

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 10th OCTOBER, 1932.

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COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 10th October, 1932.

Present: Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon and Myles Smyth.

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

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

After the reading of the Minutes the Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £29,589. 10s. for Transfers to Public Bodies was examined and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE WITH CO. SURVEYOR.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. Barry our County Surveyor on the death of Sister M. Angela of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame Convent, Glasgow, his only surviving Sister. We sympathise with him most heartily in his bereavement."

Mr. Cummins seconded and the resolution which was supported by the Chairman, Co. Secretary and Co. Solicitor, was passed in silence.

Mr. Barry suitably replied.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd September, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd September, 1932.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy..

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5333. 8. 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection up to 22nd September, 1932, was submitted as follows:-

	Percentage of Warrant Collected.
1. E.J. Murphy	25.3
2. S. Gannon (6)	25.0
3. P. Carty	19.6
4. J. Curtis	19.3
5. A. Dunne	19.2
6. J. Quirke	16.6
7. M. McCarthy	16.3
8. T. Rowe	16.2
9. W. Cummins	16.0
10. P. Nolan	15.7
11. S. Gannon (10)	15.2
12. J. Cummins	15.0
13. T. Bolger	14.9
14. M. Murphy	14.3
15. J.J. O'Reilly	14.2
16. J. Deegan	13.2
17. P. O'Byrne	11.4
18. J.J. Sinnott	10.5
19. W. Doyle	10.3
20. P. Doyle	<u>9.5</u>

The Secretary stated that the amount collected was 12.2% less than at the corresponding period last year.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that further consideration of Rate Collection should be held over until the close of the half year in order to ascertain what the Collectors had done to carry out the resolution of the Finance Committee as to the lodgment of 50% of the current year's warrant.

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excluding arrears by the 30th September. At the next meeting of the Finance Committee each Collector's books could be examined and the Committee would be in a position to ascertain if any people who were able to pay had not done so and they could have explanations from the Rate Collectors concerned.

The meeting decided to fall in with the suggestion of Mr. O'Byrne and accordingly adjourned further consideration of the Rate Collection to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the 6th October, 1932.

EXPLANATION BY RATE COLLECTOR:- The following explanation for his neglect to lodge a sum of £10.12.3d Poor Rate within the stipulated 48 hours after receipt was received from Collector Patrick Carty (No. 20 district):-

"The Bank was closed on 1st inst. when I got finished checking and I went to Fethard on that evening.

Fethard is 20 miles from New Ross (The nearest Bank) and it means a whole day to get there and back, so I thought it would be time enough when I got finished there.

To lodge every 48 hours would mean losing 4 days every fortnight and one day checking would be 5 days out of every twelve. As I am further from a bank than any Collector in the Free State, I would be glad if you allow me to lodge once every week."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Finance Committee accepts the explanation of Collector P. Carty as to his failure to lodge £10.12.3d within the proper time, but desire to point out to this Collector that neither the Finance Committee nor the Co. Council have power to abrogate regulations made by the Local Government Department.

The Secretary stated he had not received any explanation from Mr. T. Bolger (District No. 14) as to his failure to lodge

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within the proper time.

It was decided as Mr. Bolger had recently changed his residence to write to him at his new address and point out that his explanation must be to hand in time for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

PART PAYMENT OF POOR RATES:- Under date 15th September, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.64052/32 Loch Garman) :-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo relative to the proposal adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 25th July last to authorise their Rate Collectors to accept payments on account of rates due under certain specified conditions, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the procedure for the collection of rates and the checking of such collections laid down in the Public Bodies Orders was framed both for the protection of Local Authorities and the ratepayers, and it would be with considerable hesitation that the Minister could see his way to consent to any modification of the conditions hitherto imposed.

"At the same time the Minister recognises the difficulties of the present situation and appreciates that the Council in their proposals have laid down certain safeguards which may enable the satisfactory collection of rates on account. In the circumstances the Minister is disposed to the view that the suggested scheme might be given a trial for an experimental period not exceeding three months when the results should be reported and the matter then further considered."

MALICIOUS INJURY APPLICATIONS.

Malicious Injury Applications were submitted on behalf of Michael Henehan, Kilmannock, Campile, for £60 for alleged poisoning of a horse and from Michael Furlong, Rathmure, Killane for £12 for injury to a Corn Binder.

The Committee discussed the circumstances of both cases with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Intimation was received from St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, as to the committal of Isabella (aged 6 years) and Kathleen (aged 5 years) Clement, Oulart, to this Industrial School. The children's mother was dead and the father (a farm labourer earning 9/- per week) was unable to exercise proper control over them.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that the application was before the District Justice on the 21st when he decided to commit both children to St. Michael's Industrial School

WEIGHBRIDGE - COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 8th September, 1932, the following was read from D. Murphy, Harbour Master, Courtown:-

"Sergt. Scanlon, Inspector of Weights and Measures has been here inspecting the Weighbridge. He reports it 14 lbs. out of balance. P. Kenny of Enniscorthy who was with him repairs scales and weighbridges. He says it requires a new set of centres and other equipment. The scales is a very old one. It was taken over with the Harbour by the County Council. It cost £3.4.8d November 1931 and now it is worse than ever and would cost a larger amount. Of course if it was condemned it would be a hardship on a great many people who use it for weighing hay, straw and coal."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Mr. Patrick Kenny, Mary St., Enniscorthy, be requested to furnish Co. Council with quotation for repair of weighbridge at Courtown Harbour, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Weights and Measures."

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY:- Under date 19th September, 1932, the following was read from William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, recently awarded a University Scholarship:-

"I received your letter today informing me that I have been

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"awarded a University Scholarship. I thank the Council for their kindness in awarding me this Scholarship, and I would be greatly indebted to them if they would hold over my Scholarship for two years, as I have been called to De La Salle Training College, and I understand there is a precedent for such cases."

After a long discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Hall:- "The Finance Committee cannot see its way to recommend the Co. Council to agree to Mr. Meyler's application to hold over for him for two years his University Scholarship. In the event of Mr. Meyler being unable to avail of same it should be awarded to Joseph Byrne, Bayview, St. John's Road, Wexford, who is next in order of merit, on the list of successful candidates.

The following is result of a poll on this resolution:-

FOR: Messrs. Hall, O'Byrne and the Chairman (3)

AGAINST: Messrs. Gulleton and Shannon (2)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- Under date 21st September, 1932, the following was read from the Department of Education, (Secondary Education Branch) 1, Hume St., Dublin:-

"With reference to previous correspondence I have to inform you that the Department approves of the renewal for the school year 1932-33, of the Scholarship held by Mary A. Ronan, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

"With regard to the pupil, Mary E. Doyle, I have to point out that, according to the School Attendance Book, only one class day was missed by her during the School year. Furthermore, it is not the practice of the Department to attach any importance to pleas of illness unless supported by a medical certificate.

"In the circumstances the Department considers that this pupil's progress in the past three years is not sufficient to warrant the renewal of the Scholarship for another year. If the Council, however, who are primarily responsible in this matter,

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"adhere to their previous decision with this expression of opinion before them, the Department will raise no further objection to the proposal."

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

"That the question of agreeing to renewal of Scholarship of Mary E. Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon, be referred to the Council for decision."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd September, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th October, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 6th OCTOBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 6th October, 1932.

Present: Messrs. T. McCarthy, James Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, James Hall and J. Culleton. (Mr. McCarthy presided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.)
The Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5178.18.5d was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

Name of Collector.	£	S	D	Percentage of Total Warrant lodged.	Percentage of current Warrant lodged excluding arrears.
Sean Gannon (6)	1126	12	3	35.0	40.6
E. J. Murphy	1588	6	10	34.0	35.0
Patrick Carty	1264	9	4	29.1	30.4
John Curtis	1412	1	10	27.8	29.0
A. Dunne	2022	8	2	26.5	28.9
W. Doyle	1052	3	1	20.0	27.0
P. Nolan	1622	13	4	22.6	26.05
W. Cummins	923	9	5	22.0	25.00
J. Quirke	1689	15	1	23.1	24.35
J. Cummins	1029	5	11	20.0	22.30
M. Murphy	748	7	4	19.7	22.30
T. Rowe	769	11	1	20.7	21.5
M. McCarthy	1016	16	11	19.6	21.1
J.J. O'Reilly	1066	7	0	20.4	21.1
Sean Gannon (10)	672	8	0	19.7	21.0
J. Deegan	1304	8	8	18.8	19.1
T. Bolger	806	17	9	18.6	19.1
Patrick Byrne	667	0	5	17.1	18.45
J.J. Sinnott	875	16	3	16.4	18.0
P. Doyle.	733	12	8	13.8	14.6
TOTALS:	£22462	11	4	22.	24.

It was pointed out that the percentage of total warrant collected compared with corresponding period last year amounted to 36.6%.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that all Collectors be instructed to attend next meeting of Finance Committee to explain outstanding amounts in the various districts as none of the Collectors had carried out the Council's instructions to lodge 50% of current warrant excluding arrears by the 30th September.

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The Members having examined Rate-books, Mr. O'Byrne stated there were several outstanding amounts which could have been collected without inflicting the slightest hardship on anyone.

Mr. Hall stated he also noticed there were a number of amounts unpaid which could have been collected.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That National Bank, Ltd. Treasurer be requested to sanction an extension of present overdraft limit of £33,000 by £13,000 for period ending 31st December, 1932. This is rendered necessary owing to backward state of collection. The limit of £33,000 agreed to by Treasurer up to 30th September last includes £13,000 deducted from Grant to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. Had normal Agricultural Grant been paid the Council's Overdraft for said period would have been £20,000."

SEIZURE FOR RATES.

COLLECTOR J. CUMMINS V E. WHELAN.

