

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING.

HELD ON 10th September, 1928.

N.J. FRIZELLE.
SECRETARY.

FORTVIEW,
WEXFORD.

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Consideration of Minutes of Committees.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford on 10th September, 1928. Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following Minutes of Finance Committee held on 1st August, 1928

Present:- Mr. Michael Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also:-

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 1st August, 1928.

Present:- Mr M Doyle (Chairman) presiding; Also:-Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, James Shannon, M M Roche, John Murphy, J E Walsh, John Culleton, James Hall, and T McCarthy.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4660 : 2 : 2 was examined and signed.

The following minutes of Finance Committee meeting
in respect of meeting of 16th August, 1928 were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 16th August, 1928.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also;- Messrs. Sean O'Byrne, John Murphy, M.M. Roche, John Culleton, James Hall, J.E. Walsh, James Shamon and Thomas McCarthy.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Apology for Non-Attendance.

Colonel Gibbon wrote, under date 11th August, 1928, that, as he was going to Belgium he could not attend the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection, showing the following amounts outstanding in respect of the 1928 Rate, was considered:-

J. Quirke, £168-14-4; T. Sutton, £365-11-3; J. Quirke (No. 3) £392-13-1; P. Furlong, £352-6-6; M. McCarthy, £895-14-7; M.M. Kelly, £451-1-4; M. Deegan, £313-5-7; J. Cummins, £252-4-2; P. O'Byrne, £364-12-11; S. Gannon, £212-0-5; W. Cummins, £282-5-7; P. Donohoe, £273-9-1; J.J. O'Reilly, £21-3-5; J.J. Kelly, £969-19-2; J.J. O'Reilly (No. 15), £1254-0-5; J.J. Sinnott, £194-1-8; E. J. Murphy, £50-8-11; T. Rowe, £41-8-9; J. Doyle, £137-1-6; J. Curtis, £71-7-1; B. Cleary, £437-4-9; total, £7501-14-6; the percentage of the 1928 rate outstanding in each being:-

J.J. O'Reilly (No. 15), .28; E. J. Murphy, .75; T. Rowe, .83; J. Curtis, 1.29; J. Quirke (No. 1), 2.45; J.J. Sinnott, 2.58; M. Deegan, 3.16; J. Doyle, 3.64; J. Cummins, 3.68; S. Gannon, 4.57; W. Cummins, 4.70; T. Sutton, 5.13; P. Donohoe, 5.39; P. Furlong, 5.44; J. Quirke, (No. 3), 5.67; B. Cleary, 6.62; P. O'Byrne, 7.14; M.M. Kelly, 11.34; M. McCarthy, 11.62; J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 15), 12.93; J.J. Kelly, 15.31; average 5.56.

Arrears of Rates outstanding in respect of previous years amounted to £1860-12-4.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Walsh, that the surties of Collectors M.M. Kelly, J.J. Kelly, and Charles McCarthy be called upon to lodge amounts of bonds (£200 in each case) owing to the large amount of rate outstanding in these Collectors' areas.

It was further decided, to ~~not~~ notify the three Collectors

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concerned that, unless their collections are in a satisfactory state at next meeting of the Finance Committee, the County Council will be recommended to take drastic action in their cases.

Mr. John Curtis, Rate Collector, submitted correspondence he had received from Mr. Cadogan, Newbawn and Mrs. Maria Murphy, Corderraun, asking for an extension of time for payment of rates due. The ratepayers concerned promised payment on the 1st September. Mr. Curtis stated in his letter :-

If the Finance Committee wishes me to distrain on these lands for outstanding amounts, I will do so, but then I will never get rates on these holdings again".

It was ~~decided~~ decided, in the special circumstances to agree to an extension of time to 1st September, Collector Curtis to secure an Order on the Auctioneers for the payment of rates in these cases by the 1st. September.

Industrial Schools.

Under 8th August, 1928, Mr. D. Doran, District Court Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote, stating that an application would be made at Enniscorthy District Court on 16th August, 1928, for the committal of James Gahan, Ross Road, Enniscorthy, to an Industrial School.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order-Remuneration of Veterinary Inspectors.

