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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held on 9th October, 1933, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Rates Inspector and the five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed - Ordinary payments £3816; Transfers to Subsidiary Account £11311.0.3d; Transfers Public Bodies £32728.10s; Transfers Loan Accounts £2656.15s.

#### NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That next meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Monday 6th November, 1933."

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following amendment:- "That next meeting of Wexford County Council be held on Monday, 30th October, 1933,"

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR 6th NOVEMBER: Messrs. Brennan, Doran, Hall, Hickey, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman. (7)

FOR 30th OCTOBER: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, O'Byrne and Shannon. (7)

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of 6th November, 1933.

The following were not present when poll was taken:- Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler,



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McCarthy, O'Ryan and Walsh (10) were not present when Poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion to have next meeting of the Council on 6th November, 1933, carried.

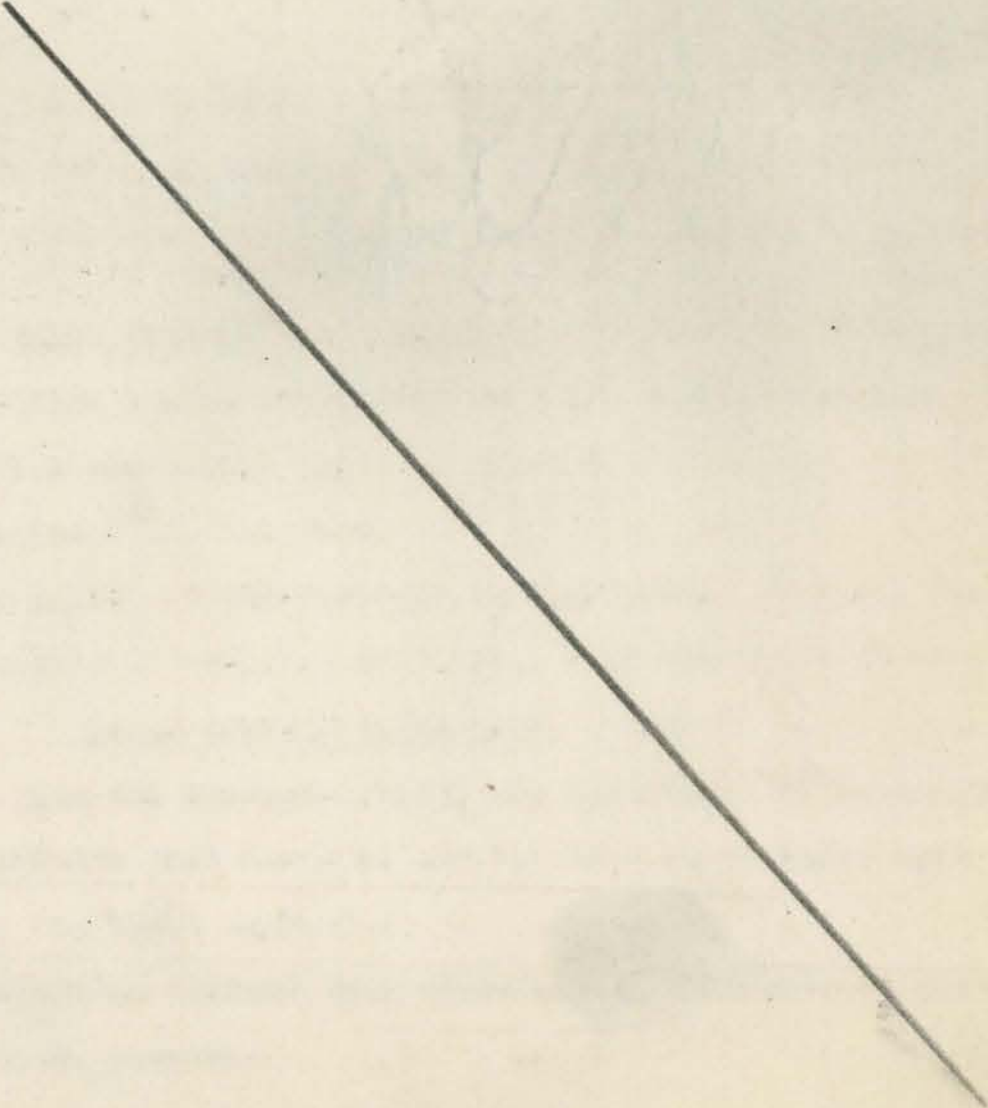
#### COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall, and, on a show of hands carried by ten votes to four:-

"That Circuit Judge Devitt and the Ministry for Justice be requested to postpone the opening of Circuit Court in Wexford from 14th November to 15th November, 1933, as the Co. Council Elections are being held on the first mentioned date."

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting 13th September, 1933:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th September, 1933, were submitted as follows:-





The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th September, 1933.

Present, Messrs John Cummins, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

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

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £5594.0.6d. were examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

Under date 7th September, 1933, letter was read from Collector John Curtis, stating he was travelling every day for rates and getting none as the ratepayers who are in a position to pay are not doing so.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Rate Collector J. Curtis be informed that he should proceed against Ratepayers who are in a position to pay and who fail or decline to do so."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Certificate was received from Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that the market value of house erected by Wm. Sheill at Clovass, Enniscorthy, was £235.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that Mr. Sheill be recommended for a loan of £117.10s., half the value of house.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 6th September, 1933, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.3288-33) that Forms E. and F. under above Order were provided by the Local Authority.

The Committee decided that there was no necessity to provide these Forms at present.



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SHORTHAND TYPIST CO. COUNCIL OFFICES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction on a permanent basis Miss Dorothy B. Killeen, Shorthand Typist in Co. Council Offices as she has given satisfaction in the performance of her duties."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING)

ACT 1925

Under date 9th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.60681/1933 Ilgh) (Trachtala) forwarding copy of Order under Section 10 of above Act in regard to expenses incurred in its administration during the year ended 31st March, 1933; the amount due by Wexford County was £153.10s.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.

COMPLAINT BY GANGER

Under date 9th September, 1933, Mr. P. Byrne, Tara Hill, Ingh, Gorey, wrote complaining that although he was working for the County Council for the past twenty-seven years he was the only ganger in Gorey District who is idle or who has been out in their wages. He considered he was very unfairly treated, to have gangers brought into his area while he was idle. He had a wife and five small children dependant on him. He had worked at road and quarry work all his life and he did not consider he should be so badly treated after working for such a number of years without a complaint having been made against him.