Mrs. Ellen Whelan, Ballyorley and her son Edward Whelan came before Committee in reference to seizure of sheep by Collector J. Cummins on foot of a Decree of District Court for £40.7.2d obtained by Mr. Cummins against her son, for rates. Mrs. Whelan said the amount of the Decree was wrong, being for £2 more than the amount due. She also complained that at the auction of the sheep in the pound they had been purchased by the Collector, she wanted to know if that procedure was legal. She had received legal advice that the Council was responsible for any illegal action of their servant. The sheep were seized months ago and she had received no credit in respect of the sale.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, pointed out that Mrs. Whelan had signed consent to Decree.

The Chairman stated that Collector had instructions from the Council to collect rates with all due diligence. So long as a Collector carried out his duties in a legal manner the Council

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could not interfere. The Council in all legal matters would be guided by the advice of their Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, who was present.

Mr. Elgee, said in his opinion Collector had acted legally.

Rate Inspector said that Collector had sold the sheep and amount realized by the sale, viz. £20 less costs, would be lodged, by the Collector as a part payment (under recently sanctioned Scheme) in respect of amount due by Mrs. Whelan.

APPLICATION FOR COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote as follows, under date 27th September, 1932:-

"I have been notified that an application will be made at New Ross District Court of 4th October next for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Tobin, illegitimate daughter of May Tobin, Michael Street, New Ross, and aged about four years, on the grounds that the mother is unable to support her.

"Please let me know if the County Council will object."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated this case would not come before the District Court until the 11th instant, he would have necessary inquiries made in the meantime.

RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

MICHAEL F. O'KEEFE.

The following letter from Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe, 61, The Faythe, Wexford, under date 5th October, 1932, was read:-

"In answer to yours of the 16th ult., "That the Finance Committee is not prepared to accept my explanation as to my failure in the Second Arts examination as satisfactory." I respectfully submit that they attach undue importance to this examination.

"Its unimportance, on the other hand is indicated by the fact that the majority of students do not sit for it. It is treated by all as being only a "House" examination; and among the few who sit for it there is a good percentage of failures.

"The addition of 'old Irish' and 'old English' to the curriculum

"for second arts students is responsible, to no small extent, for these failures. The subjects are new to the students who fail to grasp them properly until far into the third year.

"At the same time I was attending evening classes at Kevin St., Technical Schools for chemistry. The idea, prevalent among the students at the University that the Second Arts examination was more or less a matter of form gave me this opportunity.

"I may add that my failure does not in any way reflect on my ability to secure the pass, if not the honours standard in the Final Arts examination, nor do I entertain any doubt that I shall justify the renewal of my scholarship on these grounds.

"It would give me great pleasure if you would make these facts known to your Finance Committee as soon as possible."

It was reported that Mr. O'Keefe's case would again be considered when recommendation promised by University College Authorities on his application came before the Council.

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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 6th October, 1932, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- As regards Collection the Secretary stated that the Collection was 14 per cent behind last year at the same period of the year. The amount collected to date of meeting was only 25 per cent of current warrant excluding arrears instead of the 50 per cent required by the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan said that she could furnish names of Ratepayers who were prepared to pay and who had not been called upon and there were people who were behind a movement not to pay rates.

Mr. Roche said that a large amount of rates would be collected after the corn was sold.

Mr. Cummins considered that if Rate Collectors were not calling on Ratepayers some explanation should be demanded by the Council.

Mr. Keegan complained that in his district landlords who had collected rates in the rents through the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act 1928 had not paid these rates.

The Chairman pointed out that landlords who did not pay these rates in good time would not get the bonus attached to early payment.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that in such cases as referred to by Mr. Keegan it would be the fault of the Rate Collector if the rates were not paid.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be no harm if Rate Collectors were asked to furnish the names of people who had stated they had the rates but would not pay them.

Mr. Roche held that the campaign out against the payment of rates

should not be tolerated, No matter what people thought they were bound to act according to the law of the country. It was poor people who were paying and those better off were evading their responsibilities. This should not be tolerated.

Mr. Keegan said his rent which was formerly 4/6d was now 6/10d which included the rates. Although his rent was paid he understood the rates had not been handed to the Rate Collector.

The Chairman said his experience was that the landlord generally paid before he received anything from the tenant.

Mr. McCarthy - That is also my experience in Enniscorthy. The owners of small dwellings are most willing to pay.

The Chairman said that not long ago in a certain quarter a resolution was adopted asking the people not to pay rates.

Col. Quin - The persons behind that should be prosecuted.

Chairman - There must be something in it. But people should realise that if the rates are not paid some of the public services should lapse.

Mr. Gaul complained that Collectors were paid only at infrequent intervals, long periods elapsing between payments. This was putting a premium on dishonesty.

Mr. Roche said he would give notice of motion for next meeting that Collectors should be paid on each ten per cent of their lodgments after the first ten per cent.

Mr. Keegan said he would give notice of motion that Collectors be paid by the month.

The Chairman held that if this latter proposal was adopted the Council would have no security that the collection would be closed, Some collectors would probably at the end of the collection period leave the Council with a big deficit. It was a dangerous thing to disturb the present procedure for payment of poundage.

Mr. Keegan then withdrew his notice of motion.

The meeting approved of the recommendation of the Finance

Committee instructing Collectors to attend next meeting of Committee to explain outstanding amounts.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:- Under date 7th October, 1932, letter (G.86445/1932 Loch Garman Fa) was received from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 up to 31st December next, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That application be made to the Treasurer of the Co. Council viz National Bank, Ltd., for overdraft accommodation of £45,000 up to 31st December, 1932."

SEIZURE FOR RATES:- Mr. McCarthy, who presided at the Finance Committee meeting stated the Committee decided they could not interfere in the dispute between Mrs. Whelan and her Son with Collector J. Cummins. He had advised Mrs. Whelan at Finance Committee meeting that if she thought she had any grievance she should consult her Solicitor.

Rates Inspector stated that Collector bought the sheep which consisted of Ewes and Lambs (32) for £10 and had since sold them for £20 and Mrs. Whelan would be credited with latter amount less costs.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th October, 1932, be and are hereby adopted."

ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL DWELLINGS' ACQUISITION ACT.

The Secretary said that in connection with the Small Dwellings' Acquisition Act, there were a number of points in administration of the Act by the Council, to be decided on. The two resolutions passed by the County Council at the last meeting were not the end of the matter. The Council had decided by these resolutions to put the Act into operation and also to confine any loans which they would give

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under the Act to applicants whose houses would not cost more than £400. The Council would now have to decide if they would advance the money to people buying houses already erected. He had received one application of that nature and the decision that the Council would make on this application would rule all other cases.

Miss O'Ryan said that she thought the Council should allow loans in such cases because in the 1932 Housing Act people were getting the benefit of the Act for houses erected as far back as June, 1931. They should give the same benefits under the Small Dwellings Act.

The Secretary said he had already expressed his opinion that the interest to be charged was extraordinarily high, 6 per cent, for 35 years. Taking a £200 house the applicant who borrows 90 per cent. of the money would have at the end of 35 years repaid £252. 10s. 10d. The rent looked small, 4/9 per week, but it would amount to £252.10s.10d in interest in addition to the loan. In the case of a £300 house, if the Council advance £270 the interest repaid by the applicant would be £378 19s 2d.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr Gaul seconded that the Council advance as maxima loans of 90 per cent of the cost of houses, less the Government Grant.

Passed.

Mr. Keegan - You are not taking into account the cost of the site of the house. In my area there was £500 asked for one acre.

Mr. Corish - A man must get a site before we can do anything for him.

Chairman - If a man must have a site you will debar everyone except the small farmer.

Mr. Gaul said that he knew numerous people who owned a piece of land on which they could build. They were not small farmers.

Mr. Corish - If anyone is not in the position to get a site then the Co. Health Board can help him out.

Mr. Keegan - The Co. Health Board left houses idle for two

months, so I know where anything else will wind up.

Mr. D'Arcy - Can the Council acquire land compulsorily?

The Secretary said that the County Council could not do so under the Small Dwellings' Act.

Mr. Roche asked how the Council would know whether the house being built by an applicant for a loan was a suitable one to advance money on.

Mr. Corish said that the appointed officer would have to pass the plans and inspect the house,

The Secretary said that if a man gets a Government grant his plans must be passed by the appointed officer, and it would make the matter simple for the County Council in the issue of the loan.

Would the Council issue a loan to men not getting a Government grant?

Mr. Corish said that any applicant under £25 valuation would get the grant. These men would be building what he would consider to be a small dwelling in the meaning of the Act. Anyone having a greater valuation than £25 would not get the £70 grant, and would not be a fit person to get assistance from the Co. Council.

Miss O'Ryan - Confine it to the houses inspected and passed by the appointed officer.

The Secretary said that if Mr. O'Byrne's resolution was passed the houses must be approved for a Government grant before a loan can be given, and the appointed officer will have carried out the inspection.

Mr. Corish said it would safeguard the Council if they confined the loans to the case of houses passed for a grant ~~under~~.

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

"That advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be confined to persons who are erecting houses in respect of which the Government have agreed to provide a State Grant."

In reply to Mr. Shannon, the Secretary said the appointed

officers were Mr. Gerald Flood, Castleboro', Clonroche, for Enniscorthy Rural district; Mr. E.J. Murphy, 27 Molesworth Street, Dublin, for Gorey Rural district, and Mr. R. Murphy, John Street, Enniscorthy, for New Ross and Wexford Rural districts.

The Secretary asked if the Council would give any loan to people to buy houses already erected.

The Chairman said that the Act was intended to alleviate unemployment, and it was not going to alleviate unemployment if they gave loans for the purchase of houses already erected.

Mr. O'Byrne said that his resolution that only houses getting a Government grant should get the loan would cover the matter.

Col. Quin proposed that the loans apply only to new houses.

The Chairman seconded the proposition, which was passed unanimously.

The Secretary said that the Council should fix a time limit for the receipt of applications for loans.

Mr. Gaul proposed the last meeting of the Finance Committee in December and the first meeting of the Co. Council in January could deal with the applications on report from the Finance Committee. All applications must be received before the last meeting of the Finance Committee for the year.

Mr. Corish - Will any applications be considered between this and January?