Letter from Department of Agriculture, regarding the re-distribution of the allowances to the five Inspectors for the various areas under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, on the basis of the work done during the six months ended 31st March, 1928, was considered. The Department stated that the present remuneration in each case was:- Mr. T.A. Mernagh, W.S. Gorey, £40 per annum; Mr. P.J. Hayes, V.S., Enniscorthy, £50 per annum; Mr. R. Malone, V.S.

Wexford, £40 per annum; Mr. J. Lynch, V.S. New Ross, £22-10. per annum; Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S. New Ross, £12-10-0. per annum. The number of cases dealt with was :- Mr. Mernagh, V.S. Nil; Mr. Hayes, V.S., nil; Mr. R. Malone, V.S. 3; Mr. J. Lynch, V.S. 3; Mr. F. W. Taylor, V.S. 15.

A letter was received from Mr. Hayes, V.S., stating that the Department were in error in stating that no case was reported in his area as he had ~~a~~ dealt with five cases which had been duly reported to the Department.

Mr. Malone, V. S. , forwarded particulars of ten cases dealt with by him and reported on.

Mr. Lynch, V.S., gave the names of the owners of five animals which had been inspected and reported on by him.

Mr. Taylor, V.S. stated that the number of cases dealt with in his area was 16.

Mr. Lynch in his letter stated that, if there was to be a re-distribution of allowances under this Order, the distances travelled should be considered.

It was pointed out that, as regards New Ross Urban area, a considerable number of animals had been returned from Waterford Port as showing suspicious symptoms of tuberculosis, and, in the vast majority of cases, on inspection by Mr. Taylor, V.S. were found to be non-tuberculosis.

It was decided to submit the correspondence to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and ask them to make representations to the Department regarding the number of non-tuberculosis animals returned from Waterford Port and the hardship thereby inflicted on stockowners and exporters.

Secondary Scholarships.

A letter ~~was~~ from the office of National Education under date 10th August, 1928, with the result of the recent examination for the

award of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools, was submitted.

The following are the names of the candidates who passed:-

James, Donnelly, Katie Doyle, Johanna Cooney, and Patrick Sheehan.

It was pointed out that Patrick Sheehan lived within ~~two~~ two miles of a recognised Secondary School, and he would be entitled only to a bursary.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Scholarships in accordance with the conditions of the scheme be awarded to James Donnelly, Katie Doyle, and Johanna Cooney, and ~~h~~ that a bursary of £15 be awarded to Patrick Sheehan.

The Committee on examining the list of candidates noted that there were 13 approved applicants and that the scheme of the County Council allowed of six Scholarships being awarded.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the Secretary of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation be informed that the County Council are greatly surprised at the standard of education ~~being~~ being so low in the County, judging by the results of the recent examination for the award of County Council Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools, conducted by the Department of National Education, when only three scholarships were awarded although six were provided under the scheme.

It was ~~revised~~ decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, that continuing Scholarships be awarded to the following students, subject to sanction of the Department of Education:-

Eileen Cadogan, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Cogley, J.F. O'Brien, Joseph Flynn, Thomas Higgins, R.T. Doyle, Laurence J. Butler, Miss Mary Kavanagh, Patrick J. O'Reilly, and renewal of bursary to James Hargadon.

University Scholarships.

Letter was read from Mr. T.F. White, Wexford, holder of University Scholarship, asking for balance of first year Scholarship . Mr. White stated in his letter that there was no reference in the University Scholarship Scheme as to non-payment of Scholarship money in case of illness, neither was there any stipulation as to the money being for board in Dublin.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the balance of the Scholarship be not paid until Mr. White resumes lectures at University College, when amount of balance will be paid by ~~instalments~~ instalments, as Scholarships are ~~tenable~~ only at a University, and the Finance Committee cannot see their way to make payment of Scholarship except for period during which Scholarship holder attends University lectures.

Letter was read from Mrs. McAuliffe, Mother of Mr. Donald McAuliffe, third year Scholarship holder, stating that, owing to illness, her son had been unable to sit for University Examinations in June or in September, and that she was asking University Authorities to recommend renewal of his scholarship for a fourth year with a view to his attending lectures for the Higher Diploma in Education, and sitting both for the latter examination and B.A. degree next Summer.

