of Mr. John J. Fanning, late Clerical Assistant in Co. Council Offices, be fixed at £96: 14: 9d per annum as



from 13th May, 1929".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 26th September, 1929, with the exception of references to the Rate Collection, be and are hereby confirmed."

The following Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of 10th October, 1929, were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 10th October, 1929.

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

On the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Culleton, the Chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

Mr. T. McCarthy wrote that owing to a business engagement he could not attend the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3986: 10: 5d was examined and signed.

(The Chairman, Mr. M. Doyle, attended after examination of the payments and presided during the remainder of the business).

#### RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection up to 9th October, 1929, was submitted showing the following sums outstanding on 1929 rate and arrears :-

J. J. O'Reilly	£8 : 13 : 1
Thady Bolger	36 : 12 : 11
J. Curtis	92 : 11 : 9
T. Rowe	105 : 8 : 9
J. J. Sinnott	120 : 9 : 9
E. J. Murphy	141 : 9 : 6
J. Doyle	165 : 19 : 11
J. Quirke (No.1)	184 : 2 : 4
S. Gannon	215 : 13 : 8
Art Dunne	234 : 7 : 11
P. Doyle	273 : 6 : 9
J. Cummins	304 : 0 : 10
J. Deegan	337 : 5 : 8
P. Donohoe	388 : 7 : 9
W. Cummins	393 : 15 : 4
P. Carty	411 : 18 : 2
T. Sutton	492 : 8 : 3
P. O'Byrne	593 : 12 : 10
M. Kelly	670 : 14 : 2
J. Quirke (No.4)	908 : 10 : 8
M. Culleton	1817 : 19 : 8

Total Arrears	£7897 : 9 : 8
Outstanding.	



The percentage of first moiety of current rate collected is as follows:-

E. J. Murphy	85
T. Bolger	80
J.J.O'Reilly	76
J. Curtis	76
A. Dunne	73
J. Doyle	71
J. Cummins	70
J. Quirke(Nol)	70
J.J.Sinnott	66
P.O'Byrne	65
J.Quirke(No.4)	65
W. Cummins	65
S. Gannon	61
T. Rowe	58
P. Doyle	57
J. Deegan	50
P. Carty	48
P. Donohoe	41
M.J.Culleton	40
T. Sutton	27
M.M.Kelly	9.

The amount collected on first moiety is £35219, representing 60% of Warrant for half year, the amount outstanding is £23875.

A sum of £1404 is lodged in respect of second moiety.

In connection with the resolution of the Finance Committee adopted at last meeting directing Collectors Sutton, O'Byrne and Kelly to lodge £100 each by the 10th October, 1929, the Secretary reported that Collector Sutton's arrears had been reduced by £109: 16: 2d, Collector M. Kelly's £88: 9 : 5d and Collector P. O'Byrne's £57: 13: Od.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That, in the event of Collector M. Kelly and P. O'Byrne not having lodged by this date, viz., 10th October, 1929, £100 since last meeting of the Finance Committee they be suspended from duty".

Mr. Shannon moved:- "That Collectors Kelly and O'Byrne be given time for the lodgment of £100 of arrears of rate from last meeting of the Finance Committee up to 16th October to enable them to utilise amount collected by them at Enniscorthy fair on 15th instant to make up the requisite amount."

There was no seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said everything possible had been done for these



Collectors. They had at last meeting of the Finance Committee given a most definite undertaking they would lodge the £100 by the date of this meeting of the Finance Committee. They had not done so or sent any explanation to account for their failure.

Mr. O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector, said he was not long enough in office to form an opinion as to whether these Collectors were doing their best.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne was then put and declared passed, Mr. Shannon dissenting.

In connection with fidelity guarantee bonds for the Rate Collectors the Secretary mentioned that tho' proposal forms had been filled up for several companies none of them had furnished a covering note.

Under date 8th October, 1929, the following was read from the New Ireland Assurance Co., 12 Dawson Street, Dublin:-

"Our Cover Note issued in respect of your County Rate Collectors on the 16th August, was extended to expire on Saturday next, and that in the interim the bonds were to be completed and Counter Surety provided by each of the Collectors.

We have been generous in our Cover, but regret that we have not received from the Collectors the same spirit of consideration. We have been approached by a number of Companies in the city, seeking particulars of the business, and they have been requested to submit quotations, and it is, therefore, apparent to us that there is no serious intention to place this business with us upon our conditions.

In the circumstances, we have to advise that on the expiration of our Cover Note on Saturday, next, the 12th instant, we do not purpose proceeding with the preparation of the Bonds".

The Committee considered a suggestion that the Council might take £10 each per annum from the 21 Rate Collectors to put into a fund to meet any cases of default. If the Council were fortunate enough not to have any defalcations for some time the fund would grow to respectable proportions.



It was decided to submit this proposal to the County Council and also to communicate with the New Ireland Assurance Co., and ask them to extend their cover to the 16th instant. In the event of New Ireland Assurance Co., agreeing to the extension Rate Collectors be informed they must provide a cover note before the 16th October at latest.

Under date 1st October, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (G.68220/1929 Fa Loch Garman) that the Department had no official list of guarantee societies approved for the <sup>issue</sup> of Fidelity Guarantee Bonds to Rate Collectors. It was a matter for the Co. Council to satisfy themselves that any guarantee society with whom they entered into a contract had fulfilled their statutory obligations.

Letters were read from Messrs Patrick Deegan, Coolgancy, Tinahely and James Deegan, Brideswell, Craanford, Gorey, personal sureties for the late Michael Deegan, Collector for No.7 District, approving of the appointment of his brother John Deegan, as temporary Collector for the purpose of closing warrant.

The Secretary stated in regard to the submission of the name of Mr. Matthew McDonald, Mileseshogue, Camolin, as second personal surety for Collector Bolger, no reply had been received from the Manager, National Bank, Gorey, as to the solvency of Mr. McDonald to the amount in a joint and several bond of £400.

Some members of the Committee mentioned that Mr. McDonald was, from their knowledge, solvent to the requisite amount and it was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to prepare personal bond of Mr. Bolger forthwith.

James Molloy, Corragh, Bunclody, wrote, under date 28th September, 1929, asking if the Council would allow him to let the lands of Corragh rated in the name of Christopher Molloy by auction on condition that one half of the proceeds went towards the payment of the arrears of rates and the other half to the Land Commission which had agreed to accept the half. If the Council would agree the



letting would probably realise sufficient to pay off at least half the arrears and another letting would probably clear off all the arrears.

The following resolution was agreed to:- "That Mr. John Deegan, Rate Collector for No.7 District, inform the Auctioneer who has the letting of the lands of James Molloy, Corragh, in hands that the Finance Committee are prepared to agree to the letting of said lands on condition that half the proceeds of sale are to be applied to payment of the arrears of rate and also that Mr. Molloy must be responsible for the payment of balance of arrears and of the current rate in full".

#### GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND

Letter under date 3rd October, 1929, (G.60921/29 Fb -Ilgh) was read from the Department of Local Government. The letter pointed out that under section 71 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as amended the County had been assessed at one-farthing in the £ on the Valuation, which would ~~realise~~ <sup>realise</sup> £410: 16: 2d for the purpose of recouping the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That we recommend the Council to pay the assessment of £410: 16: 2d for recoupment of General Cattle Diseases Fund"

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following, under date 8th October, 1929, was read from Mr. James Kelly, 18~~th~~ North Main Street, Wexford, whose son, James, had obtained a University Scholarship:- "I desire to bring the following matter under your notice and I would ask you kindly to submit it to the members of your Finance Committee for their sympathetic consideration. My Son, James, qualified for entry as a pupil teacher for Course for Primary teachers in Drumcondra Training College and according to the regulations he had to enter the College and pay his years fees not later than the 12th September



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Five days after he had entered and paid his fees he received notice of his having been fortunate enough to merit a County Council Scholarship. Now it will mean that he must forfeit the year's fees already paid on his entering the training College. Taking above points into consideration I would be grateful if the County Council could see their way to hold over the Scholarship for my boy until he has finished his training. He could then do the University Course which has now been put on for young men anxious to qualify as first-class Primary Teachers. If the Council could meet him in this way he could still avail of the Scholarship in the ordinary course and it would only be a matter for Council to defer payment.

'Hoping you will put this matter before your Council for their kind consideration'"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "We recommend the County Council to hold over University Scholarship of James Kelly, 18, North Main Street, Wexford, until he has completed his training for primary teachership in Drumcondra Training College."

Insurance Acts - John Wickham v County Council.

Under date 7th October, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"A Decree was given by the District Justice in the above case for £11: 4: Od and £2: 6s: Od for costs amounting together to £13: 10: Od. Messrs John A. Sinnott & Co., have written asking for paying order for the amount so I will be glad if you would bring it before the next meeting of the Finance Committee so that you can obtain Paying Order for them!"

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "We recommend the Council to pay £13: 10: Od amount of decree and costs in the case of John Wickham v the Co.Council"



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#### SALE OF MATTRESSES AT NURSING HOME

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Under date 7th October, 1929, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote stating that some time ago the Matron of Dr. Furlong's Nursing Home offered for sale hair mattresses in that institution. Twelve were purchased by the Matron of the County Hospital at 15/- each for the use in the County Hospital. The Bill for these mattresses payable to the Matron of Dr. Furlong's Nursing Home had now been received and the Secretary to County Board of Health wished to know if account could be put through.

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 14th March, 1929, letter was read from Sister M. Abban of Dr. Furlong's Private Nursing Home that they had 24 to 29 hair mattresses for sale. They were not likely to be required and would deteriorate if kept in store. She asked the permission of the County Council to dispose of them and to apply the amount realised to the purchase of an up-to-date range which would add greatly to the value of the premises.

The Finance Committee considered it would be advisable if Sister M. Abban advertised the mattresses for sale. They recommended that a sum of £10 should be allowed out of the proceeds to provide for purchase of range, any balance over and above this amount to be lodged to the credit of the County Council.

It was decided to ask Sister M. Abban if she had advertised all the mattresses for sale and if so with what result.

#### LIGHTING OF STRAND ROAD ROSSLARE

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The Chairman inquired what was being paid by the County Surveyor to William Fardy, Tagoat, for lighting the lamps at the Strand road, Rosslare.

Mr. Birthistle - 30/- per week.

Chairman - Don't you think that is extravagant for merely lighting the lamps.



Mr. Birthistle said that Fardy acted as watchman as well as lamplighter. He had checked his work dozens of times and also had the ganger make three or four surprise checks and the man was always at the place.

Chairman - I am certain he is not there. I pass the place very often and I never saw anybody there.

Mr. Birthistle said he had made checks very late at night and found the man there. But he did not make any check at daybreak. This man was appointed in the ordinary way.

Chairman - The people of the district have complained to me that the whole work carried out by the man is the lighting and putting out of the lamps and he is never there any other time.

Mr. Birthistle - I saw him there every time I passed. I can say it was dozens of times though I can't give specific dates. I never heard that he was absent.

Chairman - As far as I can ascertain there is no one there at ~~one~~ night.

Mr. Birthistle - He was there every time I went and I have stated this was dozens of times. I had no alternative but to appoint a watchman and I could not appoint him at less than the standard amount, 30/- a week.

Chairman - This man is supposed to be there all night which I dispute. If you make enquiries from the people of the district you will find there is no watchman there.

Mr. O'Byrne said if it would be proved that the man was not carrying out his duties he should be removed.

The Chairman said he believed the appointment was only for lighting and putting out the lamps. How could a watchman deal with the two ends of the road which were such a distance apart.

Mr. Birthistle - If anything happened there you would be liable and that is the reason I put on a watchman. If a lamp went out and there was an accident in consequence the Council would be ~~liable~~ *liable*



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Chairman - I can give you specific instances and dates when he was not there.

Mr. Birthistle - I would be glad to get them. I would not wish to have a man there who was not carrying out his duty.

The discussion ended.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 10th October, 1929, be received and considered:-

University Scholarship Scheme

Mr. Gaul stated that in compliance with the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme he would give notice of motion for the meeting of the County Council in November that the University Scholarship awarded Mr. James Kelly, 18 North Main Street, Wexford, be held over until he has completed his training as a primary school teacher"

Lighting Strand Road Rosslare

The Chairman said he had had complaints from dozens of people as to amount the County Council were paying for lighting lamps morning and night at the Strand Road. This had been going on for eight or nine months and <sup>was</sup> ~~also~~ running into a lot of useless money which might as well have been thrown away so far as the ratepayers were concerned. If the money spent on this watchman had been spent on the road it would have put it in a passable condition. The road could be blocked properly at both ends and it would not be necessary to have any watchman if this were done.

Colonel Gibbon asked if the County Council was compelled to keep a watchman on this road.

The County Surveyor said that the reason the watchman was kept on the road was because the road was only partially closed pending the decision of the Local Government Department to close it permanently.

Colonel Gibbon - Are we compelled by law to keep a watchman. If there is an obstruction on a road does not the law only compel us to have a light.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said there was no use in having a light unless there was somebody in charge of it.



Colonel Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor would employ one of the direct labour men to light the lamps only and have a policy of insurance against accidents.

Chairman - If the money for the watchman had been spent on the road you would have a good road now.

The County Surveyor said that in some similar instances lamps had been taken away bodily. What would meet the case would be not to utilise lamps but to put reflector warning signs which were as good as lights.

Some members pointed out that this might apply to motorists but not to horse drawn vehicles.

The County Surveyor said he would be able to provide special lamps which would obviate the employment of a watchman.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was agreed to on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Brennan.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 10th October be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same refer to rate collection which is to be dealt with separately."

#### RATE COLLECTION

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The various references in the Finance Committee meetings of 12th September, 26th September and 10th October, 1929, were then dealt with.

#### Fidelity Guarantee Bonds

The following, under date 10th October, 1929 (30/1010/29 E/K) was read from the New Ireland Assurance Co., 12 Dawson St., Dublin:-

"Adverting to our conversation over the telephone of even date, we have pleasure in advising that in deference to your wishes and to facilitate your Council, we are extending cover under our Fidelity Guarantee Cover Note to Wednesday



evening next, the 16th instant upon which date it will expire at 4 o'clock p.m., in the afternoon. We regret having to take this action but in all the circumstances both you and your Council will fully appreciate that we have been liberal in the interpretation of our instructions to hold cover."

