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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 8th OCTOBER, 1934.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th October, 1934.

Present, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, T.J. Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and considered.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £20,003:11:1d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. BIRTHISTLE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by the Chairman:- "That the following letter from Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in acknowledgement of vote of condolence adopted to him in the death of his Mother be inserted on to-day's meeting:-

"Please convey to the Wexford Co. Council at their next meeting my sincere thanks for their kind expression of sympathy on the death of my Mother.

"To yourself and the staff I also wish to offer my gratitude."

THE LATE MR. JOHN JOYCE, BUTLERSTOWN CASTLE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kinsella:- "That the following letter from Mr. Wm. Joyce, Croase, Cleariestown, in acknowledgement of vote of condolence by County Council in

the death of his brother John Joyce, Butlerstown Castle, Broadway, be inserted on the Minutes of this day's meeting:-

"I am very grateful to the Co.Council for having so graciously passed a vote of condolence with me and the other members of the family on the death of my brother John.

"It is a great assuagement of sorrow to receive such great kindness from his acquaintances, and especially from your good self and the County Council.

"Will you be good enough to convey to the Council on behalf of myself and the other members of the family the expression of our great gratitude."

CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 24th SEPTEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st September, 1934.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, M. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, and the five Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After the reading of the Minutes and examination of payments, Mr. Allen, Chairman of the County Council, attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,882:10:1d was examined and signed.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of Overdraft Accommodation of £40,000 to 31st December, 1934."

PART PAYMENT OF RATES

The following under date 15th September, 1934, (G.116174/34 Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he offers no objection to the continuance for another year of the system which has been in operation, by which, in cases where a year's arrears of rates are due, part payments are accepted.

"The Minister is not disposed to agree to extend the system further so as to allow of part payments where only a half year's arrears are due."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minister be

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"requested to reconsider his decision as regards acceptance of part payment of rates where only a half year's arrears are due. The Finance Committee are of opinion that by doing so he would considerably help the finances of the Council and facilitate a large number of individual rate-payers."

LIST OF OUTSTANDING RATES

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the list of outstanding rates in District No.12 (Collector M. Murphy) be referred to Mr. Kinsella, Co. Councillor, for his observations.

HAND-BREAKING - ROAD MATERIAL

In connection with this matter the Secretary read extracts from Minutes of Co.Council meeting of 11th June 1934, setting out the quarries in each Assistant Surveyor's district in which hand-breaking had been carried out. In most instances the men were unable to earn a living wage.

The Co.Surveyor said that where possible, from an economic point of view, hand breaking was carried out, but there were some quarries in which it was impossible.

Mr. Colfer said he had taken a keen interest in the matter of hand-breaking and particularly for the past five or six years he was an advocate for it, but he had to admit that it was only in ^a few quarries was it feasible. There were very large numbers of men who could not break stones to gauge but he was of opinion that in certain quarries the "scablings" could be broken by hand. After a blast the "scablings" were mixed with the bigger material and when fed to the breaker caused a very big delay: in fact where a large quantity had to be seen to, the men were half idle. If there could be an arrangement

by which the "scablings" could be broken by hand in the quarry this was as far as the Council could go. Of course these observations applied to the regular work of the Council and not to relief grants in regard to which hand-breaking, because of the employment it gave, should be adopted.

Mr. Keegan said that in regard to the improvement work on the Ballycanew-Gorey Road a number of people considered that in order to provide employment the material should have been broken by hand as had happened on a previous occasion. He was, however, informed that none of the material had been hand-broken; it was all done by machinery, and by what was described as the standing staff of the Council. This was very unfair when there were so many idle men some of them out of employment for a considerable time. Where there was such an amount of money coming into a town for a very short stretch of road something should have been done to meet the general unemployment in the district.

In reply to the Chairman, the Assistant Surveyors said they broke as large a quantity of material by hand as in other years. They were only too anxious - as they recognised how prevalent unemployment was - to get as many men as possible at work.

The Chairman said he saw in Dublin recently machines at work which provided chippings only.

The Co. Surveyor said that their use would make the cost higher - 10/- per yard - as against 7/- for chippings turned out by the Breaker. Jaws for the breaker gave service taking the County as a whole, for a month. In some quarries they wore out in a week and in Kerlogue he had to stop granulating the material as the jaws which cost £12 a set, lasted two days only.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "The Finance Committee are satisfied that so far as it can possibly be done the Assistant Surveyors have arranged for hand-breaking material for roads in the quarries in their districts but we suggest that for the future "scablings" in quarries should be set aside and broken by hand."

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Co.Surveyor said that the average cost of material on the road and "all in" was 7/- per cubic yard. Where a big quantity was required such as on a Grant job the cost was about 5/6d per cubic yard as there was no double handling. For ordinary road maintenance however, the men had to bank up the stuff because the breaker would probably not be in the quarry at the time.

Where working on Grant working the stuff as it came from the quarry face was fed into the breaker and they saved in this way at least 1/- per yard.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Co.Surveyor would agree to give men who would be prepared to break material at 7/- per cubic yard an opportunity of so doing.

The Co.Surveyor said they tried this at Carrigbyrne quarry and it was not satisfactory.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said the men in Carrigbyrne quarry were never satisfied. They said that they were not allowed enough in the measurement. Although they offered to break at 6/6d per yard the material cost 7/6d.

Mr. Keegan said that was one quarry only. He would like to see the offer made in a general way and let the men break to the satisfaction of the Co.Surveyor at 7/- per yard. He believed they would earn plenty of money at it.

Mr. O'Neill said that in Carrigbyrne the wages worked out at 12/- per week.

Mr. Ennis pointed out that when men were put into a

quarry as suggested by Mr. Keegan they ran over its face.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the Co. Surveyor said that about 10% of all their material was hand-broken.

Mr. Doyle said that if the machines were not employed the men working at them and the eight or ten men with the breaker would be idle. What were the Council going to do about them?

The Chairman said that all the Council wished was to have hand-breaking carried out to the fullest capacity possible.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan gave notice of motion as follows:-

"I will move at the meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 8th October, 1934, that the County Council consider a proposal to offer to groups of workmen the opportunity to provide road material in Co. Council quarries at the same price as it is produced by machinery, all material so produced to be approved by the County or Assistant Surveyors."

EMPLOYMENT OF CO. COUNCIL WORKERS

In connection with the matter of employment of men, Mr. Doyle said that for many reasons the Council should not adopt what was known as the short week. First of all the men would be employed and would not be employed and in the long run the adoption of a short week would cause a good deal of discontent and disorganisation.

The Chairman agreed and said it would be better to have the men working on full time even if they were disemployed for longer periods. They could consider the question of disemployment of men who had a number of accumulated stamps on their unemployment cards.

Mr. Doyle mentioned that at a recent meeting of the Council a division was taken on this point and a motion such as that mentioned by the Chairman was not carried.

Miss O'Ryan considered it would be a very dangerous procedure to use up all Insurance stamps. If everything in the Unemployment Fund was paid out as quickly as it came in the fund would go bankrupt.

Mr. Colfer pointed out that very few men were affected by this accumulation of stamps. Probably only half the gangers and four or five others.

Mr. Keegan said that some gangers had ten or twelve years' stamps and he considered it was very unfair that men who were seeking employment for years should not be able to secure the earning of a shilling. In the Winter time he saw these gangers working by themselves on the roads, when they drew only labourer's wages.

The Co.Surveyor said that it was necessary in a large number of cases to retain the services of gangers as workmen because there were odds and ends to be done on the roads, and the gangers were the most suitable men for the purpose.

Miss O'Ryan believed that for odd jobs of this description it might be better to employ the gangers, but where two or three weeks' employment could be offered she would recommend the Co.Surveyor to take on ordinary workmen.

Mr. Doyle said this was not done at the present time.

The Co.Surveyor said he thought the matter was feasible and he would endeavour to arrange it with the Assistant Surveyors.

The Chairman said what the Council were anxious to get away from was the dissatisfaction as to employment which prevailed throughout the county and that when the men were paid off the gangers were retained. They would get over this dissatisfaction if some system could be devised whereby when men were discharged the gangers would have also to go, and that new men would be employed to do odd jobs.

Miss O'Ryan said she had no fault to find with the gangers but for the purpose of distributing employment she

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would appeal to the Co.Surveyor to see that the men who had no work should be employed.

Mr. Ennis said that excepting as regards main road work, the gangers were not kept on, when the other men were discharged.

The matter dropped.

COURTOWN HARBOUR
WORKING EXPENSES OF CRANE & GRAB.

The Co.Surveyor stated that in his report to the last meeting of Co.Council, he had asked to be empowered to deal with the running expenses of Crane and Grab at Courtown Harbour. These would be the extra wages for the Harbour Master and Watchman, and also to cover purchase of coal, oil and sundries. He would bring into the Road Works Scheme a sum to cover these expenses for the next financial year, but he required the authority of the Council to deal with any which occurred between date of erection of grab and 31st March next.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co.Surveyor be empowered to deal with the running expenses of crane and grab at Courtown Harbour between date when this machinery became operative up to 31st March, 1935, and that he be also empowered to include in Road Works Scheme a sufficient sum to cover working of crane and grab at this Harbour for next financial year."

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKMAN

The Co.Surveyor submitted the following statement from R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, relative to report that a road workman named John Fortune, Tombrack, was paid for 18th August, 1934, although he was not working on that day:-

"John Fortune, Tombrack, was not working on Saturday, 18th August, the last day of the fortnight, and was paid for that day. He spent the day in Dublin at the league of Youth Convention. I have inquired into the matter. The facts are

"as follows:- "Fortune did not know till 11 p.m. on Friday night that he would be absent on the Saturday. He had been speaking to the foreman, John Kennedy, shortly before this.

"The Pay Sheets have to be posted in Ballycarney one and three quarter hours after the time of giving up work. On this occasion the foreman did not go home at all after giving up work, but went to the Chapel to go to Confession. The Sheets were partly written out on the Friday night, finished by the foreman's wife on Saturday and posted by her. I may say that it is his wife who usually does the sheets as he is not much of a writer. It would have been better, of course, if the sheets had been brought to the road and verified before posting. The foreman assures me, however, that he had no reason at all to suppose that any of his men would be absent.