It was ~~decided~~ decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Shannon, that Mr. Donald McAuliffe's scholarship be extended for a fourth year to enable him to secure the Higher Diploma in Education, subject to the approval of the University Authorities.

Advance, Registration Account.

Mr. J.N. Scallan, County Registrar, applied for the sum of £250 to meet the expenses of the preparation of the 6th Register of Electors.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the application be postponed ~~xxx~~ until the next meeting of the Finance Committee, Mr. Scallan to furnish statement of account in support of his application.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of
Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-
The Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th August, 1928 were
submitted as follows:-

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of
meeting held on the 16th August, 1928, be and are hereby
confirmed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th August, 1928 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 30th August, 1928.

Present:- Mr. J. Shannon, (Vice-Chairman) presiding;
also: Messrs. T. McCarthy, M.M. Roche, J. Culleton, James Hall,
and Sean O'Byrne.

The Assistant Secretary was also in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

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Apology for Non-Attendance.

Under date 25th August, 1928, Colonel Gibbon wrote that, as he would be busy at the Wexford Show on 30th instant, he could not attend meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on that date.

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted showing the following amounts of 1928 Rate outstanding in each district:-

J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 13), £19-7-2; T. Rowe, £41-8-9;
E.J. Murphy, £50-8-11; J. Curtis, £71-7-1; J. Doyle, £134-14-10;
J. Quirke, £158-17-3; J.J. Sinnott, £172-7-11; S. Gannon, £204-15-11;
P. Donohoe, £241-11-2; J. Cummins, £252-8-6; W. Cummins, £274-11-9;
M. Deegan, £291-17-6; T. Sutton, £334-17-5; P. Furlong, £346-17-6;
P. O'Byrne, £356-19-1; P. Doyle, £370-18-0; B. Cleary, £429-8-2;
M.M. Kelly, £448-0-8; M. McCarthy, £816-14-7; J.J. Kelly, £886-12-4;
J.J. O'Reilly, (No. 15), £1209-18-9. Total £7114-5-3.

Under date 29th August, 1928, the following letter was read from Collector M.M. Kelly:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th inst. re state of my Collection, I have done everything possible to collect the amount outstanding. I handed a list to Mr. Bolger, Solicitor, to proceed against them but in nearly all cases he advised me not to proceed against them, as there is nothing to ~~seize on~~ seize on, and I would only be putting expense on myself as I have done in the past. The majority of the defaulters promised to pay me when they thresh. In a good many cases I am compelled to wait until the places are sold out.

Hoping you will not deal too drastically with me and my Securities, as I am honestly doing my best to collect."

Under date 29th August, 1928, the following letter was read from Collector J.J. Kelly:-

I have called on all Ratepayers whom are outstanding in my district and I have received numbers of promises to pay on Friday and

Saturday next, Fair Days in Gorey.

Please acquaint Finance Committee of this fact."

Under date 28th August, 1928, the following letter was read from M.M. Ryan, Surety for Collector M.M. Kelly:-

Re yours of the 23rd, I was speaking to Mr. Kelly and I understand from him that he left no stone unturned to collect rates, but as the people in his district will soon have their corn to sell if he got a little time he could make it all right.

Fully recognising the difficult position the Council is in for funds we would deem it a great favour if this request could be granted.

The Assistant Secretary stated that Collector M. McCarthy attended and stated that he had been promised sums amounting to between £400 and £500 on 3rd September, the date of Wexford Fair.

The meeting having considered the amounts collected by each Rate Collector during the past fortnight, and also the particular circumstances in each collector's district, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall:-
"That the state of the Collection in the districts of Messrs. M.M. Kelly, M. McCarthy and J.J. Kelly be specially considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

That these three Rate Collectors be instructed to attend said meeting and that they be warned that definite action will be taken on that date, unless, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, their collections are in a satisfactory state. That these collectors be further informed that the Finance Committee will insist upon the lodgements of the amounts of the Bonds of the personal sureties in each case, immediately after the next meeting, unless all collectable rate has been lodged.