The Chairman said this opened a very big question. If the Rate Collectors were not able to provide security he could not see how the Council could carry on.

Mr. Cooney said the Insurance Companies were penalising Rate Collectors in two ways. They had increased the premium and now wanted to cover the risk by collateral security. He thought it was a dishonest method on behalf of the Companies.

The Chairman said that in view of the defalcations which had taken place they could not blame the Companies.

Colonel Quin - When they lost more than they made you cannot blame them for looking for counter security.

Mr. Cooney asked if it were necessary for Rate Collectors to provide fidelity guarantee bonds. If they had to provide collateral to satisfy the Insurance Companies the County Council should be satisfied with the same security.

Chairman - If you had no fidelity guarantee bonds you would only ruin people if anything went wrong.

Mr. Shannon said that the guarantee societies were safeguarding themselves at the expense of the Rate Collectors.

The Chairman said he did not think the Council were ever in a bigger predicament.

Mr. McCarthy said that in his opinion it would be impossible for all the Rate Collectors to be able to get collateral security. It was very doubtful if they could get any Company to take them. No alternative appeared to present itself except to act on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and set up a guarantee fund of ~~there~~ their own.



This might turn out to the advantage of the Collectors and of the County Council. The premium could be deducted each year from the Collectors' poundage.

Colonel Gibbon said the Council did not appear to have any choice in the matter so that the sooner they had the fund going the better.

Colonel Quin said that the Council were going in for a business which the Insurance Companies would not touch.

Mr. Shannon supported the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Keegan said that if the proposal he had made some time ago that the Rate Collectors should be paid by the month had been adopted there would be no defalcations and it would be easy for them to obtain guarantee but it was recognised by everyone that it was impossible for the Rate Collectors to carry on under present conditions as they had to wait for such a long time for any payment whatever.

The Chairman said he could not see any alternative to the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Colonel Gibbon said that the Council were in great hopes now that the men who had given trouble had been all got rid of and they would have only in their service tried men. With this and the activities of the Rate Inspector he thought they were on the eve of a time when defalcations would cease. It was a lesson for them to see that only the best class of man procurable was appointed Rate Collector in future.

Mr. O'Byrne appealed to the Council to be unanimous in agreeing to the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hayes said that until the system of paying Rate Collectors was altered the Council had no assurance that there was not going to be dishonesty in the future.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said he would not like to give an answer to the point as to what formalities, if any, the Council would have to comply with if they went on with the



establishment of the suggested guarantee fund. He could not say offhand whether the Council, as was the case with Insurance Companies, would be called on to make a deposit of a certain amount before the fund could be established.

Colonel Gibbon said they should get immediately the consent of the Rate Collectors to the deduction of £10 from each to form the nucleus of a guarantee fund. If the law did not allow them to do this or if the consent of the Local Government Department was not forthcoming the arrangement could be cancelled.

Mr. Elgee said they might approach the Public Bodies Mutual Assurance Co., and ascertain if they had any suggestion to help the Council out of their difficulty. The payment of £10 might be looked on by a Rate Collector as an acceptance of full responsibility by the County Council for any defalcations that might arise. The fund might work out all right but then it might not as no one knew what was going to happen in the future.

Mr. McCarthy said that the Public Bodies Mutual Assurances did not transact fidelity guarantee business and their Manager had done everything he possibly could, without success, to induce Companies who did this class of business to take it.

Mr. McCarthy <sup>further</sup> said they should be careful in the wording of their resolution; they should not describe it as Insurance at all but call it "The Rate Collectors' Guarantee Fund". The County Secretary and the County Solicitor could, after receipt of approval of Local Government Department, draw up a definite scheme which would safeguard the Council in every respect.

Colonel Quin said the Council should remember that one defalcation would eat up the entire fund.

Mr. Corish thought it would be well to have the matter brought to the attention of the General Council of County Councils and of the Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

Mr. Keegan said that as they had a Rate Inspector appointed



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he did not see how any Insurance Co., would be stronger than the Council themselves.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that the Rate Collectors should put down £10 now and give a guarantee to lodge £10 more should anything happen any Collector.

Mr. Cooney said that in the Scheme suggested by the Finance Committee the honest Rate Collectors would be penalised for the dishonest.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:- "That in the event of the Rate Collectors of this Council being unable to provide cover from an Insurance Co., for fidelity guarantee bonds by the 16th instant, the County Council set aside a sum of £10 annually, out of poundage earned by each Rate Collector, for the purpose of establishing a Rate Collectors' guarantee fund to meet any claims which may arise in respect of misappropriation of the funds of the Council by Rate Collectors. The proposal to establish said fund is contingent on the sanction of the Local Government Department being forthcoming."

#### RATE COLLECTION GENERALLY

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Under date 11th October, 1929, the following (G.70134/1929 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of Form 61 for the month of September, and to state that it discloses the fact that none of the Rate Collectors of the County had closed his 1928/29 warrant, and that there was still £6,180 outstanding. It also shows that approximately 25% only of the current warrant has been collected notwithstanding that six months of the financial year have elapsed. This state of the Rate Collection is most unsatisfactory and is likely to remain so unless the County Council decide to dispense



with the services of those Collectors who are not carrying out their duties.

'I am to draw attention to this Department's letter of the 21st June last on the question of the condition of the rate collection generally, and also to the last paragraph of this Department's letter of the 22nd August regarding Collector Sutton. This Collector has failed to carry out the instructions of the County Council having still £552 of the last financial year's rates outstanding. Furthermore he has made no lodgment during the past month in respect of the current year's warrant. The Council should now remove him from office under Article 98 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

'Mr. Matthew Kelly is another unsatisfactory Collector not having closed his 1928/29 warrant nor collected any rates during the past month; he should also be removed from office by the Council. Collector O'Byrne who is not quite so bad as the above-mentioned should receive warning to proceed more diligently with his collection.

'The Council should take steps to ensure that the other Collectors close their 1928/29 warrants by the ~~application~~ end of this month, and if they fail to do so should make application to their Sureties, and in default take proceedings under their Bonds.'"

The provisions of letters of 21st June, 1929 (G.40154/1929) and 22nd August, 1929 (G.56027/1929) were read for the meeting.

The Secretary stated that in reference to the direction of the Finance Committee that Collectors Sutton, O'Byrne and Kelly should lodge £100 of the arrears outstanding in their districts by the 10th October Collector Sutton had lodged the amount by that date and Collectors Kelly and O'Byrne had the amount lodged on the 11th October.

The Chairman said that this was in substance a compliance with the directions of the Finance Committee. They would point



out to the Local Government Department that Collectors Sutton and Kelly did not get their new books until the 27th September and 3rd October respectively owing to the large amount of arrears which were outstanding. These Collectors had now carried out the instructions of the Finance Committee and the only thing the Council could do as regards these and the other Collectors was to call on them to do all in their power to push forward their collections.

Colonel Quin - These men were gingered up and threatened with dismissal. They gave endless trouble and worry and I don't think they are good enough to keep.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman:- "As Collectors O'Byrne and Kelly have now reduced their arrears of rate by £100 each no action be taken relative to their suspension."

#### The Late Collector Deegan

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, a vote of condolence was adopted to the relatives of the late Michael Deegan (Rate Collector for No.7 District)

#### BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS RATES

Mr. McCarthy said that something should be done with regard to the payment of arrears of rates on Bantry Commons. The longer the thing was held over the worse it would become. Some of the people concerned were anxious to pay and it would be a tough proposition to secure decrees in court. He considered it would be advisable if some of the Councillors were to meet the local people and endeavour to come to some settlement. It would be extremely difficult to secure payment of the arrears.

The Chairman said if it got round that the Council were prepared to wipe out arrears of rates there would be many applications from people who would hold they had a right to the same treatment as those rated for Bantry Commons.



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Mr. McCarthy held that no comparison could be drawn between Bantry Commons and the general ratepayers.

Mr. Hall believed it would be advisable that a Committee should meet the local people but he was afraid if it was recommended that the arrears should be wiped out a number of people would expect similar treatment.

Miss O'Ryan said that the people who stated they were not using the Commons, and were not, in consequence, liable for rates, should be asked to surrender the grazing rights on the Commons. If they agreed to this the amount due for rates could be apportioned on the remainder.

It was decided that Collectors Murphy and O'Byrne be summoned to next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee and asked to submit thereto a full statement of rates and arrears due on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons with a list of the persons who were utilising the land there for grazing purposes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committees in respect of meetings held on 12th September, 26th September and 10th October, 1929, in so far as same relate to matters connected with the collection of rate be and are hereby approved except in so far as altered or amended by resolution at this meeting."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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Mr. Elgee, in reply to the Chairman, said he made enquiries in reference to the circumstances of all proposed committals of children to Industrial School and appeared at the hearing but up to the present committal was refused in one case only.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the money on Industrial Schools ~~was~~ was well spent.



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### THE FIRE IN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

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In connection with claim for recoupment of amount represented by Insurance stamps destroyed in fire in County Surveyor's department in January 1929, Mr. D'Arcy, moved and Mr. Brennan seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the National Insurance Commission be requested to furnish their observations relative to claim for recoupment of cost of Insurance stamps destroyed in fire in County Surveyor's department and which has been under the consideration of the Commission for a considerable time."

### DUNCANNON STREETS

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A deputation consisting of Messrs P. J. Sullivan, Downes and Doyle attended and requested that the Council would take into consideration the steam rolling of the streets and the concreting of the footpaths,

Mr. Sullivan, who acted as spokesman, said the road to the Catholic Church was so bad that it was a fine art to travel along it without turning an ankle. The people of the village were trying to develop Duncannon and they asked the Council to help them in the matter of improving the streets. The people were going to have a lean time and were in a struggling condition but the streets were kept in as cleanly a condition as in any village he knew and the villagers had spent money in improving the footpaths opposite their premises. The length of steam rolling required was 960 lineal yards.

Mr. Downes endorsed the statement of Mr. Sullivan. The latter referred to a very dangerous corner going down Chapel Road. Mr. Townsend, owner of the adjoining land was prepared to push back his gate to allow of the corner being widened. The villagers had concreted 80 yards of footpath and it was expected that the Co. Council would do the balance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



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of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the deputation attending this meeting on behalf of the people of Duncannon meet the Councillors for New Ross Electoral area with the County Surveyor and the District Surveyor and report in detail as to the application for steamrolling etc."

Mr. Colfer seconded the resolution which was adopted nem.con.

#### WEXFORD FERRYCARRIG ROAD

The following report was read:-

"A meeting of the Sub Committee appointed to inspect Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road was summoned for 28th September, 1929, but Colonel Gibbon was the only member who attended.

'The County Surveyor, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, and the County Secretary were also in attendance.

'The Section between Farnogue Terrace and Park Cross has been in hands for some time. The kerbing is practically completed; two large culverts have been re-constructed which will obviate any further flooding on this section. Most of the material for concreting is on the ground and large stocks are available at Kerlogue quarry so that no hold up can happen through shortage under this head. A scarifier, shaping the road, was found at work during the visit and preparations are forward to commence laying concrete slab early next week.

'Two Ransome mixers were at work. Each of these can deal with a "mix" for 30 lineal yards per day, and will keep as much material to the men as they can handle. A larger type of mixer would not be ~~avail~~ advisable and would not serve any useful purpose.

'As is the case with all works of this kind with an inexperienced contractor there was some delay in the beginning in procuring plant and, taking into consideration the amount of time which has gone to the work already carried out, the Contractor



will not be able to complete the whole job within the specified time.

'The County Surveyor is taking steps to call upon the Contractor to expedite the work!'

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of Sub.Committee in respect of inspection of Ferrycarrig Wexford Road on 28th September be received and considered."

The County Surveyor said none of the concrete slab had been yet laid as the Contractor was waiting for the reinforcement material. The contract was supposed to be completed by the 1st December.

Colonel Gibbon said a very strong letter should be sent by the County Surveyor to the Contractor calling his attention to the delay in carrying out the work. They had specially arranged to begin on the section nearest the town so that it would be completed by the transport of corn from across the Slaney. Instead of that the traffic was being thrown on to the back roads and the damage to them through the delay of the Contractor was going to cost the Council a lot of money..The Council should write to the Contractor and press him to get on with the work. At about 80 yards this side of the railway bridge at Ferrycarrig a pool of water lay on the road after heavy rain and steps should be taken to put a proper drain there.

The County Surveyor said this was specially mentioned in the specification.

After further discussion it was decided that the Sub Committee should meet on Saturday, 19th instant, at 10.30 a.m., ~~and~~ meet the Contractor or his authorised representative and report to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

In connection with a complaint that the people who wished to pass along the road were prevented from using even the footpath Colonel Gibbon said the Sub. Committee would do what they could



with the Contractor to allow the footpaths to be used. But it would be most unwise for the County Council to interfere with the Contractor at the present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of Sub Committee regarding Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road be and is hereby adopted."

#### HIRE OF MACHINERY

Mr. D'Arcy moved, Mr. Brennan seconded, and it was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Council particulars of the various machinery hired to the Contractor for re-construction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road with the rate of hireage for each machine."

#### ROADS' COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd September, 1929, were submitted as follows:-



The monthly meeting of the Roads' Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on the 23rd September, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs Patrick Colfer, John J. Colloton, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, P. Hayes, W. P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Colonel Quin and J. Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, R. J. Ennis, T. Cullen, John Kehoe and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I have made agreement with a local person to clean out the drain in Kilmannock Drainage Area from the upper embankment to the Railway Culvert. This is the best that can be done at the present time and as the lower drain is fairly clear I think will suffice.

'During the past week I have had a Surveyor here from the Quantity Surveyor's Office, Dublin, and I went through the Plans for the Courthouse reconstruction with him, on the spot, and I now have a letter from the Quantity Surveyor promising to let me have Bill of Quantities on the 10th proximo.

'The Contractor for the concrete road to Ferrycarrig is proceeding with the work. There is a considerable length of kerbing laid, and they have now a second mixer on the ground, and will start the slab work shortly.

'On the 20th instant I visited Kilmore Harbour in company with Mr. C.S. McNeill, representing the Office of Public Works. It was dead low water and spring tide so we had a full opportunity of examining the work done. I shall have report with details of the soundings from Mr. McNeill later, but in the meantime I may state that 7,200 tons of stuff were removed. This was mostly large stone and coarse gravel, and on examining some of the stones that



have been taken out I am satisfied that they had not drifted into the Harbour. This would indicate that the place cannot have been properly dredged at any former time. The area that was to have been cleared is not covered by the dredging work as the nature of the stuff prohibited quick work. I note too that the sand from the upper part of the Harbour is working down, and some of the present soundings are less by about one foot than when the dredging work was done. This will not, however, cause any danger to shipping, and I believe in its limited extent the work done will be of the greatest advantage to Kilmore.