The Co. Surveyor said that a ganger in charge of the spraying work on Gorey-Arklow road had been brought in from outside as this ganger had supervised the first portion of spray work on this particular road. Mr. Byrne had no experience of spraying. The quantity of material now taken from Tara Hill Quarry was not one-tenth of what it was some years ago.

It was also stated that Mr. Byrne had a farm.

The Committee considered that in the circumstances Mr. Byrne had no grievance particularly in view of the fact that he would be re-employed within a short time.



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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 13th September, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act):- Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That consideration of Demand from Department of Local Government and Public Health for payment of £153.10s. assessed on Wexford County under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 be adjourned for two months to enable the matter to be dealt with by the new County Council."

The following resolution ~~was~~ proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne was passed:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of the 13th September, 1933, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes Finance Committee - 28th September, 1933:- The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th September, 1933, were submitted:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th September, 1933.

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

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

The chair was taken by Mr. Hall on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5716.19.9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following state of Rate Collection up to 27th September, 1933, was submitted:-

|     | <u>Name of Collector</u> | <u>Percentage of current<br/>year's Rate</u> |
|-----|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | E.J. Murphy              | 25.4                                         |
| 2.  | P. Carty                 | 22.8                                         |
| 3.  | S. Gannon (6)            | 20.6                                         |
| 4.  | W. Cummins               | 20.2                                         |
| 5.  | P. Nolan                 | 19.7                                         |
| 6.  | J. Curtis                | 18.3                                         |
| 7.  | J. Cummins               | 17.8                                         |
| 8.  | J. Quirke                | 16.6                                         |
| 9.  | A. Dunne                 | 16.4                                         |
| 10. | J.J. O'Reilly            | 16.0                                         |
| 11. | M. McCarthy              | 14.2                                         |
| 12. | W. Doyle                 | 13.0                                         |
| 13. | J. Deegan                | 12.5                                         |
| 14. | P. Doyle                 | 11.6                                         |
| 15. | M. Kehoe                 | 11.1                                         |
| 16. | S. Gannon (10)           | 10.1                                         |
| 17. | J.J. Sinnott             | 9.7                                          |
| 18. | M. Murphy                | 8.8                                          |
| 19. | D. Kenny                 | 8.6                                          |
| 20. | J. Flood                 | 7.0                                          |

The Secretary stated as compared with corresponding period last year there was a drop of 4% in the collection.



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PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR: On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs. James O'Neill, Lacken, New Ross, and Edward Colfer, 46, South Street, New Ross, be accepted as Personal Sureties for Rate Collector Maurice Kehoe, (No. 18 District)."

REDUCTION IN POUNDAGE: Under date 20th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.104521/1933 Loch Garman.Fa.):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 16th instant and to inform you that the lengthy delay of the Collectors in closing their warrants for last year has been met by reductions in their poundage fees of amounts which in the Minister's view represent very moderate penalties.

"The Minister is not prepared to reconsider the decision already conveyed."

APPLICATION FOR GRATUITY OR SUPERANNUATION

BY RATE COLLECTOR: Under date 9th September, 1933, the following was read from Thomas Rowe, late Rate Collector, No. 18 District:-

"I was appointed Rate Collector for District No. 18 New Ross Rural in the month of June 1922, and resigned the appointment last June owing to the fact that I have to look after the farm.

"During the period of my office I think I gave the Council satisfaction and accordingly feel that I am entitled to some gratuity for a faithful service of over eleven years. I shall therefore feel much obliged if you will kindly bring the matter forward at your next meeting and let me know result.

"Trusting the Council will sympathetically consider the matter."

It was decided to inform Mr. Rowe that the Committee regretted his application could not be entertained as his resignation was not brought about by ill health or physical incapacity.



DISCOUNT ON SMALL DWELLINGS RATES: Collector J.M. Curtis, No. 19 District and J.J. Sinnott, No. 16 District, wrote that they were not allowed sufficient sums in connection with discount on Small Dwellings Rates, Mr. Curtis claiming £1.5.5d. and Mr. Sinnott 17/11d.

The Rate Inspector stated that in making up the amounts of discounts he inadvertently omitted the sums claimed. The errors were discovered at the close of collections. The Collectors in question were entitled to the refunds which they claimed.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that refund of £1.5.5d. be made to Collector Curtis and 17/11d to Collector J.J. Sinnott.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following applications for loans under Small Dwelling Acquisition Acts were agreed to:-

|                                                     |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|
| <u>James Doyle, Norrismount, Camolin.</u>           | £70  |
| <u>Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.</u>  | £125 |
| <u>Michael Redmond, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.</u> | £180 |
| <u>Thomas Foley, Kiltrea, Enniscorthy.</u>          | £70  |
| <u>Patrick Fanning, Clough, Gorey.</u>              | £100 |

An application was received from Mr. Joseph Darcy, Railway Road, Gorey, for increase in loan from £150 to £180.

The following was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 15th September, 1933:-

"Since sending you valuation of £190 in above case I find that water and sewage system has been added - latter including a small septic tank - also a scullery has been built for which extras Mr. Darcy claims an increase of £10 should be added to valuation already sent in this case.

"I am prepared to certify that extras above set out have increased original value by £10."

It was unanimously decided that subject to the sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health the amount of the



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advance for Mr. Joseph Darcy be increased to £180.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Wm. Sheil had attended <sup>at</sup> his office regarding loan of £117.10s. approved for him at last meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr. Sheil stated he could not complete house with the money allocated. A certificate was received from Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that the value of the house was £200 and value of site £35. Total £235.

It was decided to recommend County Council to agree to advance of £150 for Mr. Sheil.

#### EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR OVERDRAFT

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the extension of period of £40,000 overdraft from 30th September, 1933, to 31st December, 1933."

#### GOREY POUND

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted the following letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for John Valentine:-

"Referring to yours of the 8th instant our client tells us that the Pound was built by Mr. Kirk 59 years ago. The key was handed to our client's Father then by Mr. Kirk and from that time up to the year 1900 our client's father looked after the pound and was in receipt of the profits thereof.

