

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12TH. 1927.

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MINUTES.

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N. J. FRIZELLE

FORTVIEW

SECRETARY

WEXFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 12th September 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also present, Messrs James Clince, Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Patrick Byrne, A. Mernagh, Thomas Rossiter, M. M. O'Donoghue, John Whyte, James Gaul, John Pender, John Connors, Michael Doyle, Michael Cloney, James Shannon, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, Thomas Cooney, Col. Gibbon V.C. and Col. Quin.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, Mr Elgee, Solicitor and the six Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

Finance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin:- "That the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Council in respect of meeting of 18th August 1927 as follows be received and considered." :-

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stated will render them liable to suspension at next meeting of the Finance Committee."

A statement was submitted showing the following amounts of old rates outstanding:-

1923 Rate	£103-0-8	
1924 "	£121-10-5	
1925 "	£79-11-4	
1926 "	<u>£575-7-4</u>	
		£879-9-7
1927 "		<u>£5261-11-3</u>
Total		£6141-0-10.

The following resolution was adopted:-

That Collectors be directed to close off during the present half-year, arrears of old rates outstanding."

Under date 11th August 1927, the following letter (No G. 33671/1927 Wexford County) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 4th ultimo, and to state that the proposed payment of poundage quarterly on 60% of the rates lodged when at least one half of the warrant has been accounted for has been noted, but the Minister feels that a concession of this nature should be coupled with a requirement as to the date by which the monies must be lodged.

The Minister is not satisfied with the progress of the rate collection in Wexford generally, and is particularly displeased at the amount of old arrears outstanding from 1923 onwards. It is desired that these arrears be forthwith disposed of."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That in order to qualify for payment of poundage, Rate Collectors should have 50% of first moiety of collection lodged by the 15th September, and 50% of second moiety by the 31st January."

A letter was read from Collector Michael Deegan enclosing a communication which he had received from the Estate Agents of

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a large estate in the County, stating that they were not in a position to meet the amount of the Poor Rates at the moment, but hoped to be in a position to make a payment in a short time.

Mr Deegan stated he forwarded the communication to the County Council as the ratepayer concerned was one of the largest in his district, and were the amount paid it would considerably $\frac{1}{2}$ increase the percentage lodged by him.

RATES ON CLOBEMON HALL.

A letter was read from Mr M. N. Watts, Clohamon House, ~~stax~~ stating that he paid the rates in respect of the period ended 31st March 1927 on Clobemon Hall under protest, as the house was not in a state fit for habitation.

A letter was read from Mr M. Deegan, Rate Collector, stating that as far as he could see, the house was quite fit for occupation in February last, and the second moiety of the 1927 Rate was paid for it. The house at the present time was under repair.

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

"That in view of the provisions of Section 9 of the ~~IKEREA~~ Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1926, rates due on Clobemon Hall in respect of the half-year ending 30th September 1927 be not demanded as the premises are undergoing repairs. That Mr Watts be informed that the County Council cannot accede to his request in respect of the rates paid for period ended 31st March 1927."

NEW BUILDINGS LIST.

Applications for inclusion of their holdings on New Buildings List were received from Mr Thomas McCarthy, Fairfield, Enniscorthy, No 324 E.D. Enniscorthy Rural and Mr Ivan Yeates, "Westcliffe House" No. 193 E.D. Enniscorthy Rural.

On the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Mernagh the applications were agreed to.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

The following tenders were received for the printing of four half years' Abstracts of Accounts and Secretary's statements:-

Free Press, Wexford £16-16-0

People, do £21-10-0.

On the motion of the Chairman, the tender of the Free Press being the lower was accepted. KK

REPAIRS TO CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE.

Under date 16th August 1927, Mr J. N. Scallan, County KK Registrar, Wexford reported that on the night of the 15th August seven panes of glass were broken in the windows of his office. The windows now required a general overhauling. The front door was also in a bad state.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the Co. Surveyor be directed to have the necessary repairs to the Circuit Court Office, Wexford carried out immediately.

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

"That the Minutes of the meeting of Finance Committee of 18th August be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee of September 1st 1927 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held on 1st September 1927.

Present:-Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P. Hayes, Aidan Mernagh, and William Thorpe.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Hayes the Chair was taken by Mr Sean O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A message was received from the Chairman that he would not be in time for the meeting owing to a motor breakdown on the way.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note covering payments amounting to £ 9192-12-4 was examined and signed.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Primary. Under date 19th August 1927, the Secretary, Office of National Education wrote forwarding results of Examination for Secondary Scholarships. The following candidates had passed examination, names being given in order of merit:-

1.-Eileen J. Cadogan, Aclamon, Campile (703 marks): 2.-Patrick Doyle, Duncannon (646): 3.-Thomas Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn (617): 4.-John J. O'Brien, Allenstown, Broadway (520). 5.-James Hargadon, 5 Main Street, Gorey (502).

The following had failed the examination:- 6- Patrick Sheehan, Clonattin Road, Gorey (583) (failed in Irish): 7.-Peter Jackman Barmoney, Bree (491) (failed in History, Geography and Algebra): 8.-Statia Moynihan, Lower Glasganny, Castlebridge (451) (failed in Irish History Geography and Drawing): 9.-Thomas J. Ford Kilrane Railway Station (433) (failed in Algebra and Drawing) ^{(History + Geography) +} 10.-Daniel Druhan, Lady's Island (414) (failed in Irish) ^(+ History + Geography) 11.-Moses Breen 14 William Street, Gorey, (365) (failed in Irish, Arithmetic, History and Geography): 12.-Peter Sinnott, Oylegate (363) (failed in Irish History, Geography, Algebra and Geometry) 13.-Gerald P. Carroll Barryville, Rosslare (353) (failed in Irish History, Geography, Algebra and Drawing): 14.-Martin J. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey (343) (failed in Arithmetic History and Geography) 15. Thos Godkin, Maytown, Taggart (214) failed in Irish Arithmetic.

History, Geography, Algebra and Drawing.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to award Scholarships in accordance with their Scheme of Scholarships from Primary Schools 1927 to the following:-

Eileen J. Cadogan, Aclamon, Campile: Patrick Doyle, Duncannon: Thomas Cogley, Bulgan, Glynn and John F. O'Brien Broadway, and a Bursary to James Hargadon 5 Main Street, Gorey, as he resides within two miles of a recognised Secondary School.

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

That as recommended by the Department of Education in their letters of 8th and 18th August 1927, renewals of secondary Scholarships be granted the following:- Richard F. Doyle, Blackrock College, Dublin: Joseph Flynn, St. Peter's College, Wexford: Thomas Higgins, do: Laurence J. Butler, do: Patrick J. O'Reilly, do: John Hunt, do: and Mary Kavanagh, Loreto Convent, North Great George Street, Dublin.

University. Under date 11th August 1927, the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"I beg to inform you that the following are the results of the Summer Examinations of students holding Scholarships from your Council in the Session 1926-27:-

Michael J. Howlett - Report after the Third University Examination in Medicine in Autumn.

Thomas Keegan - Passed in the Subsidiary subject for the B. Comm Degree: further report after the B. Comm. Degree Exam in the Autumn.

Kathleen M. Bolger - Passed the B.A. Degree Examination.

Thomas J. Malone - Failed at the B. Sc. Degree Examination.

Patrick Whelan - Passed in the Subsidiary subject for B. Sc. Degree further report after the B. Sc. Exam in Autumn.

Honor A.M. Bolger - Passed the Second Year College Examination in Commerce with Honours.

Donald McAuliffe- Did not enter for the Second Year College Exam. in Arts.

Margaret Berney - Passed the First University Examination in Commerce with Second Class Honours in Irish.

Michael G. Stedmond-Passed the First University Examination in Science."