'On the 19th instant I arranged with the Committee to meet and inspect Raheengurren Ford on Road No.218. There were present Colonel Quin and Mr. J. O'Byrne, M.C.C.'s, and Mr. Jones representing the local people. Mr. Treanor and myself were also present. I took measurements of the bridge and obtained information regarding the flooding. The statements made in regard to this latter appear to be exaggerated. I estimate that to put up a bridge at the place with necessary retaining walls and filling of road will cost £250, and it lies with the Council to decide if this work is of sufficient importance to warrant the expenditure.

'During the week I visited Tara Hill Quarry, but did not meet the men's representative in regard to putting in force "Piece-work", as there was some misunderstanding as regards the date of my visit. However, I saw one of the men and discussed the matter with him. The position is as follows:-

We have at present prepared in or about 1,000 cubic yards of material, and there is up at the quarry face, already taken out or shaken another 1,500 cubic yards of material. Of course all this must be cleared away, and put through breaker before any new arrangements can be made, and our requirements from the quarry in the future are not more than 500 or 600 c.y., unless some grant work be undertaken on the Arklow Road when we shall require another 1,000 or 1,200 yards. Under these circumstances



I think it will be necessary to close down the quarry entirely for a period. The rate offered by the men for "piece-work" is fair, and in or about our own rate for breaking by Direct Labour.

'I have completed Forms of application for grant for the improvement of the Rosslare Harbour and Rosslare Strand Roads, and these have been forwarded to the Local Government Department by the Secretary.

'On the 17th instant there was a meeting in Tagoat of the residents adjoining Ford-of-Lyng Drainage Area with Mr. Doyle in the chair. Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and myself attended, and the whole matter was fully discussed, and I believe Mr. Elgee will report on the legal aspect of the case.

'There was delay in dealing with the repair of the boat wagon at Courtown Harbour owing to difficulties in obtaining timber, but now the timber is on the ground, and I have arranged with a local man to carry out the repairs at once.

'Mr. Elgee prepared a draft agreement between Canon Fry of Bunclody and the County Council in regard to the working of Ryland Quarry, and I have forwarded this to Canon Fry.

'I have arranged with the Committee appointed by the County Council to inspect Corragh Lane on the 25th instant, and I have particulars of extracts from Minutes of the Council in regard to the former arrangements come to,

'Subsequent to the last Council meeting I had an interview with the Town Surveyor in regard to posting Wexford Town with notices controlling motor traffic as approved by the Department of Local Government.

'I have made further inspection of Rosslare foreshore adjoining road slip, and I am satisfied that at present the beach is making up rather than wasting away. I believe it will be advisable to erect a few experimental groynes at the place so as to try and catch the drifting shingle and sand. If this proves effective, as I believe it will, more permanent structures could then be put in. Of course if this is done, the removal of stuff



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by local people must cease, as otherwise, the groynes would merely facilitate the gathering of the gravel for people to cart away. I shall deal with this matter more fully at your meeting.'"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of County Surveyor be received and considered."

Kilmannock Drainage. The County Surveyor said he had arranged with James Lacey, New Ross, to do the necessary work at £20.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "We recommend the Co. Council to approve of the employment of James Lacey, New Ross, at £20 for work arranged by County Surveyor in connection with Kilmannock Drainage Scheme; amount to be paid on the certificate of County Surveyor that the work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner."

Co. Courthouse Reconstruction

The County Surveyor said that the reason for the amount of time spent by Quantity Surveyor in arranging details at Old Courthouse was owing to the fact that the examination extended over the whole place making up particulars for defects here and there. However every little detail had now been covered so that any person accepted as Contractor would not be in a position to raise any question later as to the specification.

Concrete Road to Ferrycarrig.

It was arranged that the Sub Committee would meet at 11 o'clock a.m., on the 28th September to inspect the work which had been carried out to date.

The County Surveyor said that the work was proceeding all right.

Kilmore Dredging. The County Surveyor said that so far as the ordinary fishing boats of the harbour were concerned they were absolutely provided for and they had a good area which would allow them to come in and out of the harbour at any stage



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of low water and as the tide was rising they could get up to their moorings. They had one splendid berth for schooners. The other one was not as good as they had hoped for but it was as good as could have been obtained in the circumstances. The stones which had been dredged out seemed never to have rolled about which went to prove that they had not been washed into the harbour but must have been always there and were never dredged out by the former dredger which never cleared the harbour. There was a depth of five feet at dead low water.

Colonel Gibbon said he thought the dredger had done all that could be expected. His impression was she had done more than any previous dredger which had been employed at the harbour. On the whole, as the Council would not have to pay more than £300 for the job, they got value for the money. Mr. McNeill had informed him that the County Council would not, as regards Kilmore, be justified in spending a huge sum of money for any extensive work.

Mr. Colloton - The local people say there was very bad value obtained for the money spent. Mr. Roche is going to raise the question at next meeting of the County Council.

Colonel Gibbon said that 18 cubic yards of material were removed to an approximate distance of about a mile for the sum of £1 and he did not think the County Council could expect to have it removed cheaper.

The County Surveyor said that the Department of Fisheries had paid half the cost of the actual work and the entire cost of the delay and bad weather.

Raheengurren Ford.

Colonel Quin said that he considered it would be absolute nonsense to spend money on the place. Since he was out there as a member of the Sub Committee he had been attacked by Mr. Joseph Webb who said he would do well see that the people were going to get what they wanted. He (Colonel Quin) would not vote for spending any of the ratepayers' money on the place. It was only flooded about once a year.



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Chairman - In that case we would want 12 or 14 bridges down our way at a cost of thousands of pounds.

Mr. Keegan stated he knew the place for very many years. The land on the lane was practically all in tillage and was held by very big ratepayers. It was very necessary that a bridge should be erected as the place in its present state was dangerous to the public particularly in winter. There was a good deal of carting over the lane and some cottages. People were entitled to ordinary facilities to carry on their work.

Mr. O'Byrne did not agree with Colonel Quin that the place was flooded only once a year or that no public money should be spent on it. The place had been flooded on more than one occasion up to four and a half feet and a car could turn over in it.

Mr. Keegan said he would like Colonel Quin to prove that the place was flooded once a year only.

The Chairman said that some Councillor could have the matter brought forward at the Road Estimate meeting in November.

Colonel Quin - One of the arches of the bridge is blocked and if that was cleared it would make a great improvement,

The County Surveyor said as regards summoning the local people to meet the Sub Committee he had notified Mr. Jones, whose name was the first on the memorial to the Council, and had asked him to inform the others interested. No one attended but Mr. Jones but when the Sub Committee were there a woman in an ass cart (who complained bitterly of the state of the place) came along and said that her cart had to be carried over on one occasion. No doubt the place was dangerous on occasions.

The Chairman said that in his area they had a number of places which were practically under water all the time and people, unlike those at Raheengurren, had no footbridge but had to put up with it. The local ratepayers in his area would not think of spending £200 or £300 for every bridge they needed - in fact if they wanted to bridge they should bridge the whole barony of Forth. If any Councillor thought the work necessary they could put in a proposal



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for the November meeting.

Mr. O'Byrne said he would do this and would also bring forward a proposal for the erection of a bridge on the road between Monamolin and Camolin the necessity for which had been admitted by the County Council already.

Tara Hill Quarry. The County Surveyor said that unfortunately this quarry was badly situated on the edge of the County and near the sea. Formerly they got 2000 or 3000 cubic yards from it and an increased amount when the Gorey-Arklow road was under reconstruction. If they secured a further grant for Gorey-Arklow road it would absorb about 1200 cubic yards but even with that they would have a couple of years' material in the quarry. They were really unable to keep the quarry going economically. He had great sympathy for the eight families which had been dependent on the work at the quarry but he was unable to provide work for them there.

Mr. Keegan said that when the County Surveyor came first to the County all the roads for a radius of 15 miles were metalled from Tara Hill and it was stated there was no stone like it. He wondered what had changed the views of the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said that since the time mentioned by Mr. Keegan the Council had acquired Carriganeagh, Gorey Hill and Wicklow Gap quarries. The draft from Tara Hill was enormous. Carriganeagh stone was fit for any roads.

Mr. Keegan said the County Surveyor was drawing sea gravel from Ballymoney - two miles away - to make the road within a quarter of a mile of Tara Hill quarry and this certainly was not economy as the gravel would not stand the traffic.

The County Surveyor said that sea gravel was the cheaper material and was sufficient for the requirements. In such a case it would be a mistake to utilise quarry material.

Mr. Keegan asked the County Surveyor to supply, for next meeting of the County Council, figures showing the comparative cost of sea gravel on the roads in the area as against Tara Hill



material on same roads

Wexford-Rosslare Road

The County Surveyor said the figures submitted to the Department were £14700 for the road from Wexford to Rosslare Harbour and £4100 for the road from Ashfield to Rosslare Strand. These provided for roads of tarred stone bitumen treated.

Colonel Quin questioned the advisability of spending such a large sum on the Wexford-Rosslare Harbour road via Tagoat in view of the lack of facilities at the Railway station at Rosslare Harbour for motorists and passengers.

Colonel Gibbon said that he had had an interview with Sir Felix Pole, Chairman of the Railways Company, in June before his resignation, and others of his staff, as to providing facilities for motorists to drive straight from the steamer to the road but he (Colonel Gibbon) did not know how it could be done. The only way would be along the railway platform and across the rails but this would be an expensive job. He might mention that in the first week of August 200 cars came by the boat and her full capacity had been booked up for the entire tourist season.

The meeting approved of the figures given by County Surveyor for the repair of the two roads.

Courtown Harbour

The County Surveyor stated he had been informed by Mr. McNeill that the latter had the improvement work in hands. He had questioned whether local oak would be sufficient as material for the sluice gates and was consulting the Engineer of the Grand Canal as to the material used by his Company for sluice gates. The Board of Works were in treaty for the purchase of a small dredger for Courtown and other small howbours. The plant was on a barge 20 feet with six or eight feet beam worked by a petrol engine. This would clear the inner harbour. The stuff in the long channel was packed tight and if it was cleared in the first instance the sluicing would keep it open.



Mr. Keegan considered the dredger mentioned was only a "red herring across the track". The proposal of the Council was for the renovation of the sluice gates and the provision of a grab dredger. They were led to believe the work would be done by March last. The people there were in a bad way but the County Council were not responsible for the delay in carrying out the work.

Mr. O'Byrne said it had been mentioned at the Council that an official of the Department had stated that the work would have been done only for the Council holding it up. Proof should be required from the official in question that it was the action of the Council which had held up the work. The man who made the statement to Mr. Keegan as to what the Department's official said should be communicated with and asked to give the information in writing.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Secretary communicate with Mr. Dudley Butler, Courtown Harbour, and ask him for a statement, in writing, as to the observations made to him by an official of the Department of Fisheries as to the action of the County Council in delaying the work at Courtown Harbour.

#### Ford of Lyng

Under date 18th September, 1929, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"As arranged with Mr. Doyle, Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, and myself attended at Tagoat yesterday evening to discuss with the adjoining Owners the question of joining the County Council in any proceedings that they might take with reference to the cleaning up of the Channel at the Ford of Lyng.

'The following adjoining Owners were present, viz.,:-  
Mr. Hickey, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Wickham, Mr. Codd and Mr. Murphy - Mr. Doyle was also in attendance.

'Having fully discussed and explained the position to them,



they all agreed that in the event of the County Council being in a position to indemnify them against any costs or expenses which they would be put to in the matter, they were prepared to allow their names to be used as Co Plaintiffs with the Co. Council, but they insisted that they should have the fullest possible indemnity given to them.

'I am not quite sure whether the County Council can give the indemnity asked for without the consent of the Local Government Department, and if the Council agree to indemnify them I take it, that the whole matter will have to be laid before the Department with a view to getting their consent to giving the indemnity.'"

The Chairman said they had at the meeting the people most affected. None of them were prepared to lose £50 or £60 each. If they were not indemnified the whole matter would have to drop.

The County Surveyor said that Counsel had held that the Co. Council had no locus standi in the matter, that action should be taken by the adjoining owners. These were asked to allow their names to be joined with that of the County Council to put the proceedings on a proper footing.

Colonel Gibbon saw no objection to giving the indemnity but the local people should be prepared to renounce any claim to any compensation which the County Council might recover.

The County Surveyor said that the County Council were not looking for Compensation; they were looking to the Slob Company to do the work.

Colonel Gibbon - But you should claim for damages as well.

The County Surveyor said it was obvious from the plans which had been obtained from the Board of Works that the action of the Slob people was the cause of the whole damage.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That copy of letter from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, under date



18th September, 1929, be forwarded Local Government Department and that they be asked if it will be in order for the County Council to indemnify adjoining land owners in any proceedings to be taken by them and the County Council to obviate flooding of road and adjoining lands at Ford-of-Lyng. That the indemnity be issued provided the Local Government Department approve.

The Chairman said the people concerned would not mind a small amount of expense but the County Council were asking the help of these people to get the water off the roads and without that help the flooding would continue.

Colonel Gibbon said they should be able to get a great deal of information from Government sources. For instance the plans as to the drainage and the position of the place before this was carried out; when the work was carried out and how.

The County Surveyor said the original plans were burned.

Colonel Gibbon said it might be possible to get duplicates from the London Government Offices or from the Quit Rent Office in Dublin. The Council should see about having searches made for these documents immediately, including the whole of the plans that existed prior to the works being carried out and the specification and plans under which the work was carried out since. If it was left to Counsel to institute such searches it would be an expensive item. He suggested that Mr. Elgee should make application to the Department of Public Works and to the Quit Rent Office in Dublin for the documents referred to.

This was approved.

The resolution of Mr. O'Byrne, relative to indemnity, was then put and passed.