The Secretary said they could be dealt with according as they are received. He would issue advertisements shortly showing applicants the position regarding Government grants, and the Co. Council loans, and how they could be obtained.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, suggested that the Council should have two sureties for each loan issued.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded a resolution to this effect. +

Mr. Gaul asked if a mortgage on the house would be sufficient.

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Mr. Hayes said that it was very hard at the present time for any man to get security for money.

Chairman - If so you may as well say that it was a humbug for the Government to start their cattle-buying scheme or any of the other schemes, because security is required in them all.

Mr. Roche - Who owns the houses when they are built?

Secretary - I expect the man that builds them.

Mr. Roche - He can sell the house if he likes?

Mr. Corish - How could he without the permission of the Council? The first week he only owns 3/- of it, and the second week 6/- of it and so on until it is paid for. Till then the Co. Council owns it.

Mr. O'Byrne said that a mortgage should be sufficient. It would be a mortgage on the house and not on the man that built it.

Col. Quin - We all know that a mortgage is not worth the paper it is written on. At the present time a man would say he would put a bullet into the person that buys the house. It is happening every day where people are put out of a house.

Mr. Elgee said the Land Commission had met with that sort of difficulty.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded, that the only security required by the Co. Council would be a mortgage on the house.

Mr. Elgee said a mortgage on the house would not be sufficient without security for the man that borrows the money. If the Council had to take up possession it would be treated like an evicted holding and would be left on their hands. They could not sell it.

Mr. O'Byrne - It seems ridiculous. If a house is built for £200, and there is a free Government Grant of £70, and the man building it puts up 10 per cent., that is nearly half the cost of the house paid. Do you mean to tell me that the house would not be security for the remaining 50 per cent. of its value? X

Chairman - In many ways it would not be security. If the Council have to evict a man out of a house it will be like many of the derelict farms through the country. How will you manage then?

Mr. Corish said that a mortgage on a house was a safer proposition than personal security at present. In present-day financial conditions a man who is solvent to-day may be broken to-morrow. He did not believe that public opinion would back up any man who took the Council's money to build a house and would not repay it. He did not think that the Council would have difficulty in getting back their money.

Miss O'Ryan said the Health Board had none of these difficulties in evicting cottage tenants.

Col. Quin - The Health Board tenants do not own the houses.

Mr. Corish - No, but the same argument would apply.

The Chairman said there was a very big difference between the position of the Health Board, who owned the cottages and the other case where the man owns the site, and built the house himself.

Mr. Corish - I submit he does not own the house until he has paid for it.

A poll was then taken on the amendment to accept a mortgage on the house as the only security with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Miss O'Ryan and Col. Gibbon. (15)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Hall, Roche, Smyth, Col. Quin and the Chairman (6)

Mr. O'Byrne's proposition was accordingly declared carried.

Mr. Elgee asked who would pay the cost of the mortgage.

Mr. Corish - As a rule the tenant pays.

The Council agreed that the tenant would pay the cost.

Regarding the amount of loan which the Council would give,

Mr. O'Byrne said that £330 was the maximum.

The Chairman said the Council could give anything under 90 per cent.

The Secretary remarked that in Cork the Co. Council decided to give 50 per cent.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Clince seconded that the full 90 per cent be lent for houses costing up to £400.

Col. Quin proposed that 50 per cent be given in all cases.

Mr. Corish suggested giving 90 per cent up to £200 and 50 per cent above that sum.

Col. Quin said he would agree.

Mr. O'Byrne - Does that mean £200 less the grant?

Chairman - I expect it is.

Mr. O'Byrne - That would be 90 per cent of £130.

Miss O'Ryan said under the Small Dwellings Act people were expected to do a good deal of their own work. The new labourers' cottages were only costing £270.

Mr. Armstrong said he would favour Mr. Gaul's proposition only it might run away with the amount to be borrowed by the Council. A farmer could not build a six-roomed dwelling for less than £250, and if the 90 per cent loan was not allowed up to £400 it would rule out some of the farmers who would otherwise build.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded that the Council lend 90 per cent of the cost up to £200, exclusive of the grant, and 50 per cent of the cost of houses between £200 and £400. ~~Passed.~~

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

Col. Gibbon said that the Co. Surveyor had handed him a copy of the terms of the contract for the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge. He saw that the time specified for the completion of the work was six months. He understood that Mr. Waller, of Delap and Waller, the consulting engineers thought that the work would probably be done in four months.

The Secretary said that Mr. Waller would not give a guarantee that

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the work would be completed in four months.

Mr. Colloton - He said it might be done in four months.

Col. Gibbon referred to a clause to the effect that the Contractor would if he completed the work within the maximum time allowed, receive a bonus at the rate of £10 a week for every week in the time between the completion of the work and the six months allowed, and said that if the contractor did the work in four months it would mean a bonus of £80 that the Council would have to pay, but it would pay them to pay the £10 a week if it would hurry up the work.

In reply to Col. Gibbon with regard to his request that the bridge should not be allowed to be closed until all material was on the spot, excavations and rock-boring carried out, etc., the Co. Surveyor said the contractor would not be allowed to close the road to traffic until the last moment.

Mr. O'Byrne said they had been given to understand that the road would not be closed for more than four months.

The Co. Surveyor said that he considered that a bonus clause would be very advantageous, because it would probably mean saving inconvenience and loss. They had a penalty clause of £50 per week for delay, and a bonus clause for completion would strengthen the penalty clause.

Col. Gibbon said he thought there should be a specification that the maximum amount of work be carried out before the closing of the bridge was allowed.

Mr. Keegan said he wanted the contractor for the work to come before the Council, have the conditions read out to him and sign his contract. Then the Council would know where they were, and would be able to recover penalties from the contractor.

Mr. McCarthy asked if it would be possible to postpone the commencement of the work until the spring. It would be much more satisfactory for everyone if the work were carried out in fine

weather. They would get the work done more expeditiously, and the back roads would not be cut up so badly.

The Co. Surveyor said he thought it would be advisable to adopt Mr. McCarthy's suggestion. They would probably get more satisfactory work done, the contractor would have less calculation on waste time, and there would be less damage to the roads.

Col. Gibbon - I think that before you agree to postpone the work to the spring you ought to get the opinion of the consulting Engineer on the subject. Mr. D'Arcy and I saw the way the bridge is slipping, and if it really does slip the expense is going to be very much greater, and there will also be risk of considerable injury.

Mr. D'Arcy - Supposing the bridge happened to go down by any chance, who would be responsible?

Chairman - I do not know. If you think it is going to go down it would be better to go on with the work.

The Co. Surveyor said he considered that there was no danger of immediate collapse. If he thought there was such danger he would have the bridge closed at once. The control of speed over the bridge was obviating further injury.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded that, providing the consulting engineers, agree, the work should not commence until February.

Col. Gibbon said they should consider the convenience of the farmers in the district. If the work were done during the winter months, after farmers had brought in their corn and before the drawing of seeds and manures for spring work, he suggested that it would be more advantageous for the people of the district.

Mr. Roche said that a point to be considered was that there was very much more unemployment in the winter. There seemed to be a lot of unemployment at present, and it might relieve some of it if they got the work done now. There was some chance of getting work in the summer, but evidently there was no chance in the winter.

The Chairman said that in his opinion Mr. McCarthy's proposition would make very little difference, because by the time they considered tenders and got a contractor it would be very near February, and for that reason he thought it would be no harm to pass the proposition.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the documents connected with the contract be signed before the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that if they had a tender submitted with the contractor's name, and his sureties, etc., they would have all the particulars on which to decide whether to accept the contract or not. The mere signing of the documents afterwards was a purely legal point.

Mr. Keegan said it appeared to him that with regard to contracts for the past four years the Council were the losers all the time in connection with delay, bad workmanship, etc. It appeared to him that whenever there was a question of penalising a contractor the contractor won.

A poll on Mr. Keegan's proposition resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Roche and Smyth. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, McCarthy, Quin and Shannon. (7)

Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

SOW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

The following letter under date 3rd October, 1932, (17553/32) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have considered the terms of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the proprietors of lands in the Sow drainage district which was transmitted with your letter of 12th ult., and we regret that we

are unable to agree to the recommendation of the Co. Council that the proposed terms should be accepted. We have already informed the Council that we regard the offer of the Minister for Finance to expend £5,000 in this district on works in addition to the works carried out under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, as an extremely generous contribution to meet the situation and we are not prepared to recommend any extension of the offer. The manner in which advances made by the Commissioners for the execution of works under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, are to be recovered is set out in Section 6 of that Act, and the charge of £285.4s 1d for interest included in the charging order in respect of the Sow drainage district is therefore a statutory charge, and cannot be remitted by us. The Council are, of course, aware that the responsibility for punctual payment of the instalments due to us under the charging order rests upon them, and that there is now due from them a sum representing seven instalments of £131.12s 2d. together with a poundage charge arising out of their failure to make the payments regularly as they fell due. This latter charge is also statutory and we have no power to waive it. If the Council agree to accept the conditions laid down in the third paragraph of our letter of 16th July, 1932, we will be prepared to explore the possibility of permitting them to spread over three or four years the repayment of the arrears which have accumulated and this represents the utmost concession which we could recommend. Having regard to the many requests for relief work which have to be considered the Council will appreciate that the offer of £5000 for works on the River Sow cannot remain open indefinitely and will, failing prompt agreement in this matter have to be withdrawn. We shall accordingly be glad to be apprised of their decision at the earliest possible date.

The paragraph in letter of July 16th referred to stated the Minister sanctioned the carrying out of ^{the work.} by the Board of Works at a cost not exceeding £5,000 which would have to be borne by the vote

for the relief of unemployment on condition that the County Council paid the amount due the Board of Works under their charging order (seven instalments to May 1st, 1932, of £131.12s each, or £925.5.2d, plus poundage charge of £46.1.3d, making a total of £967.6.3d) and the Council passing a resolution undertaking to maintain the district as altered by the proposed works and to pay the other instalments under the charging order as they fell due.