Mr. W. Cummins, Rate Collector, ^{wrote,} asking for instructions regarding rates on a holding formerly in the occupation of

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James Kavanagh at Ballycoursey Big, Glenbrien. The rates had not been paid for the holding for the past six years, and it was now derelict. Mr. Colfer, Solicitor, New Ross, had made an offer to Mr. Cummins of one year's rates on behalf of Kavanagh's step-daughter, who intended to go into possession of the premises.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall, to notify Mr. Cummins that the County Council would be in favour of his accepting three years' rates in the special circumstances.

Under date 25th August, 1928, Mr. M. Jordan, M.C.C., wrote forwarding the following letter which he had received from Mr. James Fenlon, Raheenahene, Bree :-

I am writing to ask you to do me a favour by asking Mr. Gannon to hold over my rates as I have no means in which to pay. I have 11 children and I have a good crop sown and would be able to pay if I get time.

Sorry for having to trouble you.

It was decided to take no official action, the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Sean Gannon, Rate Collector, to use his discretion in the matter.

The following letter was read from Mr. James Hogan, Main Street, Gorey.

I have received a Demand Note from the local Poor Rate Collector for £5-10-0, Rates due by me. I am absolutely unable to pay this amount all at once, as I have a large family to support. I am willing to clear off the debt in weekly instalments of 5/-. I have done this before in the payment of my rates and the matter was considered satisfactory. I would be grateful if you would accept this offer or instruct Mr. O'Reilly to do so. I will pay the instalment each week into the office

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of Mr. O'Reilly's Solicitor, or anywhere he wishes. Failing this I cannot do better and would be very grateful for your kind intervention in the matter. Please let me know if my offer is acceptable to you.

It was decided that Mr. Hogan be informed that the Finance Committee cannot interfere with the arrangements which Collector O'Reilly makes regarding his collection as he is bound under bond to close his warrant within the statutory period.

The Department of Local Government wrote, under date 22nd August, 1928, (No. G. 58021/1928, Loch Garman, Fa) stating that the Minister raised no further objection to the proposed allowance of £27 per annum, to Mr. T.A. Frizelle for checking the Rate Collectors' Accounts for Gorey Area.

Poundage.

Under date 29th August, 1928, the following letter was read from Rate Collector P. Donohoe:-

I beg to make application for Poundage as I have only received £31. for the last eight months. I would like to know why my poundage is held back as I claim to have my collection in as good a state as the majority of Collectors. I have all the old Rates that it is possible to get at the present Collection, and I don't see why the Council can expect me to work for nothing. It is poor encouragement to a man that he can't get treated the same as others when he is doing his best.

Please being this under the notice of your Finance Committee, and oblige.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, that the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction payment of 80 per cent of poundage to Collector P. Donohoe on lodgments made to 31st July, 1928.

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Control of Rate Collectors.

Circular letter under date, 24th August, 1928, No. G. 59042/1928, Ilgh.(L). was read from the Department of Local Government regarding the control ^{of} Rate Collectors and setting forth the suggestions of the Minister ^{to} as the best means to be adopted to prevent defalcations on the part of Rate Collectors; also recommending that the County Secretary should swear an information immediately there is any default in the lodgment of rate monies. The Minister further suggested that the County Secretary should be authorised to suspend from duty any Rate Collector whose conduct proves unsatisfactory.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the Secretary be authorised to swear an information against any Collector who fails to lodge amount ^{of} rates collected by him without direction from the Finance Committee or the County Council.

Industrial School Applications.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Leacy, Inspector, R.S.P.C.C., stating that he intended making application on 30th August, 1928, at Enniscorthy District Court for the committal of three children, named Thompson, to an Industrial School.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be requested to communicate in all cases with the nearest Councillor in order to secure information ~~regarding~~ with a view to opposing all cases in which it is considered committals should not be made.

The Assistant Secretary pointed out that the contributions payable by parents of children committed to Industrial Schools were paid in to the Exchequer under Section 75 (7) of the Children's Act, 1928.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that steps should be taken to secure that sums received from parents should go to the relief of rates.

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Scholarships.

A letter was read from Dr. Coffey, President of University College, Dublin, stating he had great pleasure in recommending Mr. D. McAuliffe for an extension of his Scholarship for a fourth year to enable him to take the Higher Diploma in Education this year.