#### Rosslare Strand Road

The County Surveyor said there were three methods by which the work could be carried out (1) by erection of heavy sea retaining wall at the toe of the slip (2) by concrete blocks - a system which had been very effective at Courtown and (3) by groynes which could be erected of timber to be replaced later



by cement if they were found suitable for the purpose. By first utilising timbers they could shift about the beach for experiment. If they were found ineffective the timber could be taken away and utilised for other work. The wall would be very costly to erect and costly to maintain. The blocks were, as stated, effective at Courtown, but as there was a counter-tide at Rosslare they would not be able to hold the sand to form a barrier. In consequence he would recommend an experiment with timber groynes. This would cost about £200 and could be extended if effective. The real difficulty was to keep the gravel to form a beach if people were allowed to take it away. The County Council would have to refrain from taking gravel there and get the Department for Industry and Commerce to prohibit others from taking it. It would cost the Council about £500 a year extra to get quarry stone instead of gravel.

Colonel Gibbon asked if it were obligatory on the Council to spend money for the preservation of the foreshore. Were they justified in protecting the foreshore at enormous expense when for a couple of hundred pounds it might be possible to purchase the necessary land to make a road further inland. This certainly would be much cheaper than spending money on the problematic success of a series of groynes. It was the toss up of a coin - a gamble - as regards the success of groynes. He would not be prepared to vote for groynes until they had the opinion of an Engineer who had made a life work of preventing coast erosion. They would not be justified in spending the ratepayers' money on groynes until they had the advice of such an Engineer. If they stopped people taking gravel they would put up the cost of building and would arrest the development of Rosslare. In his opinion the County Surveyor should make a survey of the place and ascertain if it would not be cheaper to have a new road than to endeavour to protect the foreshore.

The County Surveyor said at present they had a temporary fence and lights on the coast road but it was doubtful if this



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/ protect the Council in an action if somebody went over the road into the sea in view of the absence of an Order from the Minister for Local Government to close the road.

Chairman - If we can't close the road it would be much cheaper to get a strip of land to make a new road but I think we should press for the closing of the road.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed:- "That we again request the Department of Local Government to issue an order for the closing of the Rosslare Coast road which cannot be kept open without a cost prohibitive to the ratepayers and in the alternative that the Council connect the two roads by the purchase of the necessary land to provide a connecting link road."

Colonel Gibbon seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that, in addition to the erosion, wet weather had a very serious effect in causing the steep side of the road on the sea side and which was composed of marl, slipping on to the beach. To admit liability for erosion might land the Council for opening the old road further up.

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

#### CROSSINGS AT GOREY STREETS

Mr. Keegan complained that the blocks forming the crossings in Gorey Streets had been removed at several places and the local people strongly objected. He moved that they should be replaced.

Mr. Treanor said one of these had been temporarily removed recently to repair a sudden damage to a sewer as the matter was urgent.

The County Surveyor said it was a mistake to retain a paved crossing on a bitumen surfaced road.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was a great improvement to have these crossings taken away when the road was steam rolled. These blocks had been removed at two crossings and it would be a definite injury



to the roads to put them back.

Mr. Keegan's motion was not seconded.

#### ROAD AT KILTEALY

Mr. Shannon said he had been asked to bring before the Council the necessity for having the road leading from Kiltaly to the County bounds between Carlow and Kilkenny steam rolled. It was about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in length and it was useless to maintain it with loose stones.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said £200 had been asked for the maintenance of this road but £78 only had been allowed. This was entirely inadequate and was sufficient only to keep the road passable.

The Chairman said Mr. Shannon could bring on his proposal at the November meeting.

#### MOYNE ROAD

The following report from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted from last meeting of County Council:-

"The short piece of road down by the New Cemetery, Enniscorthy, is now in a very bad state.

'It was rolled 15 or 16 years ago on a bad foundation and is completely worn out. It wants a complete sheet of tarred stones to make it any way passable. The cost of this would be £180.

'This is now almost the only bad piece on the Main Line through the County and certainly requires special repairs urgently. The sooner the money could be expended the better as I would require fairly good weather to do the job properly.'

The County Surveyor said this was the piece of road of which President Cosgrave had complained. The full length had been scheduled for reconstruction and had been inspected by Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer of the Department of Local Government. He thought some work should be done on the piece



referred to by Mr. Ennis at once; otherwise it would get really bad during the winter.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "We recommend the County Council to agree to the withdrawal<sup>a</sup> of the sum of £180 from Main Road Contingency Fund for the repair of Moyne Road (Enniscorthy District)."

Passed.

#### SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Shannon said that since last meeting of the Council several people had complained to him of the slippery condition of the road from Enniscorthy to Clonroche. Mr. Rothwell told him that all his land was approached by this road and unless something was done to remedy its present slippery condition he would have to give up tillage or have his horses fitted. Mr. Shannon held that on all tarred road a margin should be left at the sides to accommodate horse traffic. The roads should not be steam rolled into the fence. He gave several instances of accidents.

Mr. Hall said he was receiving daily, complaints of horses falling on the Scarawalsh Road.

Colonel Gibbon said when they started steam rolling in England a margin for horse traffic was left but this meant that the cost of maintenance was largely increased as the water got under the foundations and steam rollers had to be kept continuously at work making up the sides. Now the roads were tarred the full width. Judging by what had taken place up country if our roads were slippery now it was nothing to what they were going to be. They had only to look at roads from Rathnew to Dublin and from Naas to Dublin to have a foretaste of what Wexford steam rolled roads would be in a few years.

The County Surveyor said that the road which looked shiny was not the slippiest. When the Dublin roads were first steam rolled one constantly saw horses falling but this was not the case at present.



The Chairman said the reason that horses were not falling on these roads was because the shoes were all rubber-frogged.

Mr. Keegan referred to an accident with horse and trap on the Gorey streets.

Mr. Shannon said if screenings were provided at both sides it would help horses to travel.

Mr. O'Byrne advocated placing screenings on heavy hills at once.

Mr. Hall proposed that screenings and sand be placed on all roads in respect of which the County Council had received complaints.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Mr. McCarthy said if this were done on Scarawalsh and similar roads the motor buses would throw the screenings into the ditch and the roads would be as bad as ever in a month's time.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed, and Mr. McCarthy seconded, a resolution that screenings should be placed at once on heavy hills on tar treated roads.

Mr. Hall withdrew his proposal in favour of Mr. O'Byrne's which was adopted.

#### STONE BREAKING AT RATHDUFF

The following letter under date 14th September, 1929, was read from Messrs J. A. Sinnott & Co., :-

"We have been instructed by Mr. Thomas Redmond of Rathduff that for a number of years past he has from time to time complained to the County Council of the manner in which the stones for the repair of the roads were broken at Rathduff Cross close to our Client's dwellinghouse. Quite recently he wrote to the Council making another complaint and we observe from the local newspapers that the matter was mentioned at a meeting of the County Council but that no action was taken.

'Since that meeting we are instructed that workmen of the



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the County Council have come to the Cross and are now apparently about to begin to break stones again. Our client has instructed us to inform you that he intends to institute proceedings against the Council should these intended operations cause any further damage to him or to his property and he will, if necessary, apply to the Court for an injunction to restrain the Council from causing him damage and annoyance.

'We observe from the report in the local papers that a plot of ground can be procured for the sum of £3: 10: 0d upon which the stone breaking operations can be carried out with convenience and it seems very unreasonable to cause so much trouble to Mr. Redmond for the sake of the small amount involved in the purchase of the plot offered to the Council!'

The County Surveyor said that in view of this letter he had consulted Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, who advised that, pending the Roads' Committee, it would be better refrain from breaking at the place and the breaker was moved to an adjoining quarry. The breaking could be carried out in about five days.

Mr. Hall proposed, and Colonel Gibbon seconded, the following resolution:- "That the necessary stone breaking be carried out at Rathduff Cross roads"

Mr. Shannon said a couple of the Councillors should approach Mr. Redmond and arrange with him to have the stone-breaking carried out peaceably. He had no sympathy with either party. He did not think the damage to Mr. Redmond was as great as was stated and as for the County Council they could have got a suitable place for carrying out the work.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that Mr. Redmond had offered the County Council about one-fifth of an acre for £30 but another man objected to the breaking being done at this plot.

The resolution of Mr. Hall was then put and passed.



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INSURANCE ACTS - WICKHAM v COUNTY COUNCIL.

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The following, under date 6th September, 1929, was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"The Civil Bill herein was in respect of the alleged nonstamping by the County Council Officials of the unemployment Insurance Cards of Wickham came before Mr. Fahy, at the Sitting of the District Court in Enniscorthy yesterday, when he gave a decree for £11: 4: 0d and £2: 6: 0d for costs.

'The Card as sworn to by Mr. Radford, from the County Surveyor's Office, was duly forwarded by post to Wickham on the 6th October, 1928, and Wickham alleged that it never reached him, and the Justice held that the Council had not discharged their liability under the Act by sending the Card to Wickham by post, and that same should have been delivered to him either by registered letter or else handed to him. He further held that the stamping by the County Council of the Arrears Card which they did on the 2nd May last gave no relief to Wickham in respect of the period covered by the lost card. Mr. Breen, the Local Officer in Enniscorthy, stated, that although the arrears card was stamped, that the insured person will not get any benefit under it for some time. '"

The County Surveyor said he had now arranged that the Unemployment Books should be lodged with the local Unemployment Exchange each worker being informed of the fact and of the number of stamps on his card. The National Health cards would be sent to the Assistant Surveyors who would distribute them to the men and take a receipt in each case for delivery.

Colonel Gibbon said they should get permission to put on one stamp to cover ~~six~~ six months' employment.

Mr. Hayes said if the circumstances of Wickham's case were put before the National Health Insurance Commission they might refund the amount. He knew of one instance in which this happened.



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Mr. Shannon suggested that the Secretary, the County Surveyor and a couple of members of the Council, should go into the matter and present a report to the Council.

Colonel Gibbon suggested that the plan outlined by the County Surveyor should be tried until they found if it presented any difficulty in practice. Then they could have a Committee go into the matter.

The plan suggested by the County <sup>Surveyor</sup> for the distribution of Insurance Cards was then adopted.

#### LICENCE FOR PETROL PUMP

Petrol pump licence was issued to John Bolger & Co., Ltd, Ferns, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne. The tank is on the premises of the Company and the meeting had before them a suitable plan when considering the application.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Colonel Quin:- "That the Minutes of Roads' Committee of 23rd September, 1929, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

#### County Courthouse Reconstruction

The County Surveyor read letter from Mr. A. Edward Smith, F.S.I., Quantity Surveyor, 16 Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, under date 11th October, 1929, pointing out that he had this matter practically completed and he would be in a position to hand out Quantities after the 18th instant.

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

"That in accordance with the terms of the letter from the Department of Finance (404/296) under date 16th May, 1929, the County Surveyor submit amended plans and specification to the Department, that the County Secretary arrange with the Department of Finance for interview, at an early date, between the County Surveyor, the Quantity Surveyor and the Officer appointed by Minister for Finance to examine and report on said amended plans etc."

#### Kilmore Dredging

The County Surveyor was about to read letter from Mr. McNeill, Engineer to Office of Public Works, when it was stated that Mr. Roche was anxious to raise at November meeting the question of the manner in which the work at Kilmore Harbour had been carried out.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gaul, seconded by Colonel Quin, and adopted:- "That consideration of Minute from Roads Committee and letter from Mr. McNeill, Engineer Office of Public Works, as to the manner in which the dredging work at Kilmore Harbour has been carried out be adjourned to the County Council meeting in November."

#### Raheengurren Ford

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Colonel Gibbon and adopted:-



"That the question of the condition of the Bridge etc., at Raheengurren Ford be postponed until the meeting of the Co. Council at which Road Estimate will be considered."

#### Tara Hill Quarry

The County Surveyor said the comparative cost of sea gravel on the roads in Tara Hill compared with cost of Tara Hill quarry material was:- Tara Hill Quarry 10/6d per cubic yard and sea gravel 5/-.

Mr. Keegan asked the County Surveyor to supply for next meeting of the Roads' Committee the comparative cost between Tara Hill quarry material at Kildermot Cross roads and Ballinacarrig and sea gravel.

#### Wexford Rosslare Road

Miss O'Ryan said she did not want it to go forth that the to the President deputation/was appointed by the County Council. She did not believe the Council ordered that step to be taken. They might have their Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary approaching the head of a Government on a question on which they all might not agree.

Colonel Quin - It was done with the approval of the Finance Committee.

Chairman - The Finance Committee authorised us.

Miss O'Ryan - That's a different thing to saying the Council ordered it.

Colonel Gibbon said the question raised by Miss O'Ryan was a rather large one, and it would be well to be clear upon it. The Council met once a month and in the interval several emergency questions might crop up. There would be meetings of Committees of the Council and if any of those questions arose he thought the Committee should have the power to act on behalf of the Council. Recently the Finance Committee approved of work being done at Kilmore Quay; otherwise the Council would have lost considerably if the Finance Committee had not acted. He did not think it was in the interests of the Council that such questions should be raised.



Mr. Corish considered the deputation should have been representative of every party in the Council.

The Secretary said that the President had asked that the deputation should be confined to two or three and the Chairman and Vice Chairman were selected.

Chairman - There was nothing political in the matter I can assure you. The deputation was appointed to do what they could so far as every interest in the Council was concerned.

#### Courtown Harbour

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

"That we request the Fisheries Department to let us have, without delay, a statement as to how the proposals of the County Council as to reconstruction of sluice gates and provision of ~~sluice gates~~ <sup>grab dredger</sup> at Courtown Harbour stands. The Council have arranged for the purchase of oak for the construction of these gates and unless some arrangement be made as to the County Council taking over this timber at once it will be no longer available.     ".

#### Ford of Lyng

Mr. O'Byrne said he held that the County Council were the injured party.

Mr. Elgee said that the Council might be injured by the flooding of the roads but they had no redress.

The Chairman remarked that the Roads' Committee were unanimously in favour of helping adjoining land-owners by giving an indemnity. Some of the land-owners were not very well off and could not run the risk of being co-plaintiffs with the Council, if they were to be mulcted in costs. The land-owners asked the County Council to indemnify them against costs, otherwise he believed the people were not satisfied that the Council should go on with law that might involve heavy expenses on them, and they would not join the Council in the suit. He held personally



that it was ridiculous, that as a Council they could not to to law with the slob people who were causing the nuisance. He could not understand it at all. The roads were being flooded in two or three places - in fact, they had the whole barony flooded. The flooding did not affect him (Chairman) very much. A field or two of his was concerned but other people were very badly hit.