"In the year 1900 our client's father handed him the key and for the past 33 years our client has been in receipt of the profits of the Pound.

"It is therefore quite clear that our client has established a perfectly good Title."

Mr. Elgee in forwarding this letter stated that if the statement was correct and no claim had been made against the premises during the period named viz. 59 years, Mr. Valentine had a good title to the premises. It might, however, be that the place was handed over to old



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Valentine as Pound Keeper only and if so the Title claimed would not be in order.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that old Valentine had been Pound keeper for a considerable time and after his day two Magistrates of Gorey District Mr. Claude Ellis and the Earl of Courtown, appointed Mr. Thomas O'Neill, who was then Town Clerk of Gorey, the Pound Keeper and he held the office for a considerable time. After Mr. O'Neill's death, Mr. John Valentine acted as Pound Keeper.

It was decided to request Mr. Elgee, to communicate with Mr. Claude Ellis, and ascertain from him the circumstances under which Mr. O'Neill had been appointed Pound Keeper of Gorey Pound.

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That as no explanation is forthcoming from Contractor for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge as to his failure to carry out his promise to have the bridge open for traffic by 1st October 1933 we recommend the Co. Council to hold him responsible for any expenditure incurred between the 1st October and 1st November, 1933, in connection with this matter."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Mr. W.J. McDonald, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, wrote that his daughter, Rita, had gone to Limerick Training College for Teachers, and was not availing of the award of University Scholarship.

Under date 23rd September, 1933, George Whitmore, Bishopswater, Wexford, to whom University Scholarship had been awarded, wrote that he was unable to avail of Scholarship at present as he was undergoing a two years' course of training as Teacher at the De La Salle College, Waterford. If the Council would hold the award over for two years he could then take up his Scholarship.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Whitmore that according to the University Scholarships Scheme for 1933/34 students obtaining scholarships must take said scholarships in year in



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which awarded and in the circumstances there was no power to  
comply with his request.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of  
Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in conformity with  
the resolution adopted at meeting of Council on 11th September, 1933,  
"That in the event of any candidate failing to avail of University  
Scholarship, it be awarded to the next candidate in order of merit,"  
we recommend the Council to award Scholarships to the following:-

William F. Redmond, Glenview, Enniscorthy. 1111 Marks;

Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey. 1086 Marks;

these candidates being next in order of merit."

#### PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Applications for refunds of expenses for attending examination  
of above were made by Denis Cullen, Allenstown, Broadway, and  
Margaret Ronan, Drinagh, Broadway, the amount in the first instance  
being £1 and in the next £1.0.3d.

It was decided to allow 10/- to Denis Cullen and 14/3d to  
Margaret Ronan, and to point out to these candidates that expenses  
for obtaining Baptismal and Medical Certificates and also materials  
for examination could not be allowed.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th September, 1933, submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The state of Rate Collection to 8th October, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

|     | <u>Name of Collector</u> | <u>Percentage of current Rates</u> |
|-----|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Sean Gannon (6)          | 34.2                               |
| 2.  | E.J. Murphy              | 33.5                               |
| 3.  | P. Nolan                 | 26.2                               |
| 4.  | J. Curtis                | 25.0                               |
| 5.  | P. Garty                 | 24.5                               |
| 6.  | W. Cummins               | 23.6                               |
| 7.  | J. Quirke                | 22.2                               |
| 8.  | A. Dunne                 | 22.2                               |
| 9.  | J.J. O'Reilly            | 20.5                               |
| 10. | M. McCarthy              | 20.1                               |
| 11. | W. Doyle                 | 20.0                               |
| 12. | J. Cummins               | 20.0                               |
| 13. | S. Gannon (10)           | 20.0                               |
| 14. | M. Kehoe                 | 18.7                               |
| 15. | D. Kenny                 | 18.0                               |
| 16. | P. Doyle                 | 17.3                               |
| 17. | J. Deegan                | 14.4                               |
| 18. | J. Flood                 | 13.8                               |
| 19. | M. Murphy                | 13.1                               |
| 20. | <u>J.J. Sinnott</u>      | <u>12.1</u>                        |

The Secretary stated that the percentage of current rate collected was 20.5% compared with 22% at the corresponding period last year.

The meeting did not consider the position of the Rate Collection as unsatisfactory.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- Under date 7th October, 1933, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted copy of letter he had received from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor and Co. Solicitors, Gorey, on behalf of Edward Dwyer who proposed erecting a house at Ballyoughna, Killena. This man applied in the first instance for loan of £50. As the house which was now practically finished cost £220, he requested the loan should be increased to £100.



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On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that amount of loan in the case of Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena, be fixed at £100.

Under date 22nd September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.99271/33 (Pc) Loch Garman) stating that proposal of the County Council to increase to £180 the amount of loan to be made to Daniel Bolger, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, in respect of house at Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, had been approved.

Under date 22nd September 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.103916/33 Loch Garman) that the Commissioners of Public Works had been recommended to issue to Co. Council the loan of £2,000 and also a sum of £2,000 as the first instalment of loan of £8,000 both under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The Secretary stated these amounts had come to hand.

EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT:- Under date 4th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.110337/1933 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £40,000 up to 31st October, 1933, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE: Mr. O'Byrne in proposing the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee said that the Contractor had been most definite in his statement to the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee that the structure would be open for public traffic by the 1st of October and as the delay to the 1st November had been caused by the Contractor's neglect he considered the Contractor should be held responsible for any extra expenditure which might be incurred owing to the postponement of the opening of the bridge.

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. O'Byrne said that the Contractor did give a definite promise that light traffic would



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be allowed to pass over the Bridge by the 1st October. He (Co. Surveyor) having found that portion of the structure might be in danger of collapse if opened by the 1st October as the concrete slab would not have cured sufficiently in the meantime could not agree to the opening on that date. If the Contractor had obtained the decking in good time his promise could have been fulfilled. As regards the observation of Col. Gibbon at a previous meeting of the Council that if rapid hardening cement had been utilised, the bridge could have been opened earlier, there was no doubt that the statement of Col. Gibbon was correct provided a guarantee was forthcoming that the rapid hardening cement would set within the stipulated period. In County Council works he found the setting most uncertain, in some cases no better than the setting of ordinary cement and in view of this uncertainty he would seriously object to using it in works such as the Ferrycarrig Bridge, where any failure might mean loss of life.