The Secretary stated that he had written Mr McAuliffe in connection with his Exam and had received a reply under date 16th August 1927 that the First and Second Year Examinations in Arts were held on the same dates and he could not sit for Second Year Exam. as he had to sit for First Year Examination again.

This was sent to the Secretary, University College, Dublin for his observations.

A reply from him was received under date 22nd August 1927 stating that Mr McAuliffe passed the First Arts Examination in June. The First and Second Year Examinations in Arts were not held on the same dates for all subjects, but Mr McAuliffe might have had some difficulty in sitting for both Examinations.

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

That renewals of University Scholarships be recommended to Honor A.M. Bolger(3rd Year): Margaret Berney(2nd Year):Michael G. Stedmond(2nd Year):and Donald McAuliffe(3rd Year). In the case of the latter, the Finance Committee do not consider his explanation of failure to sit for Second Year's College Examination in Arts as entirely satisfactory. Kathleen M. Bolger has already been awarded an extension of her Scholarship to allow her to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education."

COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER.

Under date 31st August 1927, the following was read from Mr Patrick Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour:-

"I am going to Dublin in the morning and I believe to Hospital and may not be back for six weeks. In the meantime, Mr Richard Garland will act for me as arranged with Mr Barry to whom

"I was speakin last week.

You will get the August Accounts as usual but I may not be back sooner than the middle of October when I can send September accounts with balance sheets. Hoping the above arrangement will suit you."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Thorpe seconded by Mr Hayes:-

"That we agree to the arrangements made by Mr P. Stapleton Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour by which Mr R. Garland will discharge the duties of Harbour Master during the absence of Mr Stapleton on condition that the County Council are not to be held responsible for any payment to Mr Garland in the matter."

COMBINED PURCHASING ACT 1925.

Under date 29th August 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S27392/1927 Genl) asking for Pay Order for £141-14-1 amount payable by Wexford County Council in pursuance of Section 10 of above Act.

It was decided to refer the communication to next meeting of the County Council.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 30th August 1927 the Department of Local Government wrote (S 30744/1927) asking that the amount payable by the County Council under above Act should be made as soon as possible.

It was decided that the Local Government Department be informed that payment had been held up pending a satisfactory reply as to the delay in filling vacancies for Medical Officers for Bunclody and Carrigbyrne.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE.

The following resolution passed at meeting of Library Committee on 20th August 1927 was submitted and approved:-

"That all Minutes of Meetings of the Library Committee be forwarded to the County Council for record on the original understanding that no point comes before the County Council for discussion unless the Secretary of the County Council is of opinion that any point recorded is in contravention of the powers conferred on the

"Library Committee by the County Council."

The Minutes of Library Committee in respect of meeting of 9th July 1927 were submitted.

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES FOR SALE OF MARGARINE.

The Secretary stated that the Home & Colonial Stores Ltd. 2.4. & 6 Paul Street, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.2. had registered as wholesale dealers in margarine in respect of premises at Market Square, Enniscorthy.

INSURANCE ON ROAD ROLLERS, TRACTORS, ETC.

The following letter to the Co. Surveyor under date 30th August 1927 from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances was read:-

"Referring to your letter of the 27th inst we have pleasure in advising that we can arrange for a policy as from the renewal date of the above (P.L. Commercial Motor Policy, No. 502017 Renewable 18/9/27), on identical lines covering six Road Rollers, six Traction Engines and forty-eight Trailers at a premium of £67-10-0. If no claims has occurred during the last twelve months, 10% "No Claim Bonus" can be deducted making the nett premium £60-15-0.

This shows a saving of 10% on the premium at present paid, as the annual premium on the above Policy (since endorsed) is £75, as we informed you in our letter of 13th July."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Policy be taken out through the Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd. at a premium of £60-15-0 in lieu of P.L. Comm. Motor Policy No 502017 Renewable 18/9/27 covering six road rollers, six motor engines and forty-eight trailers That Co. Surveyor notify former Company that old policy is no longer required."

INSURANCE - STEAM BOILERS.

The following letter from Irish Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances Ltd. under date 24th August 1927 was read:-

"We are obliged for your letter of the 23rd inst re Boiler Policy-Renewable 2/9/27.

In this connection we would refer you to our letter of the

26th March last, in which we quoted you a premium of £19-10-0 for the Steam Boilers policies (two) falling due on 2nd September. This ~~was~~ quotation shows a saving of £1-17-6 and we shall be glad to hear that same is acceptable.

As you are doubtless aware, the Public Bodies' Mutual Insurances are only issuing their own policies in respect of Fire Insurances for the present, but have made special arrangements for the Engineering Insurances of Local Authorities, including periodical inspection and subsequent report by a fully qualified Engineering Surveyor.

A large number of the Public Bodies have already availed of this service including Mayo Co. Council, Grangegorman and Pertrane Clonmel, Enniscorthy, Waterford, Killarney, Limerick, Ennis and Monaghan Mental Hospitals.

In all these cases we have been able to effect substantial economies, and we feel certain that your Council will prefer to avail themselves of our service and transact the business with an Irish Engineering Institution through their own Company."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Boiler policies covering 11 boilers (Class-Explosion) Amount £11,000 and Boiler Tara Hill Hill Quarry, amount £1500 be effected through Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. at premium of £19-10-0."

RENT WEXFORD COURTHOUSE.

In connection with demand of £24-2-7 from Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch, Solicitors for quarter year's ground rent of portion of Wexford Courthouse premises, it was decided, that Mr Elgee, Solicitor inform Messrs O'Keeffe & Lynch that the Co. Council would be glad to see title deeds of the premises before making any more payments.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE- HOUSING ACTS.

In connection with above, letter under date 18th August 1927 (H.576/3691/1927 Wexford County) from the Department of Local Government was read.

This pointed out that as the Council did not intend to

offer grants or loans to private persons erecting houses, the Minister urged on the Council the desirability of passing a resolution granting the partial remission of rates in accordance with Section 7 of the Act of 1925, thus affording inducement to private persons to erect houses in the County without involving capital expenditure or substantial loss to the present rates.

After considerable discussion the Finance Committee ~~considered~~ considered that no action should be taken. They believed the concessions urged by the Minister would not be the means of securing the erection of one extra house.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to 31st August 1927 was submitted. Messrs J.J. Sinnott and John Kelly who had not 25% of the first moiety of 1927-28 Rate collected had been summoned to attend the meeting.

Mr Sinnott said he had issued all Demand Notes. He had ~~not~~ called on all ratepayers, twice in some instances, but did not get paid. He had been held up by the division of the Doyne Estate. This had been divided up and the Solicitor for Major Doyne had written that he could not give any information until the conveyances had been executed. His district was growing worse because people were unable to set their grass owing to the existence of Fluke disease there a couple of years ago. Hay could not be sold either. One large ratepayer had left his farm altogether and it was at the moment derelict. He (Mr Sinnott) had done his best to get in the rates. ~~Max~~

It was decided that the progress made between now and the 15th September 1927 would be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee to be held on that date.

Mr J.J. Kelly said he never travelled so much through his district previously and with such poor result as on the present occasion. In Balloughter division, there were a number of large ratepayers who up to this had always paid early but this year he was not able to get money from them.

Mr Thorpe called attention to the large number of demand

notes in Mr Kelly's collecting book. In these cases people could reasonably say they had not been asked for their rates.

Mr Kelly said he could not at present get rates from the people whose demand notes were still in his books.

Chairman- Demand Notes should have been distributed before now. We expect you will have all yours given out by the end of next week at latest.

It was decided that the state of Mr Kelly's collection be specially dealt with at next Finance Committee meeting.

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed and Mr Hayes seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 1st September 1927 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Combined Purchasing Act.