A letter was read from Mr. John Mernagh, Oulartleigh, Kilcotty, acknowledging the letter of the Board of Works, and stating that the time was too short to advertise, and therefore a meeting of the ratepayers could not be called to decide the matter.

If the Council adjourned consideration the decision of the Drainage Ratepayers would be sent in time for next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Corish said it was a terrible pity that there could not be an arrangement settled in order to avail of the £5,000 offer which would be a boon for the relief of unemployment.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne stated the offer of the £5,000 was a very generous one.

Mr. Corish stated that the whole £5,000 would be spent on the relief of unemployment in the area, and no material would be required. He thought the Council should accept the offer. It would be a very serious situation not to accept it. He waited upon Mr. Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, who was very annoyed about the offer not being accepted, and was disposed to withdraw it.

Chairman - Are you prepared to meet their claim for £967.6.3d arrears?

Mr. Corish - Are not we liable for that?

Secretary - Yes.

Mr. Corish - Would you not save that on the repayment of home assistance if you accept the £5,000?

County Secretary - The £5,000 is a free grant.

Chairman - We have often heard that cry about the saving on home assistance. But if this is such a catch as it is represented to be how is it that the ratepayers of the Sow district are so dissatisfied?

Secretary - They are complaining of the bad job that was done before, and of being now asked to pay.

Chairman - Are you sure you will be able to collect it from them?

Mr. Colloton - If we do not collect it off them we will have to pay it.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Secretary stated that the Council were liable to be sued by the Board of Works for the arrears.

Mr. Corish - Why refuse the £5,000?

Chairman - We are not refusing the £5,000 at all.

Mr. O'Byrne urged the Council to agree to accept the offer. They had been fighting with the Office of Public Works on behalf of the drainage ratepayers, and he believed they had succeeded when they got this offer of £5,000.

Mr. Corish - It is because the ratepayers are grumbling that the last job was not a good one that the Department agreed to give this huge amount.

Mr. Hall said he did not want the offer thrown away, but the ratepayers were in a worse position now than when the previous job was done.

Mr. Colloton - There is money already spent, and the ratepayers are liable for it. If we do not collect it we are liable for it.

Chairman - Why was this deferred?

Secretary - Because the opinion of the drainage ratepayers was taken on every letter that was sent down.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that the offer of the Department be accepted.

Chairman - If you do not pay the £967 you will not get the £5,000. The payment of the £5,000 hinges on you consenting to pay

the £967. This is no time to be collecting extra rates.

Mr. Corish - The £967 is spread over four years in order to get the £5,000.

Chairman - The Council is not going to benefit a single iota out of it.

Mr. J. Gaul - If you turn down the offer of the £5,000 will you have to pay the £967?

Chairman - You will some time.

Mr. Gaul - Where is the difference then?

Chairman - You have a big overdraft already. Where are you to get the money to pay for all those hundreds?

Miss O'Ryan - Is it not the intention that if we collect the money off the drainage ratepayers?

Chairman - There should be an effort made to collect it.

Miss O'Ryan - If you refuse to accept the £5,000 it will mean that you refuse to collect the £900 due to the Department. Is not the liability on the people to pay if the Department wish to press it?

Secretary - Yes.

Mr. O'Byrne - And we run the risk of losing the £5,000 by not collecting the amount.

Chairman - If we are going to accept the £5,000 are not we undertaking the liability to make those people pay the £967.

Mr. Hayes - Have ~~we~~ not the drainage ratepayers made an offer?

Secretary - They have made an offer to pay without interest.

Mr. Colloton - The excuse for not collecting the rate in the past was that the job was not completed. Now the Board of Works have come along with an offer of £5,000 and there is no excuse for not collecting it.

Mr. Hall - Would there be any danger of losing the £5,000 if we adjourned the matter, in order that the drainage ratepayers could meet.

Mr. Corish - There is every danger.

Chairman - We are told that with every grant, but I have never heard of any of them being lost. Why would we be called upon to pay £1,000 for one particular district and let others do as they pleased? If we are going to accept this £5,000 we should make what the Department states a condition of the payment.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was passed nem. con:-

"That we agree to accept the £5,000 from Office of Public Works for improvement of Sow Drainage area on the conditions mentioned in letter from Office of Public Works (17553/32) under date 3rd October, 1932, and we further agree to take over the maintenance of this drainage area and collect amounts for its maintenance and in Charging Order (including arrears) and that said amounts be collected from the Drainage Ratepayers, the repayment of arrears to be spread over as long a period as possible."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had been in correspondence with Messrs. Batchen and Olley and the Department's engineers, and they deferred a conference with him to go into the details of the work to be done pending the decision of that meeting.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DAYS.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Murphy:-
"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting to be held on 10th October, 1932, that the meetings of this Co. Council be held once a month at 10.30 a.m. in future."

Mr. Doyle mentioned that he intended to hand in a notice of motion at the Co. Committee meeting that the resolution adopted at the last meeting of that body to hold their meetings on days other than Co. Council meeting days be rescinded and that as heretofore the meetings of the Co. Committee be held on the same days as meetings of the Co. Council. He did not see the use of coming to the Council Chamber a second day where full justice could be done to the business

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of the Co. Committee and Co. Council on the one day.

Mr. McCarthy suggested that consideration of the notice of motion of Mr. Murphy should be adjourned until the Co. Committee had decided upon the notice of motion referred to by Mr. Doyle, and this proposal was agreed to.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD.

Under date 29th September, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding Sealed Order (I.R.107/1/1932) extending the time for the temporary closing of the main road between Coolattin Bridge and Tombrick Bridge to the 29th October, 1932.

RELIEF GRANTS.

Under date 4th October, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote that a payment of £1683 in respect of above mentioned grant was made to the County Treasurer on the 3rd October.

In reply to Col. Quin, the Co. Surveyor said that the work on New Ross - Wexford Road had been finished except a bit through the village of Ballynabola. This, however, was not sufficient to interfere with the traffic. The Enniscorthy - Bunclody Road would be opened when the slab matured which would be practically the end of October.

Mr. Corish dealing with the Relief grant said the position in Oylegate was very bad and he wished the Co. Surveyor could inform the Council when the Relief work for that district could be started.

The Co. Surveyor said that in connection with the last allocation the Minister had stated the work should be provided in the winter when distress was severest.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Co. Surveyor inform the Minister for Local Government it is necessary in order to relieve distress in Oylegate district that work under Relief grant should be started without delay."

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

Under date 27th September, 1932, letter (312/8) the Department of Justice wrote stating that the Minister for Justice was prepared to grant renewal of the Order made by the Wexford Co. Council on the 25th April, 1928, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of certain birds in Co. Wexford. He desired, however, to point out that the birds mentioned in the Order of the 25th April 1928 included the Shag and Tern in addition to those mentioned in the last resolution of the Council and he wished to know whether the Council desired the eggs of these birds to be included in the Order.

Col. Quin proposed the following resolution:-

"That the Minister for Justice be requested to include in the renewal of the Order of the 25th April, 1928, the eggs of the Tern but not those of the Shag."

Mr. Culleton seconded this proposition which was passed nem.con.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 28th September, 1932, the Office of Public Works wrote (18104/32) that as the new sluice gates at Courtown Harbour had been now fitted in position satisfactorily they enclosed draft for £350, the amount of State Contribution towards these new gates.

DANGEROUS BATHING PLACES.

The following letter under date 29th September, 1932, was read from the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association:-

"Further to your letter of 2nd instant with reference to the erection of notices in places dangerous to bathers along the Wexford coast, I am directed to state that my Association is examining this question from the point of view of all Coastal Counties, and to that end, would be glad to have the information which it was decided to seek from individual Councillors at the Meeting of your Council on 29th ultimo.

"Up to the present, our connection with this matter has been confined to securing the formation of voluntary Committees at seaside

"resorts where no Urban authority exists and in impressing on them the necessity for carrying out such work as you mention. We are not yet quite clear as to how such work can be done at resorts where local Committees are not available. It is felt, however, that detailed information should be obtained regarding the number of places affected before definite suggestions are come to.

"My Association appreciates the necessity for having attention given to such matters and I can accordingly assure you that your Council's views will be given very full consideration when the additional information above-mentioned is available."

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of this letter to all the Councillors and asked them to communicate with Mr. O'Brien direct in the matter.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that consideration of this communication be adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

MALICIOUS INJURY TO CO. COUNCIL PROPERTY.

Under date 3rd October, 1932, the Chief Superintendant, Garda Siochana, forwarded report from Garda P.J. Coulter, as to damage caused to signpost which is erected adjacent to end of Wexford Bridge and asked if the Council would prosecute.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, estimated the damage at £2.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against

Edward Redmond, Eddie Berry, John Kelly,
Thomas Berry, James Redmond, Willie Berry,
Thomas Kelly, William Leary, Fred Kelly, and
James Berry.

all of Keyser's Lane, for injury to signpost.

ERECTION OF CART SHED ON ROAD 623.

Under date 24th September, 1932, Myles Harpur, Ballydicken, applied for permission to build a cart shed at Ballydicken on road

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in a bog which he had filled in. Three motor-cars had been bogged in this place and if he obtained permission to build a shed it would be a protection for the public. He also intended erecting a paling around the bog.

Under date 8th October, 1932, Mr. Birthistle reported that the proposed building would be more of an improvement than anything else as it would mean the filling of a deep unfenced hollow at the side of the road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall - Col. Quin dissenting:-

"That no action be taken by the Co. Council as regards the application of Myles Harpur, Ballydicken, for permission to erect shed."