"As soon as he discovered his error, Kennedy formed the intention of taking the equivalent amount off Fortune's time for the following fortnight. He states he so informed Fortune on the Monday. It would have been better had he written to me at once. I could have rectified the matter immediately. As it happened he forgot to adjust the man's time during the next fortnight. There is a certain amount of excuse for this as Fortune worked almost all of this & period under another foreman. The matter has been adjusted during the present fortnight ending the 15th September.

"I think it right to say that from my knowledge of the foreman, John Kennedy, for the last 13 years I would be extremely slow to believe that he would try to pay anyone for time which was not worked. He is one of the best men in the County to work himself, and get work done, but is not much of a clerk. Hence the mistake.

"John Fortune, the man concerned has been in charge of my tar boilers for the past 10 years, is an excellent man and not at all the type to look for any money which he had not earned.

"I have told the foreman that in future he should post the pay sheets in Ferns rather than in Ballycarney. This will give him more time to do them on the Saturday."

Miss O'Ryan said it appeared to be rather a loose proceeding on the part of the foreman to allow his wife to finish the clerical work at his Sheets as she would not know whether a man was working or not. It was only when the thing got noised about that the adjustment was made.

Mr. Ennis said that Fortune was only working with Kennedy two days in the fortnight ending 18th August as he was employed for the balance of the period under another Ganger. Were it not for that he considered the adjustment would have been made earlier.

Chairman - Fortune was really paid for two days for which he should not have received any remuneration. As he

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did not work on the 18th August he was not entitled to be paid for the holyday in the same week, viz. 15th August. This should be a warning to the foreman in the future because it was only through him that the Co.Council had any means of knowing who were at work. His (Chairman's) attention had been drawn to the fact of this man's absence and it was generally talked about around the country.

Mr. Keegan asked if the foreman were supposed to be working foremen.

Chairman - The big majority of them are.

The Co.Surveyor said they were supposed to be working gangers.

Mr. Keegan held that some of them in the district did no work.

The Chairman considered that the point raised by Mr. Keegan could be dealt with at another time.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following:- "That the attention of John Kennedy, Ganger, be drawn to the irregularity in the case of payment to John Fortune, for 15th August and 18th August, days on which he was not at work. We consider the matter very serious but in view of the Statement of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, we decide to take no further action. We direct the Assistant Surveyors to call the attention of their Gangers to this case and to impress upon them the necessity of exercising extreme care, in the preparation of their pay sheets."

Passed.

QUESTION OF WEEKLY PAYMENTS

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary said so far as the Co.Council Offices were concerned, the system of weekly payments, taking into account extra clerical assistance, postage etc. would entail an expenditure of at least £200.

The Co. Surveyor stated at present it took two days for the Assistant Surveyors to check over the fortnightly payments, and it would be a serious matter if they were to lose two days each week.

Mr. Colfer said that the men in permanent employment had no grievance whatever as to payments being made fortnightly but there was a grievance with men who first came into employment on the Monday previous to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

After discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "The Finance Committee recognise that in the cases of men entering employment on the Monday preceding the meeting of the Finance Committee, there is a definite grievance regarding the payment of wages as they might have actually completed work before receiving any remuneration. To meet such cases the Finance Committee recommend the Council to request the Minister to sanction the establishment of an Imprest A/c. up to £50, in the name of the Co. Surveyor."

Passed.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Application was received from Miss Barbara Lowe, University Scholarship Holder, Faythe, Wexford, for extension of her scholarship in order to secure the higher Diploma in Education.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That, as provided by University Scholarship Scheme, extension of Scholarship for one year be granted to Miss Barbara Lowe, to allow her to secure Higher Diploma in Education."

Letters were read from James G. Delaney, 50, Parnell Street, Wexford, Thomas Cullimore, 15, Green Street, Wexford, and W.A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge,

stating they intended to avail of University Scholarships at University College, Dublin.

DEPUTATION FROM WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Under date 18th September, 1934, the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, wrote that as regards the proposal for the improvement of Wexford Harbour, a deputation from their Board recently waited on the Minister for Industry and Commerce and discussed the financial details. It appeared from observations made by officials during this discussion that they considered the local bodies were not backing the scheme to a sufficient extent in as much as Galway Co. Council were financing their harbour scheme to the extent of 4d in the £. and Wexford only 1d in the £. The Commissioners had appointed the following deputation to await on the Co. Council to further discuss the scheme on the 8th October, 1934:- Messrs. R.W. Houston, J.J. Stafford, Ald. J. Billington and W.S. Kearney.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Finance Committee recommend the Co. Council to receive and hear the deputation from Wexford Harbour Commissioners in regard to proposed improvement of Wexford Harbour."

ERECTION OF MAGAZINE FOR EXPLOSIVES

The Co. Surveyor stated it was absolutely necessary that the Council should provide a magazine for the storage of explosives. The old military barracks in which they were at present stored was about to be closed down and in addition it was an unsuitable place. Some years ago he had prepared plans for a magazine according to statutory requirements. At the last meeting of the Council he had considered that it might be possible to have the magazine erected at Kerlogue Quarry, but he had since come to the

conclusion that Ballyboggan Quarry would be more suitable. The objection to Kerlogue was that the quarry was near some houses and there was a good deal of traffic at the place with people walking along the head-land. In fact it was almost a public pathway there. It would cost about £70 to provide the magazine in Ballyboggan Quarry according to standard specification.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to have erected at Ballyboggan Quarry, magazine for the storage of Co. Council explosives, cost not to exceed £70."

Passed.

DEFECTIVE GULLET

Under date 21st September, 1934, the following report was received from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"There is a defective gullet on above road (Coolcotts Lane) which is a distinct danger to the travelling public.

"The contractor, Patrick Devereux, Barntown, was notified by the ganger in the Section but has not attended to the matter.

"I have this day sent a ten day notice and would like to have permission from the Council to institute proceedings if such a course is found necessary.

"This Contractor was prosecuted last winter, but is not much improved."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by the Chairman:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, communicate with Patrick Devereux, Barntown, and inform him that unless he carries out the work of repairing defective gullet at Coolcotts Lane within the ten days mentioned in notice given him by Mr. Birthistle, he will be prosecuted."

HEALTH BOARD OFFICES.

Under date 20th September, 1934, the following letter was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I am at present engaged at measuring and preparing plans for the Health Board Offices in the Marshalsea

"Prison at the rear of the County Buildings. As the Council is aware I have already carried out two extensive jobs in connection with the alterations of the main building, and I have not received any fees for either of these works. Usually County Surveyors are paid a percentage on plans of a like nature, and as the Health Board Office construction is entirely outside the usual work proper to my office I ask that I should be allowed fees for same, and I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter before the Finance Committee."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to payment of fees to Co. Surveyor in connection with the erection of new offices for Co. Wexford Board of Health, viz. 5% on contract for completed work of which 2½% is to be regarded as relating to plans and specifications."

MACHINERY OVERSEER

Under date 20th September, 1934, the following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"The Machinery Overseer has applied to me for a fortnight's leave of absence, and as we can now arrange for the work proceeding I have acceded to his request. I now ask for the sanction of the Finance Committee to his wages running during the holiday period. I wish to point out that Mr. Murphy, who is a most efficient officer, is not paid for any overtime, though the amount of this in the course of the year is considerable, and I shall have full particulars for the meeting. I may note that Mr. Murphy is always available for attending to hurried jobs, and working overtime so that numbers of other men may not be rendered idle; in fact his working in this manner is a considerable saving to the County Funds."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the application of Machinery Overseer as regards fortnight's holidays be agreed to.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, reported that the application to commit the child Margaret P. Carroll to Industrial School was heard at New Ross Court on 11th September, 1934, when it was found the wages of Mother were only 15/9d a month and there was ~~no~~ no one to look after the child. The District Justice committed it to the Industrial School and ordered that the Mother pay 6d a week as from the 1st October, 1934.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "The Finance Committee considers that the amount of contribution, ~~which~~ in the case of Margaret P. O'Carroll, who was committed to Industrial School at New Ross Court on 11th September, 1934, should have been at a higher rate in view of the fact that the mother is relieved of all responsibility for the child and is in earning."

The Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., wrote he intended to apply at the childrens' Court in Wexford on 26th September, 1934, for the committal of James (aged 7½ years) and John Murphy (aged 5 years), Ballyteigue, Kilmore, to Rathdrum Industrial School. These were illegitimate children of Mary Margaret Murphy.

A resolution was adopted directing Mr. Elgee to oppose the application.

The District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made at New Ross on 25th September, 1934, for committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School of Mary Margaret Anderson, Mountgarrett, New Ross, aged about 9 years. She was one of five or six children - none of whom were working. Her father was also unemployed. His wife died about a month back and the children were in a wretched condition of poverty.

It was decided that the application be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

TYPEWRITER FOR CO. COUNCIL OFFICE

The Secretary reported that the typewriter in typist's office required rather extensive repairs. It had been running for a great number of years and in consequence several parts would have to be replaced. He had received a quotation from the Lawson Supply Company, 44, Fleet Street, Dublin, for the supply of a new L.C. Smith machine at £25 (25% under the listed price). The old machine would be taken in exchange and a sum of £9 allowed for it.

The Secretary recommended the purchase of the new machine at £25 the old machine to be repaired and retained, to be employed particularly for cutting stencils which would save the wear and tear of the new machine to a very considerable extent.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the old typewriter in County Secretary's Office be repaired and retained and that new "L.C.Smith" machine at £25 be purchased."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st September, 1934, be received and considered:"

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- The following under date 9th October, 1934, (G.128018/34 Loch Garman Fa) 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 receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo and to state that in deference to the resolution of the Finance Committee he approves of an extension in respect of the current year's collection only of the system of part payment of arrears to cases where only a half year's arrears are due. The decision on the subject as communicated in the final paragraph of the Department's letter of the 15th ultimo may accordingly be disregarded."

EMPLOYMENT OF WORKMEN:- The Chairman said they had an informal discussion at the last meeting of the Finance Committee. He expressed the opinion that if a system could be devised by the Co.Surveyor whereby all the men in one gang would be laid off when funds were depleted, it would be more satisfactory than the present system of discharging some men and retaining others. A good deal of dissatisfaction arose when three or four men out of a gang of twelve were discharged. He moved the following:- "That it be a direction to the Co.Surveyor that all workmen in a particular road section be laid off together where feasible and where funds are becoming depleted."