In connection with the reference on Minutes of Finance Committee, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne:-

"That the Clerk to Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, and the Secretary County Board of Health, be requested to state if they have found economies to have been effected by taking advantage of combined purchasing system of the Department of Local Government, and if they could state (even approximately) what would be the amount of saving per annum which the system has made in the institutions under the control of their respective Boards."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Hayes, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 1st September 1927, be and are hereby confirmed."

ROADS COMMITTEE.

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

"That the following Minutes of Roads Committee of 22nd. August 1927 be received and considered.":-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 22nd August 1927.

Present:- Mr T. McCarthy (Chairman) presiding: also Col. Gibbon, Col Quin, Messrs James Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, Michael Cloney and Patrick Colfer.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"On the 12th inst, the Committee to deal with New Ross Courthouse met, but only Mr Cooney was in attendance. He and the Co. Surveyor submit preliminary report.

On the 13th inst, the Committee appointed to visit Carne Pier met at Carne and discussed the matter generally. The report from the Committee will be before you, and I have prepared specification for the carrying out of the work. In my opinion it will be advisable to have this done by contract, as there would be some difficulty and expense in getting plant and so forth if carried out by Direct Labour.

The date for the completion of the Gorey Courthouse reconstruction has now passed, and I submit letter I have received from the contractor asking for an extension of time. I believe the contractor has wasted no time on the job, and has made efforts to keep within the period allowed, and I recommend extension of time. The work is being carried out in a satisfactory manner.

The Enniscorthy Courthouse reconstruction work is now in progress and appears to be going on satisfactorily.

After the last meeting of the Council I wrote to Mr Quigley about Wexford-Enniscorthy Road contract giving him the

views of the Council as regards special inspection by him with the County Council Committee. I have reply from the Roads Department Local Government, stating that Mr Quigley is at present on leave and will not be available until after the end of the month. I have constantly inspected the work in progress, which, in my opinion, is going on in a satisfactory manner. The contractors have now the fourth mixer ~~km~~ available and it will be started shortly.

The tar grouting work on the Enniscorthy-New Ross road is now making satisfactory progress, but the very broken weather constantly caused delay. In connection with this work the Roads Inspection Committee visited Ballybrennan Quarry on the 17th inst, and will have recommendations to make in regard to setting of the Breaker at a higher level than formerly, thus enabling waggons to be loaded directly with consequent saving of cost. There is difficulty in regard to acquiring land, as the occupier, who has only apparently squatter's rights, if any at all, is unwilling to part with the land required, unless at a charge much beyond that usually paid for such accommodation.

The preliminary reconstruction work in Enniscorthy Urban District is now in progress. When this work is completed the Local Government Department propose inviting tenders for laying tar macadam surface.

For some time I have been preparing materials for the reconstruction of the Wexford Quays in reinforced concrete. The actual reconstruction work has been delayed waiting on the re-laying of the water mains by the Wexford Corporation. This delay was owing to the difficulty in obtaining new pipes which I understand are now coming to hand. I hope to have the work on the Quay started next week.

The contractor for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge has now commenced work. He has erected shed and is proceeding with the construction of the temporary bridge preparatory to the dismantling of the old one.

I now have the work of rounding off the corners at Ballyvergin Cross in progress, and this work was inspected by the Roads

Inspection Committee during the week.

The recent bad weather has caused very serious deterioration in a number of important roads, which have become very badly potholed. During the Summer, I have been carrying out very extensive work in filling pot-holes with tarred screenings, but the money available for the maintenance of these roads will not be sufficient to carry out much more of this class of work. I hesitate to ask for proposals out of Contingencies Fund at this early period of the year, but unless this be done, the roads will very soon get much worse. The most affected roads are Rosslare road, Castlebridge road, the road between Ballynaboola and New Ross and the Gorey-Courtown road.

On the 9th inst, I laid out the proposed new drain under Mr Davis's land at Verona Bridge and instructed Mr Cullen to interview Mr McCarthy and obtain his consent to the proposed filling in of the channel on his land. Mr McCarthy informed Mr Cullen he would raise no objection, but he would not sign any agreement form.

I ask for authority to take out Insurance Policy on the newly purchased Compressor Plant. In connection with the running of this plant, I consider it would be advisable that we should have a large petrol store tank which would cost in or about £10. Having this tank would allow us to obtain petrol in bulk with the consequent reduction of cost of from a penny to twopence per gallon which will be considerable, as we use from 20 to 25 gallons per day.

I hope to have report for the Committee on the removal of sand from the shore at Courtown Harbour, but up to time of writing I have not been able to visit the place.

The Roads Inspection Committee when visiting the grouting work at Palace drew attention to the damage to the workmen's clothing by the tar and suggested that overalls and possibly boots should be purchased for the men. I have looked up the Local Government Trade List and find that the overalls can be got for 34/9 per dozen and the boots for 13/- per pair.

I have a letter from Mr O'Connor M.C.C. dealing with several

matters in Mr Ennis's area, and I have asked Mr Ennis to report to me on same. Also the Chairman has handed me letter from Mr Fortune of Slade making a number of complaints about the roads and works in that area, and I have asked Mr Kehoe to report on the matter in detail.

I submit letter from the Railway Company with reference to the Railway Bridge at Chilcomb in New Ross Urban area.

I beg to apply to the Committee to sanction my leave of absence from the 23rd inst for a period of three weeks. I shall arrange to have the work carried out during my absence."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The following letter, under date 17th August 1927 was read from Mr F. W. Davis, Hon. Secretary, Enniscorthy and District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:-

"The road between Enniscorthy and Wexford, a distance of 14 miles, is being re-made with a cost of thousands of Pounds.

I am told it is being constructed in such a way that no horse could keep his feet on it in damp weather, this being the normal condition of the road.

Would you please bring this before your County Council."

It was decided on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Col Quin, that Mr Davis's letter be referred to the Local Government, as they are responsible for the manner in which this road is being reconstructed, and that Mr Davis be notified accordingly.

Col Gibbon, stated he considered that weekly reports should be submitted by Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor as to the progress of the reconstruction work on this road.

Mr Birthistle stated that during the absence of the County Surveyor on holidays, he would make three inspections of the work each week.

Under date 5th August 1927, the following letter was read from Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

"At a meeting of my Council held on the 3rd inst, I was directed to write to you asking you to make a recommendation to the County Council that as soon as the work on the trunk road between

Wexford and Enniscorthy reaches Edermine that preference be given to men residing in the town of Enniscorthy."

It was decided that the letter from Enniscorthy Urban Council be forwarded to the contractors for the reconstruction of the ~~proposed~~ Enniscorthy-Wexford road for their favourable consideration.

Holidays of County Surveyor.

In connection with the application of the County Surveyor for holidays, Col Gibbon asked, in the event of Mr Quigley arranging for an inspection of the Wexford-Enniscorthy road previous to the termination of the County Surveyor's holidays, who would accompany Mr Quigley and the Committee on the inspection.

The Co. Surveyor stated that, in the event of Mr Quigley arranging an inspection, he would accompany the Committee, but he had been notified by the Local Government Department that Mr Quigley would be on leave in any case until the end of the present month.

Col Quin asked who would act for the County Surveyor in his absence.

The County Surveyor stated in reply that each Assistant Surveyor would be responsible for his own area, and he (Co. Surveyor) would personally certify the payments in respect of the Finance Committee meetings.

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

"That the application of the County Surveyor for annual holidays as from 23rd August be agreed to."

Castlebridge Road.

Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor stated that the worst portion of this road was between Wexford and Garrylough Mill. The original proposal for the road was £483, and the amount allowed by the Co. Council was £462. The amount expended to date was £191-14-10. It was necessary that a reasonable amount should be retained for the repair of this road during the coming winter. The bottoming was quite sound and all the road required was surfacing to make it fairly passable. It was poorly surfaced and this was the cause of its present

condition.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he estimated it would take from £70 to £80 to put this road in fair order.