Approved.

The following letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

The following are the results of the Summer Examinations of students holding Scholarships from your Council in the Session 1927-28:-

Bolger, Honor M.A.	Passed the Subsidiary Subject for B.Comm. Degree. Further Report after the Degree Examination in the Autumn.
Stedmond, Michael G.	Report will be sent after the Autumn Examination.
Bolger, Kathleen M.	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.
Quirke, Vincent C.	Passed the First University Examination in Arts.
Hall, Kevin	Passed the First University Examination in Arts; also passed the First University Examination in Science.
Keegan, Thomas, B.Comm.	Passed the Higher Diploma in Education Examination.

Thomas F. White was prevented by illness from presenting ^{himself} for the First Year Commerce and Science Examinations. Owing to illness also Donald McAuliffe was unable to sit for the B.A. Degree. Margaret Berney did not enter for the Second year College Examination in Commerce.

The following letter from Miss Berney, who failed to sit for the examination was read:-

Re your letter received today I could not do the Second Year Commerce Examination, as I had a severely burned right hand with which it was impossible for me to write. I was attending

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St. Vincent's Hospital with it and got a Medical Certificate which I gave to Mother Eucharist to send to you. Perhaps she did not do so. I was, as already stated, unable to write myself at the time.

I went to my Professors and they were all satisfied with my year's work and willing to recommend me for renewal of my Scholarship without the formality of the Second Year Examination, and to allow me to proceed with my course. I understood that the President, Dr. Coffey had also sanctioned this.

As I could not do the examination, through no fault of mine, and as I hope I have always been a satisfactory pupil of the County Council, I hope for favourable consideration, and renewal of my Scholarship which I duly appreciate.

Thanking you for past favours and for notification.

The Assistant Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of Miss Berney's letter to the Secretary, University College, for his observations.

It was decided that reply of University College be submitted to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Irish Tourist Association.

The Secretary, Irish Tourist Association applied for an advance for current year in respect of rate struck for tourist development.

It was decided that the application be adjourned until the current Rate Collection is more advanced.

Advance, Registration Account.

The following letter was read from Mr. J.N. Scallan, Registration Officer:-

Referring to my application for a further Advance of £250, to meet some current expenses of the preparation of the sixth Register.

I would like to point out the total cost of the Register

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will be £1411-9-10 and this will leave a balance still to be paid. I may point out that it is the practice in all other Counties for the Registration Officer to receive the full advance before proceeding with the Registration work, and, I presume this will be done, when the seventh Register comes to be prepared.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Roche, seconded by the Chairman, that a further advance of £250 be made to Mr. J.N. Scallan, Registration Officer, to meet expenses incurred in the preparation of the sixth Register of Electors.

Duplicate Paying Order.

It was decided that duplicate Paying Order issue to the Representatives of Catherine Rath, Carrigeen, Ferns, for No. 2608, issued on 10th July, 1928, and which had been lost, the Bank to be notified to cancel original Order.

Library Van.

A letter was read from Colonel Gibbon, stating that, at the last meeting of the Library Committee, the Carnegie Trust had offered £250 for the purchase of a Library Van. Colonel Gibbon stated that, in his opinion, not only would a saving be effected by its use in cutting net travelling expenses of the Librarian but also in the carriage of books. The Library ^{Committee} decided to accept the offer of the van subject to the approval of the County Council.

A similar communication was read from Miss Connolly, Librarian.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the County Council be recommended to approve of the acceptance of the offer of the Carnegie Trust of £250 for the purchase of a Library Van.

It was proposed by Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th August, 1928 be received and considered."

Primary School Scholarships. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Roche:-

"That we ask the Department of Education to furnish the Wexford County Council with copies of the examination papers set at the recent examination for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools."

Rate Collection. Mr. Hayes moved:-

"That as previous discussions in respect of ~~R~~ate Collection hampered the collectors in the discharge of their duties the Council resolve itself into Committee for the purpose of considering the present position as regards the ~~R~~ate Collection."

This motion was not seconded.