In reply to Col. Quin the Co. Surveyor stated that the shed was 14 feet from the centre of the road.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY:- Under date 2nd October, 1932, Mr. Wm. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, wrote that as the Co. Council would not agree to hold over his Scholarship for two years he would avail of it this year.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIPS:- Under date 6th October, 1932, the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) wrote they would raise no further objection to the renewal for the school year 1932/33 of the Scholarship awarded to Mary E. Doyle, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Under date 7th October, 1932, the following letter (F31353) was read from Office of National Education:-

"With reference to the copy of the minutes of your Council's meeting held on the 29th August, relative to the proposal that a change should be made in the amount of the valuation of parents or guardians presenting children for award of scholarships, and forwarded to this Office on the 2nd ultimo, I am directed to state

that the scale of valuations proposed would appear to be somewhat high, but that, with a view to encouraging more pupils in County Wexford to compete for the Scholarships the Department will offer no objection to the proposed scale being incorporated in the Scheme for 1933."

The Secretary pointed out that the following were the new valuations:-

Competition for Primary Scholarships to be limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the rural districts of the County and who are rated on a valuation not exceeding £90 in the case of families with eight children or more; £80 for families with six or seven children; £75 for families with four or five children; £60 one or two children. Children in all cases must be under 18 yrs.

OFFICIAL COUNTY GUIDE.

Under date 8th October, 1932, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, wrote asking the Co. Council for the sole rights to issue a guide for Co. Wexford under the official approval of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That we hereby extend to the Irish Tourist Association O'Connell St., Dublin, sole rights to issue a County Wexford Guide under the official approval of this Council. The Council are anxious that the printing of this guide should if possible be carried out in the County."

ALTERATION OF CO. HALL - LIBRARY.

Under date 7th October, 1932, the Co. Surveyor wrote that plans for this work were now complete and he was finishing off the draft specification which he would submit to the meeting on the 10th instant.

The Co. Surveyor stated that his estimated cost of the work would be £2766 odd.

The Secretary pointed out that the loan which had been agreed

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to was for £2,000 only.

The Chairman suggested that consideration of this matter should be adjourned to next meeting and reference to it should be set out on the Agenda paper.

GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 6th October, 1932, Mr. Thomas Funge, wrote applying for the use of Gorey Courthouse for Whist Drive on October, 23rd, on behalf of P.H. Pearse, Fianna Fail Cumann, Gorey.

The Secretary stated that by resolution the Council had decided some time ago that the use of Courthouses would be given only to some function in connection with the Co. Council or Committee of Agriculture or Vocational Education Committee.

The Chairman said that in face of this resolution they could not comply with the request of Mr. Funge.

Mr. Keegan gave notice of motion for the rescinding of this resolution and of his intention to move that the request of Fianna Fail Cumann, Gorey, be agreed to.

FORD -OF-LYNG.

The Chairman asked when proceedings relative to the Ford-of-Lyng might be expected to open in the Law Courts.

Mr. Elgee said the defence had not been delivered yet.

Chairman - Is there any compulsion with regard to that matter.

Mr. Elgee said the defendants had six weeks from the delivery of statement of the claim to lodge their defence and this statement was delivered last week.

QUARRY EXPLOSIONS.

Col. Gibbon asked if it was a fact that an explosion had taken place in one of their quarries viz Edenvale.

The Co. Surveyor said there was a small accident. One charge had failed to explode. William Hooligan and John Murphy, Castlebridge, went up to see what had happened and just as they reached the hole the charge went off.

Col. Gibbon asked if there was no rule or regulation on the subject as to how much time should elapse after a misfire at a quarry.

The Co. Surveyor said he had nothing written, the men used their own judgment in going up sometime after the charge had failed to explode.

Col. Gibbon said in the interests of their employees there should be some written rule with regard to the use of explosives in quarries and a definite time laid down before which any charge which has failed to explode, should not be approached. The man in charge who failed to carry out these orders should be subject to instant dismissal. In the present instance the man in charge of the explosion not only went up himself but took another man with him.

The Chairman said the Council would certainly approve of Col. Gibbon's proposal.

The County Surveyor said that where there was any doubt as to the explosion of a charge, in his own case he went after four or five minutes, though a belated fuse had been known to go off even up to twenty minutes from the time of firing.

Col. Gibbon proposed and the Chairman seconded:- "That in the case of misfire of an explosion in any of the Council's quarries at least half an hour should elapse before the charge was examined, and that the Co. Surveyor issue this instruction to the employees of the Council who are responsible for blasting operations."

Passed.

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following resolution was adopted:- "That Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licence issue to Anastasia O'Donnell, Grocer, Taghmon, provided no objection be made to the issue of same by the Garda Siochana.

----- Michael Doyle

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 24th OCTOBER, 1932.

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N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th October, 1932.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £29,995. 12. 3d. was examined and signed.

CO. SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was presented by the Co. Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that both concrete road jobs are now completed as regards laying of the slab, and the making good of the sides and contingent work of like nature is well advanced, and approaching completion. The section of the Wexford - New Ross Road, through Ballinaboola is now open to traffic, and the Bunclody Road section will be open at the end of the month. Both of these jobs are, I consider, carried out in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

"On the 20th instant, by appointment, I met Mr. Olley, Board of Works Drainage Engineer, in Dublin, and discussed with him the proposed works to be carried out under the £5,000 Grant in the Sow Drainage Area. Mr. Olley is now submitting details of the scheme to the Minister of Finance for sanction to proceed with the work, and I am satisfied that if the works be carried out, as we agreed, there should be no further complaint in the Area.

Mr. McNeill, Board of Works Engineer, has written me regarding appointment for the end of the week to make inspection

"of Courtown Harbour re proposed dredging work, and also of St. Helen's Harbour, regarding proposed improvement works there. I hope to be able to make satisfactory arrangements with Mr. McNeill, and, of course the carrying out of the work will depend on the Government Department ; putting up funds as suggested. In regard to St. Helen's I should point out that this is not at present a scheduled Pier, and consequently the County Council are not in a position to expend any money on it without some special authorisation from the Local Government Department.

"I have gone into the matter of the dredging at Courtown with Mr. Donovan of Wexford who has a small scoop dredger at present at work in Wexford Harbour, and he will be willing to undertake the work at Courtown. I already have Plan with soundings over basin, and this I shall submit to Mr. McNeill when I meet him there.

"I am sorry to have to report that on the 18th instant a serious accident happened to one of our Roller Drivers at Ballinaboola. He was knocked down by a passing lorry and has had his leg broken. He is at present in the County Hospital. The matter has been reported to the Insurance Company.

"I submit list of Defaulting Contractors, and ask for authority to take proceedings if they do not carry out the work.

"I submit application from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, asking for transfer from Road No. 4 Account to Road No. 3 Account, both Main Roads, and I consider the application should be granted.

"We have a vacancy for Ganger in Section 6 - situated to the South West of Gorey around Slievebuidhe Mountain. Mr. Treanor submits several names, and makes recommendation.

"There are a number of other matters in my Department which will come up in the usual form as they are noted on the Agenda."

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

SOW DRAINAGE:- The Co. Surveyor said the proposals included the deepening by one and a half feet at the one and three quarter mile point from the lower end of the Scheme; a deepening of two feet at Ballinkeele Bridge and three feet at the seven and a quarter mile point; rock would be also removed. He believed it was a good scheme. The only difficulty was in regard to a drain from the land of Mr. Cullen, Killisk, and which was not shown on the Drainage map. It appeared from a cursory examination as if this drain was in substitution of another which could not be traced now. This however, was a matter concerning which further information would have to be obtained. If this opinion was found to be correct there would not be any difficulty in including it in the new work but if it were a new drain so far as the scheme was concerned he did not see how it could be dealt with under the Scheme.

Col. Gibbon said that the landlord paid a sum of money to the men who were working on the original scheme to have some drains done privately.

The Chairman said that an effort should be made to have these drains attended to now so that the entire system would be renovated.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had pointed out that as the £5000 was being spent for the relief of unemployment they need not be tied down to drains on the drainage map. The trouble would be the future maintenance. However, if it were a substituted drain the maintenance would be easy. There were eight miles of main river and twelve miles of subsidiary drains in the system.

Mr. Gaul in view of the unemployment in the district, asked how soon the work could be started.

The Co. Surveyor said that the scheme as outlined by Mr. Olley would have to be sanctioned by the Government.

The Chairman considered it would be very wise if the plan was submitted for approval to the drainage ratepayers; it would save

subsequent trouble.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Olley was to furnish him with a copy of the Scheme and he would submit it to the local people.

The discussion ended.

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- Col. Quin asked if Courtown Harbour was satisfactory.

Co. Surveyor - No.

Col. Quin - Is it likely to be?

Chairman - It cannot be satisfactory if they are wanting to dredge it.

Col. Quin - Are the gates satisfactory or are they leaking?

Co. Surveyor - There is a certain amount of leakage but no more than can be found in any moveable timber structure in water.

Mr. O'Byrne - The gates will do their work well when the basin is cleaned out.

Mr. Keegan contended that the gates were a failure as boats could not get to sea and which he contended was the standard by which they should gauge their success.

The Co. Surveyor said that he had seen Mr. Donovan carrying out dredging at ships' berths in Wexford and he was doing a very good job. He (Co. Surveyor) then gave him the plan of Courtown and Mr. Donovan was prepared to undertake the work.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor arrange for the dredging work at Courtown Harbour if he can come to satisfactory terms with Mr. McNeill, Engineer to Commissioners of Works."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed as an amendment "That the acceptance of tender for work of dredging at Courtown Harbour basin be dealt with by the County Council."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

The Chairman after further discussion said that it would be well to refer the matter to the Finance Committee meeting of 3rd November, 1932, and this was finally agreed to.

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ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR:- The Co. Surveyor said that the real point was that if the Co. Council spent money on the place they might be surcharged by the Auditor. They should get authorisation to legalise any expenditure.

The Chairman said that the Department of Fisheries had agreed to share with the County Council in any expenditure and that being the case he thought the question of the legality of the expenditure should be got over.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration until the report of the Co. Surveyor as to interview with Mr. McNeill.

INJURY TO WORKMAN:- The Co. Surveyor said that the injured man was knocked down by a local lorry which was not going at great speed because though the front wheel of lorry went over the man's leg it was stopped before the hind wheel reached him.