On the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £50 be transferred from Contingencies Fund for the special immediate repair of Castlebridge road."

Other Roads.

As regards the other roads mentioned in the Co. Surveyor's report, it was decided that the necessary repairs be carried out from the unexpended balances of the allocations for the maintenance of these roads, and that a further report regarding the Gorey - Courtown Road be submitted to the next meeting of the Roads Committee.
Overalls and Boots.

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

"That four dozen suits of overalls at 34/9 per doz and two dozen pairs of boots at 13/- per pair be obtained for the use of the men employed in the tarring of roads."

Gorey Courthouse.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 17th August 1927 from Mr John Browne, Henrietta Street, Wexford, contractor for the reconstruction of Gorey Courthouse:-

"As the time for completion of the work has passed, I shall feel obliged if you kindly grant me an extension of five weeks from now. You are aware I have done my utmost, and have worked overtime every day to endeavour to finish the work. It was absolutely impossible to do more. Even by employing more hands, it would only hamper the work, as they would be in each other's way."

The County Surveyor in reply to the Chairman, stated that the penal clause in the contract was £10 per week as from 1st August.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, stated that Mr Browne had, in his opinion, done everything possible to have the work completed by the specified date.

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated that if the period allowed for the completion of the work had been longer, another tender received for the work might have been lower, and outside tenders would perhaps have been received. He proposed:- "That no action be taken on Mr Browne's application until after the completion of the work."

Col Quin seconded.

Passed.

Flooding at Verona.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 18th August 1927 from Mr T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"On 12th inst, I interviewed Mr McCarthy, Fairfield to obtain his permission to fill old water channel at Verona Bridge. Mr McCarthy agreed verbally that we could go on with the work, but refused to sign the usual agreement form."

Mr Sean O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the work at Verona Bridge be not proceeded with unless Mr McCarthy signs agreement."

Col Quin seconded.

Passed.

Mr Shannon stated he would see Mr McCarthy on 23rd August when he hoped to be able to induce him to sign required agreement, as Mr McCarthy had stated he would raise no objection to the work being carried out.

Railway Bridge at Chilcomb.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following correspondence ~~from~~ between himself and the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railways:

The Co. Surveyor wrote to the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern Railways under date 4th August 1927 as follows:-

"Enclosed I send you copy of resolution passed by the New Ross Urban District Council with reference to the bad condition of the New Ross-Waterford road as follows:-

"That the attention of the Wexford County Council and the Great Southern Railways Company be directed to the very bad condition of the surface of that section of the Waterford road between the Barrow Boat Club and the entrance gate of Mr J. B. Hearne's avenue, which is a source of grave danger to motor cars, the ruts and pot-holes

"in it being liable to break the springs of the cars, and that they be requested to have the surface of it properly repaired, sprayed and gritted in the same manner as the adjoining portion of the road."

This mainly refers to the bridge over the Railway in Rosbercon, and I must request that you put the road in proper order and repair at once. Some time ago I was in communication with your Company with regard to the County Council taking over the maintenance of the roadway there, but we have not yet come to any terms in the matter. If your Company will put the road in proper order the County Council will agree to maintain it for the Company at the same rate per perch as the other Main Roads in the Urban District are being maintained at, which is $18/4\frac{3}{4}$ d. The fences on this road are in very bad condition and I complained of this some time ago. I trust you are taking steps to have them put in proper repair."

The following reply under date 16th August 1927 was read from the Chief Engineer of the Great Southern Railways Company:-

"With reference to yours of the 4th inst, I have given instructions to have the pot-holes filled in.

As you are aware the Company is under no obligation to re-surface the road with tar macadam, and they are fulfilling all their obligations by maintaining a road surface suitable for the traffic which used it at the time of the construction of the Railway.

With regard to your price of $18/4\frac{3}{4}$ d per perch, -does this figure quoted for future maintenance cover any future re-surfacing of the road which may be necessary, i.e.,:-

1. Whether this figure would represent the annual cost of upkeep in perpetuity subject to alterations resulting from changes in rates of pay and material.
2. The term of years for which your Council would be prepared to enter into an agreement on these lines.
3. What provision you would suggest for meeting a possible variation in the rates paid to your labourers or in the cost of material (in somewhat similar arrangement made with the Dublin Corporation, the Company and the Corporation have agreed that in the case of road

"maintenance three-fourths of the cost is labour, and therefore if the rates paid to labourers are reduced say by 4% the unit cost of maintenance should be reduced by 3%).

I am looking into the question of the fences and will write you on this matter later. Please let me hear as soon as you can

The County Surveyor stated that he doubted if the Railway Company were right in their contention that they were only bound to maintain the roadway in a condition suitable for the traffic which used it at the time of the construction of the railway.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor stated that the Railway Company's contention was correct, as there had been a number of decisions on the point.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would deal with the points raised in the letter from the Railway Company and endeavour to come to agreement with them as to the terms on which the roadway approaching the Railway Bridge from Chilcomb Lodge should be kept in repair by the Council for the Railway Company and submit such agreement when reached to the Roads Committee for approval.

Order.- Approved on the motion of the Chairman.

Carne Pier.

The following report was submitted:-

"The Committee met at Carne on the 13th inst, and there were present:- Col Gibbon, Messrs M. Doyle and J. Gaul.

Mr Elgee, Co. Council Solicitor and the County Surveyor were in attendance as were also a number of local residents including Messrs Weldon, Langrishe and Joyce.

The time of the visit was unsuitable for full inspection as the depth of water prevented examination of the Pier end. Col Gibbon was however present at low water and inspected the Pier.

The County Surveyor explained the nature of the proposed repair works which do not include any attempt to deal with the end of structure.

Part of the old floor at present in defective condition

"must be replaced and the new work must be thoroughly bonded into the old. The joint between existing parapet and floor must be staunched. The work proposed (including cleaning the berthage) will make the Pier safe and convenient for local fishing.

The Committee next examined the retaining wall at shore end and believe that this should be repaired, but only to the extent within the boundaries of the leased premises proper to the Pier. This is stated to be 25 yards wide, measured from outside of pier. The Committee consider the remainder of the walls is private property and outside their control. Mr Joyce, the owner of the adjoining land, requested that the County Council should make good all the walls bounding the shore within the Pier area, but the Committee pointed out to him that this would be impossible for lack of funds, even if the County Council had control and Mr Joyce then waived the point.

Mr Joyce agreed to give right of way with dedication to the public of the existing track across his field, but requires that it should be fenced off. This way is essential for proper approach to the Pier, and the cost of fencing as estimated by the Co. Surveyor will be in or about £64.

Col Gibbon stated he disagreed with the County Surveyor as regards repair of the old floor. He considered that if the work was carried out in the manner suggested, it would be money thrown away. It would pay the Council to send down a rock drill operator to bore holes for iron bonding bars.

The Co. Surveyor stated he was satisfied that the work as recommended would be properly carried out. He considered the bars unnecessary.

The following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That a sum of £64 be allocated for the fencing off of the existing track across Mr Joyce's field to Carne Pier on condition that Mr Joyce makes a dedication of this track to the public."

The following was approved on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the retaining wall at the shore end be repaired to

the extent outlined in the report of the Committee "

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

"That as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, we consider repair work at Carne Pier should be carried out by contract with the exception of the repair of the wall and new fencing which should be done by direct labour."

New Ross Courthouse.

The following report was submitted:-

"The meeting of the Committee appointed to report on this was arranged for the 12th inst, but most of the members were unable to attend. Mr Cooney was present and met the County Surveyor and both examined the building.