After further discussion the resolution was put and passed Mr. D'Arcy dissenting.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- In moving the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee Mr. O'Byrne added the following:- "That in the event of Messrs. Redmond or Sheehan not availing of University Scholarships the said Scholarships be awarded to candidates next in order of merit and who in the opinion of the University Authorities are qualified to receive University Instruction."

The recommendation as amplified by Mr. O'Byrne was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th September, 1933, be and are hereby confirmed."



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### COLLECTION OF RATES

The following resolution from Tagoat Branch of United Ireland Party was referred to Finance Committee:-

"That the Council abstain from drastic action in the collection of Rates until at least the New Year. By that time people will have a chance of getting Beet returns and a better market open for Oats."

### SEIZURES FOR RATES

At the meeting of the County Council on 11th September, 1933 a recommendation from the Finance Committee had been submitted deciding that copy of report of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, as to seizure of stock etc. for rates should be furnished Department of Local Government and Public Health and Department of Justice, requesting them to state if they could offer any suggestions which might be helpful to the Council.

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to submission of report of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, as to seizures of stock for non-payment of rates, being submitted to Departments of Local Government and Public Health, and Justice, be adjourned generally."

### COUNTY SCHEME

The following under date 16th September, 1933, (P.55960/33 Ilghneiteach) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In pursuance of the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give one month's notice to the Wexford County Council of his intention to amend and modify the County Scheme relating to the said



"County in such manner as to provide:-

- (1) that notwithstanding anything contained in the County Scheme the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance shall, in addition to any institution authorised by the County Scheme, provide and maintain for the reception and maintenance of persons within their functional area eligible for relief such additional institution or institutions as the Minister may by order direct at such place or places within their functional area as may be specified in such Order;
- (2) that notwithstanding anything contained in the County Scheme the said Board shall, if so required by Order of the Minister remove any institution provided by them under the County Scheme from the place and premises at and in which such institution is provided to such other place within their functional area as shall be specified in such Order;
- (3) That the said Board shall not erect or provide any institution under the County Scheme save upon a site and in premises approved of by the Minister;
- (4) that the said Board shall when so required by Order of the Minister restore, alter, enlarge or improve any institution provided by them under the County Scheme in such manner as the Minister may by such Order direct;
- (5) that the said Board shall not erect, restore, alter, enlarge or improve any institution provided by them under the County Scheme save in accordance with plans and specifications approved of by the Minister.

"Any representations which the County Council may desire to make in reference to the proposed amendments and modifications of the County Scheme should be made to the Minister within one month."

The Chairman said he looked on this communication as issued generally to Councils and it did not, so far as he could see, concern their Co. Council to any great extent.

#### REPORT OF AUDITOR

#### ACCOUNTS CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE

Under date 14th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (98829/33) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture for the half years ended, 31st March, 1932, 30th September, 1932, and 31st March, 1933, with the relative Abstracts of Accounts and Secretary's



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Statements for each half year.

The Auditor stated the Accounts were well prepared and well presented for audit.

#### ROAD GRANTS

Under date 23rd August, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (S.G.L.32) that payment of £720 for road L.56 representing 80% of the Grant in this case had been made to the County Treasurer on the 21st September, 1933.

#### SUPERANNUATION OF MR. JOHN KEHOE,

##### LATE ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

Under date 27th September, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote as follows (R/RS/32):

"Adverting to previous relative correspondence I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose an Order consenting to payment to Mr. John Kehoe, former Assistant County Surveyor of superannuation allowance at the rate of £122 per annum."

#### REPORT COMMITTEE ON

##### EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS

The following report was submitted:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on 14th August, 1933, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following Committee be appointed to consider the conditions of the appointment of Gangers and their efficiency in each case:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Messrs. T. McCarthy and James Shannon.

GOREY DISTRICT: Messrs. James Hall and W. P. Keegan.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: Messrs. J. Cummins and T. Cooney.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: Messrs. M. Doyle and R. Corish.

The Committee met in County Council Chamber, County Hall,



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T. Treanor - 8; R.J. Ennis - 9; T. Cullen - 9;  
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"The five Assistant Surveyors submitted particulars of the circumstances of each ganger in reply to a questionnaire addressed to them by the County Surveyor.

"It was decided that the County Council investigate further the position of three gangers; viz.

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Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, in reply to the Chairman said that Ryan held about twenty-four acres of land the valuation being £20.15s. and rent £31.17s. He was an ex-British Soldier and obtained the land on a division of the estate of Major Richards, Ardamine by the Land Commission. Five Acres was "cut-out" wood. Ryan had any grazing that was of any utility set as he was unable, owing to lack of capital to work the land himself.

P. Byrne held eighteen acres Irish, which he purchased in 1924 the valuation being £19. He borrowed the money from the bank and a very substantial amount was not repaid to the present. He had five or six children. He did a good deal of smith work at Tara Hill and saved the cost of a Smith in sharpening quarry tools. He was a very decent man and it was his (Mr. Treanor's) opinion that Byrne would not be able to live if he had not the job on the roads

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, Wexford District, said that Dooley had been in receipt of a British Army pension of 21/- per week but this had been reduced to 6/- per week.

Col. Quin said he understood Byrne's land was very poor, and he was a very efficient worker. He proposed that the Council retain his services.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following:-  
"That the three gangers - (Ryan, Byrne and Dooley) be suspended from work while their insurance stamps are effective."

The Chairman pointed out that a similar motion as regards workers generally had been defeated at a recent County Council meeting and it would be necessary for Mr. Keegan to wait for six months before his present motion would be in order.



The following was moved by Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in view of the fact that three only out of forty-five gangers are in the position of having other resources this Council take no action, but it be an instruction to the Surveyors for the future that no man be employed as Ganger or as Road or Quarry worker (excluding Hauliers) who has other means of livelihood.