The following letter was read from the Local Government Department:-

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Department of Local Government & Public Health.
Custom House, Dublin,

NWNo G 59042/28. Ilgh. (S)

24th August 1928.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration the general question of the control of officers entrusted with the collection of public revenue. The cases of default which have arisen have given rise to considerable anxiety and the circumstances disclosed indicate a necessity for the adoption generally of effective measures to secure the prompt collection and immediate lodgment of all monies collected as well as the accurate and careful checking of the accounts of the Collectors at frequent intervals.

Rate Collectors have in many cases been in the habit of lodging public funds to their own accounts and then transferring such sums by way of personal cheques to the Local Authority to close their warrants. Apart from the loss of the immediate benefit of the revenue by the Local Authority the procedure enabled certain defaulting Rate Collectors to convert substantial sums to their own use. This practice must be discontinued and Collectors must understand definitely that any public monies received by them should be lodged without delay in the nearest branch of the Bank keeping the account of the Local Authority. It may be in some cases that a branch of the County Council's Bank is not within easy distance and that for this reason a Collector may have been in the habit of lodging rate monies to his own account in a local Bank. In such circumstances he should arrange with his Banker to receive such monies for transfer to the credit of the Local Authority at their Bank. If necessary the general circumstances should be explained to the Manager of the Bank acting as Treasurer to the Local Authority with the object of arranging through him for the receipt in outlying localities of rate monies in Branch Banks for transference through them to the Local Authority's account and the issue of a usual lodgment docket to the Collector as a voucher for the money so lodged.

The arrangements for checking Collector's accounts have not in all cases proved satisfactory. A mere perfunctory reconciliation of the cash lodged with the total of the counterfoils of the receipts ascertained to have been issued since the previous checking will not be sufficient. A complete scrutiny should be made at each checking to insure that no receipts are missing since the last previous checking which are not covered by cash lodged. An intelligent check will take cognisance of the periodic progress of the collection while scrutiny of the unissued receipts might enable a wide awake Inspector to form an opinion as to whether there is a likelihood of any of the ratepayers concerned having paid their rates without receiving the official receipt. It is realised that an Inspector will find difficulty in detecting the over holding of monies by a Collector where the receipt remains unissued and every effort should be made to ensure that ratepayers will insist on getting the official receipts without delay. A press notice warning ratepayers of the importance of this and of the consequences which may follow their failure to do so might be inserted if the Council considers such a publication to be necessary. The Demand Notes might contain a notice that payments by cheque, money order or postal order

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should be crossed and made in favour of the Local Authority. When issuing receipts for rates paid in this manner the Collectors would do well to record on the receipts and counterfoil that the payment was made by cheque or otherwise. The receipt should be issued without delay. If it is not convenient to deliver the receipt personally it should be posted immediately. If an unclosed envelope be used $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postage would suffice.

The requirements of the Public Bodies Order in regard to checking should be stringently observed. There should be close co-operation between the Inspector entrusted with the checking of the Collector's accounts and the County Secretary particularly in regard to the issue of form 60 to ratepayers whose rates appear to remain unpaid at times when it might reasonably be expected that the sums due should have been lodged. The Inspector should pay due regard to the promptness with which the Demand Notes are issued and the subsequent periodic progress of the collection. Any dilatoriness should be specially reported and Collectors should understand that regular and progressive lodgements of rates will be expected from the dates they receive their warrants until closed.

A feature of the cases of default which have come to notice has been the delay in swearing informations against the officers concerned owing to hesitation on the part of superior officers to take such course without the express authority of the Local Authority. The Minister does not consider it necessary to stress the consequences which have ensued from this procedure but takes this opportunity of requesting the Council to adopt at their next meeting a resolution empowering and directing their County Secretary to make an information against any Collector who may fail to lodge monies collected on behalf of the Council to their credit. In the past it has been observed that on occasions Local Authorities have received cheques from Rate Collectors purporting to account for rate monies received by them which on presentation have been dishonoured. The unauthorised nature of the practice of lodging rate monies to a Collector's private account has already been adverted to and the Minister would regard a transaction of this nature as a clear indication that the money in question had been wrongfully converted to the Collector's use. Once a County Secretary is satisfied that a Collector has misappropriated money he should immediately swear the necessary information to secure the apprehension of the offender. It would be well that the County Secretary should also be authorised to suspend from duty any Collector whose conduct proves unsatisfactory.