It will be well if a further meeting of the Committee be arranged before final steps are taken. In the meantime Mr Cooney and the Co. Surveyor make the following suggestions:-

1. The roof over the main building should be repaired immediately. There are a few loose or displaced slates and the valley over the stairs on the left or northy side is defective.
2. The creepers at the back should be cut down at least two feet below the eave gutters and the slating and gutters cleaned. This should be done at once.
3. The slating over the old Brideswell which is now very much damage^(d) should be removed entirely and the arched groinings over the cells should be staunched outside with cement rendering and proper ~~provisi~~ provision made for taking off the rainfall.
4. We consider the best method of arranging part of premises for a tenancy will be as follows:-

Close existing door from side hall to back premises.

Open new door from other side hall.

Fit two rooms off left stairway for District Justice and Clerk - there is W.C. available here.

Give two rooms on first floor off right stairway as well as basement, floor, yard, garden and Bridewell to tenant. Fit W.C.

in old closet in yard and take in town water. Fit new range in kitchen; clean down and repair plaster on walls and distemper same; repair windows and doors and give coat of paint."

Col Quin considered that it would be advisable for the caretaker to reside on the premises.

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated that in his opinion a much more suitable arrangement would be to appoint a non-resident caretaker with definite fixed salary. Payment of allowances to courtkeepers was, he considered, an unsuitable arrangement, and, furthermore if portion of the premises were utilised as caretaker's residence, it would not be possible for the Circuit Court to be held there, and as the Council were in favour of Circuit/Courts being held in the various towns where Courthouses were available, he was against any proposal which would tend to prevent this.

It was decided that, as recommended by the Co. Surveyor a further inspection of New Ross Courthouse be made by the Committee and that report be submitted to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor carry out necessary repairs to the roof of New Ross Courthouse as soon as possible."

Under date 16th August 1927 the following letter was read from Mr J.N. Scallan, County Registrar, Wexford:-

"I am in receipt of the resolution passed by your Council on the 8th inst re above.

To enable me to give due consideration to this matter, I will require information on the following points.

1. The Courthouse for which caretaker is required.
2. The accommodation available therein for a caretaker.
3. The remuneration and allowances proposed to be paid to a caretaker.
4. If the Co. Council will defray expense of suggested advertisement."

It was decided that the Assistant Secretary explain the Council's proposals to the County Registrar.

TOURIST ROADS.

Under date 6th August 1927, the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 26th ultimo, relative to the allocation of a further sum from the Road Fund for the improvement of tourist roads in Courtown and Rosslare areas, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is not possible at present to indicate further grants for tourist roads. The claims of the areas will be borne in mind if, and when, it becomes feasible to make further grants for such roads."

No Order.

SIGNPOST AT SCULLABOGUE CROSS.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 10th August 1927 from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor relative to Road 17R.:-

"Our Foreman (John Donovan) has reported to me that a sign post lying on the side of the road at Scullabogue Cross has been ~~tak~~ taken by a man named Patrick Rourke, Ballyshannon to be used as a gate post.

Rourke told Donovan that Mr Stephenson, Ballyshannon, gave him the post.

This signpost was, I understand, erected a great many years ago by the then owner of a large property around Carrigbyrne and Scullabogue.

Mr Stephenson is now living in the house of the man ~~that~~ erected this sign post and probably ~~locked on it~~ as his property."

On the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr Shannon the following resolution was adopted:-

4/ "That the man who at present has the signpost- Patrick Rourke, Ballyshannon- be asked for an explanation as to how he got possession of this signpost, which is the property of the County

Council and which was lying on the side of the road at Scullabogue Cross."

BALL COURT AT COOLGREANY.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 2nd August 1927 from Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"As directed by Roads Committee at its last meeting I visited above place and estimate that to put down path as required will cost £12-10-0.

The cost of above should come out of Contingencies Fund as money allowed for work Section A insufficient for work to be done."

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

"That a sum of £10 be allocated from Contingencies Fund for work on path at Ball Court, Coolgreany."

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr Elgee, Solicitor submitted the following letter under date 22nd July 1927 from Messrs Huggard, Brennan, & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"Miss Palmer has been with us to-day in reference to the roadway, and we understand the palings have now been altered and moved in, but even still in some places it exceeds the amount allowed by the District Justice which is 15 feet from the fence.

A considerable amount of damage has been done to our Client's field and fences. Where the paling was originally put down, a considerable portion of the soil of our client's field was dug up and taken away. The paling now having been moved back, this portion of the field where the soil was dug up was left and instead of replacing the soil which was dug up, a considerable quantity of rubbish has been drawn from the Hill and strown on our client's field, and of course the meadow which our client had grown on this field is ruined.

We think, you will agree our client is being treated very badly in reference to this matter and before instituting proceedings

"we shall be glad to know what the Co. Council is prepared to pay our client for the damage done, and also to place the railing to the proper dimensions.

Furthermore, the agreement was that a permanent fence was to be erected and not a paling such as is now erected, and our Client insists that this must be done."

Mr Elgee considered the Council should pay Miss Palmer an annual rent for right of way and not a lump sum payment.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 2nd August 1927 from Mr T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Yours of 1st inst to hand with copy of letter from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey enclosed.

I beg to report that paling fence as it is at present does not give more than fifteen feet of roadway in any place and is less than fifteen in several places. The other statements as to damage to field and fences are, in the case of the field, very trifling and non-existent as regards fences. The meadow stated to be ruined was on my inspection of place to-day, being mowed and there was nothing to show that it had suffered in any way except the very small portions where paling fence was moved, these places being ~~at~~ without hay but the whole of area of same would not exceed two perches. I may here point out that had Miss Palmer not agreed to line of fence as originally laid out on 23rd June, I would not have erected it, and damage now claimed would not have taken place. I erected fence on line as laid out and agreed upon, and fence was actually a week in position when I learned that she did object. The mound fence was part of the agreement made on 23rd June, but as she failed to keep her portion of the agreement, I do not think the Co. Council should go to expense of erecting such a fence when a good post and wire one will serve the same purpose."

Mr Sean O'Byrne stated that he understood Miss Palmer looked upon the paling as a temporary arrangement.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted the motion of Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded by Mr Colfer:-

"That a mound fence be erected in substitution of existing paling at Miss Palmer's land, Gorey Hill Quarry at a cost not exceeding £20, subject to there being a distance of fifteen feet between the fences."

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

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor be authorised to offer a sum of £6 in settlement of Miss Palmer's claim for compensation for land required to make roadway into Gorey Hill Quarry."

ROADS AT SLADE AND THE HOOK.

The following letter addressed to the Chairman of the County Council under date 16th August 1927 was read from Mr Michael J. Fortune, Slade, Fethard-on-Sea:-

"I wish to bring under your notice the neglected state of things under the control or in the charge of your Council in this part of the country.

First of all, and what all can complain of are our roads and streets. The roads and paths from Porter's Gate, have been, to put it mildly kept in an abnormal state of late.

Then as regards our streets both of Slade and Churchtown, I could not find words strong enough to use in speaking of them. Slade Street is just fit for what the children use it in winter for, sailing boats as on a pond and Churchtown is nothing better.

The passage to Slade Pier and the Pier itself is also defective. Iron rings have rusted out and are not fit to make anything fast to; also the cement slip that is used at Slade to cast seaweed and sand from the strand is partially torn away and the main road to Hook Tower is endangered.

I wish to call your immediate attention to these matters as £1 now will be able to do what it would take £5 to do later on."

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 22nd August 1927 from Mr John Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor:-

"With regard to complaints made by Mr Fortune, Slade relative to the Road and Pier at Slade and also to the road leading to Hook 7

"Tower, I beg to state that the roads there are in a very fair condition at present. The surface is sound and strong and there is not a single pot-hole.

The bank by the side of road leading to Hock Tower has been torn away by the sea for a distance of 16 yards and we are now building a protection wall there.