Continuing the Chairman said men were coming to him complaining that three or four were laid off out of one gang and he thought that some of them referred to a statement that the Co.Surveyor implied that they were the worst men, which they resented. Where men were employed over a number of years the best system to adopt was to continue them in employment while the money lasted and then allow them all to go.

The Co.Surveyor said that from an examination of the records in his office he found that generally speaking where two or three men were put off at one period, they were not the men disemployed at the next stoppage of work. He suggested

that he would bring his Record Book of employment to the next meeting of the Finance Committee, when the matter could be gone into exhaustively. From a discussion he had had with the Assistant Surveyors it appeared some men were kept on practically all the time because they were specially suited for something. It was a very difficult question to handle. He and his Assistants did not want to put off any man at all, though they were compelled to do so when money was not available. Naturally the man who was discharged had a grievance against the man kept on. When the Finance Committee considered the records he intended to submit to the next meeting, they would see that he and his Assistants were doing the best they could. Of course there might be a case of real grievance but taking it all round he did not see how the present system could be changed.

Col. Gibbon proposed that further consideration of the Chairman's resolution be adjourned until the Finance Committee had had an opportunity of going further into the matter.

Col. Quin seconded, but the proposal was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Keegan asked for an explanation in regard to the discharging of a ganger who had nine children and the employment of another who had twelve years' stamps.

The Chairman said that questions of this description could be dealt with at the Finance Committee.

Mr. Doyle said the Co. Surveyor admitted there were certain men who were put off, but why should he not change the whole number of men.

The Co. Surveyor said what he meant was that these men he referred to were the last to be kept on because practically every man was put off at some time.

Mr. Doyle said he knew several workers who were employed for the full twelve months.

The Co. Surveyor said what he meant to imply was that

while there was any work these men were not put off.

Mr. Culleton asked if the Gangers were employed all the year round.

The Co.Surveyor said not all, but some of them were.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that at the Finance Committee the Co.Surveyor said it would be feasible to put on a man in place of the ganger for ordinary work.

Mr. Kelly said he knew Gangers who had ten or fourteen years' stamps and they were never put off.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that some men said they were always the ones to be dismissed while others were kept on for ten or twelve years. The greater grievance was the statement that they were disemployed because they were no good, which prevented them from getting work with farmers.

The Co.Surveyor said it was mentioned that a statement had been made that men were no good. If that expression was used it was used inadvertently because what was really meant was that the man disemployed was not as good or as suitable as the man kept on.

The Chairman deprecated the Council setting themselves up as judges of particular men. If they were going to advocate the survival of the fittest he did not know where it would lead them.

The resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

Miss O'Ryan moved:- "That where urgent work is needed in a particular area, the Assistant Surveyor for the District employ an ordinary worker instead of a ganger for ordinary work."

Mr. Bowe seconded.

Passed.

Col. Gibbon said the question of unemployment had been coming on at almost every Co.Council meeting since Grants had been available and there were always objections to the manner in which employment had been given. He thought it

might shorten the work of the Council in the future if they called a special meeting to consider unemployment for one whole day so as to get the matter definitely settled.

The Chairman said this was a question that they could talk over for a week and yet not arrive at a solution. The last Council had it under discussion a hundred times and could not solve it.

Mr. Culleton pointed out that World conferences had also attempted a solution without success.

HAND-BREAKING IN QUARRIES:- Arising out of Committee the following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the Co.Council consider a proposal to offer to groups of workmen the opportunity to procure Road Material in Co.Council Quarries at the same price as it is produced by machinery, the material so produced to be approved by County Surveyor."

In moving his motion Mr. Keegan said that a good deal of discontent prevailed in the North of the County because the Co. Council did not try to meet the prevalent unemployment by some system of hand-breaking material in quarries. When he heard the statement of the Co.Surveyor that the cost of quarrying and breaking material ready for the breaker was 7/- per yard he was informed by expert quarry-men that they would be satisfied to prepare material at this figure to the satisfaction of the Co.Surveyor. He (Mr. Keegan) was dealing only with the North of the County and was not going to dictate to the rest of the County if his proposal did not suit them. He suggested that the Scheme he proposed should get a trial and that an expert quarryman be put in charge of each quarry. It might not be popular with gangers, Assistant Surveyors or even some Co.Councillors. But he was putting the Scheme forward in the interests of the working men and was confident that it could be worked successfully. With an

expert quarry man in charge they would be able to turn out suitable material and would be keeping the money in the Country. What was the good of Grants if they were going for imported material and imported machinery. They were always calling out for the use of Irish manufacture and they should try and keep Irish money for Irish workmen. If the County Surveyor, in quarries in which this proposed experiment was to be carried out, required fine material there would be no objection to the use of machinery to procure it.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that the 7/- per yard mentioned was the average flat rate for all quarries. In some the cost was more than this figure and in others less so that if they allowed Contractors or workmen who could be regarded as little sub-contractors to provide material it is not at 7/- per yard they would be paid but at the normal cost of producing material in that particular quarry.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Keegan said his proposal included the provision of the necessary tools by the workers.

Mr. Sweetman pointed out the danger which would be caused by the use of explosives under Mr. Keegan's proposal.

Mr. Kelly said that in the Enniscorthy area there was a large number of men who were anxious to get work under the Scheme as proposed by Mr. Keegan. In Ballagh quarry which was situate in a district in which men with large families had not obtained any work for the past twelve months there was a large amount of scabblings which could be broken by hand, and he would be glad if an arrangement in that direction could be made.

Col. Quin said that the old Co. Council had adopted several resolutions directing that where possible quarry material should be broken by hand and although every one was in favour of it, it was found the men could not make a living wage.

Mr. Sweetman said that the Council should be very careful as regards putting men in a quarry as a completely free unit to use whatever explosives they liked.

Mr. Doyle thought the proceeding was a very dangerous one altogether for the reason that except they had very close supervision those people were going to take the easiest quarries and the easiest way of getting the stones, and he thought it would be a dangerous proceeding to allow explosives in the hands of ordinary labourers and ordinary gangers.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that the Council under Mr. Keegan's proposal would be bound to stamp the Insurance cards of the men and they would be responsible for any accident which occurred there. The Insurance Company would scarcely accept liability unless some of the Co. Council officials were in charge of the work.

Mr. O'Byrne wanted to have all the hand-breaking possible carried out in quarries but he opposed the proposal as he believed it would undermine direct labour system and reinstate the contract system. It would also be giving away control of the quarries. It would not be possible for the Assistant Surveyors to supervise all the small blasts under the proposal in fact their whole time would be gone looking after this matter.

Mr. Corish also expressed himself in favour of all the hand breaking of material that was possible, but he believed with Mr. O'Byrne if they allowed the proposal of Mr. Keegan's to develop, it might be that certain contractors would be creeping back into the quarries. He favoured the breaking of material by the men without the use of explosives. If, under Mr. Keegan's proposal, there was an accident, the Co. Council might not be held liable and the dependents of the insured man or men who were killed might find themselves

without compensation. He favoured continuance of the procedure as regards hand breaking which had obtained to the present viz., that explosives be used by Co.Council officials and the men carry out the hand breaking. Even if the latter cost a little more it would be money well spent.

Mr. Keegan was prepared to fall in with the suggestions of Mr. Corish, provided the Co.Surveyor would quarry stones at 2/- per yard. The Co.Surveyor submitted reports from the Assistant Surveyors relative to hand breaking in the quarries of their districts.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he found the machine breaking cost on average from 2/4d to 2/8d per yard. This included dumping and shifting of stones in a quarry as well as breaking. In Kiltrea quarry the average earnings of the men were 21/- but as the stones in the future would have to be broken finer the earnings would be less. In Curraghduff the average earnings were 17/-. In Carrigeen, Ballyregan, Killabeg, Rathduff, Cherryorchard and Doran's Hill, it was not possible to arrange for hand broken material as the cost would be extremely high if the men were to have fair wages.

In Mr. O'Neill's District, it was found impossible to break by hand, material in Bridge or Boley quarries and hand breaking was not feasible in Ballygarvan, Ballykelly, Campile or Grange. In Burkestown, Haggard and Palace all the scabblings were broken by hand. Wages on a time basis in Burkestown and Haggard were 30/- per week and in Palace 25/- (Piece work).

In the district of Mr. Treanor, eight quarries were worked. Ballythomas and Ballyellis had all material broken by hand. Tara Hill and Clologue were not suitable for hand breaking. Some hand breaking was done in Gorey Hill, Bellcarrig and Carriganeagh. The average earnings in the seven quarries in which hand breaking was carried out

was £1:2s. per week.

The following quarries were worked in Mr. Cullen's district:-

Raheenahoun, average earnings 15/-; Tomgarrow, 15/-
Tuberfinnick and Dunanore, 15/- to 18/-;
Edenvale 18/- to 22/-; Brownswood and Barmoney £1 to 25/-;
Carrigbawn 15/-; Ballyvaldon 15/-; Ballybuckley and
Clonhaston, 13/- to 18/-.

A number of these were found unsuitable for hand breaking but in those in which hand breaking was carried out the average earnings was 15/- per week.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had carried out hand breaking in the following quarries in his district:-

Trinity, Taghmon, Kilmore and Seaview. The average amount earned for the four quarries was 17/- per week.

Mr. Corish asked was there any possibility of allowing a few pence more per yard for hand-breaking. He considered this would be better than having money going out of the country for years, for stone breakers and other machinery.

The Co. Surveyor said if they could get an indication of what their/^{Road}grant would be in the spring they could prepare their material during the winter months, but they did not get notification until March or April and it delayed their work. If they could get an indication of the grant they could prepare fifty per cent of the material.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Ennis said that generally speaking, with modern road making, they had very little use for hand-breaking. With regard to the cost, if they took a steam-rolling job costing £1,000, three miles from a quarry, there would be about seven per cent less paid in wages when they used a breaker than if they broke by hand.

Miss O'Ryan said that before they could support

Mr. Keegan they would want to be very clear as to where their responsibility as Co.Councillors would begin. Were the groups of men to be under some man directly appointed under the Council - a deputy surveyor or a ganger or some man of the kind?

Secretary - Mr. Keegan said he was prepared to accept that.

Mr. Keegan - I did.

Miss O'Ryan - Has the Co.Surveyor any man trained to take on a number of workmen for hand-quarrying?

Co.Surveyor - Of course our gangers are mostly so, and we have to have them certified by the police authorities before we can give them even 5 lbs. of gelignite for small blastings.