Colonel Gibbon asked that Mr. Corish should ask a question in the Dail about the matter. The original Act by the Government of that time that gave the Slob Company the right to establish the drainage system had stipulated in it that any drainage work done should not interfere with the drainage of the surrounding lands, but now it was distinctly obvious from the representations they had that the drainage works carried out, had been allowed to get into a bad condition, and that the drainage of the surrounding lands was being interfered with. He suggested that Mr. Corish should ask the question as to whether the Government were aware that the terms of the Act of Parliament were not being carried out; that the rights of small farmers were being seriously affected, and that those people were not in a position to go to the expense of bringing the matter to law courts, and the County Council/<sup>alone</sup>were not in a position, having legal advice, to do so on their behalf. He suggested that it was the Government's duty to see that an Act of Parliament was properly carried out .

Mr. Corish said he would ask the question as suggested.

Mr. O'Byrne said that if a private individual was responsible for the flooding a remedy against him would be found very soon.

The Chairman said the Act of Parliament was got by the promoters of the Slob Intake, and in that Act of Parliament it was embodied that no ~~drainage~~<sup>damage</sup> was allowed to be done on the surrounding lands owing to the Intake, and that if damage was done the people responsible for the Intake would be liable. With



regard to the County Council he could not understand what crookedness was in the law. The County Council was being injured by the flooding of the roads just as much as the lands.

Mr. Elgee - The roads are not our property. The County Council don't own the roads. They have only the right to pass over them. The road or the sub-soil of the roads still belongs to the adjoining owners.

The Chairman said that at one time people who were creating the nuisance claimed certain places until it became a cause of flooding the roads. Now they disclaimed ownership, but it could be proved that people in the district had not been allowed to touch the stuff on the swamp that was now flooding the road. He believed it could be proved that ownership had been claimed by the Slob Company.

Mr. Keegan - I propose we carry out the recommendation of the Roads' Committee, and once and for all be finished with the Ford of Lyng. We decided to back up those people, and I don't see why we should go back of it.

Chairman - And you will be behind the Council too, because the roads are practically impassable in practically three-fourths of the barony during the winter.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution of Mr. Keegan which was adopted.

#### Rosslare Strand Road

Colonel Gibbon mentioned that the Government had appointed a Commission to consider the question of coast erosion with Sir Philip Hanson as Chairman. He suggested that the County Surveyor should get in touch with the Secretary to the Commission and ask if the County Council would be allowed to submit evidence in connection with coast erosion in the County Wexford.

This suggestion was approved.

#### Crossings at Gorey Streets

Under date 2nd October, 1929, the following resolution



was received from Gorey Town Commissioners:- "That the County Council be requested to replace the kerbing footways taken up by them and used for covering sewers etc., in various parts of the town!"

Mr. Keegan said it appeared from the Roads' Committee's report that the County Surveyor stated bitumen surfacing had been done. He wished to know if any tar had been put where the crossing had been moved. As far as he knew the flags at the crossings had been put down by the old town commissioners, and without any authority whatever the crossings were taken up. They wanted the stones put back.

Chairman - Do you think the Commissioners paid for these crossings ?. Mr. Keegan - I am quite certain of it.

Secretary - I think that's quite wrong. They must have been put down by the Grand Jury and been paid for by the Grand Jury.

Mr. Keegan - I will produce a copy of the Minutes at the next meeting to show what the cost was and all.

Secretary - If he does that it is all right, but I don't see how they had any power to do it.

The County Surveyor said the crossings were a nuisance because where the road was raised they had depressions where the crossings were.

Mr. O'Byrne said the bulk of the crossings were removed some years ago by the deputy surveyor, with the authority of the Council at the time. Three of the crossings had been replaced by steam rolling. The crossings were useful in old times where there were dirty muddy circumstances, but no one looking at the circumstances, of Gorey now would say it would be an improvement to have crossings which never could be kept level - in fact they would be a great nuisance. The Town Commissioners had no money to put down crossings or flags. They had to make requisitions to the Grand Jury and afterwards to the District Council in connection with any street repairs.



Chairman - I would like to know if the taking up of these crossings means a very big grievance with the ratepayers of Gorey. Does the taking up of the crossings cause them any inconvenience ?.

Mr. Keegan - Undoubtedly.

Chairman - Are the roads muddy or what ?.

Mr. Keegan - They are. As a matter of fact I walked to the church last Christmas ankle deep in it. I move on behalf of the people that the flags be put back.

Mr. Gaul - I am not going to vote on this question. You have two **commissioners** here with two different opinions.

Mr. Keegan stated he meant by his proposition that the flags should be put back or something should be put at the crossings to substitute them.

Mr. Corish suggested that if Mr. Keegan was satisfied with a substitute it was not necessary to put forward the motion at all.

Mr. Keegan then proposed:- "That the kerbing taken from Gorey streets be replaced or some substitute for same."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

A poll on Mr. Keegan's proposition resulted as follows:-  
For:- Miss O'Ryan, Messrs Corish, Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Colloton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Keegan and Smyth (12).  
Against:- Messrs Murphy, O'Byrne, and the Chairman (3).  
Did not vote:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Brennan, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy and Shannon (8).

Mr. O'Byrne stated he voted against the proposition because he believed it would mean an injury to the streets.

Colonel Quin said he would not vote because there was nothing to vote for.

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Moyne Road . Mr. Cooney said he would oppose the proposal to spend £180 on this road unless something was allocated for the



the portion of the Wexford-New Ross Road in the neighbourhood of Ballynabola. The New Ross District was not as well treated as the three other districts of the County. Miss O'Ryan said there were 12 miles of Wexford-New Ross road in a very bad condition and should be seen to - in fact she considered it more important to have this road attended <sup>to</sup> than the short stretch at the Moyne.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the adoption of the recommendation of the Roads' Committee.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded, the following amendment:- "That the question of repair of Moyne road be referred back to Roads' Committee for further consideration."

On a show of hands six voted in favour of the amendment and fourteen against.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

#### Slippery Roads

At the meeting of the County Council, Mr. Gaul said he had had several complaints from people in the Barntown area about the road leading from Larkin's Cross to Ferrycarrig. He was told that several horses had fallen, and that shafts had been broken. He wondered if the Council would consider putting some screenings on the road.

Mr. Corish said it was very hard for the County Surveyor to know what to do. They had spent a long time discussing roads because they were bad, and now they were talking about roads being too good.

The County Surveyor said that screenings had had only temporary effect. The only alternative was to leave a portion of a road untarred, but he had seen in counties where the side of the road was left undone that that part of the road became bad and dangerous. He ~~examined~~ examined the road that Mr. Shannon complained



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of, but it did not look very slippery. There were little patches that looked to be slippery, but he did not know what could be done.

Mr. Hall - If the County Surveyor took a horse and car with a load and examined the road he would know whether it is slippery or not. The horse would tell him.

Mr. D'Arcy said that when he was going with a load of corn to the mill his horse fell in the street of Gorey. If they were going to come there as a Council to strike a large amount of money to drive farmers off the roads he thought it was time for them to go home. He thought they should make roads safe for people to travel on. There were continual reports of horses falling and breaking shafts out of cars, and they should do justice to the people that had built the roads, or 99 per cent of them anyhow, and not be driving them off them. He suggested that there should be less tar and more screenings.

Colonel Gibbon - Then they will cost more.

Mr. D'Arcy - I doubt it.

Mr. Hall said that people around Ferns were complaining about tar clogging horses' hooves. That would appear to show that there was too much tar.

Colonel Gibbon said that the reason that the roads were tarred was not so much to make them perfect motoring roads as to make them economic in upkeep. Once they had the roads tarred the cost of upkeep became very much less. It was for economy they were tarring the roads, and not for the comfort of motorists.

Mr. D'Arcy - It isn't very economic for a farmer to get his horse broken up on the road.

Chairman - The Roads Committee recommends that slippery hills be done with screenings.

Mr. D'Arcy - I know that all parts of the roads as well as hills are slippery.



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Chairman - If you go to the city you will find no slipping owing to the way horses are shod. I am not talking about cocks. I am talking about rubber frogs.

Mr. Smyth suggested that it would not suit farmers with horses working on the land to have them fitted with rubber frogs.

Chairman - I am not asking farmers to do it, but I suggest it is the remedy. I am quite aware of the slipperiness of the roads myself. There is only one mile of tarred road between my own place and Wexford, and when I reach the tarred portion I have to take care to keep my horse from slipping.

Mr. D'Arcy - I will raise the question at the next Roads Committee meeting.

Chairman - Do you approve of throwing screenings on the roads ?.

Mr. D'Arcy - I do.

County Surveyor - Screenings would be scattered about, and I don't see that they would be more than a temporary alleviation..

Mr. D'Arcy - I think it is a very funny position if we are going to make roads to put ourselves off them.

Chairman - I don't think those rubber frogs are very expensive.

Mr. D'Arcy expressed the opinion that rubber frogs would not be suitable for horses working in clay.

The Chairman suggested that they would not be unsuitable. They were only small fittings.

Mr. Gaul - It is the people coming daily with milk to town that complain to me.

Chairman - Tell them to get the rubber frogs.

The Roads'Committees recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon.

Stone Breaking at Rathduff Cross. The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-



"On yesterday, 9th instant, i visited Oldtown at the time stonebreaker was at work. There was then a pretty stiff breeze blowing in the direction of Mr. Redmond's premises. I am satisfied, from my observations on yesterday, that Mr. Redmond has great cause for complaint, and moreover, the haggard being only a short distance from the breaker site, he is in grave danger of having his hay and straw set on fire. I interviewed Mr. Redmond, and his brother, and visited a small field some distance away where a breaker site may be obtained. Mr. Redmond previously asked a sum of £30 for this plot, but he is now willing to give it to the Council for £15. The area is something less than a quarter of a statute acre so that the rate per acre is somewhat higher than what we usually pay in such cases, but, in the circumstances, I am satisfied that the Council should take over the plot. I understand that another man objects to this plot being used as a breaking ground, but I do not think there should be any serious objection, as it is away from all buildings, haggards etc. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter before the County Council at meeting on Monday next."

Mr. Shannon said that the man who objected to the Council taking over the plot of Redmond - William Houlihan, Rathduff - claimed that he owned part of it.

It was decided that the following Sub Committee be appointed to visit the place and report to next meeting of Roads' Committee:- Messrs Shannon, McCarthy, Jordan, Doran and Cline with the County and Assistant Surveyor for the district.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Roads Committee held on 23rd September, 1929, be and are hereby approved unless as altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."



CORAGH LANE

The County Surveyor said there was no doubt so far as could be made out from the Minutes of the Council arrangements had been made that the local people were to do a certain amount of work on the road but afterwards they said they were to do haulage only. At the meeting of the Sub Committee with the local people on 25th September the following terms were agreed to:-

The local people to do all cartage, stones to be spread direct from carts in conjunction with the County Council men if required. They are also to supply 100 cubic yards of approved field stones in 10 equal depots where directed over the road.

County Council employees to do all quarrying and breaking, and all shaping of road. They are also to sink all water-tables, and consolidate stone.

We are to be allowed to work the quarry on payment of 3d per cubic yard for material taken.

The present condition of the lane is that the local people have moved in about 40 yards of a ditch and done some slight work on the ~~surface~~ surface in one place.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we approve of the agreement arrived at between the Sub Committee and the local people as to reconstruction of Coragh Lane"

The County Surveyor said that the new arrangement would not mean any further cost to the Council.

ROAD AT COMPILE

Mr. Murphy said that six or eight months ago he had brought up the very bad condition of the road into Compile from the Duncannon new line and the County Surveyor promised to attend to the matter but nothing had been done.

The County Surveyor said he had directed Mr. O'Neill,



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Assistant Surveyor for the district to get stuff on the sides of the road at the bad places for filling the holes.

Mr. Murphy said that the road was now a great deal worse and people using it were constantly complaining to him that nothing had been done. The County Surveyor should see that Mr. O'Neill carried out his orders.

The County Surveyor said he would have the repairs carried out immediately.

#### PUBLISHING NAMES OF DEFAULTING LAND ANNUITANTS

Mr. Cooney said that several farmers in New Ross district who had paid their annuities had drawn his attention to well-to-do farmers who had not paid their annuities, and said the people were not as well-off financially as the defaulters had to pay for them through the rates. Some time ago when he raised the question of having the names of the defaulters published he was told it involved a legal liability.

The Secretary said that the question of the legality of publishing defaulters' names arose in another county, and he did not see what was the outcome of it.

Mr. Cooney said they heard a lot of complaints about the amount of annuities that was not paid and that the Land Commission were not collecting them, and the people who were paying for the defaulters, declared it was the fault of the Council, and that if the list of defaulters were published it would have the effect of making them pay. There were people in New Ross district holding their heads high, and who were able to pay the annuities, but were not paying them. It would be only fair to publish the names of the defaulters in the Press as Kilkenny County Council had done. Farmers in New Ross district asked him to ventilate the matter.

Colonel Quin said they had to guard against persons saying it was only petty spite.



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Mr. Cooney said that would be a nice tune to play. It would pay the ratepayers to publish the lists, as the defaulters would come forward and pay.

Colonel Gibbon said that if such a list were published and a man whose name appeared on it paid, the Council would be held up for libel. If Mr. Cooney could tell them how they could escape liability for libel, or if the Government would accept responsibility for the publication of the lists, he was satisfied.

Mr. Cooney said that matter could be met by announcing that annuities up to a certain date were due.

The Chairman stated that a motion to have such a list published was quashed.

Mr. Cooney - People are saying we quashed it, and yet we are abusing the Government for not collecting them. We have the weapon in our hands by which they can be collected.

The Chairman said he disagreed with Mr. Cooney. Anyone who could pay his annuities would pay them in preference to having bailiffs around his place. It was the function of the Land Commission, and not of the County Council to collect the annuities.

Mr. Cooney said it was the function of the Council to see that the ratepayers were not called on to bear the burden of the defaulters. He could give the names of eight people who could well afford to pay their annuities but did not.

Colonel Quin - Why not give the names ?.

Mr. Cooney - It would not suit me at the present time, but I know them.

Chairman - Are you wanting to turn the County Council into bailiffs ?.

Mr. Cooney replied he did not but he knew people who were living on farms for six or eight years who had not paid their annuities.



The Chairman said that Mr. Cooney should lay the names on the table.