Mr. Murphy said that the opinion in the locality was that the driver of the lorry had been blinded by the steam of the engine working the breaker.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute the following Road Contractors for neglect of their contracts should he consider this step necessary:- Road No. 747 Martin Kehoe, Road 748 Patrick Kennedy, Road 831 James Miskella, Road 853 Edward Mallon, Road 914, Robert Sheridan, Road 917 John Furlong, Road 918 J. Furlong!"

TRANSFER OF ROAD ACCOUNTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the sum of £45 be transferred from Account No. 4 M. to Account No. 3 M."

APPOINTMENT OF GANGER:- Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:- "That the appointment of Ganger for Section No. 6 be left to the Co. Surveyor or Assistant Surveyor."

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had forwarded three applications, one from Michael Lawless, who

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acted ganger in this district three or four years ago and the others were Matthew Brennan and Aidan Sweeney.

Mr. Keegan urged the appointment of a charge hand only and stated that as Lawless had withdrawn the selection could be made between the other two men. So far as he could see it was the ganger who was the boss of the roads. He employed the men and discharged them, taking care to look after his own relatives first.

Miss O'Ryan said that she was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the gangers had been appointed and were carrying out their work in her area.

The Chairman said that the Co. Council had never made the appointment of a ganger up to the present as this matter had been left to the officials.

The Co. Surveyor said that in a recent case he had obtained the sanction of the Department to the appointment of a ganger which he recommended.

Mr. Hall proposed that no ganger be appointed. In his opinion the Council had enough of a staff to look after the five or six men who would be employed in this section. The County Council had sufficient gangers for what they were doing, and the work in this section could be divided between the others.

Col. Quin contended that to take the appointment out of their hands was an insult to the County and Assistant Surveyors who were aware of the capabilities of all the men in the district and would select the best man for the position.

Mr. D'Arcy agreed with Mr. Hall. In his opinion the work could be divided among the existing gangers.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query said there had been no ganger in this section for three or four years because all the roads had been taken up in contract with the exception of one. Now the contracts had fallen out and as no Contractors had come forward they

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had gone back to direct labour.

Mr. D'Arcy contended that Ganger Jordan should be able to supervise the work in section No. 6.

Mr. Keegan proposed that a Charge Hand be appointed.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that he intended that the Charge Hand should be paid Ganger's wages but Mr. Hall dissented.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that a Charge Hand was no use except with three or four men working together. It would not be possible for a man who was Charge Hand to look after men in a 50 mile area.

Mr. Corish believed that the definition of a Charge Hand was a working Ganger.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan allowed his motion to be put as follows:- "That the Council appoint a Charge Hand for supervision of Section No. 6."

Mr. Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, and Shannon. (10)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the Charge Hand for Section No. 6 be paid the ordinary wages of a Charge Hand viz. 35/- per week and that he be appointed by the County or Assistant Surveyor for the district."

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query stated that where they had a Charge Hand in an out of the way quarry they gave him 2/6d or 5/- per week extra as circumstances required.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if the Charge Hand would be working at specified places or would he have to keep a bicycle and go around and see the men.

The Co. Surveyor said that the men were working at different parts

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and of course it would be necessary to visit them.

Mr. Keegan stated that what he wanted all over the County was the appointment of **Charge** Hands instead of Gangers, men who would work with shovels and not with bicycles.

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following motion:-

"That the Charge Hand to be appointed for No. 6 Section be paid at the same rate as the man who held the position previously."

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

FOR: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)

Mr. Keegan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A vote was then taken on Col. Quin's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (14)

AGAINST: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon. (7)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Surveyor's Report as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 18th October, 1932, the Secretary, Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R.F.U/32) that the Minister for Finance had approved of the further grant of £7200 (Relief of unemployment through Road Works) for road improvement. This amount with those already notified brought the total under this head to £13200 which constituted the share of the Co. Council in the £1,000,000 Grant. The Scheme for expenditure of the £7200 submitted

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by the Council had been approved. Labour should be recruited through the Employment Exchange in accordance with the terms of Department's letter of the 22nd July, 1932.

The following is the concluding paragraph of the letter:-

In connection with the question of the expenditure of the monies made available to your Council, it is desired that all monies will have been expended by the 31st March next and that the expenditure will be directed towards securing the relief of unemployment at a time when it is most needed. The Minister would be glad if the Council specially considered that aspect of the matter."

Mr. Gaul said no one would anticipate that unemployment in the County would be any worse than at present.

Mr. O'Byrne said that in Gorey Town there were sixty unemployed and he suggested that the Co. Surveyor should start at once providing the necessary material for the relief work there.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the Co. Surveyor intended to have all material for relief works broken by hand.

Co. Surveyor - In part.

Mr. D'Arcy held that as regards this relief work all the material should be broken by hand. The money should be put into man power and not machine power. They should look on the matter from a humanitarian point of view. They had a great many poor men in the County who could not get a day's work from anyone but the County Council.

Miss O'Ryan said that as these grants were given to relieve unemployment whatever system gave the most employment to labour should be adopted. The employment of work by machinery and which could be carried out by hand was never contemplated.

Mr. O'Byrne said that breaking material by hand had afforded great relief in Gorey.

Col. Gibbon said it appeared a great amount of tar was being used for the repair of road from Kate's Cross to Baldwinstown.

He did not think this was necessary for this particular road and it would only mean increased upkeep cost.

The Co. Surveyor said that some of the roads were being repaired in water bound macadam and others in tar grout which worked out cheaper. The last mentioned was in his opinion the best method for the repair of the road referred to by Col. Gibbon.

Col. Quin approved of any system which put the money into man and not machine power.

Mr. Keegan held that the grants were not intended for the continued employment of men but for men who had no employment. He contended that men who had a number of stamps on their Insurance cards were kept in employment under recent Relief Scheme Grants. They were the first on and the last off. He proposed that in future only genuine registered unemployed men be taken on for these grants.

Mr. Corish said that the labour was recruited through the Unemployment Exchange and it was very unlikely they would send forward for employment men who had a number of stamps on their cards.

The Co. Surveyor said it was essential that the Co. Council should employ their own "Key" men in order to have work efficiently carried out, but ordinary labour was recruited through the Exchange.

Mr. Hayes asked if it was legal for men who were doing task work with farmers to register as unemployed. This was happening. He held that in future men who were in receipt of home assistance should get preference in employment for the Co. Council, and the Ministry should issue an order to that effect.

Mr. O'Byrne objected. There were many men in his area who tried to struggle along without home help and they should not be penalised for that reason.

Mr. Murphy said in his district several men get a day's work here and there and as the amount came to about what they would get through home assistance they did not register. They were quite as badly off as the men who received home assistance. He could not see

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why they should be prevented from obtaining work under the Co. Council.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That all material for Relief Grant work be broken by hand unless in any isolated instances in which the use of machine for breaking material cannot be avoided."

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co. Surveyor said that men would earn breaking material by hand £1 to 30/- weekly. The average amount would be 3/- per cubic yard, but in quarries like Kerlogue men could not make a decent wage by hand-breaking.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, (Wexford District) said that in ~~the~~ portion of his district men could earn from 30/- to 36/- per week.

Mr. Byrne's proposal was then put and passed.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to start immediately the Relief works approved by the Department of Local Government in their letter under ^{date} 18th October, 1932 (R.F.U./32)"

After some discussion the motion was agreed to nem.con.

ROAD FAIRFIELD TO JAMESTOWN.

A memorial signed by nineteen Ratepayers, and four firms in Enniscorthy employing Motor transport, was received calling attention to the dangerous turn at Verona Bridge and asking to have it made safe. The road is very narrow between Verona Bridge and Mr. Gallagher's gate and there are two acute bends between these points with a high wall at the west side of the road which makes it impossible for drivers of vehicles or pedestrians to see approaching traffic so that accidents have been numerous at this place within the last few years. They believed if the corner at Mr. Hall's side of the bridge and portion of the wall at Mr. Gallagher's side were removed the road would be reasonably safe for all traffic.

The Co. Surveyor said this matter had been under consideration by the Council. They proposed taking down part of wall and removing

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a tree but the occupier, the late Mr. John J. Gallagher, asked £40 as compensation. The Council properly considered this an exorbitant figure.

The Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor should write to a few of the principal ratepayers whose names appeared on the memorial and point out to them that the Co. Council were prepared to carry out the work provided they were asked to pay a reasonable amount for compensation.

This suggestion was adopted.

ROAD FROM BALLINABERNA TO CUMMER.

Under date 23rd October, 1932, Rev. P.J. Kelly, C.C. St. Mullin's, Co. Carlow, wrote that above road was in very bad condition. Unless something was done with it it would be impossible for him to attend the ratepayers who lived along it as his duty demanded.

It was decided that Mr. Brennan with the Co. Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district should inspect the road and report to next meeting.

ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

The Chairman said that some years ago the Co. Council had spent £2000 out of a Relief Grant for the purpose of making a road across the slob. He wished to know (as there was no place in the County in which unemployment was more acute) if anything could be done to finish the work and have the road put to public use.

The Co. Surveyor said that as the road lay across the railway the Railway Co. said they should have a gate-keeper to open and close level crossing gates and who should be paid by the Co. Council or the latter should put up a bridge - a very expensive job.

The Chairman said that it was very curious to spend £2000 on a job which could not be utilised by the Public.

The Co. Surveyor said that the road could be finished for about £300.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin

seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor supply Mr. R. Corish, T.D., with all information as regards reconstruction of Drinagh-Rosslare Slob road and that the latter be requested to interview Mr. Floyd, General Manager, of the Great Southern Railways to ascertain if any agreement can be reached with the Railway Company in this matter."

DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

BALLYTEIGUE: - Col. Gibbon said there had been a lot about grants to the Sow drainage Kilmannock and Cahore, and there was only one drainage board in the district that had got nothing - the Ballyteigue drainage board - and it was at least as much deserving as other drainage boards and they were being kept up properly, with the exception of the long drain from Ballybyrne bridge to the sluice at Kilmore - a distance of a mile and a half. It was impossible for the small holders concerned to raise the money required to do a proper job on the drain. For some time past men had been working voluntarily trying to clean up the channel, but what they were able to do in the way of dragging it from the banks was not adequate at present. It was a wide channel, and it was quite impossible to do a proper job on it unless it was dammed up at both ends and properly cleaned out, either by a big body of men, or by drainage machinery. If that were not done the channel would silt up, and the land would be flooded. A considerable number of people in the area would want some assistance at the end of the Winter and in Spring and the early part of the Summer, and he suggested that efforts should be made to get an unemployment grant for the carrying out of that work as soon as possible. He recommended that the Council should pass a resolution bringing the matter to the favourable consideration of the Board of Works. He wanted to make it quite clear that he was not asking that the old sluice on Cull Bank should be reopened. That would mean drainage work on the estuary running out towards

Cullenstown, and not only would the expense be prohibitive, but there would also be the question ^{of} maintenance which would be out of the question.

Mr. Corish said that as far back as July last a letter was sent by Mr. White, Secretary to the drainage board, to the five T.D.'s for the County, and to the Board of Works, and, he thought, the Fishery Department. Immediately the letter was received by the T.D.'s, four of them got together - Messrs. Esmonde, Allen, Keating and himself, it would not be right to ask Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, to go on a deputation to another Minister, but he was certainly sympathetic in the matter. The T.D.'s made strong representations not only from the point of view that the area wanted to be drained properly, but from the point of view of unemployment. Mr. Hugo Flinn received the deputation sympathetically, and said he would go into the matter. After five or six weeks they got a copy of a letter sent Mr. White pointing out that in the opinion of the Board of Works to do anything in the area would cost a huge sum - £20,000, he thought - and that there would be no use in spending less money than that, and that they could not afford to spend that much in that area owing to the widespread unemployment prevailing. If the Co. Council considered it desirable to pass a resolution asking for a grant, if they thought certain work could be done, he thought he could speak on behalf of his colleagues and say that they and he would be prepared to do everything possible.

Col. Gibbon - I have reason to believe that that letter was written on the supposition by the Board of Works that Mr. White was harking back on the old scheme of opening up the Cull bank, and opening out a channel to the estuary.

Mr. Roche - I think we had a deputation to Dublin on this matter a couple of years ago. We laid down the case very strongly, and the County Surveyor's estimate that time was that the cleaning of the drain from Ballybyrne to Kilmore would cost £14,000 or £15,000.

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Co. Surveyor - Oh , no I am sure it was not as big a sum as that.

Mr. Corish - I cannot remember the exact sum, but I thought it was very large.

The Chairman said he did not think there was any use in going into the question until they got particulars prepared to lay before the Board of Works and ask for a grant. He did not think they were going to get £20,000.

Mr. Roche asked if it was by labour or machinery the work was proposed to be done. He was in favour of labour.

The Co. Surveyor said they were not going to do the best work and relieve unemployment. A dragline dredger would do many times as much work for the same money.

The Chairman suggested that the County Surveyor should make a survey. If they arrived at a figure and had any prospect of getting a grant, he thought they could easily decide as to whether the work should be done by labour or machine. If they were going to get a grant for the relief of unemployment the work should certainly be done by labour.

Col. Gibbon said he believed that the lower part of the drain had a sandy bottom, and that men could stand on it and work, and that it would not be necessary to have machinery, but he believed that the upper part was of soft mud, and that it would be practically impossible for men to work there.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to make a survey of the Kilmore Drainage Channel from Ballybyrne Bridge to the sluices at Kilmore and report to the Co. Council relative to same with approximate figures of the cost of cleaning up this portion of the drainage area. That if the Co. Council approve of the Co. Surveyor's report an application be made for a State Grant and that the T.D.'s of the County be asked to take the necessary steps to induce the Government to provide same."

BOIRA:- Mr. O'Byrne asked if anything had been done for the application for grant for the Boira District, as unemployment was extremely rife in the locality.

Mr. Corish said he would see the Minister of Fisheries, who had been sick, next week, and put the matter before him.

EMPLOYMENT OF SINGLE MEN.

Under date 10th October, 1932, the following was read from the Manager, Employment Exchange, Waterford, in reply to resolution from the Council that where single men had a number of dependents they should have equal claim to Co. Council employment as married men with dependents:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ult., in which was enclosed copy of a Resolution passed by your Council regarding the submission of the names of single men with dependents for work under State Grants, I am directed to inform you that under the Department's instructions, the Branch Manager at New Ross must submit for employment men with dependents, before married men without dependents and single men. Men of the two latter classes can therefore not be submitted until those in the first category are exhausted."

COURTOWN HARBOUR WEIGHBRIDGE.

Under date 18th October, 1932, the Co. Surveyor submitted tender from Mr. P.J. Kenny, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, to overhaul weighbridge at Courtown Harbour supplying new centres and steels, fitting same to levers and doing all necessary adjusting to have machine stamped for the sum of £5.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that Mr. Kenny had carried out work at several weighbridges in a satisfactory manner. The income from this weighbridge was £2.1.10d last year and if the Council spent £5 for repairs it would possibly not want attention for eight or ten years more.

Mr Smyth said the weighbridge was used for the weighing of hay

and straw for the people of his district who sold same to the local brick-yard.

Mr. Hall held that the weighbridge was not for the convenience of the general public.

Mr. Culleton said at the Finance Committee meeting ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, had informed the members that they were bound to maintain the harbour with the same conveniences as obtained before they took it over from Lord Courtown, and accordingly the Finance Committee were of opinion that weighbridge should be maintained.

After further discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the quotation of Mr. P.J. Kenny, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, to execute the necessary repairs etc. to weighbridge at Courtown Harbour for £5 be accepted, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor and Weights and Measures Inspector of the district."

A show of hands was taken when 15 voted in favour, and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Roche:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government, Rate Collectors be paid on each ten per cent of their lodgments after the first ten per cent!" In moving his motion Mr. Roche pointed out that in the present state of the Country it was impossible for a Rate Collector to comply with the terms of the Public Bodies Order which dealt with poundage. The Collector was ^{not} able to close either for first moiety or for the full amount of his warrant at March. There was great temptation in the path of a Rate Collector who was looking for months for some remuneration to default and in view of present conditions it was necessary some change in the system of payment was made.

Col. Quin proposed this matter should be discussed in

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Committee.

The Chairman took a show of hands on this proposal 5 being in favour and 11 against.

After a long discussion Mr. Roche's motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Corish seconded Mr. Roche's proposal.

USE OF COURTHOUSES.

The following resolution of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Keegan:- "That the resolution of the Co. Council confining the use of Courthouses to functions dealing with matters connected with Co. Council or Co. Committee of Agriculture, be rescinded, and that each individual application for said use be decided on its merits."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Col. Quin said if the people who wanted the use of Gorey Courthouse installed sanitary arrangements and provided a water supply for the Gorey Town Hall it would be available for all social functions.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Town Hall in Gorey was available at the moment.

After discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-
FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Brennan, Cummins, Keegan, Murphy and Roche.

(5)

AGAINST: Messrs. Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman (9)

The following declined voting:- Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hall, Hayes and O'Ryan. (7)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 11th October, 1932, from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street, Dublin:-

"In reply to yours of the 10th inst. - By clause 85 of the

"Specification the Contractor is required to arrange the order of the execution of the works, so as to cause interruption of traffic for the shortest possible time, to submit details of what he proposes to the Engineer, and get his approval.

This, I think, covers the points raised by your Council, and this Clause becomes, of course, a part of the Contract. As we have published the Form of Agreement I do not think we can now add to it, or change it, without risk of giving a different set of conditions to different Contractors.

I shall take great care to explain to any Contractors who may apply for information, plans, or copies of the Specification, etc., what is intended under Clause 85, but I do not think we can change it now, and submit that it covers all the points raised.

I propose to warn any Contractor who applies here that, under Clause 85 I would require him to prepare a time-table showing all the works from the date of signing the Contract to the completion of his period of maintenance in the order of their execution, with dates at which each part of the work would begin and end, and the dates when traffic would be interrupted and when it would be resumed. This time-table would not be a part of the Contract; no one could be required to contract to run to such a time-table on such a job as this; but it would form a very useful basis for determination of the best and quickest way of getting the work done.

If you will give a similar warning to any Contractors who may apply to you, I think your Council's requirements will be met.

I note that it is proposed to consider Tenders on the 7th Nov., when intending Contractors and their Sureties are to be present, and have the Contract signed on the same date. Would it not be advisable to have a preliminary meeting of some Committee at which the Tenders could be opened and considered, and that the report of this Committee (rather than the actual tenders) should be considered at the Council meeting, and that only those Contractors who are in the running should

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"be invited to attend, with their Sureties?

I think it is wise to delay the job till February, but suggest that in the meantime it should be duty of one of your men to examine the opening span each week, to see that no visible movement is taking place."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Finance Committee at their meeting on 3rd November, 1932, be empowered to examine Tenders for the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge and make to the Co. Council meeting of 7th November, 1932, recommendations thereon."

CONVERSION RIGHT WING OF COUNTY HALL.

The Co. Surveyor submitted estimate for £2861. 6. 8d for conversion of right wing of County Hall which includes £80 for Clerk of Works.

The Secretary pointed out that at their meeting of 9th May, 1932, the Co. Council had passed a resolution to raise the sum of £2000 only for the purpose.

Col. Gibbon and Mr. D'Arcy considered that the Co. Surveyor should modify his plans to bring the expenditure to the £2000, but, the Co. Surveyor considered this would be inadvisable as one floor of the wing would not be dealt with, the result of which would be when the Council wished to reconstruct it the expenditure would be considerably more than if any necessary work on it would be carried out in the present proposals.

Mr. Corish mentioned that if portion of the reconstructed premises was to be set aside for the Co. Vocational Education Committee the latter might be able to secure a substantial subsidy towards the reconstruction from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch).