Cases have been observed where the sureties of defaulting officers have proved to be worthless and the Minister desires that the Council should where personal sureties are to be accepted first satisfy themselves by Banker's references that such sureties are of sufficient substance for the undertakings guaranteed. Rate Checkers should be required to furnish adequate bonds for the due and faithful discharge of their duties.

A copy of this circular should be issued to each Rate Collector for his guidance and strict compliance with the requirements outlined.

The Secretary of the Board of Health should also be supplied with a copy for the application of the principles to Rent Collectors and other officials in the employment of the Board.

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To Each County Council.

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The Secretary stated that copies of the circular letter from the Local Government Department had been furnished the Rate Collectors and Secretary of the County Board of Health.

Col. Quin moved, and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con :-

"That our Secretary be empowered to take up the collecting books of any Collector who, in his opinion is guilty of any malpractice, or who is not discharging his duties as to issue of official receipts, pending reporting the matter to the next available meeting of the Finance Committee.

An Order was made that the Secretary issue an advertisement in the three local papers pointing out to ratepayers the necessity for obtaining official receipts of the County Council for any payments made for rates.

In connection with collection district 15, the following resolution was moved by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That Collector Charles McCarthy be called upon to resume duty by the 8th October."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:-

"That collecting books for current rate collection be furnished Mr. Michael McCarthy, deputy for his brother, Mr. Charles McCarthy, and that Mr. Charles McCarthy be informed that if he does not take up duty within two months from this date the Council will not extend his sick leave, but will proceed to a new appointment.

After discussion ~~the~~ Col. Gibbon withdrew his motion and proposed the following:-

"That collecting books for current rate collection be furnished Mr. Michael McCarthy forthwith with a direction from the Council that if his collection does not progress to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee and in accordance with the

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progress made by other collectors the Council will proceed to the appointment of a temporary collector pending the appointment of a permanent collector. That Mr. Charles McCarthy be informed that if at the end of two months from this date he does not return to duty the Council must decline to grant him further sick leave, and will have to proceed to the appointment of a new Collector.

This motion after discussion was also withdrawn.

Col. Gibbon then moved, and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:-

"That the question of Rate Collection in No. 5 District be left in the hands of the Finance Committee with power to issue collecting books for the current collection to Mr. Michael McCarthy. Should Finance Committee decide not to issue books to Mr. McCarthy we request them to make a recommendation to the Council which will allow of the current rate being put into course of collection at as early a date as is possible.

Mr. McCarthy and Col. Quin withdrew their motion in favour of the proposal of Col. Gibbon to place the matter in charge of the Finance Committee which then passed without dissent.

Col. Gibbon proposed and the chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Charles McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 5 District be informed that if he does not return to duty by the 1st November, 1928, ^{his} ~~his~~ sick leave must be cancelled and the County Council will proceed to appoint a new collector in his place."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th August, 1928 be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by

resolution adopted at this meeting.

Roads' Committee. The Minutes of Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd September, 1928 were submitted as follows:-

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The monthly meeting of the Roads Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 3rd September, 1928.

Present:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel ~~Quin~~ ^{Byrne}, Messrs. R. Corish, Sean O'~~Gibson~~, T.F. D'Arcy, P. Hayes, J. Culleton, P. Colfer, M. Jordan, W.P. Keegan, J. Hall, T. McCarthy, M.M. Roche, T. Maylor and M. Smyth.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) attended after the minutes of last meeting had been read and signed and presided during the remainder of the business.

Mr. J. Shannon (Vice-Chairman) also attended after the reading of the Minutes.

Report of County Surveyor.

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"During my absence on holidays the County works have been carried out by the Assistant Surveyors in a satisfactory manner and there is little requires special mention.

There were a number of special works for which proposals were approved and these have now nearly all been completed, and the others are well in hands.