Mr. Cooney said that if the Secretary laid the list on the table he would give the names.

The Secretary said that as soon as he got a list of defaulters he would submit it to the members.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the list of defaulters be printed and supplied to the members.

The Chairman said that the County Council had more than sufficient work to do without adding any more. They had enough to do to get the rates paid.

Mr. Cooney remarked that if a poor labourer was in arrears with his cottage rent the County Health Board would have no hesitation in proceeding against.

Chairman - It is the duty of the Public Health Board to collect those rents, and it is not our duty to collect land annuities.

Mr. Cooney - But we have to pay. Our grants are being stopped.

Chairman - There is no sense in your argument. Mr. Cooney - there is.

Chairman - Not the least.

Mr. Cooney - Why don't you make the defaulters known ?

Chairman - The people have the right to come and see who they are from the lists.

Miss O'Ryan - Would it not be more our business to publish a list of the defaulting ratepayers instead of the defaulting land annuitants.

Chairman - It would. I have no objection to publicity, but it is not our job in any way to do it.

Mr. Hall said he would be opposed to publicity of the defaulters. People told him if that were done they would get no more credit and they would be capsized altogether.

After further discussion the matter dropped.



### OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEE No.3

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Colonel Gibbon:-

"That as recommended by Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.3, Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C., be appointed a member of this Sub Committee, vice Miss Statia Kearns, resigned."

### WITHDRAWAL OF HIS RESIGNATION BY MR. M.M.ROCHE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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Under date 24th September, 1929, Mr. M. M. Roche, M.C.C., wrote, that owing to circumstances which had arisen since he had sent in his resignation he had changed his mind and in deference to the wishes of the Council he had withdrawn his resignation.

### DISTRESS IN OYLEGATE

Under date 24th September, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (S.56577-1929 Loch Garman(Aa)) that there were no funds at the disposal of the Department out of which a grant could be made for financing special works for relief of unemployment in the Oylegate district.

### ROAD GRANT

Under date 27th September, 1929, the Local Government Department wrote (S.G.F.32) stating that a payment of £2000 had been made to the County Treasurer in respect of Road T.8, Works No.F.856.

### HOUSING ACT 1929.

Under date 12th September, 1929, the Department of Local Government wrote (H.63261/1929(HBF)Loch Garman) that the Minister had nominated Mr. J. J. Shortall, Town Surveyor, 28, South Street, New Ross, to act in the capacity of Appointed Officer under the Housing Act, 1929, in the Wexford Rural District.



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THIRD PARTY INSURANCE POLICY AND CHERRYORCHARD QUARRY

The County Surveyor forwarded the following letter which had been transmitted to Messrs McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, by the Hibernian Insurance Company:-

"We are in receipt of yours of the 27th instant enclosing letter and sketch from Mr. R. J. Ennis, of Cherryorchard Quarry. It appears clear from the sketch and the terms of Mr. Ennis' letter that if blasting operations are being continued at this quarry damage to property is inevitable, apart from the risk of injury to cattle and persons.

'Under the terms of our Third Party Policy we cover accidents due to fortuitous and unexpected causes, but as regards operations at this quarry, which the Council utilise for reasons of their own, and in which damage to property is admittedly unavoidable, we certainly consider that damage of this description should come under the head of surface damage, and that an agreement to this effect should be entered into as between the Council and the Quarry Owner.

'We shall be glad if you will take up this matter with the Council and advise us further in due course.'"

It was decided that County Surveyor point out to Messrs McDonagh & Boland the profit which the Hibernian Insurance Co., have been making by their Insurances under Workmen's Compensation Policies with the Council and to state that if the Hibernian are not satisfied to deal with the Insurance of Cherryorchard Quarry as in the past the County Council must make other arrangements as regards their insurances generally.

LAYING PIPE DRAIN AT RAMSGRANGE

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence which he had had with Messrs P. Costen & Son, Waterford. The latter asked for permission to open the roadway at the Convent of St. Louis,



Ramsgrange, for the purpose of laying 6" C.I. pipe from there to the Monastery field opposite. As the pipe could not be laid at a low level they suggested that the road be raised at this point to give additional protection from heavy traffic.

The County Surveyor, in reply, under date 5th October, 1929, wrote that he had no objection to the opening of road to allow of the work being carried out provided the surface was properly restored on the completion of the work. If the levels be such as required the raising of the roadway this would have to be done at the expense of Messrs Costen. Possibly by embedding the pipe in concrete any occasion for raising the roadway would be removed.

The County Surveyor said that Messrs Costen had decided to lay the pipe in concrete.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 9th September, 1929, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote that the President of the University had approved of the Scheme for award of University Scholarships in 1930-31 which had been adopted by the Wexford County Council.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Mr. John Doyle 22, North Street, New Ross, and renewal to Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns. "

#### INTEREST CHARGED BY JOINT STOCK BANKS

The following resolution, from Galway Co. Council, was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colloton:-

"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Galway County Council, view with alarm the increase in the already too high rate of Interest on loans charged by Irish Banks. We regard this increase as entirely unjustified by any financial considerations and as calculated to kill existing Industries and



to prevent the establishment of new Factories, and to render useless the Acts passed for the granting of loans to Farmers.

'We call for legislation that will prevent Banks charging such high rate of interest and for the establishment of a new State Bank' "

PROMOTION OF LOCAL OFFICERS

The following resolution from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was approved on the motion of Mr. Gaul, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That County Councils, County Boards of Health and other such Bodies be requested to fill all future vacancies in the Local Government Services by transferring where possible, existing officers who are eligible in accordance with Section 5(1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

"We believe that this transfer system, if adopted by Local Authorities, would be in the best interests of efficiency and contentment within the Local Government Service."

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*Michael Doyle*



CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct  
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford County  
Council in respect of meeting held on 14th October, 1929.

(Signed) N. J. Hazelle

Secretary Wexford County Council.

Dated this 19th day of October, 1929.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER, 1929.

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N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,  
WEXFORD.

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A special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 28th October, 1929.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs James Armstrong, Jahn Brennan, James Clince, P. Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Colloton, John Cummins, T. F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Wm. P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, M. M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

Mr. K. C. Courtney, Local Government Inspector, Roads' Department, was also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE MR. JOHN J. O'BYRNE

Mr. John O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That the County Council adopt a vote of condolence to Mrs O'Byrne and family on the death of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, a late Chairman of this Council." In proposing the vote Mr. O'Byrne said that the deceased gave an immense amount of his time to the public work of the County. When it was dangerous for a man of his class to be a County Councillor the deceased was at all times at his post, steady and reliable. The County Wexford had every reason to be proud of him.

Mr. Cummins in seconding said that he knew Mr. O'Byrne as a member of the public boards of the County for the last 30 years and he could endorse what Mr. Sean O'Byrne had said. No man gave more time or attention, or took a deeper interest in the welfare of the people than Mr. O'Byrne who was never wanting when something had to be done for Ireland.

The Chairman in putting the motion paid a high tribute to the manner in which Mr. O'Byrne had carried out his duties as a public



representative and to the sacrifices which he and his family had made for the cause of the Country.

Messrs Hall, Shannon and Miss O'Ryan, the County Secretary and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, also spoke to the motion which was adopted in silence.

THE LATE MRS BOLGER, FERNS.

The following, from Mr. D. J. Bolger, Ferns, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes of the day, the resolution being proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, and seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"Mr. D. J. Bolger thanks the County Council and staff very sincerely for their kind expressions of sympathy in his great sorrow."

WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD

The following Minutes of meeting of Inspection Sub Committee on 19th October, 1929, were read:-



WEXFORD-FERRYCARRIG ROAD

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Report Sub.Committee Meeting 19th Oct., 1929.

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The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the work on Wexford Ferrycarrig Road met on 19th October, 1929.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon and Mr. James Gaul. There were also in attendance the County Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor.

The Sub-Committee were met on the ground by Mr. Taylor, Manager for Contractor and Mr. Loder his Works' Manager.

They first inspected the closed portion of road between Farnogue turn and Park Lane.

The surface has all been scarified and levelled and screeds are in position for more than half the full length. The side kerbing has been completed also a considerable portion of side filling. The whole of the aggregate is on the ground. Some of the pit sand brought to the site was found on test to be unsuitable and arrangements have been made for obtaining the necessary amount of gravel from the Slaney.

It is estimated that concreting will begin on Wednesday 23rd October. If this be feasible the work of laying the concreted slab should be completed within the succeeding fortnight but the surface will have to "cure" for a further four weeks before the road can be opened to traffic. In other words the earliest date on which traffic may be allowed on the road will be approximately the first week in December.

The Sub-Committee then proceeded to inspect the section between Auburn Terrace and Wexford Bridge on which work is also in progress. Something over half the length has been scarified and material removed for the slab site. The screeds are being put down and work is so advanced that it is expected concreting will be commenced by Monday 28th October. In view of this it is the opinion of the Sub-Committee that the section cannot be open for traffic earlier than the second week in December. No work, 30 -



far, has been started on the section between Wexford Bridge and the turn at Farnogue, nor can any work commence there until the section between Auburn Terrace and the Wexford Bridge has been opened to traffic.

The Sub-Committee point out that the entire work according to the specification is to be finished by 1st December next. It is, therefore, obvious, that under existing conditions the Contractor cannot complete the three sections referred to earlier than the end of the year and by the time the whole work is finished he will be considerably behind the specified time. It would appear to the Committee that there will be considerable delay in disposing of the section Park to Ferrycarrig.

There are two courses open at the moment:-

1. To hold the Contractor to his original contract which has been arranged to be carried out with ordinary cement with power (clause 22) to require Ferrocete at a fixed rate if considered desirable. This will inevitably involve failure to complete the contract in due time and will also entail heavy expenditure with regard to the back road as well as great inconvenience to the general public.

2. To deal with the portion of the road from Auburn Terrace to Park Lane with ferrocete. This proposal is being investigated by the County Surveyor.

At first sight it would seem to offer an opportunity for speeding up the work by more than a month.

It was suggested to Mr. Taylor, the Contractor's Manager, that it would be to the interest of his firm to make an offer to the County Council to share with the County Council the increased expense incurred by utilising ferrocete.

Mr. Taylor promised to submit a proposal by the 22nd instant when a meeting of the Sub-Committee will be held to deal with the matter.



The following minutes of Meeting of Inspection Sub-Committee, in respect of meeting held on 22nd October, 1929, were read:-



A meeting of Inspection Sub Committee Wexford Ferrycarrig Road was held in County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 22nd Oct., 1929.

Colonel Gibbon presided and Messrs Corish and Gaul were also present.

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

Mr. McCarthy, M.C.C., telegraphed from Dublin regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

The following, under date 22nd October, 1929, was read from County Surveyor:-

"On Saturday, 19th October, when the Committee was arranging for meeting on Tuesday, 22nd instant, I overlooked an important appointment. There will be a blast in Ryland Quarry on that date, and under agreement with Canon Fry I must be present. I do not consider the Committee will find my presence essential, particularly as several members already know the substance of the matter to be decided. Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, will be present at the meeting.

'On yesterday I had communication over 'phone with Mr. Taylor (Messrs Hull's Manager), and he informed me that Mr. Hull will agree to put in Ferrocete on the two sections of road already closed at 1/6d per l.y., instead of 2/6d as tendered. This he informed me was the best he could do, 'though I pointed out that he should bear in mind the question of delay in completion, and the possible penalty to be enforced. I have carefully gone into the matter of cost, and saving time by use of Ferrocete.

'The length from Auburn Terrace to Wexford Bridge is 483 l.y: from Farnogue to Park is 675 l.y. Taking the rate at 1/6d per l.y., the first section will cost £36: 4: 6d, and the second section £50: 12: 6d.

'Two mixers on 2nd section will, if weather and all other conditions be favourable, lay each about 30 l.y., or a total of



60 l.y., per day - 9 hours. I take it this efficiency will not be maintained, and consequently I estimate that not more than 45 l.y., per day will be put in over a lengthened period. This works out at 15 days for the length of 675 l.y. For Portland Cement, add to this 28 days at least before the slab can be opened to traffic. This is say six and half weeks. With Ferrocrete the time will be 4 weeks, thus showing a saving in time of say  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks. If only one day's work be in P.C., the total time before opening will be 29 days whereas with all in Ferrocrete the total time will be 25 days. Thus there will be no advantage in laying part in P.C., and remainder in Ferrocrete. The saving of time will be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks at a cost of £50: 12: 6d to the County Council. For first section with one mixer the time of laying will be at the best 16 days, plus 28 days before opening, equals 44 days. Allowing for delays etc., I estimate will be also six and a half weeks. With Ferrocrete the time will be also, say, four weeks. Therefore the use of Ferrocrete will save only two and a half weeks on both sections at a total cost of £86: 17: 0d. to the County Council.

'The following dates will be of interest. At County Council meeting on 29th July Mr. Hull's tender was accepted, and Bond signed on 14th August. On 2nd August Mr. Hull attended in my Office, and I visited Kerlogue Quarry with him, and discussed terms of hireage of machinery. On the 6th August I sent Mr. Hull details of charges for machinery which he accepted. Quarry work was started on 19th August, the Rock Drill started on 31st August. The Breaker started in Quarry on 31st August. The Farnogue section was closed to traffic on 28th August, but Contractor was at work some few days earlier. The Auburn Terrace section was closed to traffic on 9th October.'

Colonel Gibbon said that from an examination of the present condition of the work it appeared that as regards section from Auburn Terrace Wexford to Wexford Bridge it was proposed to



commence the laying of concrete slab on 28th October in Portland Cement. The laying would be finished by 11th November but the section would have to remain under "cure" up to 9th December.

The earliest time that work could begin on the section from Wexford Bridge to Farnogue would be the 9th December, laying would be finished by 23rd of same month and section would remain under "cure" up to 25th January, 1930.

If Ferrocrete is used on the section from Auburn Terrace to Wexford Bridge the work of laying would finish on the 11th Nover and the road could be opened on 18th November. The Section between Wexford Bridge and Farnogue could then be dealt with. Concreting would finish on 2nd December and the section could open on the 9th December instead of 25th January. He was of opinion a letter should be drafted by their Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, to Messrs A. Hull & Co., stating that the Inspection Sub Committee had no power to give a decision on the matter under consideration owing to the large amount of work involved but, in view of the fact that a meeting of the Roads' Committee would be held on 28th October, they would be prepared to authorise Messrs Hull & Co. to utilise ferrocrete until Monday night when the decision of the Roads' Committee on the matter would be available. The Inspection Sub Committee would in no way recommend any alteration of the terms of the contract or as to time limit etc.