After further discussion Col. Quin and Mr. Gaul withdrew their resolution and a Poll was taken on Mr. Corish's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Keegan, Meyler, Smyth and Walsh. (10)

The Chairman (1) did not vote and Mr. Colloton (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### GOREY OLD WORKHOUSE PREMISES

The following under date 6th October, 1933, was received from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"At a special meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 2nd instant it was reported to the Board that tobacco was being cured and stored in the former Union Buildings at Gorey, and it was alleged that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had given authority to a Mr. O'Callaghan to enter and handle tobacco in the buildings. The following resolution was passed by the Board and I was directed to transmit a copy to you:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council be asked to give the Board an explanation as to what authority existed for the putting of the Gorey Union Buildings at the disposal of an outside person by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, whilst the Board of Health were arranging for the demolition of the buildings by direction



"of the Co. Council."

"I would be glad if you could let me have a reply for the meeting of my Board on the 16th instant."

Mr. D'Arcy - I think Mr. Treanor acted in the best interests of the people.

Miss O'Ryan - I might explain that the majority of the Board seemed to be pleased that old buildings of that kind should be turned to useful purpose.

Mr. D'Arcy - Quite right.

Mr. Gaul said he resented Mr. Treanor's action in the matter. Mr. O'Callaghan the tobacco re-handler had applied to the Board of Health to use the buildings for the storage of tobacco and had been refused. What he (Mr. Gaul) resented very much was that a servant of the Council should over-ride the ruling of the Board of Health, and wished to know what authority Mr. Treanor had for his action.

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy the Chairman said that the buildings were owned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Mr. Treanor said he was under the impression that the Council were favourable to the matter and had been speaking to some of them, and acting under that belief he gave authority to enter the buildings certainly a week or ten days before the matter came before the Board of Health.

Mr. Cummins - That was not the question before the Health Board. What the Health Board considered was what authority you had in giving permission without getting authority from this Council or the Health Board.

Mr. D'Arcy - Hadn't we this discussion on before?

Mr. Treanor - I was under the impression that the Co. Council were favourably disposed to give the use of the building to this man to save the tobacco crop and, being under that impression, I thought it would be my duty to give him permission to go there. He had his tobacco ready and when he came there with a man and



lorry he said to me that he was going up to the workhouse buildings and was told it was all right with the Co. Council. I was under <sup>t</sup>hat impression myself. He said if he did not go there he would lose his crop.

Col. Quin - Even supposing the Co. Council were favourably disposed I would like to know for what reason Mr. Treanor took it upon himself to give leave to a man to enter buildings of which he had got no control. The Secretary of the Board of Health told us that he went around and found the building had been wired and left orders that no one was to be allowed into the buildings without his written order.

Mr. O'Byrne - At the last meeting of the Co. Council permission was asked to use these buildings. There was nothing permanent in the taking of it and the man was prepared to <sup>go</sup> out in a week if necessary. The decision at the meeting was that we had not power to give the building, but at the same time we had no objection if the Minister was prepared to approve of it. That was conveyed to Mr. O'Callaghan and he applied to the Minister. Mr. Treanor's part in the matter was simply to give permission to the caretaker to let him in.

Mr. D'Arcy - The Public Health Board approved of it too.

Mr. Gaul - They did not. It is going to upset the whole building of the new hospital in Gorey.

Miss O'Ryan - That is not so. I made very sure at the meeting of the Health Board in asking the architect if it would make any difference whatever to the building of the hospital on a different site, and he replied "None whatever" that it was only a question of getting a suitable site and the hospital would go up as quickly if not much quicker.

Chairman - The Co. Board of Health decided not to give the building at that meeting to Mr. O'Callaghan who was in communication with the Minister. Although I voted for the man to get in the majority of the meeting was against it.



Is not the matter still before the Health Board?

Miss O'Ryan - Yes.

Mr. Hall - There is no harm in it at all. The man's property was in danger, and if lost through the want of accommodation it would be bad for us if we would not allow him to enter the building. Nearly everybody in Gorey and district are in favour of this and would be "down" on the Health Board if they refused permission.

Col. Quin said the whole thing was a wangle of the worst description.

Miss O'Ryan said that at the meeting of the Co. Health Board on 2nd October, 1933, it was decided to allow the matter to hold over until next meeting.

Mr. Smyth said the people of Gorey did not agree with pulling down the union buildings when it was likely good use could be made of them. What influenced Mr. O'Callaghan was that a good number of growers in the area were not able to dry out the tobacco and were going to him to re-handle it. He had taken out-offices in a place and they got full up and found he had not room for all the tobacco unless he got some other place. It was a great acquisition to have Mr. O'Callaghan in the district, who understands the matter and to rehandle the tobacco for the people who were not in a position to do it.

Chairman - The matter was done more or less out of order, but I agree with Mr. Smyth that it was an extraordinary great benefit to the men who were allowed to put their tobacco there and get it re-handled. I do not condone Mr. Treanor's action at all, but still a benefit was conferred on the district. I know people around my district who have tobacco to be cured and do not know what to do with it would be much obliged if a man like Mr. O'Callaghan was available to re-handle it for them.

The matter dropped.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1933

The following letter under date 22nd September, 1933, (E.104909-1933)(Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, regarding payments to Messrs. Radford and Hayes, Officers of the Wexford County Council, and to state that the Minister would ask the Council to reconsider their decision bearing in mind that any compensation proposed need not necessarily be the full amount of remuneration withheld prior to 30th April, 1923, and that any payment, if to be made, must be paid within six months from the passing of the Act i.e. 13th proximo."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution:- "That Standing Orders of the Council be suspended to allow of consideration of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.104909 - Loch Garman)."

A poll was taken with the following result.

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and O'Ryan. (9)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman (14)

Mr. Colloton (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following under date 6th October, 1933, was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that an Inter-departmental Committee set up to inquire into applications under the Local Government Act, 1933, has reported on a claim submitted by Mr. T. Cullen in



"respect of his detention January-March, 1923, as follows, viz:-

"The Committee agreed that Mr. Cullen suffered loss of remuneration for political reasons and recommended that he be given the benefits of Section 7 of the Local Government Act, 1933, in respect of any sums withheld from him between 30th January, 1923 and 15th March, 1923."

"The Minister concurs in the report and recommends the case for the favourable consideration of the Wexford County Council.

"The action taken by the Council in the matter should be notified to this Department in due course."

Mr. Colfer moved and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be paid £25.3s. amount to which he is entitled by Section 7 of Local Government Act 1933."