Mr. Keegan referred to the question of a group of men working Tara Hill quarry in charge of an experienced man.

The Chairman suggested that the stones should be quarried by the Co.Council and broken by hand.

The Co.Surveyor was agreeable to a trial being given in one or two quarries, but in regard to Tara Hill Quarry he thought Mr. Keegan would find that the men would not be able to get out material there without machinery. He suggested that they try Tara Hill.

Mr. Keegan - I am prepared to accept Tara Hill - the worst in the county.

Co. Surveyor - It is not the worst.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if the Council were to be responsible for the employment of the men. He believed it was going away from direct labour entirely if a group of men could decide to go in. If the County Council or the Surveyor could keep control he thought it was a good idea.

Mr. Culleton - I suggest that the Co.Surveyor try the experiment in the four areas.

Chairman - I suggest that the Co.Surveyor try it in

one area first.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion and proposed instead the following which was seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That as suggested by County Surveyor groups of men be employed for carrying out hand breaking at 7/- per cubic yard in the quarries of Belcarrig and Tara Hill, the Co.Council to supply tools, gelignite etc. the cost of which is to be charged against the quarry. That (approximately) about 300 cubic yards of material be broken in each quarry, the men to be employed by the County or Assistant Surveyor and the material to be produced to the satisfaction of these officers. In the case of Belcarrig a quarry charge of 3d per cubic yard is to be provided for out of the 7/- per yard."

The Chairman said the Co.Council would be responsible for the stamping of the men's Insurance Cards during the period of the experiment.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS:- Mr. Culleton stated he raised this matter at the previous meeting and dealt with the grievances of the workers. In view of the information which had been received he presumed he could not bring it any further. Was it not possible to provide a subsidiary Account? At the present time a man who entered the employment of the Council on a Monday only received a fortnight's pay after three weeks.

The Secretary replied that the resolution of the Finance Committee asked the Department to allow an Imprest Account of £50 to meet such cases.

WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS:- The following deputation attended from Wexford Harbour Board:- Messrs. R. Houston, (Chairman) J. Billington, R. Moran, T.A. Furlong, W.S. Kearney and V. Stafford.

Mr. Houston said that the Co.Council had been good enough in March of last year to grant the proceeds of a

rate of 1d in the £. towards the improvement of Wexford Harbour, and of course they were very thankful to the Council for that. In order to proceed with the Scheme they had an interview with officials of the Department of Industry and Commerce who were very favourable to the Scheme, but said that the local authorities were not backing the Harbour Board strongly enough, inasmuch as Galway Co. Council was backing up the Galway Harbour Bill to the extent of 4d in the £. Of course, unless the Wexford Harbour Board got backed up to a further extent than 1d. in the £. they would have to drop the scheme altogether. They had had the harbour surveyed by Messrs. Grantham and Son, who were recommended to them by the Government as being one of the foremost harbour authorities in England or this country and they had had a report from them. Their report was £86,000 for the Scheme but the Board were not exactly satisfied with that and they called in a Dutch firm from Amsterdam ^{which} made a re-survey and had borings taken and the lowest estimate from them was £170,000. Having described the proposals, Mr. Houston said with the suggested improvements they would be able to bring in vessels from 2000 to 5000 tons the only kind of craft that it paid to run. This would be to the benefit of the whole community. They asked the Co. Council to give them a contribution of 3d in the £. which with the assistance of the contribution from the Government and Corporation would enable them to carry the scheme through successfully. Farmers would gain a great deal more by a reconstructed harbour in Wexford than they would pay in contributions. A farmer of £20 valuation for instance would pay 5/- a year towards the scheme but he would save a great deal more than this by having his feeding stuffs etc. imported at a cheap rate and by receiving a higher price for the stock sold by him for

export. Unless the scheme was carried out Wexford Harbour would have to drop back which would be a great loss to the County and to the Country generally. The Harbour Board had to discharge their men and at the moment were unable to meet their expenses. They had lost to the extent of about 40,000 tons of cargo a year for the past two years. Rosslare Harbour had gained about 80,000 tons of cargo which Wexford should, and would have had, if they had the facilities. There was great room at Wexford Harbour for development of berths; in fact there was not a harbour in Ireland that could be developed to the same extent.

Mr. Billington said that if the scheme was not carried out Wexford Harbour would be closed and imports and exports would have to go through another port and naturally this would be Rosslare. If this happened the Railway Company which owned Rosslare Harbour could increase freight to any figure they desired beyond the present figure of 2/6d per ton. Then again the berthage accommodation at Rosslare was only capable of dealing with one or two coal cargoes at the time. The two foundries in Wexford which imported between 3000 and 4000 tons of pig iron, coke etc. found it took all their time to keep going but if they had to use Rosslare port instead of Wexford they were certain to suffer. The scheme for £170,000 was recommended by the Government.

Mr. Houston in reply to the Chairman said he understood that the Government were prepared to contribute to the Scheme on a fifty-fifty basis.

Mr. Furlong said that in order that the Scheme could go through it was necessary to have a private Bill passed in the Dail. But before that Bill could be framed it was necessary the draughtsman should know the amounts to be contributed by the Bodies concerned. The contribution by the Government would, he believed, be largely influenced

by the amount of support the scheme received from the local Bodies. The Co.Council, they hoped, would contribute 3d in the £. which on the rural portion of the County would produce £4452, and the 1/- in the £. promised by the Corporation would bring in approximately £960.

Mr. Houston said that the Harbour Board would contribute according to their revenue as they made it.

Mr. Furlong said that the prosperity which would come to Wexford as the result of an improved harbour would be reflected throughout the whole County.

The Chairman suggested that the Harbour Board should prepare a Memorandum outlining the scheme and all the facts and figures in connection therewith for circulation to the County Councillors.

Mr. Walsh said they had been told that Wexford Harbour could only take a vessel of 300 tons or something like that, New Ross harbour could take in a ship up to 1000 tons. He was not saying that in a carping spirit with regard to Wexford. All the remarks that applied to Wexford Harbour would apply to New Ross Harbour - the farmers were also benefiting from it - and he thought the improvement of New Ross harbour to the point at which it would take the tonnage which Wexford would be able to take following improvements would cost much less money.

Chairman - We will consider that, too.

Mr. Corish gave notice of motion that the matter be considered at the next meeting and the Council raise 3d in the £. for forty years towards the cost of improving Wexford Harbour.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Corish asked the Council to agree to a special meeting that day fortnight for the purpose of considering the matter. There was a certain statutory period fixed by the Government in regard to the introduction of Private Bills. If they were to wait for the

ordinary Council meeting to be held on the second Monday in November it would mean twelve months' delay, and the Harbour Board wanted to know prior to the 1st November what position they were in.

It was decided to hold the special meeting as requested by Mr. Corish.

Mr. Houston returned thanks for the reception of the Harbour Board deputation and the manner in which they had been heard.

MAGAZINE FOR EXPLOSIVES:- The Co.Surveyor asked that the site of Explosive magazine should be left open as Ballyboggan quarry might not be available.

Mr. Kelly proposed and the Chairman seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following addition:-

"If Ballyboggan Quarry is not available for erection of Explosive Magazine the Co.Surveyor be empowered to select another suitable position."

Col. Quin was against it. If there was any trouble the explosives could be rifled from the magazine and used for blowing up bridges.

The Co.Surveyor said that the magazine would have to be erected to the approval of the Government Department and it was not probable they would allow a magazine with 2000 lbs. of gelignite to be uncontrolled.

The resolution as amended was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

DEFECTIVE GULLET:- The Co.Surveyor said this gullet had been repaired and the road taken up from the Contractor under the 54 Section of the Grand Jury Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st September 1934, as submitted to this meeting be and are

"hereby approved with any additions which have been made to same by resolution at this general meeting of the Council."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 5th OCTOBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th October, 1934.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also:-
Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Gorish, Wm. Gullimore, W.P. Keegan,
John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5005:3:7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

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

<u>Name of Rate Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>1934/35 Warrant.</u> <u>Excluding arrears.</u>
S. Gannon (No. 6)	19.4
P. Carty	16.5
P. Doyle	14.0
J. Quirke	13.1
S. Gannon (No.10)	11.9
J. Cummins	10.2
J. Curtis	10.0
E.J. Murphy	9.1
P. Nolan	8.2
W. Doyle	7.1
J. Deegan	7.1
M. Kehoe	7.0
A. Dunne (No.15)	6.6
W. Cummins	6.4
M. Murphy	6.3
M. McCarthy	4.5
J. Flood	4.2
A. Dunne (No.13)	4.1
D. Kenny	3.6
J.J. Sinnott	3.4
	<u>AVERAGE . . . 8.5</u>

The Chairman said that the average ranged from 19% to 3.6%. The Collection in each district was as follows: New Ross 10.7; Wexford 9.4; Enniscorthy 9.4 and Gorey 4.4 per cent. In his opinion a much larger amount than £8816 should have been collected since the warrants were issued to the Collectors. Money would be procurable much easier

now, after harvest than at any other period of the year. The amount collected was very small when the season of the year was taken into account.

He proposed:- "That Rate Collectors who have not collected at least 8% of their warrants excluding arrears should be warned that the Finance Committee are not satisfied that they are discharging their duties in a satisfactory manner and unless considerable improvement be made by date of next Finance Committee drastic action will be taken against Collectors who, in the opinion of the Committee are not dealing efficiently with their collection.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a return showing the amount of arrears of rate collected by each Collector be submitted in future to each meeting of the finance committee."

COLLECTION DISTRICT No.6.:- Under date 27th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.122028/34 Loch Garman Fa) wrote that the Minister sanctioned the continuance of the employment of Collector Gannon in respect of No.6 District for the current financial year.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No.7.:- Under date 25th September, 1934 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.122014/34 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister approved of the continued temporary appointment of Mr. John Deegan for Collection District No.7.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No.13.:- Under date 24th September, 1934 the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.122013/34 Loch Garman) that the Minister raised no objection to the arrangements proposed for the discharge of the duties of Rate Collector J.J. O'Reilly, Collection

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District No.12, while acting in the capacity of Temporary Rate Inspector.

EXAMINATION FORMS AGRICULTURAL LAND REBATE:- Under date 19th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.24/18/34) as to payment to Rate Collectors in respect of extra services which they had been called on to render in connection with the Scheme for the distribution of the agricultural Grant. Where a Collector had to prepare lists of holdings under and over £20 valuation etc. the Minister was prepared to sanction payment to each Collector of a sum not exceeding 5/- per 100 ratings and if Collectors made enquiries necessary to certify the correctness of claims for abatement of rates, of a sum not exceeding sixpence for each claim referred to and returned certified or reported on.