After further discussion, Colonel Gibbon amended his suggestions as follows:-

1. In accordance with the promise given on 19th October, 1929, to Mr. Taylor, Representative of Messrs Alex Hull & Co., Contractors for reconstruction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road, a meeting of the Inspection Sub Committee was held on 22nd October, 1929. Acting on legal advice the Sub Committee find they have no power to modify the terms of the Contract in this case even with regard to making a compromise in respect of the use of



ferrocrete on the two sections of the road prepared for concrete.

2. That a request be made to Mr. Quigley, Chief Roads' Engineer Local Government Department, to attend the meeting of the Roads' Committee on 28th instant so that any decision taken at said meeting can be certain to receive the subsequent sanction of the Department of Local Government.

In the meantime the Sub Committee would strongly recommend Mr. A. Hull that he should on his own initiative and at his own expense use ferrocrete which he would be able to do (without affecting the terms of his contract) until Monday, 28th October when a definite and final decision would be given.

Mr. Hull to be invited to the meeting of Roads' Committee which he should, in his own interest, attend.

After prolonged discussion the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That in order not to further inconvenience the public this Sub Committee recommend the County Council to accept the offer of Messrs Hull & Co., to utilise ferrocrete instead of Portland Cement in regard to the two sections of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road which are ready for concreting on the terms mentioned in the letter of the County Surveyor to this Sub Committee under date 22nd October, 1929. That a special meeting of the County Council to deal with this recommendation and all other road business be held on 28th October, 1929, at 10.30 a.m. That Mr. Hull be invited to attend said meeting and that he be informed that the recommendations of the Sub Committee must in no way prejudice the terms of his contract or any of the conditions therein."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Inspection Sub Committee, Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road, in respect of meetings held on 19th October and 22nd October be received and considered!"

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of meetings of Sub Committee of Inspection for Wexford Ferrycarrig Road, and matters arising therefrom be discussed in Committee in view of the fact that the manner in which the contract is being carried out may subsequently be the subject of law proceedings."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following which, however, he subsequently withdrew:- "That the discussion relative to contract of Wexford-Ferrycarrig Road be not held in Committee."

The resolution of Colonel Gibbon as to dealing with the matter in Committee was then put and passed.

Colonel Gibbon said that up to the present not even one yard of the surface of the road had been laid in concrete, and there was not sufficient sand on any of the sections which had been closed for one day's work in concrete. According to present conditions the earliest at which the work would finish by using double the number of present mixers, which he believed was the intention of the Contractor, would be somewhere about the latter half of January even if ferrocrete was used on the two sections referred to in the Minutes of the Sub Committee. On the Contractors' side it was claimed that the main delays in proceeding with the work occurred for two reasons. 1 - because they did not get a decision in time with regard to the class of reinforcement to be used. It was true that on <sup>the</sup> ~~12th~~ 2nd August Mr. Hull, Contractor, had made some temporary arrangement with the County Surveyor and on the 2nd September Mr. Hull, or his Representative, attended in the County Surveyor's department and saw Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, who said that as the County Surveyor was on holidays he would not like to give a definite decision on the type of reinforcement to be used.



On the 30th September Messrs Hull wrote to the County Surveyor for a definite decision but got no reply. On the 18th October Mr. Taylor, Manager for Mr. Hull, came to a decision in conversation with the County Surveyor. The next excuse was that no material was given them out of Kerlogue Quarry or that the machinery was not placed at his disposal. The County Surveyor said he had informed Mr. Hull he would give him the machinery as soon as he was ready to go ahead; he did give the machinery when he was asked for it. The great obstacle had been in regard to the sand. A sample of the sand had been sent for test but in the meantime the Contractor went and put it on the road ~~down~~ although he got warning that the sand was not very good. It was not definitely turned down until 5th of October. Following this the County Surveyor told the Contractor that he would not pass any sand except Slaney gravel and on the recommendation of the survey department the Contractor went to Mr. P. Donovan, as long ago as 11th October, to procure sand. Mr. Donovan promised he would put in three cot loads a day on the road but tho' that arrangement was made on the 11th October, and there was every intention on the part of the Contractor to commence concreting on 25th October, only one cot load of sand had been delivered and the barges were idle in Wexford owing to some difficulty with the men who work them. Mr. Gaul, County Councillor, had interested himself in the matter and had got over the difficulty. But undoubtedly the Contractors were labouring under great difficulty and if they were held to the terms of their contract the work could be only carried through at great inconvenience to the public because the first demand of the Contractors would be to close the long section immediately. He (Colonel Gibbon) considered it would be unwise to interfere with the Contractors and considered their request should be granted. But this would entail very heavy usage of the back road and they appeared to be



doubtful if they would be able to get their heavy lorries over it.

Mr. Corish thought it would be well at this stage if the County Surveyor dealt with the complaints of the Contractor.

Colonel Gibbon - One further objection which the Contractor put in was that he was lead to believe he would have to use reinforcement in spots only but that as soon as his tender was considered it was decided to reinforce the whole road.

The County Surveyor referred to the clauses in the specification dealing with the sand and reinforcing material. In regard to the latter he said that on the 16th September he agreed to allow the Contractor to put in expanded metal. He (County Surveyor) when the question of reinforcement was first discussed mentioned Maxwell or B.R.C., reinforcement but the Contractor demurred and said they were dearer. He (County Surveyor) pointed out that as the specification did not provide for a particular type of reinforcement he would have to accept expanded metal if selected by the Contractor. But the Contractor did not appear to be in any particular hurry and did not ask for any decision at the time as he (Contractor) was enquiring about prices. When it was ordered there was a delay of three weeks in the delivery. As regards the sand it looked all right. There was some delay in getting the first test from Professor Coffey of University College Cork, who said he could not recommend it for first class work. But he (County Surveyor) agreed that it should be used for kerbing. The Contractor being anxious to use the sand which was apparently providing a dense concrete, he (County Surveyor) made a couple of briquettes of 4 of stone, 2 of sand and 1 of cement and had them sent to Professor Coffey who reported that the sand was not equal to standard sand. As regards Kerlogue quarry he went there on the 2nd August with Mr. Hull who expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the conditions there. It was arranged what machines were to be



employed and on the 6th August the charges for hireage were sent to Mr. Hull and accepted by him. The date when work would start at Kerlogue was arranged and Mr. Hull was informed that the County Surveyor would reserve for him any County Council material which was not ready to be used and which could be replaced later so that there would not be any delay in providing material.

Colonel Gibbon - The County Council were not under obligation to supply him with material.

The County Surveyor said that in working Kerlogue quarry the Contractor had got every possible facility as to blasts etc.

Mr. Gaul said that Mr. Donovan would now be able to supply 40 tons of sand per day.

Colonel Gibbon said the specification provided that the Contractor was entitled to an extension of time for "unavoidable" delay" and he thought he would have a case as to the reinforcement. He (Colonel Gibbon) had been advised that it was very difficult to enforce a time penalty such as was in the present contract. If they carried out the contract in ordinary cement the public would be hard hit but the County Council could reduce this hardship by having the two first sections carried out in ferrocrete. In some sections this would save a month and in others two months over the laying in ordinary cement. By giving an extension of time to the Contractor they could not hurt making the roadway, while having the carting done by heavy vehicles over the two first sections instead of on the back road would save a great deal of expense to the Contractor and to the County Council in the matter of maintaining the back road. They would have done better if the sections <sup>furthest</sup> ~~for these~~ from Wexford had been done first but the Contractor had decided on commencing at the two sections which were now closed. According to the specification the County Council can postpone any of the work and can give an extension of time for any unavoidable cause of delay. This would be in the interest of the Council and would avoid litigation and trouble in trying to have an impossibility



carried out. It would save extra expense in connection with the back road and also would greatly convenience the public. If they could arrange with the Contractor to do his carting over the newly made road the Council would be well advised to grant an extension of time and provided that he would do the three sections up to Park in ferrocrete - or even the two sections which were now ready for concrete. If the ferrocrete was laid to-day the carting over it could commence in three weeks' time.

The County Surveyor said that the time allowed for the work was rather short and, owing to the delay in starting, he was of opinion that the Contractor should be given an extension of time.

Mr. Taylor, Manager, Messrs Hull & Co., came before the meeting and said they had met two or three delays which were beyond their control. He did not attach importance to the delay about the quarry plant as it did not hold up the work but there were the questions of the reinforcing material and the sand. In connection with the latter it was six weeks after it had been put on the road they were told they would have to make other arrangements. They had made arrangements with Mr. Donovan, on 18th inst., to supply the selected sand but they had been unable to obtain any until 25th instant, when one cot load was delivered while they were expecting three cot loads each day. If the Council could bring pressure to bear on Mr. Donovan in regard to the supply of sand it would help the Contractor in a very practical way. They also wanted to have the whole road in their possession. The delay was costing them £20 per week in administration expenses and they had an expensive plant standing idle so that the present position was entirely unsatisfactory.

In reply to Colonel Gibbon, Mr. Taylor said that everything going well the contract would finish in two months from the present. They took their first delivery of sand on 2nd September



and it was the 15th October when the sand was finally condemned. The only complaint made in the interval about the sand was it was too coarse in the grain.

The County Surveyor stated that after the first test Messrs Hull's Representative knew there was a doubt about the sand and he was told that it would not be objected to if used for the kerbing but that it could not be used for the slab.

Mr. Taylor said he would not hesitate in using the sand which had been condemned - even for a building.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Corish, said he was absolutely certain that the Contractors Representative was informed of the results of the first test on the 25th September.

Mr. Taylor said that they had not been able to get the reinforcement until 16th October. They had a tractor in Dublin by which they could get their material over the back road. There had been delay in deciding the sort of reinforcement to be used as there was no type mentioned in the specification. When Mr. Thompson, representing the Contractor, came to Wexford he was told that the County Surveyor was on holidays and Mr. Birthistle, (Assistant Surveyor), stated it was better wait over until the County Surveyor returned from holidays. Mr. Thompson then attended in Wexford on the 17th September and rang him (Mr. Taylor) up and said the County Surveyor said that reinforcement should be Maxwell or B.R.C., and that he should look into the matter but the County Surveyor did not write for the best part of a fortnight. He (Mr. Taylor), in order not to delay the work, had placed an order for expanded metal to get half a mile of road started. On the 30th September he wrote about the reinforcement but got no reply. However, on 18th October he was informed they could use expanded metal. They were not seeking any concession and were quite prepared to discuss the question of penalties for delay in the performance of the Contract later.



Mr. Cummins - After further discussion - proposed:- "That the County Council adhere to the terms of their Contract with Messrs Alex Hull & Co., as to reconstruction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road."

Mr. Colfer seconded.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded, as an amendment:- "That the Contractor for reconstruction of Wexford Ferrycarrig Road be granted an extension of time for six weeks to complete his contract on condition that he lays the two first sections, now closed to traffic, in ferrocrete at his own expense. That should the Contractor refuse this offer the Council pay 1/6d per lineal yard extra over Portland cement to enable the Contractor to lay the section from Farnogue to Park in ferrocrete."

Mr. Elgee said that in view of the discussion it appeared to him that the Contractor could claim a six weeks' extension owing to the delay in dealing with the question of the reinforcement.

After further discussion Colonel Gibbon withdrew his resolution in favour of the following, proposed by Mr. Corish:- "That, in order to facilitate the public in having the road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig opened to traffic as quickly as possible, we hereby agree to pay 1/6d per lineal yard to the Contractor over and above the price of Portland cement to enable the Contractor to lay ferrocrete on the sections Auburn Terrace Wexford to Wexford Bridge and Farnogue Terrace to Park."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

On a show of hands, five voted against the amendment of Mr. Corish and the remainder of the Councillors in favour.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Cummins withdrew his resolution and the matter dropped.

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Finance :- The following Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 15th October, 1929, were submitted:-



A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 18th October, 1929, for the purpose of considering the following letter from the Local Government Department under date 15th Oct., 1929 (No.G.72926/1929 Loch Garman Fa):-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he could not agree to the continuance of the Rate Collectors services unless properly secured. If adequate security is not immediately forthcoming the services of the Collectors in question should, at once, be terminated and arrangements made to appoint suitable persons to succeed them.

'I am to add that the Minister is unable to consent to the Council's proposal to provide a guarantee fund in the manner suggested.'"

The following were present:- Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, and John J. Colloton.

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

Mr. J. J. Corry of the New Ireland Assurance Company came before the meeting and said that he had had an interview with the Rate Collectors and one and all complained they were unable to get collateral security for £500. They gave various reasons for this, the first being that bond holders had been badly bitten by banks. The same thing happened in every other County and yet his Company had ~~been~~ recently been able to procure 84 fidelity guarantee bonds from Collectors. In one Munster County they had defalcations for £1700 altho' there was a full time Rate Inspector working in the County for three years. The entire loss was caused thro' the issue of unofficial receipts. Two eminent Counsel had advised that if money is paid by a ratepayer and a receipt other than the official receipt given it is good secondary evidence that the rates have been paid and the action by the Collector would amount to embezzle-



ment and in such a case the Insurance Company would, under their bond, have to pay. No matter what notices appear in the Press or on the Demand Notes warning people to obtain official receipts so long as unofficial receipts were accepted the Company would be responsible for them. No matter what premium the Insurance Companies charge there were only 387 Collectors to be dealt with in An Saorstát and at present premium rates the amount paid by them would be about £4000 while according to the statement of the Minister for Local Government the defalcations of Collectors for the past four years was at the rate of £5000 per annum. This brought about the question of collateral security. Everyone could see that this was coming as it was apparent the Companies were obliged to do something for their own protection. In the talk he had with the Collectors he offered to meet ~~with~~ them and to accept two sureties on a joint and several bond of £250. Even with that reduction some of the Collectors, it was stated, would not be able to find collateral. The Company did not think that Wexford County should ~~not~~ be worse than others in the matter of finding personal securities. There might be a possibility of turning the personal bonds into collateral security.

It was pointed out that the personal bonds had been provided to ensure the closing of the warrant and the suggestion of Mr. Corry could not, therefore, be entertained.