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-  
FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan and O'Ryan. (9)  
AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Hickey, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (14)

Mr. Culleton (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

MEN LEAVING FARMERS TO WORK ON ROADS

The Co. Surveyor submitted for consideration the following letter from the Manager, Employment Exchange, Wexford, under date 5th October, 1933:-

"With reference to our conversation of even date I beg to inform you that the undermentioned workers who were submitted to you for employment at Palace Quarry by the Branch Manager, New Ross, have been found to have left employment with farmers in order to take up employment with the County Council. In the circumstances I would request that you take such action as you consider necessary in the matter as their



"names would not have been supplied to you by the Department had the facts been known."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had received an anonymous letter in relation to the men concerned and had forwarded it to the Manager of the Exchange. He had obtained a report from the Garda Siochana, in consequence of which the Manager had written the letter now submitted to the meeting. In view of the facts he (Co. Surveyor) had directed <sup>of</sup> the discharge of the men at once and this had been done.

Mr. Colfer said that men might obtain only a few days employment on the land and they should not be precluded from taking road work when available.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following report under date 7th October, 1933, from Co. Surveyor, was submitted:-

"As directed by the County Council I made inspection and survey, taking soundings, of the entrance channel at Courtown.

"At my inspection the depth of water on sill of gates was 7'.2½" at half Spring Tide. The maximum depth obtainable on the sill at High Water Spring Tide cannot be greater than say 9 feet without a freshet in the river. At this time there was no doubt abnormally low water owing to the continued drought, but at no time can more than 10 feet be calculated upon. This will only be for top of High Water Spring Tide, and, therefore, there is no use in dredging a greater depth in channel.

"I am of opinion that a depth of 8 feet at high water could be maintained in the channel, but without a full survey and borings, and thorough underwater inspection of the pier foundations I could not recommend any greater depth. I have figures showing result of one boring taken 50 feet off South Pier Head in 1913. This shows a depth at Low Water Spring Tide of 5'.6" with 18'.4" of sand, gravel and boulder clay overlying the rock.



"Possibly, there may be rock nearer the surface under the pier head, and up the channel, but unless the piers are substantially founded it would be unsafe to dredge between the piers to a depth of 10 feet High Water Spring Tide.

"I have quotations from a number of makers for supply of crane, and grab. These prices vary considerably, but I am satisfied that a suitable plant can be erected at the figure proposed by County Council viz. £1,000."

Letters were read from Messrs. R. Connors, Gorey, (Coal Merchant); Captain H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow; Stephen Doyle & Co., Gorey; John O'Connor & Co., Gorey; and John Bolger & Co., that they were prepared to use Courtown Harbour for their business provided facilities were available there for suitable tonnage.

The following deputation attended:- Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, Courtown Harbour; Captain Kearon, Arklow and Mr. Dudley Butler, Courtown Harbour.

Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, said that if the Co. Council would put the crane on the quay they would be finished with Courtown Harbour. There was in his opinion no necessity to dredge close to the piers. Years ago they had to depend on sail but now with motor boats of draft of 8 feet 6in. and 9 feet it was not necessary to have such a wide channel. With a southerly wind they could obtain an additional one foot or eighteen inches of water so they would have over eight feet on the cill.

The Co. Surveyor said that if they had to depend on a certain wind for a sufficient depth of water it would limit the use of the port. There were two factors to be considered:- (1) The depth of water on the cill (2) the dredging close to the pier. He was afraid if they went too far with the dredging they would push out the toe of the pier. They should have some experiments carried out to ascertain how far they could dredge with safety. The Department would not approve of the matter of



unless it was proved to them there would be no danger of collapse. He suggested they should "draw" one of the piles and see what was the depth; He should be taken as thoroughly in favour of the improvement at Courtown Harbour if it could be carried out without danger to the structure.

Col. Gibbon suggested they should try and obtain plans of the Harbour through their Solicitor, but the Co. Surveyor stated that the late Lord Courtown had gone most carefully through all his papers but had failed to find any plan.

Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, said that when the Harbour was built there was 11 feet of water in the channel and in consequence the foundations should be ample to allow for the necessary dredging.

Captain Kearon, Arklow, explained what he would be able to do as agent for Lord Fitzwilliam in shipping slate dust etc. from Courtown Harbour if the present suggested improvements were carried out. From his knowledge of other small harbours he felt that if the crane was erected the County Council would have solved the problem of Courtown Harbour.

Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, said that the channel was 42 feet across and if dredged to a width of 25 feet in the centre there was no necessity to go near the piers at all.

Mr. Keegan said that irrespective of the question of shipping the crane would be the means of keeping the harbour open for the fishermen.

The Co. Surveyor held that if he were asked to provide a channel of 10 feet he would like to have some borings carried out and one at least of the piles at each side drawn.

The Chairman said the Council should not pledge themselves to the expenditure of £1,000 for the proposed crane until they had a further report from the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Hall held that the expenditure of £1,000 would be justified in providing proper facilities for the fishermen of



Courtown if there was no other interest at stake.

Col. Gibbon said they must provide facilities for the fishermen. On the other hand he did not agree it would require £1,000 to do it. Owing to Mr. Donovan's work, and the flushing from the river the channel there was better than it <sup>ever</sup> was. Mr. Donovan was working with manual labour and a boat and equipped with a make-shift apparatus and he had been called upon only a couple of times since his contract began to clear the channel.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That £100 be set aside to be employed by Co. Surveyor to draw a pile at each side of piers at Courtown Harbour and also in carrying out sufficient borings to enable him to ascertain how near to the piers dredging can be carried out with safety."

The deputation having thanked the meeting withdrew.

#### MONAMOLIN ROADS

The following under date 21st September, 1933, was read from Rev. M.P. Rossiter, C.C., Monamolin:-

"I would ask you to bring this letter before the notice of the Council.

"I have been asked by many people to bring before the Council the scandalous state of the roads around Monamolin. To begin with, the road through Ballyedmond is really dangerous to any kind of traffic. Secondly the road from Ballinastraw to Clasheen is even worse. Thirdly all roads leading to the village itself are a disgrace to any Council. Now there is much traffic coming into Monamolin where a market is held every fortnight. Various travellers come into it every day and large lorries enter it constantly. The people of the parish come to Mass and Divine Service every Sunday and little children pass over it every day going to and coming from School and I may add



"many of these in bare feet.