The slip referred to at Slade was damaged by a severe storm and we are looking in vain for a calm week to repair it. The people continue to draw gravel and seaweed from there, but the cart-way is too narrow at present. Unless the weather is fine and calm it is useless trying to repair this place as it is very much exposed to the sea.

With regard to the footpath mentioned, this path runs from Porter's Gate to Slade, a distance of nearly two miles. We did a little at repairing this path last year but it would take a large sum to put it in proper order.

I may mention that when repairing it last year I was met by a large ratepayer and he said it was not any wonder the rates were high when we were spending money on a footpath on which there was no one to walk but a few fishermen and their wives."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne it was decided to refer the correspondence re roads at Slade and the Hock to the Roads Inspection Committee.

EXPLOSIVES AND PERMITS TO GANGERS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 10th August 1927 from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Wexford:-

"I have your letter of the 9th inst concerning the above. In reply I beg to point out that I am not obliged to detail the reasons which led up to my decision in both the cases referred to by you.

I regret very much that the matter has in any way interfere with the efficient working of your Department and beg to assure you that had it been at all possible, the permission would have been granted."

In view of the Superintendent's letter, it was decided that Roads Committee would take no action in the matter.

DREDGING AT KILMORE.

Under date 19th August 1927, the following letter (No 15023/27) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have to state that we have no record of the receipt of an application from your Council last year for the use of one of our dredgers at Kilmore Harbour. We shall be obliged if you will be so good as to inform us what is the nature of the material at the entrance to Kilmore Pier, its depth and its quantity, in order that we may judge whether the suction dredger, "Fag-an-Bealach", the only one available, is suitable for the work. We shall also be glad to learn whether your Council are prepared to pay the usual hire charge of £17 per day plus overtime."

On the motion of the Chairman, the County Surveyor was directed to forward the required information to the Office of Public Works.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the Office of Public Works be informed that the County Council cannot in the present state of their finances make any contribution towards the cost of dredging at Kilmore Harbour. That the Office of Public Works be requested to defray the cost of carrying out the work in the present instance."

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909.

Under date 19th August 1927, letter was read from Chief Superintendent Garda Siothchana, Wexford asking that Sergeant C. Horgan (4837) be appointed Inspector under the Cinematograph Act 1909 for Campile sub-district vice Sergeant Arthur Murphy 3430 transferred.

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

"That Sergt C. Horgan (4837) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 vice-Garda for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Campile."

Under date 15th August 1927, letter was read from Chief Superintendent Garda Siothchana, Wexford asking that Sergt G. O'Shea

be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Oulart sub-district vice Sergeant James Quinn(3086) transferred.

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

"That Sergeant G. O'Shea(2780) be appointed Inspector under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Garda Siothchana sub-district of Oulart."

PETROL PUMPS.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 1st August 1927 from Mr J. Murphy, John Street, ^{New Ross} Wexford:-

"Referring to the two petrol pumps sanctioned by your Council, we had to alter the position shown on the map made by Mr Shortall owing to not being able to get gravitation from the south corner of footpath. Mr Shortall, however, sees no difference so far as the use of the path is concerned."

The following letter under date 19th August 1927 was submitted by the Co. Surveyor from Mr P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor:

"Enclosed I send you a sketch of the position of the petrol pumps erected by Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross.

The pumps were sanctioned for the positions marked A and B in sketch, but Mr Murphy explains that owing to the lack of gravitation he had to change one pump from the position A to the position X. The width of the footpath is restricted at this place owing to the proximity of the pump and a pillar supporting a shop front."

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Sean O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr J. Murphy, John Street, New Ross be informed that the County Council cannot sanction alteration of the position of petrol pumps as originally agreed to by them as they consider the proposed alteration of one of the pumps would restrict the width of the footpath."

Under date 5th August 1927, Mr H.T. Cooke, The Arcade, Gorey wrote asking permission to place tank for petrol pump under

footpath as he would be put to considerable expense to have tank erected at the rear of his house. There were already four petrol pumps in the town with the tanks under the footpath or roadway.

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

"That Mr H. T. Cooke, The Arcade, Gorey be informed that the County Council cannot grant permission for the erection of tank for petrol pump under footpath."

In connection with licence for petrol pump issued to Messrs Bates & Sons, Gorey at the last meeting of the Roads Committee, it was pointed out that Mr Bates had erected tank under footpath at St Michael's Road, Gorey. Mr Bates's explanation of his action was that, when making application for licence he also applied for permission to instal tank under the footpath and when he received licence there was no reference on same prohibiting the placing of the tank under the footpath. By the time he received the resolution of the County Council prohibiting him from placing tank under the footpath, he had the excavation practically completed.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Colfer, it was decided that the matter be referred to Mr Elgee, Solicitor for report as to the advisability of prosecution.

On the motion of Col Quin seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council will decline to renew licences for petrol pumps if the tanks in connection with same are placed under footpath or roadway except in cases where specific permission was given by the County Council to the erection of the tanks under the footpath or roadway."

Wexford-Enniscorthy Road.

The following "progress" report was submitted by Mr Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor under date 12th September 1927:-

"I beg to report as follows on Wexford-Enniscorthy Road:-
1st Mixer 3050 lineal yards: 2nd Mixer 1135 lineal yards: 3rd Mixer 1358 lineal yards: total 5543 lineal yards or 3 miles 1 fur. 8 per.

Given fair weather conditions, the concreting of the entire road from Ferrycarrig Castle to Oylegate should be finished within one month from to-day.

A fourth Mixer will start to-morrow and work on from Coolnaboy towards Edermine. Press Notices have been inserted and this portion of road closed last week.

The work of side-filling is being pushed on as rapidly as possible. A further three weeks' work will complete the section between Kyle Cross and Saunderscourt Cross. I have found it necessary to stop work on this section, as the men have now worked up close to the Mixer and the unmatured portion of the slab. Whilst waiting to complete this section I have started the carters and surface men at similar work on the second section, *v.z.* Kyle Cross to the "Fox and Goose" Cross. The filling ~~matured~~ ^{material} for both these sections is being obtained at Killurin.

Side-filling on the Monmore-Ballinaslaney section will start on the 17th inst, when the portion of the concrete slab affected will have sufficiently matured. A good supply of material is already prepared for this section.

With regard to the side-filling of the Saunderscourt - Ferrycarrig section it is proposed to use the material from the old quarry at Ferrycarrig. The work of preparation is already started and the actual side-filling will begin in a few weeks' time.

The cost of side-filling (double sides) is 3/- per lineal yard."

In reply to Col Quin, Mr Birthistle said that the minimum depth of concrete at any place on the road was 5½ inches. This was only in some few places. In other places, the depth was as much as

9 or 10 inches. So far as amount of concrete was concerned, the Council had got much the better of the contractors on this job.

The filling in of the sides had been completed and the water tables had been constructed. No water could accumulate on any part of the road except at the gateways at which pipes will have to be laid. The laying of "white line" at the three places referred to at last meeting would be attended to by the County Surveyor. This matter was not ripe for attention yet. A water pipe line had now been laid for all the mixers.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Gibbon seconded by Mr O'Donoghue:- Wexford County Council on the

"That we inform the Local Government Department that a request was conveyed to Mr Quigley, Chief Road Engineer, asking him to meet the Sub-Committee of the County Council dealing with the Wexford-Enniscorthy road. We regret that he did not on the occasion of his last visit find it possible to meet the Sub-Committee and we would ask him to name a day at which he could meet them and examine the road with them."

Flooding at Verona. 8th September 1927, Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the

Council, Mr Shannon said he had seen Mr McCarthy, Fairfield and he had agreed to sign the usual agreement form on condition that Mr Davis's side of the arch of the bridge ^{which} was built up ~~was removed~~.