The Secretary stated that the lists of holdings under and over £20 valuation had been prepared in the Co.Council offices but the Collectors had certified the correctness of claims.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That in accordance with sanction set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 19th September, 1934, (Circ.24/18/3) the following sums calculated at 6d per name be paid to Rate Collectors:-

<u>Collectors</u>	<u>No. of Forms Certified</u>	<u>Amt. @ 6d per Form.</u>
		£ s d
James Quirke	281	7: 0: 6
William Doyle	187	4:13: 6
Philip Doyle	227	5:13: 6
Michael McCarthy	211	5: 5: 6
Patrick Nolan	198	4:19: 0
Sean Gannon (No.6)	104	2:12: 0
John Deegan	335	8: 7: 6
Joseph Cummins	221	5:10: 6
John Flood	186	4:13: 0
Sean Gannon (No.10)	158	3:19: 0
Walter Cummins	219	5: 9: 6
Matthew Murphy	206	5: 3: 0
John J. O'Reilly	266	6:13: 0
Denis Kenny	242	6: 1: 0
Art Dunne	270	6:15: 0
John J. Sinnott	258	6: 9: 0
E.J. Murphy	258	6: 9: 0
Maurice Kehoe	215	5: 7: 6
John Curtis	267	6:13: 6
Patrick	266	6:13: 6

POUNDAGE:- The following letter under date 24th September, 1934 (G.123027/34 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 15th instant and to the further information furnished by Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Council, personally to this Department on the 20th instant regarding the Rate Collector's poundage fees, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has decided to sanction payment of poundage fees on the second moiety of the 1933/34 warrants on the following basis:-

- (a) Full normal poundage to each Collector who closed his warrant with a carry-forward not exceeding 12½% of his 1933/34 warrant.
- (b) Full normal poundage less 7½% in each case in which the amount carried forward was more than 12½% and not more than 20% of the 1933/34 Warrant.
- (c) Full normal poundage less 15% to all other Collectors.

"The sanction conveyed in the foregoing is to be regarded as a special concession for this occasion only and I am to intimate, for the information of both the Council and the Collectors, that in future the grant of the Minister's sanction to payment of poundage will be conditional on strict compliance with the requirements of the Public Bodies Orders.

"I am to add that the scale of poundage sanctioned in this Department's letter of the 13th ultimo may be regarded as cancelled."

The Secretary stated that in reply to letter from him as to the "cut" in poundage on first moiety the following under date 4th October, 1934, (G.128151-34 Loch Garman Fa) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to advert to your letter of the 27th ultimo and to state that the decision regarding first moiety poundage fees conveyed in this Department's letter of the 8th June last is not affected by the Department's letter of the 24th ultimo, which concerns second moiety fees only."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minister be requested to sanction the restoration of 10% "cut" in poundage on lodgments equivalent to the first moiety and arrears of rates for 1933/34. This Committee would point out that in asking the Chairman of the Council to make representations to the Minister in the matter, ^{they} were anxious

"that the Collectors should not suffer financial loss in respect of warrant for last financial year. They would also point out that even if the "cut" of their poundage on first moiety be restored a number of the Collectors will lose portion of their poundage fees on second moiety.

"In the circumstances this Committee would be grateful to the Minister if he would reconsider his decision."

OUTSTANDING RATES:- Miss O'Ryan said she had gone through list of arrears in Mr. Quirke's District (No.1) and believed there was no case there-on which called for comment.

Mr. Kinsella said he had examined outstanding arrears of Mr. Matthew Murphy (District No.12) and believed that there was no ratepayer on the list who was in a position to pay at the moment.

As regards arrears in district of Mr. Dunne (No.15) Mr. Keegan said he was not at all satisfied with the return made by the Collector. He had no hesitation in saying that a very large portion of the rate outstanding should have been collected without difficulty.

He proposed:- "That as regards the closing of his warrant the Finance Committee call upon Collector Dunne (No.15 District) to exercise more diligence in his collection for the future. The Finance Committee must be satisfied that no money in future is brought into return of arrears which is, in the opinion of the members of the Committee, collectable."

The Chairman seconded and the resolution was adopted.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 2nd October, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.123304/34 Loch Garman) that the Minister had approved of the making by Wexford County Council of an advance of £100 under the above Acts to Mr. Andrew Dwyer in respect of house to be erected at Ballyaughna, Killena, Gorey.

Under date 25th September, 1934, the following was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the borrowing by the Wexford County Council of the sum of £10,000 for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Minister is recommending the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the loan in question out of the Local Loans Fund."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That as soon as the ^{under} terms and conditions/which Loan of £10,000 is being advanced to the Wexford Co. Council from the Local Loans Fund are ascertained the Secretary advertise for applicants."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Co. Council be requested to empower the Finance Committee to carry out all the details in connection with Small Dwellings Acts including approval of applicants."

Mr. Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in connection with applications for loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts this Committee recommend that 90% of the value of house up to £250 be advanced and that as regards houses valued between £250 and £500 an advance of 90% be made on the first £250 and an advance of 50% on any sum over £250 up to £500. That no advance be made in the case of houses valued at more than £500."

"That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to advance amount ^{to} ~~of~~ each individual in four instalments, the Certificate of Assistant Surveyor to be provided to cover each instalment."

Miss O'Ryan referred to the difficulty of having title to sites proved in cases in which administration had not been taken out. It was very difficult to induce people to take out administration in order to allow them to sell a site for a house. It would convenience a number of people if a clear will

would be accepted as proof of title.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that so long as the present Law in the matter was unchanged, Title would not be accepted unless supported by the Grant of Administration.

Mr. Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin, who had been granted loan of £80 for erection of house, applied for an additional loan of £20.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Finance Committee acting on resolutions already adopted in the case of similar applications are not prepared to recommend the granting of additional loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin."

OVERDRAFT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 29th September, 1934, (G.127623/34 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister sanctioned overdraft up to £40,000 on the accounts of Wexford Co. Council up to 31st October, 1934, on which interest could be paid at the agreed rate.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS

Under date 24th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.122016-34 Loch Garman C) as to contribution to travelling expenses of Co. Councillors etc. for attendance at 75% of the possible meetings within six months and stated that the resolution of the Council in the matter had been noted for consideration when the opportunity for legislation would arise.

APPOINTMENT JUNIOR CLERK CO. SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The following under date 3rd October, 1934, (R/RS/32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

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"With reference to previous relative correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the appointment by Wexford County Council of Mr. John O'Kennedy as Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, at a salary of £156 per annum rising by annual increments of £7:10s. to a maximum of £234 per annum."

ABSENCE FROM DUTY

The following report under date 2nd October, 1934, was read from the County Secretary:-

"I beg to report that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Offices, was absent from duty without leave from 22nd September, 1934, to 1st October, 1934.

"On 26th September, 1934, I received a note from Mr. P. McCabe, Westgate, Wexford, that on the previous Sunday in Dublin, Mr. Hayes had asked him to inform me that he could not be at business until 27th September, 1934.

"Mr. Hayes did not attend on that day, he did not resume duty until 1st October.

"I had no personal communication from Mr. Hayes during the period of his absence."

The following explanation under date 3rd October, 1934, was read from Mr. Hayes:-

"I have been requested by the Secretary to furnish you with an explanation of my absence from duty last week.

"The circumstances are that on Saturday, September 22nd after leaving work, I received word that my brother had met with a serious accident and that he desired to see me. When I met him he informed me that he had intended to go to Dublin on that evening to transact some important business of a private nature. As owing to his injuries he was unable to travel he asked me to act for him instead. I, accordingly went and on Sunday, September 23rd, finding that the business mentioned would take some days to transact I asked a friend of mine from Wexford to inform the Secretary on the Monday that I could not report for duty. Unfortunately this information was not conveyed until the 26th September. If the Committee so desire my friend will corroborate this personally.

"As the whole matter was so unexpected it was not through any fault of mine that there was any breach of discipline.

"There is a balance of annual leave due to me which I am willing should be set against the week I was absent.

"Regretting very much the inconvenience caused."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That while this Committee regard the recent absence of Mr. Hayes from duty in a serious light they accept his explanation

"he to be informed he cannot in the future be absent unless with the permission of the Co.Council, the Finance Committee or the Co.Secretary."

ELECTORS' LISTS - GOREY URBAN

Mr. Keegan said he was not satisfied with the explanation of Mr. Dunne, Rate Collector, as to the preparation of Electors' Lists in Gorey Urban District as there were discrepancies in Mr. Dunne's statement. Having referred to these he proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That Collector Dunne (No.15 District) be warned that if there is any further complaint against him in the future as to preparation of his Electors' Lists substantiated the Council will be asked to take the most serious notice of the matter."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Applications by District Superintendent Carberry, Enniscorthy, for the committal to Industrial Schools of Edward Murphy and Patrick Murphy, Co.Home, Enniscorthy, and Rory Whelan and Michael Whelan, Irish St., Enniscorthy, were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee reported that the applications in connection with John and James Murphy, illegitimate children of Margaret Murphy, Ballyteigue, Kilmore, came before the District Justice on 3rd October, 1934, and as it was proved that the only means of livelihood of the mother was 7/- per week home help the Justice decided there was no course open to him but to commit the children. He made no order for maintenance as the Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children stated that home help had been discontinued from the previous week.

Miss O'Ryan said this woman had been trying for a considerable time to get rid of her children and had now succeeded.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Miss Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, wrote under date 1st October, 1934, thanking the Council for the award of University Scholarship but could not avail of it as she had to continue teaching in the Loreto Convent, 43, North Great George Street, Dublin, to pay back Training College fees. She would be grateful if the Council could allow her the University fees only as that would enable her to attend the evening lectures and would not interfere with her teaching.

Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor, to whom Miss Kavanagh's application had been referred wrote under date 3rd October, 1934, that he could not advise the Council, they were in a position to allow her to carry out her proposal as this would not comply with the provisions of the Scholarship Scheme.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee's opinion in the matter be conveyed to Miss Kavanagh.

COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application for compensation for Criminal Injury was received from Mrs. Elizabeth Parle, Monck Street, Wexford, for £10 injury to door and door casing.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co.Solicitor, to oppose.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th October, 1934, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION - STATE OF:- Col. Quin asked was it true that a T.D. with £400 a year had not paid his rates and if so why were not proceedings taken against him?

The Chairman said that by the end of the year every person who did not pay would be prosecuted.

Mr. Cummins said a man with an income such as referred to by Col. Quin should be obliged to pay his rates. He had come through a Fair that day in which there were from 300 to 400 cattle and farmers owning them could not even give them away. There was no one to bid a penny for them. It would be a terrible thing to tell the Rate Collectors to extract money from these unfortunate men and allow a man with £400 a year to go scot free. As this matter was in Committee he thought Col. Quin was entitled to the information.

Mr. Keegan asked why should they single out any particular individual before others, because the man was in public life and had an assured income.

Miss O'Ryan protested against any names of defaulting ratepayers being mentioned. It was never done by the Council before. If this precedent was to be started now she would most strongly object to it as the question of arrears of rates was always discussed in general terms.

The Chairman said that the names of particular ratepayers were mentioned at the Finance Committee but at the Council meeting they spoke in general terms and gave general orders to the Rate Collectors.

Mr. Bowe considered that the Council should be given as much enlightenment as to the state of the Rate Collection as the members of the Finance Committee. There

should be no privilege to people who owed rates regarding their identity.

Mr. Sweetman said that recently every member of the Council was furnished with full details in connection with every ratepayer who owed money, so he would like to know what all this bluff was about, because every Councillor for his own district (if he had read the list furnished him) would know perfectly well who the defaulters were.

Mr. Doyle - The bluff in this case was raised by Mr. Sweetman's own side, and it is coming altogether from his own party.

The Chairman said, Rate Collectors had a duty to perform in respect of every individual ratepayer in the County, and if they did not perform that duty they would be brought to book. He said before and he now repeated it that while he remained in the Council everyone would get the same treatment, irrespective of their political opinions or otherwise.

Mr. Meyler said if everyone got the same treatment they would be satisfied but he pointed out that his name and the names of other Councillors had been mentioned at a recent meeting of the Council.

The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Meyler that these were mentioned owing to a circular from the Local Government Department asking for the names of any Councillors who owed rates, but in respect of the debates of the Council individuals should not be singled out for treatment over the general mass.

Col. Quin - Would prosecution be taken against any man who was able to pay and would not pay?

The Chairman said this matter was in the hands of the Rate Collectors and if these were not doing their duty the Council would take action against them.

Col. Quin asked would not the Council think a Rate

Collector was not doing his duty if he failed to proceed against a man with £400 a year.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee would go over the lists of defaulting ratepayers at some future date and if they thought it necessary the whole matter could come before the Council. If the Council were to go into the circumstances of every defaulting ratepayer they might sit there for a month.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Rate Collectors had instructions to proceed against any person they considered able to pay and if steps in that direction were not taken they could hold the Rate Collectors responsible.

The matter dropped.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE:- The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That the Poundage Rate for all Rate Collectors in the service of the Council be fixed at 7d in the £."

In moving his motion Mr. Corish said he was always opposed to the payment of different rates of poundage, and in proposing the motion he was acting consistently to the attitude he always took on this question. He considered that even the members who agreed to the lower rate would recognise that it was not commensurate with the duties which the Collectors had to perform in an abnormal period. At the present time it was necessary for a rate collector to call on ratepayers more frequently than in normal times. It was not equitable that one collector should be receiving only 5d in the £. whilst the collector in the next parish was getting 7d.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Col. Quin said that the Council were obliged to pay 7d to some collectors, because they were appointed at that rate but when new collectors were being appointed the rate was fixed at 5d. The result was that the 7d rate was being eliminated.

In reply to Mr. Kinsella the Secretary stated that eight

Collectors were in receipt of 5d in the £., one 6d in the £. and eleven 7d in the £.

Mr. Sweetman said that the cost of living had decreased. Whenever the position of rate collector had to be filled there were plenty of applicants but when the jobs were secured there was organisation to increase the remuneration. He knew the council were tied to 7d in the £. for some collectors, but having ~~in~~ regard to the decrease in the cost of living he did not see any injustice in the lower rate.

Mr. Doyle said that at the time some of the collectors were appointed the rates were only half of what they were now and the poundage at 5d was considerably more ^{than} that of the man who was getting 7d at the time of his appointment. Everyone knew that within the last ten or eleven years the rates levied were abnormally higher than in previous years. The increase in amount of rate was the reason for the decrease in the poundage.

The Chairman supporting the motion said he did not believe they would get the best results under the present system. The Council realised that rate Collectors had difficult duties to perform and it was up to the Council to give them decent remuneration. Some Collectors were only in receipt of £92 and £85 a year, which in view of the fact that their jobs were practically whole time was inadequate. In addition the collectors had heavy legal expenses and they complained that they could not be met out of the poundage which they received. By paying a low poundage fraud was being encouraged.

Col. Gibbon said that the cost of living when the Collectors were appointed was much higher than to-day and the actual remuneration which they were receiving at the

present time was greater in proportion.

Chairman - I think most of your Collectors were appointed about 1920 when the rates were about double what they are now.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (14)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin and Walsh. (10).

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Secretary said that the proposal would have to receive the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOAN:- Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in view of the large number of persons who are desirous of taking advantage of the loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts we request the Office of Public Works to advance without further delay the amount of this loan ^{of} £10,000 to the Wexford Co. Council from the Local Loans Fund."

ABSENCE FROM DUTY:- Col. Quin proposed:- "That salary of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office, be not paid for the week during which he was absent without leave."

There was no seconder and the motion fell through.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- Under date 25th September 1934, Mr. Patrick G. Power, Chapel Railway Station, wrote that he did not intend to avail of University Scholarship as he had been called to De La Salle College, Waterford, to pursue a course of training for the position of National Teacher.

Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin, who was next in order

of merit wrote that she would avail of the Scholarship and had decided to attend Cork University.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That vacant University Scholarship be awarded to Miss Nora O'Sullivan, Camolin candidate next in order of merit according to results furnished by the University Authorities, said Scholarship to be tenable at Cork University."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th October, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

AUDIT CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 11th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.114766/34) forwarding copy of their Auditor's report of his audit of the Accounts of above Body for the three half years ended 31st March, 1934, with the attested abstracts of accounts.

The Chairman mentioned that this report was considered by the last meeting of the Co. Board of Health.

OFFICE OF RATE INSPECTOR

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we again request the Local Appointments Commissioners to inform this Co. Council as soon as possible when they intend recommending a person for the permanent appointment of Rates Inspector. This position has been open now for a very considerable time, and the Council feel that there should be no further delay in having it filled permanently."

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EMPLOYMENT OF DREDGER FOR COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 22nd September, 1934,
(No. 20637/34) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"The Co. Surveyor, Mr. W.F. Barry, has been in communication with us regarding the hire of our dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" to dredge at Courtown Harbour.

"Before we will be in a position to agree to hire the dredger to your Council, we have to state that it will be necessary that a clear depth of 8 feet at high water over the bar and along the approach channel be maintained while the dredger is at the harbour so that there will be no risk of the vessel being detained beyond the necessary time by a sudden shoaling of the bar or channel.

"During the vessel's stay, the water in the dock will have to be retained at the highest possible level to give the necessary flotation as the dredger could not proceed daily to sea.

"The spoil, when dredged, could be dumped ashore over the quay wall, possibly most conveniently near the dock gates or adjacent to the boat house.

"If you will furnish us with an assurance that these conditions will be fulfilled, and when we are notified of lodgment of the charge for hire, we will despatch the vessel.

"It will, of course, be understood that we undertake no responsibility for the stability of the quay or dock walls.

"We have to point out, however, that as it is possible that the services of this dredger may be required on short notice for other works of an urgent nature, her despatch for Courtown Harbour will depend on whether she is available when the conditions above mentioned can be fulfilled.

"We have just received your letter of the 19th inst. giving particulars of soundings, which will receive attention."

The Co. Surveyor said the County Council had already paid the money for the hire of the dredger. He was in communication with the Board of Works, since last meeting of the Council, on several occasions, and had notified them that the minimum depth of 8 feet of water would be found in the channel. As he received no reply to his communications he mentioned the matter at the Finance Committee on the 5th October when he was directed to wire to the Board of Works. He did so but still received no information. That morning 8th inst. he had phoned the Board of Works

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and received the following over the 'phone:-

"Dredger at present working in Arklow and will be so engaged for several weeks. It will then be very late in the season and it will be up to the Co. Surveyor to see to the safe entrance of the dredger".

Continuing the Co. Surveyor said if dredging is to be postponed till the first of the Winter it will be risky in getting her to Courtown in the broken weather.

In connection with this matter the following was read from the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, under date 2nd October, 1934:-

"I have been directed by the Courtown Harbour Committee to submit the following to be read at next meeting of your County Council.

"Regarding the dredging operations to be carried out by the Fag-an-Ballagh in the inner harbour we shall be obliged for an explanation why this dredger did not arrive over the last spring tides. Depths were taken by Mr. McNeill, Engineer, Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, and it was found possible to bring the dredger into the Harbour over a spring tide. The Harbour Master wired the Captain of the dredger giving the most suitable date as Monday, 24th September or Tuesday, 25th September, when there was a sufficient depth of water through the entrance channel and over the sill of sluice Gates for her to enter. It is important that this matter should receive consideration. Lord Fitzwilliam who has been here on several occasions during the last few weeks is anxious to start trading immediately. Captain Kearon of Arklow is also ready to start and at a special meeting of this body held on Monday, 24th September, 1934, he showed inquiries which he received for 35,000 tons of gravel and sand to be shipped to Bristol. He is prepared to ship this through Courtown. This trade is being held up owing to there being an insufficient water in the inner basin for berthing and swinging a vessel. In view of these facts we feel sure you will appreciate the importance of having the inner harbour made available for shipping without delay."

Mr. Keegan said the next suitable spring tide for the dredger to enter the harbour would be the 22nd or 23rd October but, if she came to Courtown then, the fishing season would be opened and her operations would hold up the unfortunate fishermen for the fourth year in succession. He believed the dredging would have to remain over until next Spring.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the

following resolution which was adopted:- "That the County Surveyor communicate with the Courtown Harbour Committee and explain to them the position as regards the visit of the Dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" to Courtown Harbour to carry out the dredging necessary at the inner basin. That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to arrange for this work when he considers it desirable and that in the meantime he apply to the Board of Works for a further extension of the period for the completion of the work in order to ensure that the Government contribution will be available. "

ILLNESS OF MR. R. MALONE, V.S.