"Lastly, I must again bring under your notice the many very dangerous corners. I have spoken on different occasions to Members of the County Council about those corners, yet nothing was done. I would ask the members of the Council to kindly examine their conscience and see if they are doing their duty to this part of the County, where there are many very good ratepayers."

The following extensively signed Memorial was also submitted:-

"We respectfully beg to draw your attention to the very bad state of the road (portion of the Main Road from Wexford to Gorey) from Ballyedmond to the Depot at Brady's Cross, Monamolin.

"We do so with the hope that after consideration of the facts you may see your way to have this portion of the said road steam-rolled at as early a date as possible.

"Here are the facts:-

- (1) This is an important main road and the traffic on it is considerable - cars, motors and lorries continually passing to and ~~from~~ from Wexford to Monamolin and Gorey, and from Enniscorthy to Monamolin and Gorey.
- (2) The particular portion of the road needing attention passes through the village of Ballyedmond where a large number of families reside. The houses are built beside the roadway on both sides. At the present time, and for some time past, the road surface is very poor. When in a dry state loose stones fly in all directions when motors and heavy lorries pass over it and constitute a grave source of danger to pedestrians and children of all ages who are constantly there.
- (3) The position is equally bad in wet weather. Mud is thrown in all directions and constantly disfigures the houses.
- (4) The short distance of road concerned would not entail much



"outlay.

- (5) The continuation of this road on both sides ~~is~~ in good repair and has been repeatedly attended to. This portion of the road has received no proper attention for a number of years and it is no exaggeration to say it is the worst in the district.
- (6) An important grinding mill is situated in the village which greatly increases the traffic.
- (7) The people of a wide district use this road when attending Divine Service and in the dark Winter nights the road is a positive source of danger.
- (8) Some of the largest and best ratepayers in the County (whose names are appended hereto) use this road and will verify the foregoing if necessary.
- (9) In addition to removing an eye-sore from the district much needed employment would be given on the approach of winter.

"We confidently hope that, after you have considered the above facts you may deem it feasible to have our request sanctioned."

A deputation consisting of Rev. M.P. Rossiter, C.C., and Thomas Boardman and James Murphy, both of Ballyedmond came before the meeting.

Mr. Hall, who introduced the deputation, said that Monamolin did not receive much financial assistance from the Council and it might be suggested that members of the Council were to blame in not looking for it. Father Rossiter and the other members of the deputation attended to ventilate some of their grievance<sup>d</sup>.

Father Rossiter said that the Memorial gave fairly fully the grievances of the people living in Monamolin. They knew that both ends of the road were fairly attended to. A statement had been made that some of it which passed



gentlemen's demesnes received three times the attention that was given to the sections in the neighbourhood of Ballyedmond and Monamolin. It was also stated that because poor people resided there nothing had been done to the roads except the laying down of a few big stones and sods on top. Members of the Co. Council passed over the Ballyedmond portion of the road and should be familiar with the condition.

Mr. Hall said it was certainly in very bad condition.

Messrs. Boardman and Murphy stated the memorial and the statement of Fr. Rossiter covered any views which they desired to offer.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the road from Ballycanew to Tomagaddy had been very much improved.

The chairman inquired as to why the particular portion complained of by Fr. Rossiter and the other members of the deputation had been neglected.

The Co. Surveyor said that the question that arose was not the doing of a selected piece of road but of applying the maintenance money to the whole road to the best advantage. The portion complained of had a marly bottom and was beyond the reach of the ordinary maintenance money to maintain. It would be necessary to have it repaired under a Government Grant. The other sections of the road had good bottoms and could be fairly maintained out of the maintenancesproposals. Two-thirds of the Wexford to Gorey road was in fairly good condition but the  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Kyle to Cuthatublin - one section  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile North of Ballycanew and another  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Cuthatubbin - were in fairly poor condition and could not be properly reconstructed without a grant.

In reply to the Chairman the Co. Surveyor stated that it would cost about £3,500 to lay a proper foundation, steam roll etc. the  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles referred to.

Mr. Ennis bore out the Co. Surveyor's statement and said



that he was anxious to do the road, but the money was not available. In the famine days cuttings were made in the course of the relief works which had marly bottoms. The rest of the road was quite sound. Explaining the good condition of portions of the road he said he had no doubt that in years gone by portions running by big places got three times as much material as others. He was anxious to have the other portions of the road steam-rolled but the money was not available. He had put in estimates for the repair of the bad portion of the road. There was no negligence whatever in dealing with the roads in this district, but <sup>he</sup> was unable to get the estimates for repair passed. It would not be possible to make a good surface on these bad sections with a layer of tarred stones.

Col. Gibbon considered the Co. Council through Mr. Corish, T.D., should apply to the Government for a grant for repair of the main road at Ballyedmond owing to the extra heavy traffic passing over it in consequence of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor said he proposed to put on the road for repair under the next available grant.

Col. Quin said he travelled that road that morning and had been over it six or seven times lately and it was not by any means the worse bit of road in the County. The worst section of that road was in the Castlebridge area.

Mr. D'Arcy said he was as often over the road as Col. Quin and he would say that the portions complained of were very bad, and he could not understand why it was being left in that condition.

Mr. Corish said he was in Monamolin last winter and his attention was drawn to the condition of the road. It was then bad enough, so that it must now be very bad.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the road was scheduled for improvement years ago, but it was held back because it was not a trunk road as they could not get any grant for it. As all that class of roads was now done, money would be allocated for link main



roads, and he would suggest that it be done out of the Grant which they received.

Mr. O'Byrne - When do you expect a Grant?

Co. Surveyor - You will be notified at the beginning of the year.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a sum of £50 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund to carry out repairs on the  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles referred to by Co. Surveyor and more particularly on the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile section."

Father Rossiter then referred to three dangerous corners, one at Brady's Turn, another adjacent to Monamolin School and the third an "S" hook at Ballinastraw, where a motor accident happened recently.

Chairman (to Co. Surveyor) - Have you any money to attend to those?

Co. Surveyor - None at present. We will bring it forward at the Road Works meeting.

Mr. O'Byrne - Two of the corners should not cost very much.

Co. Surveyor - The S hook turn would mean a diversion of the road.