The Chairman said the Council could not undertake to do this and the work ~~would~~ would not be proceeded with until Mr McCarthy had agreed to sign the agreement without conditions. Carne Pier.

Col Gibbon said he questioned the manner in which the Co. Surveyor was going to carry out the work. The intention of the latter was to put a slab on to the concrete bed to bring it level. Coping as large as the table before them (the County Council Chamber table) had been burst up by the sea and hurled about. Concrete of two feet in thickness would not bear the force of the sea at Carne, unless it was tied down by some kind of reinforcement. He wished to have his name entered as a dissident to having a proposal adopted to lay a

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-posal to repair wall adjoining the Pier be deferred."

Passed.

New Ross Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That the County Council representatives for New Ross Electoral area be constituted a Committee to inspect New Ross Courthouse and report to first available meeting of the Roads Committee. That the County Surveyor fix date of said meeting of Committee as soon as possible."

Dredging at Kilmore.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col Quin seconded by Mr Corish:- "We desire to call the attention of the Minister for Fisheries to letter of 14th July 1926(D/5/2) in which he pointed out that the Department were then unable to entertain the application as to dredging Kilmore Harbour which should be postponed to a later date. At present fishing boats are greatly hampered in getting in and out of the Harbour owing to the amount of silt, and the state of the Co. Council's finances do not allow of their hiring a dredger at present." We understand that the "Sysiphus," the Board of Works dredger is to start dredging at Wexford Harbour on 1st October next, and it would be most convenient if she would go on to Kilmore after completion of her work in Wexford. We would ask the Minister for Fisheries to take into favourable consideration the plight of these unfortunate workers."

Petrol Pumps in New Ross.

Mr Shannon proposed and Mr Thorpe seconded the following resolution:- "That the New Ross Courthouse Committee be requested to examine and report as to the position of Petrol pumps of Mr John Murphy, John Street, New Ross."

A show of hands was taken with the result that 14 voted in favour of this proposal and five against.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

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

"That the Minutes of Roads Committee of 22nd August 1927 be and are hereby confirmed with the exception of such matters as have been the subject of special resolutions at this meeting, dissenting from recommendations of said Minutes."

GOREY-ARKLOW ROAD.

Col Quin said that a good deal of margin still remained on the Gorey-Arklow road between Inch Station and Inch Post Office; an awful lot of chippings were in the sides of the road and the water-tables were not right.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that the order of the Council was that no more stuff was to be thrown on existing margins of this road, and this instruction was being carried out. All the chippings would be easily recovered and used and the water-tables would be attended to in due course.

OULART-CASTLE ELLIS ROAD.

Col Gibbon complained of a heap of stones on road one mile at the Wexford side of Oulart which were placed on the inside of the turn; they were dangerous.

Mr Cullen, Assistant Surveyor said the stones were in an awkward position. He was awaiting a roller and when it was available the stones would be rolled in as soon as possible.

KILMUCKRIDGE FAIR.

Mr O'Donoghue said that a number of people had complained to him that the usual stands for cattle at the fair of Kilmuckridge had been taken up by road macadam and people had no place to keep their cattle at last fair in the village.

Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor said that the stones were in the usual depots but they would be cleared away before next fair.

BALLINGLY QUARRY.

Mr Hayes complained that the men in this quarry had been unemployed since last March. While it was all right to use machinery in a quarry, he did not think it should be used to the extent of

crushing every ounce of stone in a quarry and putting unfortunate men on the dole.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting of Roads Committee.

PROCUREMENT OF MATERIAL.

Mr Connors gave Notice of his intention to move at next meeting of the Council that no material be taken from a privately owned quarry for road maintenance so long as said material can be procured from a quarry worked by the County Council.

RENT OF DISTRICT COURT OFFICE ENNISCORTHY.

Mr Shannon moved the following of which he had given ~~previous~~ previous notice:-

"That £10 arrears of rent of District Court Office, Enniscorthy, be paid to Mr Denis Doran, District Court Clerk, as recommended by Department of Local Government."

Mr Corish seconded.

Mr Elgee, solicitor, said that the County Council had power only to pay claims up to six months and the Local Government Department had power to extend the time of payment for two years but could not go beyond that. Mr Doran's claim was four years old and there was no power to pay it now.

The Chairman took a show of hands when it was found that 11 were in favour of Mr Shannon's motion and 10 against.

The Chairman declared that a poll should be taken. This resulted as follows:-

For the motion:- Messrs P. Byrne, Clince, Pender, Shannon, Cooney, Colfer, Connors Corish, Gaul, Rossiter and Mernagh - 11.
Against:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Hayes, Doyle, Walsh, Thorpe, Whyte, Cloney, Donoghue, Col Gibbon, Col Quin and the Chairman.- 11.

The Chairman declined to give his casting vote and the matter fell through.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 1st September 1927, the Local Government Department (Roads) wrote that a payment of £3500 in respect of National Road Scheme (2nd section-£69613) had been made to Treasurer of the

of the County Council on 30th August last.

ROSSLARE-WEXFORD SLOB ROAD.

Under date 20th August 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that it was noted that as regards above road the terms and conditions of the Great Southern Railways as regards erection of level crossing gates and maintenance of signalmen, involved, in the opinion of the Council, an expenditure which precluded the opening of the road. The Minister would be glad to facilitate the Council in arriving at a settlement with the Company, but it was evident the latter were not willing to bear any portion of the cost. It was not considered that any useful purpose could be served by the Department taking up the matter at present with the Railway Company. The Co. Council should state to what extent they are prepared to meet the Railway Company's requirements.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Wexford-Enniscort Road ~~W~~ Committee, so that they could discuss the points raised by the Railway Company with Mr Quigley, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government.

The amount spent on the road up to the present was £2000 and a sum of £859 would be necessary to have the work completed.

EXAMINATION FOR POSITION OF CO. SURVEYOR.

Under date 26th August 1927, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote that an Examination would be held on Friday 14th. October next by the Civil Service Commissioners to enable suitable persons to qualify for the position of County Surveyor in such counties as vacancies may arise in. The Minister was anxious that this announcement should be brought to the notice of persons interested in the matter.

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS THROUGH PROMOTION.

Under date 12th August 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote referring to Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926 under which, subject to the sanction of the Minister, local authorities are empowered to make appointments from persons holding pensionable offices, or who are in receipt of

superannuation allowances and ^{who}/~~which~~ are performing or who had performed duties similar to those of the Office to which it was proposed to make an appointment.

The Minister had decided that in future he would not give his sanction to the making of such appointments unless he is satisfied that a suitable and properly qualified person is ~~is~~ available. The following is an extract from the letter of the Local Government Department relative to the matter:-

"In giving or withholding his sanction to the making of an appointment under the section, the Minister will be influenced ~~solely~~ by the merits of the case. Accordingly a local authority should in the interests of efficient local administration carefully consider the qualifications, training, experience, age, character and length of service of the persons ~~of this class~~ available for appointment. Due weight should be given, other things being equal, to seniority, since one of the objects of the section is to facilitate the promotion of existing officers of local authorities on grounds of ability and length of service."

REMISSION OF CHARGE.

Under date 1st September 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S39350/27) that the reasons stated by the Auditor for making a charge of £12-6-0 against Miss Walsh, County Librarian were lawful, but in view of the recommendations of the Co. Council the Minister had directed that the charge be remitted.

ROAD THROUGH CAMOLIN PARK.

In connection with the wretched condition of this road which is really a right-of-way through the lands of the Department of Agriculture for the benefit of neighbouring tenants, the Department in reply to a resolution of the Council asking that the road should be repaired, stated in letter under date 18th August 1927 (1735/F) that they had nothing to add to their letter of 24th March 1926 on the subject.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with Mr Forbes, Head of.