After further discussion Mr. Cummins gave notice of motion to raise a supplemental loan of £900 to complete the work.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which passed nem. con:- "That in view of the fact that the Co. Council propose providing offices for the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee in County Hall, the Council would be glad to have the views of this Committee as to whether it would be possible to secure a subsidy from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) to defray portion of the cost of the reconstruction. Should the subsidy be of a reasonable amount the Council would favourably consider an application from the Committee to hold the premises free of rent.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following under date 24th October, 1932, was received from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"I am directed by my Board to apply for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of the sum of £125,000 for the purpose of building 500 cottages under the Labourers Acts.

"It is proposed to borrow the amount from the Local Loans Fund under the provisions of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1932.

"The repayment of the Loan will be charged to the County."

KILTREA QUARRY.

At a meeting of the Co. Council on 26th September, 1932, a resolution was adopted that the Co. Surveyor should arrange for an interview with Mrs. Roche, owner, as to extension of Kiltrea Quarry, and as to the conditions under which she was satisfied this extension would be given; also if the amount of compensation claimed was found unreasonable the Co. Surveyor be directed to apply to the Court for the necessary Order to have the Quarry extended.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had the interview in connection with this matter, and pointed out that the Council would be prepared to take a few perches of land at 5/- per perch and also to pay

Mrs. Roche 3d per cubic yard for all the material raised from the quarry. Mrs. Roche was to inform him if she would accept these proposals but so far he had not received any letter from her.

Mr. Clince said the trouble was that Mrs. Roche wanted a stone fence at the quarry. She would be prepared to let the Council have an acre of her land for the extension of the quarry if it were needed but she insisted that a stone fence should be erected.

The Co. Surveyor said he did not consider the Council should buy land which they might not require. He would be prepared to erect a fairly good fence but would not agree to a regularly built stone fence around the quarry.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Col-ⁿQuin and adopted:- "That the question of consideration of extension of Kiltrea Quarry be adjourned pending reply from Mrs. Roche, owner, relative to the offer of the Co. Surveyor."

ROAD AT KILTURK, KILMORE.

Mr. Roche called attention to the road leading to Kilturk School, which was flooded. The children had to wade knee deep in water and then remain at school in their wet clothes.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said he understood the flooding had been caused by the levelling of a ditch into a trench some time ago.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by the Chairman that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, visit this road and report to next meeting of the Council with a view to obviating flooding.

CLOSING OF ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the closing of Road No. 320 from Buffers Alley, to Monamolin for reconstruction of Monamolin bridge from 7th November, 1932, to 7th January, 1933

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"inclusive, alternate route through Clone by roads Nos. 322 and 323."

HOUSING ACTS - APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Under date 20th October, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (Circular H/61/1932/Ilgh) that the following had been appointed as Appointed Officers for the erection of new houses under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932:-

Mr. Robert Murphy, C.E., John Street, Enniscorthy, for New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts. Mr. Michael Jordan, 5 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin, for Enniscorthy and Gorey Rural Districts.

On the suggestion of Mr. Hall it was decided to ask the Department to instruct Mr. Jordan to provide an office in Enniscorthy

SCHEME FOR SALE OF LABOURERS COTTAGES.

Circular letter under date 19th October, 1932, with Terms of Reference to the Commission of Inquiry into the above from Local Government Department were read for the meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Col. Quin:- "That copy of Circular letter from Local Government Department with terms of Reference to Commission of Inquiry into the proposed Sale of Labourers Cottages be furnished each Co. Councillor and that same be considered at the meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 7th November, 1932"

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

The following report of Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee was approved on the ~~motion~~ motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

A meeting of above Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 21st October, 1932, Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, Chairman (presiding) R. Richards Orpen, Esq., and Senator Kathleen A. Browne.

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

Mr. Michael Cloney wrote apologising for non-attendance owing to a business engagement.

The Committee considered matters of damage to ancient

monuments and which occurred mainly through want of knowledge. They appeal to all persons on whose lands ancient and historical monuments exist to do what is possible to prevent wanton damage or injury by the effluxion of time. There can be no doubt but that year after year some of our important monuments are disappearing and succeeding generations of Irishmen will bitterly blame those of the present age for their neglect to preserve the landmarks of our Nation.

The Committee have been engaged for some time in marking local monuments on the six inch maps of the County. It is a big job for the few persons concerned and they would welcome any help offered to extend their knowledge or correct it where necessary. They invite the aid of Gaelic League branches, the members of which could do really useful national work by forwarding notes of any ancient monument or historical objects in their own districts. A few descriptive lines and an indication of identity are all that are needed. If the National and Irish teachers could interest their oldest pupils in this work, obtain from them essays on the monuments of the immediate locality and forward the best of these to the Committee it would be really helpful. Any assistance on these lines would be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

One drawback which faces the Committee is that the Irish names by which many of the monuments are still known do not appear on the maps. Information furnished by people as to their own immediate locality might save the Committee a great amount of time and trouble.

The Committee discussed amongst other matters:- The stone fort at Ballyleigh (the only one in the County) the old salt stores at Slade, Coolhull Castle, Ancient Chapter of New Ross; the condition of Dunbrody Abbey, Clonmines Castles, Three Bullet Gate and Fair Gate, New Ross.

It was decided to ask the Office of Public Works to take over Coolhull Castle and to call their attention to repairs necessary at Dunbrody Abbey and Clonmines and to ask New Ross Urban Council

to see to the preservation of Three Bullet Gate, the part of the Town Wall adjoining Jones' Hill and the Fair or (Ladies) Gate.

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY:- The question of the renewal of University Scholarship to Michael F. O'Keefe, 61, Faythe, Wexford, was considered by meeting of Finance Committee on 20th October, 1932, and referred to the Co. Council.

The following is extract from Minutes of Finance Committee:-

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

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

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

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

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

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That renewal of University Scholarship be granted to Michael F. O'Keefe, ^{as} in our opinion this student was misled by the fact that numbers of ordinary University Students do not sit for second year's Arts and hence looked upon it as unimportant."

Mr. O'Byrne said that this student did not fulfil the conditions of the Council's University Scholarship Scheme. The University Authorities were asked if they would recommend him for renewal of Scholarship and it was evident from their reply they would not, as they did not think he was worth it.

A vote was taken on Miss O'Ryan's motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Keegan, Murphy, McCarthy, Hayes, Gaul, O'Ryan and Smyth. (10)

AGAINST: Messrs. O'Byrne and Hall (2)

The Chairman (1) declined voting.

The following were not present when poll was taken. Messrs. Clinch Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, Quin, Roche, and Shannon. (8)

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the application of John J. Hunt, University Scholar for an extension of his scholarship for a fourth year in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education be acceded to, as this is provided for by the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council and Mr. Hunt has been a satisfactory student."

PRIMARY SCHEME:- Under date 14th October, 1932, the Co. Councils General Council wrote:-

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

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

It was decided to call a meeting of County Scholarship Committee for 29th October, at 10.30 to deal with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy^y seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we offer Mr. Hugh O'Byrne a valued member of our Scholarship Committee our heartfelt sympathy in the

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"death of his wife."

The Vote was passed in silence. It was supported by the Secretary.

SYMPATHY WITH MR. HALL, CO. COUNCILLOR.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Gaul a vote of sympathy was adopted to Mr. Hall, Co. Councillor in the death of his first cousin, Mrs. Lawler, a well known figure in Gorey town.

Mr. Hall suitably replied.

PETROL PUMP LICENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That petrol pump licence issue to John Rose, for site on Millpark Road, Enniscorthy, provided pump is erected on south side of existing pumps and as marked on map by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the District.

COUNTY GUIDE.

In connection with the proposed issue of County Guide the following under date 17th October, 1932, was read from the Irish Tourist Association:-

"I am obliged for your letter of 14th instant conveying the resolution of your Council, in which the sole rights for the issue of Guides to County Wexford are vested in this Association.

"Regarding your Council's desire that the printing should be carried out locally, I may say that it is our desire in all cases to distribute our work over the Country and for some years past, County Wexford has got each year a bigger volume of our work than would be represented by one local Guide and Folder, as we find that some of your local printers are able to compete successfully for a number of our publications."

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr. Elgee submitted the following under date 21st October, 1932, from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We have had correspondence with the Secretary to the County Council with regard to the further heavy blasting which has taken place

"in Gorey Hill Quarry during the past Summer, as a result of which damages of a temporary nature were done to our client's lands for which she has, to some extent, been compensated by the Council's Insurance Company.

"She has received no Compensation for the damage of a permanent nature she has sustained, annely, the serious effect upon the structure and stability of her Dwellinghouse and Offices, which this blasting has had.

Our client is anxious to know now if the Co. Council intends to continue the blasting in this Quarry, or if they will abandon it, and we are instructed that, if it is the intention of the Co. Council to continue blasting in this Quarry that our client must, for her own protection, take proceedings to obtain an injunction against such uses."

It was pointed out that on the 26th September, 1932, a resolution was adopted directing Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend any proceedings which might be taken by Miss Palmer, with a view to having Gorey Hill Quarry closed and the meeting did not see any reason why this resolution should be altered or amended.

SHED AT BALLYFANE - JOHN BYRNE.

The following under date 22nd October, 1932, was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district:-

"I visited the above on Tuesday, 18th instant. It is situated on a straight part of the road and 19 feet 8" from centre of road.

"The road is 28 feed wide between the fences and the travelling surface is 16 feet 6 inches wide.

"⁺The shed itself is about 17 feet long and will finish about 7 feet high. It is intended to be used for the housing of calves or pigs. It is built of concrete."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That no action be taken in respect of erection of shed at Ballyfane by John Byrne."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Analyst's Report for Quarter ended 30th September, 1932, was laid before the meeting. From this it appeared that total analyses carried out during the period was 255 viz. 204 Food, 45 Drugs and 6 Waters. The following is number adulterated:-

New Milks 9 Whiskey 1 Drugs 1.

Two waters were condemned.

Michael Doyle