Mr. Corry said his Company would agree to give the Collectors further cover for a month to enable them to find the collateral security of £250. In every other County the amount had been £500 and it was obtained without difficulty. It should be understood definitely that the New Ireland Co., was extending the cover to 19th November on condition that the Collectors would not seek security from any other Company.

It was suggested to Mr. Corry that his Company might take two sureties with a bond for each of £125 but he said he could not see his way to agree to the proposal.



After further discussion Mr. Corry handed in a Cover  
Note for all the Collectors up to 19th November, 1929.



Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th October, 1929, be received and considered."

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting for 15th October, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

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The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 24th October, 1929, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Wexford, on 24th October, 1929.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon (Vice Chairman) presiding; Messrs Sean O'Byrne, John Murphy, James Shannon and John Colloton.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3205: 13: 7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

##### Fidelity Guarantee Bonds

The following, under date 23rd October, 1929 (G.74843/1929 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the Rate Collectors' Bonds, and I am to state it is presumed that the County Council will not allow any further delay beyond the 19th proximo in the provision of proper security by their Rate Collectors. Any Collector who fails by that date to provide an adequate bond should be immediately removed from his Collectorship and an appointment of a suitable person made in his place."

It was decided that the Rate Collectors be informed of the instruction conveyed in the letter of the Department of Local Government.

##### Rates on Bantry & Blackstairs Commons

Statements were submitted showing that up to financial year ended 31st March, 1929, the arrears outstanding on Bantry Commons



were:- In Collector Murphy District:- £152: 12: 7d and in Collector O'Byrne's £72: 14: 1d: Total £225: 6: 8d. The arrears on Blackstairs Commons which is all situate in Collector O'Byrne's district for same period were £34: 14: 3d or a total for both commons of £260: 0: 11d.

Collector Murphy explained that in connection with a seizure under his own warrant some years ago he had been mulcted in £80, the seizures being in respect of County Carlow stock.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, held that Collector Murphy had the right to seize any stock - irrespective of ownership - which he found grazing on the Co. Wexford side of the Commons.

Mr. Murphy said he had "raided" the Mountain time and again with the bailiff and his assistant at a cost of £2: 5 : 0d each time he went there.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that a resolution had been adopted by the Council that if Collector O'Byrne made seizures of stock on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons on the advice of Mr. Elgee the Council would bear any costs in which he might be mulcted thro' his action.

Collector O'Byrne said his Solicitor was to have obtained Counsel's opinion as to the seizure of stock on the Mountain but this had not yet come to hand.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted.

"The Finance Committee have been advised that Rates and arrears of rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons can be recovered by Civil proceedings against the persons rated for same without proof having to be produced as to any use of the Commons being made by them, and, such being the case, we hereby resolve and direct that Collectors Murphy and O'Byrne be instructed to take proceedings in the Circuit Court against the defaulters concerned without delay."

Contribution towards Fidelity Guarantee Bonds. The following, under date 22nd October, 1929, was read from Collectors John Doyle,



John Curtis and Thomas Rowe:-

"We desire to draw your attention to the fact that at a meeting of the County Council some time ago it was decided that the County Council would pay the sum of £3 towards the premium on the Fidelity Bond of Rate Collectors of the Council whose remuneration did not exceed five pence in the pound.

'In nearly all the cases referred to the remuneration exceeds £150 per annum.

'We, the three undersigned Collectors, who are employed respectively at the remuneration of six pence and seven pence in the pound, desire to point out that our total remuneration does not exceed the sum of £150 and in the case of one the remuneration does not exceed £81.

"We therefore respectfully appeal to the Finance Committee to reconsider the previous resolution of the County Council, and, in our three cases, to advance the sum of £3 towards the premium on our Fidelity Bonds.'"

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That a contribution of £3 towards the cost of premium for fidelity guarantee bonds be made by the Council in the case of all Rate Collectors (irrespective of poundage rate at which paid) whose total poundage for financial year does not exceed £150. "

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Mr. Murphy considered it would be inadvisable to take action in this matter until the Council knew exactly where they stood as regards fidelity guarantee bonds.

After discussion, Mr. O'Byrne said he would defer his motion until the question of the fidelity guarantee bonds for the Rate Collectors had been finally decided.

Damage to Property Compensation Act Rate

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Murphy and adopted:- "That an instalment of 6d rate for compensation



for damage to property be paid and that it be pointed out to the Department of Local Government that if overdraft had not been reduced by £10,000 last August the Council would have been in a position to wipe out their full indebtedness under this head."

#### Land Commission and Rate Arrears

Under date 23rd October, 1929, the following letter (Corr No. 1243/29 Co. Wexford - Coll. No. 138/Wm. Kelly - Lands of Grange Big) was read from the Land Commission:-

"I am directed to inform you that the total arrears due to 1st June 1929 is £70: 6: 2d. There is a man named Thomas O'Connor in Rosslare who is willing to make an offer to the Land Commission for the use of the holding for a term of years but before doing so he would require an assurance that the County Council would not proceed against him for rates. I am to enquire if you are prepared to give that assurance."

It was decided to inform the Land Commission that the County Council are not in a position to give <sup>Mr. O'Connor</sup> him any assurance as regards payment of rates and arrears of same on the holding of Wm. Kelly. If the land be let they would expect to be paid the same proportion of arrears of rates as the Land Commission is receiving in respect of arrears of annuities. Under no circumstances would the Finance Committee recommend that the Rates in this and similar cases should be wiped out.

#### No. 4 Collection District

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colloton, seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That Collector Quirke (No. 1 District) be appointed temporary collector to close warrant for Rate 1929-30 in Rate District No. 4".

No. 5 District. Collector Culleton wrote that as regards his district a large amount was accounted for by Irrecoverable and temporary uncollectable items of which he was preparing a list for



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submission to next meeting of Finance Committee.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Rate Inspector for a report to next Finance Committee meeting.

The Chairman said the Rate Inspector - who was in attendance - should call the special attention of the Collectors to the good harvest. Farmers had a considerable amount of money at this season of the year in comparison with other periods of the year. They were in a much better position to meet their liabilities than they were last year. Tho' prices were lower the crop was twice as big.

The Rate Inspector said he did not think at present that Collector Culleton was making a great effort to collect; he did not appear to have his heart in his work and he had let the Rate Inspector ~~to~~ understand that he would give up his position when he closed his warrant.

It was decided that the Rate Inspector communicate with the Secretary as to directing any Collector to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee when he considers such attendance would be desirable.

#### SALARY OF CARETAKER OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE

It was decided that a quarter's salary and allowances, viz., £14: 11 : 2d be paid to Mrs McNally, County Courthouse Keeper.

#### COURTHOUSE EXPENSES

A bill was received from the Caretaker New Ross Courthouse for 8/8d for washing 46 towels for use of District Justice and for toilet soap.

It was decided to ask the caretaker the reference to any statutory authority which obliged the County Council to pay such expenses.

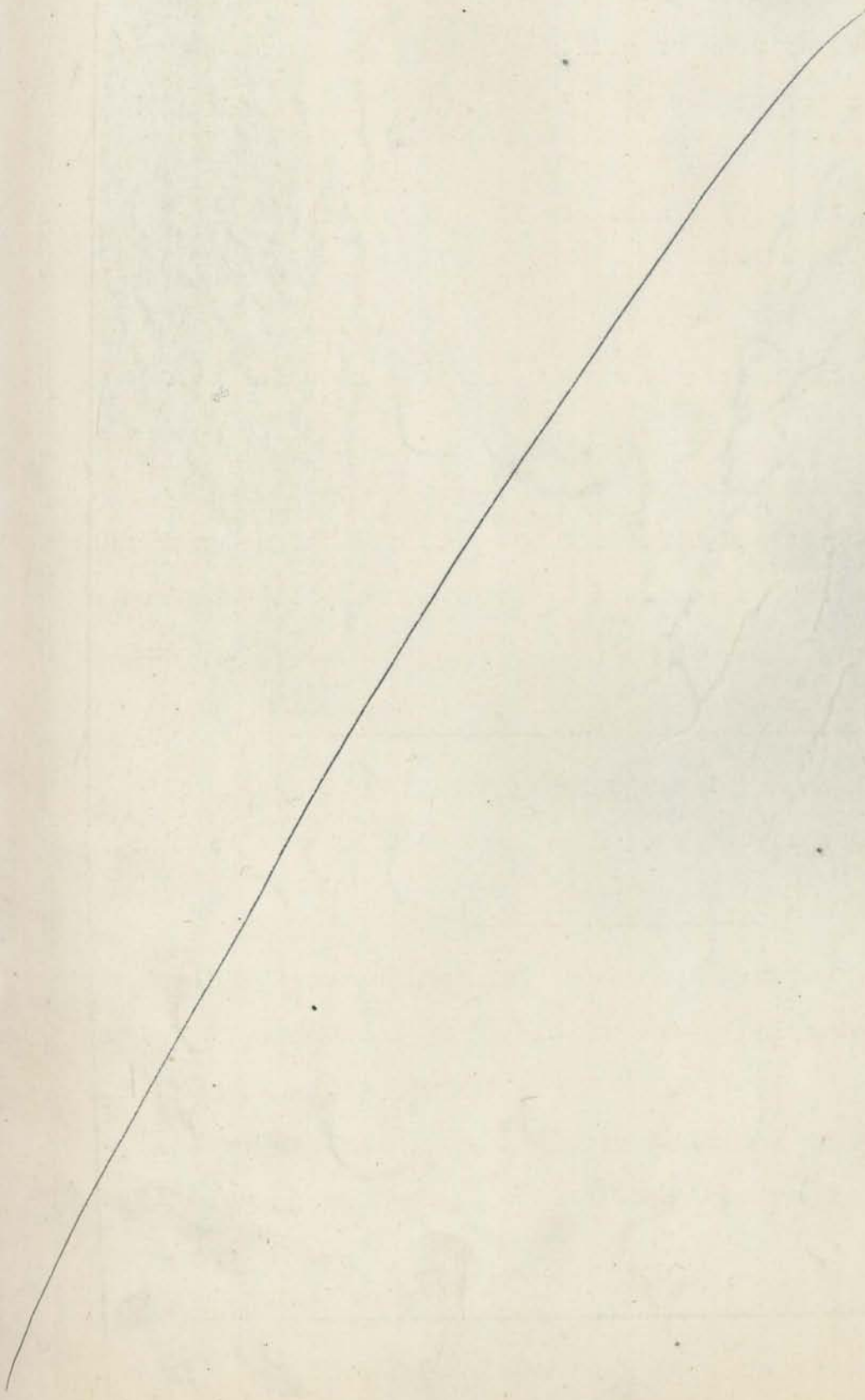
#### TYPEWRITER FOR CO.SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

It was decided that County Surveyor be empowered to purchase L. C. Smith typewriter for use in his office, provided he c



dispose of old Roneo flat duplicating machine at £6, leaving  
net cost of typewriter at £19.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th October be received and considered."

Damage to Property Compensation Act Rate

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That, in order to allow this Council to pay off its indebtedness under 6d Rate for Compensation under Damage to Property Compensation Act, we request the Local Government Department to agree to reinstate the bank overdraft figure at £40,000."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of meeting held on 24th October, 1929, be and are hereby confirmed."

RAHEENGURREN FORD

The following deputation came before the meeting with reference to flooding at Raheengurren Ford:- Messrs W. J. Brennan-Whitmore, Tomsilla; Joseph Webb, Gorey, G. Stacey, Carriganeagh and Henry Jones, Bannogue.

Mr. Brennan-Whitmore, spokesman of the deputation, said he wished to impress on the Council the absolute necessity of bridging the Ford, which was locally known as "Pass-if-you-Can" - the Council would note the significance of the local name. The road was without any bridge except a small footpath. From the top of the footpath to the bed of the stream was 5 ft. 4 ins., and the width of the footpath was 5 ft 6 ins. On several occasions during flood time he had seen the water to within about 4 ins., of the top of the footpath. That meant that there was practically 5 ft. of water in the Ford during flood time. The impossibility, not to speak of the danger of such a condition



of things was obvious enough to the members of the Council with their experience of country roads. There was a number of large ratepayers and large farmers living in the vicinity, and, personally, he believed that some day some people would lose their lives there. During one flood time, when there was almost 5 ft of water, he had seen a middle-aged, very stout lady driving across the little footpath in a donkey car. She had only 5 ft. 6 ins. of a pathway, so that it could be easily understood the narrow margin she had, and a margin that was crumbling away. Had the donkey stumbled or been frightened, and the lady tumbled into 5 ft. of water, he did not believe she would have got out with her life. On another occasion, when there was only 18 ins., or 2 feet of water in the Ford, following a flood, he found an old lady of over eighty years standing in the middle of the flood trying to get a donkey and cart out. She had to wade through the flood as she was unable to get the donkey out and he had to assist her. That she did not contract pneumonia or something like that, and die, was only the goodness of God. The job required at the place was not as big as it appeared. The road proper was only 21 feet wide, though at the Ford it was 40 ft. wide, so that a bridge of 21 ft. would be sufficient. He hoped it would be plain to the members of the Council that the place was positively dangerous to human life, and it was on that ground that the deputation wished to urge on the Council the necessity of bridging it.

After discussion the Chairman said that the conditions as explained with regard to the Ford were so prevalent all over the country that if they had to bridge everywhere they had the roads flooded, he did not think the ratepayers would like it very well. It would mean an expenditure, he would say, of several thousand pounds, and where they were going to get it he did not



know. The place in question might be bad, but he knew places in the Barony of Forth as bad, or worse - under water practically the whole winter, and the deputation should not think that the Council were treating that part of the County any worse than any other part. If they had money nothing would give the Council greater pleasure than to put all such places in apple-pie order. He believed the matter of the Ford was to come before the November meeting and pending the consideration of the matter at the November meeting he did not think the Council could do anything.

Mr. Whitmore thanked the Council for receiving the deputation, the members of which then withdrew.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, could get out a plan to double the width of the present bridge at a moderate cost.

The County Surveyor said they could not, as the flags on the existing bridge would not suit ordinary traffic.

The Chairman said that as the matter was being brought forward on the estimates next month he did not think it would be worth the Council's while to take it up until that meeting. They could discuss everything concerning the matter when it came before the November meeting.

Further consideration of the matter was then adjourned to the November meeting.

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The remainder of the business was, owing to the hour, adjourned to next meeting.

*Michael Doyle*