Mr. Ennis stated in regard to two of the corners referred to he had for several years included proposals for them, but they were not done, as the money was cut down. The S hook turn would be an expensive job.

Father Rossiter also referred to the state of the four roads leading to the village to which there was a constant stream of traffic, including lorries. People attending the Catholic and Protestant Churches had to travel along those roads. Most of his population were poor people, and their children had to walk in their bare feet over sharp stones. Some of the children had their feet cut by the stones, and they had to



remain in school all day. After a short time there would be a good deal of unemployment when the work on the cottages was ended, and it was suggested that the people could then be better employed on the roads than drawing the dole. He promised when he came as a member of the deputation he would refer to employment being provided. At the present time stones were rolling down the streets of the village, the sewers and traps were broken and stopped and water was running around every place.

Mr. Ennis said it would require a couple of hundred pounds to put them in order, and that amount of money was not available at present. The stones from Ballyregan quarry were of a flinty nature like glass and were torn from the surface by motor traffic.

Mr. Keegan contended that lorry traffic through the village had broken down the sewers and believed if metalling was taken from Carrigeen quarry, there was a prospect that it would bond into the road.

The Chairman said he could not understand how the village and the roads around it were in such a bad condition, as the Council had allocated as much money for it as for any other village in the County. In his barony there were several villages but there were no complaints as to what was being done and the money allocated for those places was no greater than for similar places in the North of the County.

The Co. and Assistant Surveyors with the means at their disposal should endeavour to deal with the complaints which had been made.

The Co. Surveyor said that there was only £204 in the County Road Contingency Fund, and about £400 in the Main Road Contingency Fund, and of course these amounts had to deal with any unforeseen works between now and 31st March next. He ~~was~~ <sup>would</sup> include the corners referred to by Fr. Rossiter in next Road Grant Scheme and the Council could then decide if they were prepared to put up the money to bring about their improvement.



If not it might be possible to bring them in under Minor Relief Schemes Vote next year though at present the Council had no intimation that any money would be available under that head beyond what they had recently allocated.

Father Rossiter thanked the Members of the Council on behalf of the people of the district for having gone so fully into the complaints which had been laid before the meeting.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES -

WEXFORD DISTRICT

The County Councillors for Wexford recommended the following works under Minor Relief Schemes:-

|                                                                                  |      |
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| Cleaning River at Brownstown -                                                   | £30  |
| Cleaning River at Old Boley -                                                    | £30  |
| Surfacing etc. lane at Ballygeary -                                              | £50  |
| Cleaning stream at Ballygillane -                                                | £100 |
| Surfacing and draining Neemestown Lane -                                         | £70  |
| Draining Lane etc. at Ballygrangans -                                            | £60  |
| Surfacing and draining Ballydusker Lane, Killinick.                              | £100 |
| Surfacing etc. lane at Killinick -                                               | £80  |
| Surfacing and draining Milltown Lane -                                           | £40  |
| Surfacing etc. Traceystown Lane -                                                | £70  |
| Surfacing and draining lane at Clonerane, Taghmon.                               | £70  |
| Surfacing and drainage Green road at Bannow.                                     | £30  |
| Surfacing and drainage Picket's Cross Roads to<br>Coast Guard Station. -         | £20  |
| Surfacing and drainage "loop" from Picket's<br>Cross Roads. -                    | £80  |
| Surfacing and Drainage of Gurteenminogue and<br>Fardystown Lane. -               | £100 |
| Surfacing and drainage of half mile of Beggan<br>Lane, Mount Cross, Bridgetown - | £40  |

Total amount allocated £970 leaving a balance of £80 to be dealt with later.



### REPAIR OF LANES

Memorials for repair of lanes under Minor Relief Schemes were received from various ratepayers.

(1) To connect Tinnock Road with Coole and Boderan, (Campile District).

(2) Repair of Kilcorkey Lane (Gorey District).

The Chairman said these applications could be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes was received, next year.

### WEXFORD BRIDGE

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

"That a sum of £90 be withdrawn from Main Road Contingency Fund and allocated towards cost of new beams on Wexford Bridge."

### BALLYCANEW ROAD - 27M

In connection with the application of Mr. H.T. Furney, Ballycanew, to enclose a piece of waste ground passing his premises on Road 27M, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the District, wrote recommending that permission be given to Mr. Furney to enclose the place referred to, as it was an unsightly nuisance at present. The wall to be built would not cause any obstruction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Wexford County Council take no action as regards the recommendation of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, to allow Mr. H.T. Furney, Ballycanew, to enclose portion of the highway in front of his premises."



RELIEF UNEMPLOYMENT -

BANNOW DISTRICT

Andrew Stafford, The Moor, Bannow, Secretary, Bannow Branch of the Irish Labour Party, wrote that owing to the large amount of unemployment in the County, he asked the Council to allocate some money from Relief Grants for relief of unemployment as soon as money was available. He recommended the road from Cullenstown to Wellingtonbridge for improvement as it was in a bad state.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:-

"That the application from Bannow Labour Party as to repair of road from Cullenstown to Wellingtonbridge, be considered when first Relief Grants are received from Department of Local Government and Public Health."

SUPERANNUATION OF MANUAL INSTRUCTOR

Under date 21st September, 1933, the following was read from Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee:-

"I desire to report, for the information of your Council that my Committee, at its meeting held on the 4th September, 1933, granted to Mr. James McNally, Manual Instructor in Woodwork, a superannuation allowance of £115.18.8d with appropriate cost of Living Bonus, to which amount the State Central Fund will contribute half."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That renewal of Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to A.S. O'Donnell, Merchant, Taghmon."



KILCAVAN UNITED IRELAND PARTY

The following resolution was received from  
Mr. T. Canavan, Hon. Sec., Tara Hill and Kilcavan Branch of  
the National Farmers and Ratepayers League:-

"We the Members of the above Branch desire to strongly  
protest against the unnecessary expenditure of Public money  
by the Wexford Co. Council.

"Any waste of Public money on unnecessary schemes or in  
any other directions are absolutely uncalled for at this  
hour of our national crisis."

Chairman - If they had specified any expenditure it  
would have been all right. In its present form I do not  
see how we can deal with this resolution.

No order.

*Michael Doyle*

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