Under date 26th September, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L. 3554/34) approving of the continuance of the employment of Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for the Wexford District for the further period of absence, as recommended in the medical certificate furnished in respect of Mr. Malone's illness, same rate of remuneration to be paid to Mr. Staples as in the case of Mr. Malone.

Mr. Corish gave notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 12th November, 1934; "That in the event of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., agreeing to retire from office as Veterinary Inspector to the County Council the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction payment of an ex-gratia grant for £100 to him."

APPOINTMENT - FOOD & DRUGS INSPECTOR

Under date 1st October, 1934, the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, recommended for appointment as Ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative area of Wexford County Council, Garda Patrick O'Toole (967) Wexford No.2 Station.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish

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seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted:-

"That Garda Patrick O'Toole, (967) be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Foods and Drugs Acts to act in the administrative area of the Wexford County Council."

SHEEP DIPPING TANKS

Under date 18th September, 1934, (G.1422/34) the Department of Agriculture wrote that no site should be selected for erection of Sheep Dipping tank if its use involved contamination of water for drinking or other domestic purposes, or fishing waters. Care was necessary in disposing of the residue from sheep dipping tanks, so that it could not injure animals or pollute streams.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That as suggested by the Department of Agriculture copy of their letter of 18th September, 1934, (G.1422/34) be furnished lay sheep dipping Inspectors, for their information and that they be requested (when they become aware of farmers proposing to erect Sheep Dipping tanks) to call attention to the contents of this communication.

"That a short advertisement dealing with the matter be issued in the three local papers."

Passed.

ERECTION OF PETROL PUMP

Mr. F.J. Murphy, Kilrane, Wexford, wrote that he was about to erect a petrol pump station, and in order to do so, he would have to remove 25 yards of road fence and bring wires across road for lighting purposes.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, stated he inspected the site and there was no objection. The place was off the county road.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council will offer no objection to the erection of petrol station at Kilrane in accordance with application from Mr. F.J. Murphy, under date 20th Sept.1934."

LIFEBUOYS AT HARBOURS ETC

The following resolution was received from the meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee held on 2nd October:-

"That the County Council be asked if they have power to instal ten lifebuoys along the coast with a view to prevent further drowning accidents, as this Committee are of the opinion that had there been any means of life saving on the beach at Ballymoney, the late James Murphy would not have lost his life. It is suggested that three be placed at Ballymoney, one at Duffcarrig, six at Courtown and one at Poulshone. These could be taken in charge by some responsible person when the bathing season is over."

Under date 4th October, 1934, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that the County Council had power to provide lifebuoys only at the harbours under their own control, and so far as Courtown was concerned this ran from the stone bridge over the river on the north to a short distance below south guiding wall. He did not believe that the six lifebuoys were necessary.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:- "That the Courtown Harbour

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Committee be informed that the County Council have no power to supply life buoys, except to harbours under their control, such as Courtown. That the County Surveyor advise next meeting as to where in his opinion it is necessary that these lifebuoys should be provided for Courtown and how many he believes necessary."

The Chairman mentioned that it would take £2,000 to cover the whole coast with life buoys from Arklow Rock to Tower of Hook.

COURTOWN HARBOUR - SALE OF GRAVEL.

The following resolution was submitted from meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee on 2nd October, 1934:-

"Recommended that the sale of gravel raised by steam grab from the entrance of Courtown Harbour be left in charge of the Harbour Master or one of the Commissioners as this Committee consider it a hardship on Purchasers to have to get a postal order and write to the County Surveyor before being allowed to draw their supply."

The County Surveyor stated that the procedure outlined in the resolution obtained for the sale of quarry screenings but the Auditor objected and obliged the County Surveyor to adopt the present system of issuing orders from his office. A special account of the sales in connection with the screenings had to be kept for presentation to the Auditor. He feared that the Auditor would not consent to the adoption of the old system, for Courtown Harbour.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Council ask the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow orders to be issued and amounts accepted for same in respect of sale of gravel at Courtown Harbour by the Harbour Master who at present collected the dues at the port and also was under bond.

The Chairman said that a system of this sort would lend itself to looseness.

After further discussion it was suggested that orders be issued by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district.

Mr. Treanor agreed to this course.

The County Surveyor said that in the letter from the Courtown Harbour Master regarding delay in obtaining the services of the dredger from the Board of Works reference was made to a proposal of Captain Kearon, of Arklow, shipping 35,000 tons of gravel from Courtown Harbour. He (County Surveyor) did not know if it would be up to the Ministry for Industry and Commerce to prevent the export of such a large quantity. He believed that this might affect materially the coast to the North which was a "walk" for the general public. If the gravel was taken out of the bights to the South pier, little or no shingle would travel up coast. The Council were anxious this northward set of the shingle should not be interfered with as otherwise they might be faced with serious coast erosion.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That the question of removal of gravel from Courtown Harbour for shipment, be left in the hands of the County Surveyor." *Passed.*

The County Surveyor said they had the instance of Rosslare shore where the action of the pier at Rosslare Harbour has prevented the travel of the shingle to the North which was why the shore at Rosslare became denuded. If such a large quantity as 35,000 tons was taken from Courtown Harbour the effect might be the same as at Rosslare.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

The following resolution which was adopted at meeting of County Wexford Vocational Education Committee on 2nd

instant was submitted:-

"That, as it is the cheapest method and lightest on the rates, the County Council be asked to raise the sum of £3,500 to be given to the Vocational Education Committee as a grant for the erection and equipping of a Rural School at each of the following places, Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shielbaggan."

The following notice of motion was given in the matter by Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on the 12th November, 1934, that the Council agree to raise a sum of £3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of erecting and equipping a Rural School at each of the following places viz., Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Sheilbaggan, said Loan to be obtained from the Local Loans Fund, the period of repayment being 35 years and the Interest $4\frac{3}{4}\%$.

"This motion is contingent upon a guarantee from the Technical Instruction Department of the Department of Education to repay half amount of annuity each year during the period of the Loan."

In connection with his dismissal from Ryland quarry Michael Doyle Jun., Ballyprecus, Bunclody, denied the statement of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, that he was found useless as a Road worker. He referred at length to his services as a worker on the roads and asked if he was found useless why did he get ten weeks' employment. Mr. Ennis had never complained of the manner in which his work had been carried out. In 1913 and 1914 he was in charge of the steam rolling carried out in Bunclody and gave satisfaction. He had been working in Ryland quarry for the past nine years as quarry man and road worker and no complaint had been brought against him. He considered he was not inferior to any of the other men working there, yet for the past five years he had been dismissed several times at short intervals when there was plenty of work available. When he was dismissed on 4th August with another man the latter was taken back, It was only fair that he should be given an opportunity of defending himself against a false statement. At the last stone breaking men were Brought from Kiltalea a distance of six miles while he (who lived convenient to the quarry) was passed over. After working so long without a fault he did not think he was fairly treated.

Mr. Ennis said it was absolutely untrue for Mr. Doyle to say that the Ganger told him the road on which he worked was never better made, as the Ganger had complained about Doyle's inefficiency. Doyle was never on the regular staff and never got any work except quarry work when they were dealing with a grant. He had been taken on in semi-charity.

The County Surveyor said that Doyle got 20 weeks employment and the man he complained of as having been taken back got 21 weeks.

Mr. Ennis said that Doyle was a willing worker enough but lacked the bit of handiness necessary in a road worker.

He might have been employed 20 years ago as a time keeper in connection with steam rolling but he certainly was never in charge. He was previously a clerk.

Doyle came before the meeting and contended that the statements in his letter were true.

The Chairman informed him that he was not dismissed but had been discharged for the time being. The County Surveyor had received a general direction in that matter today.

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

"That Mr. Doyle Jun., Ballyprecus, Bunclody, be regarded as a regular County Council worker in accordance with the resolution adopted at this day's meeting."

The Chairman said that so far as the returns showed Doyle was treated the same as any other County Council worker in the area. In fact he got more work than some of them for the first half of the year.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT 1934

Under date 12th September, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ.81/34) calling attention to the provisions of above Act which came into operation on 1st August, 1934.

The Secretary stated that a copy of this circular letter had been forwarded Messrs McDonagh and Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51 Dame Street, Dublin, who replied that with the exception of medical benefit the Council were as fully covered by insurance as it was possible for them to be.

DANGEROUS CORNER ROSSLARE

The following under date 8th Sept, 1934, was read from Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann :-

"I am instructed by the Committee of the Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann to refer to your letter of the 19th May, 1934,

concerning a resolution passed at a meeting of the County Council held on 14th May, instructing the County Surveyor to make the dangerous turn at Etchingham's, Rosslare, safe for road users, and to state that these instructions have not been carried out."

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said he could not do any more at this corner beyond what had been done unless the necessary land attached to Cedar Lodge be acquired compulsorily. It would be a very expensive work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the County Surveyor be directed to include in next Road Works Scheme a proposal for easement of corner at Miss Etchingham's, Rosslare, and that the County Secretary inform the Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann of this decision of the Council."

BURROW ROAD ROSSLARE

Under date 8th September, 1934, the following was read from Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am instructed by the Committee of the Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann to ask you to bring to the notice of your Council the present bad condition of the Burrow Road. This matter was the subject of correspondence earlier in the year and despite the fact that some repairs were carried out they proved to be entirely inadequate and the road is in an even worse condition than formerly.

"Over fifty yards of the road opposite Mr. Sinnott's is covered with sand to a depth of several inches and further down near the Burrow Bank there is no surfacing whatsoever, the road is in fact practically impassable at these points, and it is highly dangerous to cyclists. Several minor accidents have already happened and it is providential that they were not of a more serious nature.

"The approach of winter makes this matter all the more

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urgent as the condition of the road will certainly not be improving from this on. It will have to be repaired sometime and the longer it is left in its present state the more it will cost later."

The County Surveyor said that in the dry weather, particularly where this road juts out into the harbour it was not possible to keep it clear of sand.

Mr. Birthistle said he had twice cleaned the sand from this road recently and it was not possible to do anything else with it. The proposal for its maintenance was not sufficient to do the road. But it was now better than it was some years ago. He would do what was possible in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded the following:- "That letter from Rosslare Fianna Fail Cumann relative to the condition of Burrow Road Rosslare be referred to the Co. Surveyor for his attention."