"the Forestry Section of the Department of Agriculture and ascertain if any arrangement can be come to in the matter of repairing road through Camolin Park, as the tenants using it at present find it impassable."

TELEPHONE LINE DUNCORMACK-BANNOU.

Under date 13th August 1927, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs wrote (T 5632/27) that the cost of connecting Duncormack with Bannow by utilising portion of the derelict line would be £65. There would in addition be an annual charge in respect of the maintenance of the line, the provision and maintenance of a Silence Cabinet and the remuneration of Sub-Postmistress at Duncormack in respect of the transaction of telegraph or telephone business.

Mr Doyle mentioned that the Postmaster General had informed him that he would do all he possibly could with the Minister of Finance to endeavour to provide the money to have the line reopened.

It was decided to adjourn the further consideration of the matter.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon:-

"That a meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider the provisions of Primary and University Scholarship Schemes for 1928 be held in County Council Chamber, Wexford on Saturday 17th inst at 11-30 o'clock. That Results of Examinations of County applicants for Primary and University Scholarships for 1927 be submitted to this meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Rossiter:-

"That we approve of holders of Primary Scholarships taking these as follows:-Patrick Doyle and Thomas Cogley at St. Peter's College, Wexford; John F. O'Brien at Christian Brothers, Synge Street, Dublin; Eileen M. Cadogan at Loreto Convent, Wexford and Bursary James Hargadon at Christian Brothers Schools, Gorey."

University Scholarships.

The Registrar, National University of Ireland forwarded Results of Examination for four University Scholarships as follows:
Robert Ranson, Kilmuckridge 994 marks (Honours) - 1
Thomas F. White, Carcur House, Wexford 769 marks (Honours) - 2
Vincent Quirke, Ballinamona, Campile 689 marks (Pass) - 3.
John Stafford, Piercestown, Wexford 629 marks (Pass) - 4.
Kevin Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford 613 marks (Pass) - 5.
Mary J. Murphy, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy 587 marks (fail) - 6.

Letter was read from University College under date 6th September 1927 stating that Quirke was recommended for a Scholarship. Thomas Stafford failed in Irish and would not be eligible for Scholarship under the Scheme of the County Council. Kevin Hall was recommended for Scholarship.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish seconded by Mr Rossiter:-

"That University Scholarships for 1928 be awarded to the following as recommended by the Academic Council of University College, Dublin:-

R. Ranson, Thomas F. White, Vincent Quirke and Kevin Hall."

MOUNTGARRETT BRIDGE.

Under date 26th August 1927, the following (LRG/14) from Roads Section of Local Government Department ^{and which} was addressed to Secretary, Kilkenny County Council was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letters of 3rd and 20th instant relative to the constitution of the Joint Committee appointed by the County Councils of Kilkenny and Wexford in connection with the reconstruction of Mountgarrett Bridge, and to state that he is advised that the members of the existing Committee ceased to hold office, at any rate, on the expiration of three months after the Triennial Election.

To put the matter on a proper basis now, the Minister

"is further advised that each Council should:

(1) formally ratify the decisions and actions of the Joint Committee since the Triennial Election,

(2) appoint members to a new Joint Committee under Article 38 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898 and delegate to them the building of the Bridge. "

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

"That the following be appointed Representatives of Wexford Co. Council (under Article 38 of Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898) on the Mountgarrett Bridge Joint Committee and that we hereby delegate full powers to said Representatives on behalf of this Council:- Messrs Thomas Cooney, Wm Thorpe, J.E. Walsh, and P. Colfer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Quin:-

"That we hereby ratify all decisions and actions ~~made~~ taken by Mountgarrett Joint Bridge Committee since the last Triennial Elections of County Councillors for Wexford County to the present."

Under date 1st September 1927, letter was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford stating that the Directors of the Bank had sanctioned the proposed additional loan of £2000 for Mountgarrett Bridge but the terms of advance should be as follows:-

Rate- One-half per cent under Irish Banks' rate varying. Minimum 4%. This means at present a rate of 5%.

Security.- Mortgage over the rates to be prepared by the Bank's Law Department.

Repayment.- To be spread over a period of ten years in equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest.

Under date 5th September 1927, the Department of Local Government wrote (S41561/27) that the Minister sanctioned the Loan of £2000 for Mountgarrett Bridge repayable over a period of ten years with interest at a half per cent under Irish Banks' ^{Discount} rate (varying) subject to a minimum of 4%.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the

Chairman seconded by Mr Thorpe:-

"That we accept the terms and conditions for loan of £2000 for Mountgarrett Bridge as set out in letter of Manager of National Bank, Wexford under date 1st September 1927."

FORD OF LYNG.

Correspondence from Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor re above was referred to meeting of Roads Committee to be held on 26th September. Mr Doyle Co. Councillor to be asked to attend this meeting.

CONDITION OF COUNTY GRAVEYARDS.

Under date 20th August 1927, the following was read from Mr T.D. Sinnott, Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"At the meeting of the Board of Health on the 16th inst, there was a general discussion on the subject of the caretaking of the graveyards under the Board's control. It was felt generally that these graveyards are not getting the attention they deserve.

It was finally decided that the Board appoint Messrs Thorpe, Gaul, O'Byrne and the Vice-Chairman (Mr Jordan) to confer with the Ancient Monuments Committee in an endeavour to prepare a County Scheme whereby these Burial Grounds will be better cared.

I was directed to write to you to arrange the Conference. If I can personally be of any assistance a phone call will bring me.

It was decided that the Secretary of the Co. Council arrange Conference at an early date.

ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING IN OCTOBER.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Col Gibbon:- "That the October meeting of Roads Committee be held on Monday 31st of that month."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Clince seconded by Mr Gaul:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Philip Keating, Taghmon and renewal of Licence under said Acts to Laurence Codd 25 & 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy."

In connection with Drainage Schemes, Col Gibbon mentioned that in some instances, estates on which drainage had been carried out, had been split up and there was no map in existence to show on what portions of land drainage rates should be levied. New owners refused to pay the rates and the old owners disclaim responsibility. They had such a state of affairs in Ballyteigue at the present time. They ~~wrote~~ wrote to the Board of Works Department but got no reply beyond a postcard acknowledging receipt of their letter. Would it not be possible for the County Council in view of the existing law that they may be called upon to deal with this Drainage District to obtain from the Board of Works maps showing the areas on which drainage rates are levied and showing the drains that exist on the district. He proposed:-

"That the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish to the Wexford County Council proper maps of lands affected by Drainage Districts in Co. Wexford and which it is proposed the Council should take over, with the drains appearing thereon."

Mr O'Donoghue seconded the resolution which was adopted.

ELECTION DAY.

Mr P. Byrne proposed:- "That the road and quarry workers of the Co. Council be granted a day's leave on Thursday next (Election Day) with the alternative of working two Saturdays to make up for this day's leave.

Mr Sean O'Byrne seconded the motion.

After discussion the Chairman took a show of hands.

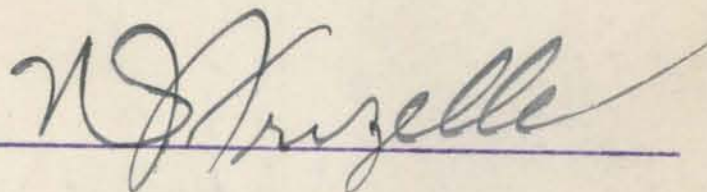
As fourteen were found in favour, the motion was declared carried.

Wm. J. Carter
Oct. 10th 1927

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY.
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I certify the foregoing to be a correct
record of the Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford
County Council in respect of Meeting held on
12th September, 1927.

(Signed)



Secretary Co. Council.

Dated this 14th day of September, 1927.

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