FERNS ROAD

Mr. Connors asked was there any possibility that something would be done in regard to the road at Ferns which was impassable for horse traffic. A good deal of beet would be going to Ferns station from 1st November and something should be done to prevent horses falling on this road. Though the Council made an order in the matter at last meeting nothing had been done.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said that he could not possibly do anything with this road until he had machinery available.

The Chairman said unless the cost was prohibitive the use of coarse chippings would help horse traffic on tarred roads.

Mr. Ennis said the coarse chippings were more expensive to produce and did not cover the same area. Better arrangements could be made if the Government gave the Council earlier

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intimation of their Road Grants. This information did not reach them until the second or third week of July.

Mr. Sweetman called attention to a letter which had appeared in the local press pointing out that if horses were properly shod so as to allow of the frog of their feet to develop they could travel safely over tarred roads. He then proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application be made to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the services of Farriery Expert of the Technical Branch of the Department of Education for a couple of demonstrations for Ferns district as to "flat" shoeing of horses. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education and Secretary to the Vocational Education Committee."

BY WAYS AT AUGHMORE

The following resolution was received from Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"That we, the Committee and members of this Cumann again remind the members of the County Council of the bad state of two by ways leading from Aughmore Road to the public thoroughfare at Broadway. We ask that the necessary repairs be carried out on these by ways as soon as possible and that local labour be employed at the work."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted :-

"That by ways at Aughmore be considered for inclusion in Minor Relief Schemes when funds are available."

The County Surveyor said ~~he~~ wished to point out that a number of suggestions and applications for repair of lanes were submitted from time to time by local people and the Council decided to put them on the Minor Relief list. On the last occasion they received from this fund £2,000 and there had been already before the Council applications for about £6,000

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worth of work. He prepared a list of the various applications and those that were deemed to be the most suitable were selected unanimously by the Council and went on in the first instance. These he would call No. 1 class. Others came on in the 2nd class, and he was afraid this class would never mature. There was now a third class and if these were put on the work would not be carried out because the money would not be available.

OLD TURF ROAD KILTEALY

Mr. A. Skelton, Clologue, Kiltaly, Hon Sec. Turf Committee, wrote asking the County Council to recommend a claim for grant from the Minor Relief Scheme to repair the old turf road leading to Mount Leinster. Turf Bogs on the Wexford side. Another Turf Committee was bringing the matter before the Carlow County Council to have the Carlow Turf Bog road repaired. The small sum of £1,000 would do an excellent job, which they wished to have carried out this winter so that a supply of turf would be in full blast before next June.

Mr. Bowe said he had been talking to Mr. Skelton about this matter, and he (Mr. Bowe) considered it would be ridiculous to expect the County Council to put this road into repair. There were five or six roads going to the mountain and if the County Council repaired the one in which Mr. Skelton was interested, they would have applications from all the others.

The Chairman asked was it not possible for the Wexford people concerned in the matter to agree on one road.

Mr. Bowe said there was a sort of rivalry between the various parties up there.

The Chairman said it would be possible to obtain a special grant out of the Minor Relief Scheme for the purpose of opening turf roads provided that one particular road would serve the whole district. If the people concerned would agree on the one road the County Council would be prepared to recommend it to the Board of Works for a Grant.

Mr. Bowe said that the fact that the land had not been bought out and the place was still claimed by the landlord would complicate matters.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman that Rev. James D'Arcy C.C. Kiltale, be requested to call a meeting of the Wexford people concerned for the purpose of selecting for repair one of the several roads leading to Mount Leinster, in order to develop the turf industry there."

Mr. Ennis said that it was very much easier to make the road from the Carlow side and the length was much shorter. In his opinion £1,000 would not adequately reconstruct any road from the Wexford side.

TRENCHES AND BROKEN GULLETS.

The following was read from Mr. Edward Crosbie, Hon Sec Mayglass Fianna Fail Club:-

"We hereby make application for a grant to have trenches cleaned up on road between Turn in Sallystown and Turn in Mayglass.

"The trenches are filled in and there are a number of gulleys broken down with the result that the road is flooded continually. We are anxious to have this matter seen to at once before the coming winter."

Mr. Birthistle said this was a fourth class road on which there was a contractor who had carried out the work at the trenches. The gully was not large enough to take the water.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the County Surveyor see what can be done in regard to improvements of gulleys on road between turn in Sallystown and turn in Mayglass."

FLOODING NEAR ASKAMORE.

Under date 29th September, 1934, Mr. Edward Doran, Askamore, Carnew, wrote that for a number of years the surface water off the road between the village of Askamore and his residence had

been flooding his premises but on the night of the 27th September the floods actually polluted the water which he had to use for domestic purposes. He requested that a small committee should be appointed to look into the condition of things. A committee of the old Council had already seen it.

The County Surveyor said he did not think the County Council were responsible for the main portion of the flooding at all. The stream running through Mr. Doran's land ran through a duck pond. This was really the cause of the flooding. The water from the road went as it always did. In any case he was of opinion that this was a matter for the Board of Health.

In reply to a query Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said he went to Mr. Doran four or five years ago and pointed out how he could avoid pollution to his drinking water. If the course of the surface water from the road was to be changed a corner would have to be cut off and a deep sewer sunk and this would cost a lot of money.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Treanor and Mr. Keegan should again examine the place and see if it would be possible to formulate a simple scheme to obviate flooding. Mr. Doran had complained to him (Chairman) that his outhouses were being flooded and his cattle were in danger of being drowned in the winter. He proposed a resolution asking Messrs Treanor and Keegan to look into the matter, as he suggested, and they might be able to present a report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

FLOODING AT CLONROCHE.

Mr. Michael Redmond said that the south side of Clonroche road was flooded, especially in the vicinity of Mr. Malone's licensed premises. He proposed the following

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resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the Assistant Surveyor for the District report to next meeting as to the flooding in Clonroche, and what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy same."

ROADS IN BARTOWN

Mr. Corish said at last meeting complaint was made as to the condition of two roads in Bartown area, one the main road and the other running up from Bartown Castle towards the Catholic Church and it had been suggested to him that some of the Councillors should see these roads and report.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said it was not possible to do anything more than had been done with the last mentioned road. It was 500 % better than it had been. There were big rocks cropping up through it but it had been always that way and this condition of things was worse on other roads.

Mr. Corish asked if it would cost much to put the road in good condition and Mr. Birthistle pointed out that money was not available at the moment to do more than had been done.

The matter dropped.

AUGHNAMAULMEEN LANE

Mr. Peter Doran, Hon Sec. Rock Tavern Fianna Fail Cumann, forwarded the following resolution:- "That we call the attention of the County Council to the deplorable state of Aughnamaulmeen Lane and that they do all in their power to have the much needed repairs carried out as soon as possible." This would be a great benefit to the residents of this lane and also a great relief to the large number of unemployed in the area."

Bernard Kavanagh, Aughnamaulmeen, Carnew, wrote calling attention to the condition of this lane. There was a good deal of tillage land along the lane. The grant was passed

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for this lane long ago so the writers trusted it would be repaired as soon as possible.

The County Surveyor said that this lane was mentioned in connection with the Minor Relief Schemes Vote but no grant was ever given.

Mr. Treanor said that two years ago the lane was passed for a grant but it was not approved by the Board of Works. They were now making application to have it done under the next grant.

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

"That Aughnamaulmeen lane be recommended for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote when money is available under this Scheme."

DANGEROUS CORNERS NEAR BREE

Mr. Samuel Deacon, Clonmore, Bree, and Mr. Garrett Byrne wrote asking the Council to take immediate steps to improve the dangerous corners leading to Bree Village from Clonmore and at Clonmore Railway Bridge. Those corners are known to members of the Council as being very dangerous and as motor owners the writers earnestly request that they be attended to so as to prevent serious or fatal accidents.

Miss O'Ryan said there were no more dangerous corners in the county than on the whole way from Galbally to Enniscorthy. The corners between Galbally and Bree should be trimmed. All through the Barony of Forth an easement had been effected at every dangerous corner but one came out on the corners from Galbally to Enniscorthy at the risk of one's life. The corner at Ballymorris was particularly dangerous.

Mr. Cullen Assistant Surveyor said that trimming the hedge at Ballymorris would not effect any improvement. It would cost £20 to do a proper job there.

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Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That corner at Ballymorris and the two other corners on this road be covered by a proposal in the next Road Works Scheme."

FRONTAGE FOR SHOP

The County Surveyor submitted application from Patrick A. Nolan, Ryland Street, Bunclody, for permission to erect a frontage (to serve as shop) at his premises. There was already a wall erected around the house on the upper side and he intended, if granted permission, to bring the new erection in line with this. There was also a wall projecting some distance at the bottom of the street.

Mr. Ennis reported that the road at this point was straight - 26 feet wide. The distance of front wall of new building from centre of road would be 22 feet. There would be no practical objection to the erection of the building as it would be on the line of a number of existing walls and houses.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the statutory distance for the erection of any building was 30 feet from the centre of the road. There was no encroachment on any part of the surface in this case.

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Redmond seconded the following resolution:-

"That as regards application of P.A. Nolan, Ryland Street, Bunclody, to erect frontage at his premises, the County Council take no action."

Passed unanimously.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

The following resolution ~~was~~ adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mrs. Margaret Conran, Rathmure, Enniscorthy, report having been received from Garda Siochana recommending the granting of said licence."

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CINEMA LICENCE.

Application for licence for travelling cinema was received from Miss Esme Walshe, Clongeen.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he had examined the cinema which was a collapsible wooden structure, with four exits. The projector was mounted on a carriage at the rere outside the cinema and was easily moved. He did not offer any objection to the issue of licence.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That Licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 issue to Miss Esme Walshe, Clongeen, Foulksmills, as the Garda Siochana do not object."

INERTITE FOR ROADS.

The Manager, Coollattin Estate Co., Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow, forwarded leaflets dealing with Inertite, an amalgam with bitumen, tar, asphalt, cement etc.

The County Surveyor said he got a direction some time ago from the Local Government Department to try "Inertite" on grant work at Carnew, but it required a special boiler for mixing. He did not think there was much in it.

The Chairman proposed that the question of the use of Inertite be referred to the County Surveyor for experiment when occasion arises.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted
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