The road maintenance work is proceeding and I am now getting a great deal of side cleaning of drains done, in preparation to meet the Autumn floods. As far as possible the material is got out on the roads for the Winter maintenance but in many places I have carried out Summer work with tar or other similar binders using gravel or screenings, and in some places broken stone, and this will materially assist in the Winter

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maintenance though it leaves very little to cover any special break-up that may happen. I have found that, with the great increase of traffic, the Summer work is essential and is the only way in which we can maintain the roads, as ordinary stone spreading will not bind without the iron shod traffic which is much reduced now.

The bitumen spraying work has been carried out as far as possible but the very broken weather materially affected ~~the~~ progress. The Rosslare road, beginning at the town boundary No. 23W, is now being coated with tarred stones which had been provided by the County Council previously; the finishing of the surface by the spraying and treating with screenings is being carried out under the spraying grant. This work I believe will be satisfactory and I consider that such treatment if carried out on the length of the Rosslare road will make a good job at a reasonable cost. The road at present is very fair considering we had no special expenditure on it, but, it must be put in hands at once either under grant or direct proposal from the County Council or by loan. The grouting work from the end of the quays in Wexford town to the Meat Factory is nearly completed and, as already reported, the section at the other end of the town had been done in concrete. When this is finished the Urban Grant for County roads will be completed. The Grant for the quays which is not a County Road but under the Harbour Board is nearly completed. At present I am putting up small retaining wall with post and chain guard on top where road runs around the Crescent and there is a section of the surface opposite the end of King Street still to be concreted.

The three grants under the National Road Scheme- from Gorey to Ferns through Camolin, from Scarawalsh to Enniscorthy, and from Enniscorthy to Palace, are progressing as well as the bad weather would allow. The first section has been completed to

Camolin and I am now working back from the finished road surface at Bay Bridge towards Camolin. Between Scarawalsh and Enniscorthy the work has been carried down to the bend at the Cemetery but possibly I ~~may~~ not be able to run to the Urban Boundary with the money available, and, if so, there will only be a small length not completed which will be dealt with later. From Ballymackessy to Palace has been completed so that now there is a good road right into Ross. The grouting work on the section between Enniscorthy and Ballymackessy has been commenced at the Leap working towards Ballymackessy and preparation work has been done on the remainder.

Item 16 on the Agenda for the meeting refers to the condition of the road between Ballymackessy and Ballybrennan. I have frequently inspected this road and have men constantly engaged levelling up the bad cuts and so forth. On the 31st ult., I inspected the road and found it, as expected, still bad but until the heavy traffic from Ballybrennan to the grant work on the Enniscorthy road is completed we cannot deal with the road.

The repair work at Kilmore Harbour has been completed and work at Courtown, Slade and Carne is in satisfactory progress. At Ballyconigar and Cush Gap I have completed the protection work by placing large concrete blocks, The protection work at Bannow Bay, on 197W at Barrystown, and at St. Kearns, are either completed or nearly so. The improvement work at the corner at Fethard is complete and the work at Duncannon at the end of No. 36R is delayed waiting the removal of a Telegraph pole.

As directed by the Council I have obtained statistics on the Gorey-Wexford Road, and, judging by them, the traffic does not appear to be really abnormal. There is one point obvious, and that is the comparatively small number of horse drawn vehicles, and the conclusion I arrive at is the necessity for rolling work or using a tarred binder. If a loan be obtained for improvement work on this road, special treatment at weak places, with general

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attention to surface with tarred stones, will put the road in a reasonable condition, provided of course we do not have the very heavy lorries travelling the road after a continuous wet period.

Mr. Cullen reports to me that he interviewed Mr. Gallagher in regard to compensation for the corner at Verona Bridge. The County Council made an offer of £8 but Mr. Gallagher will not accept less than £10.

The rolling work that I was carrying out under County Council proposal on No. 83R between Bally^{na}banogue and Poulmounty is nearly completed and this road is much improved. The road from Poulmounty to Ballywilliam, No. 81R, will require special attention as it is subject to a traffic with beet. It is not a Main Road though it takes a good deal of traffic and I consider that some provision should be made to meet the case.

Some time ago complaint was made in regard to a retaining wall on No. 125E between Ballycarney and Strahart. I have had a special inspection made of the place by Mr. Ennis and he reports that it will be necessary to at once deal with it at a cost of £44. A further length of road also should be protected by a retaining wall of 28 feet and this will cost about £47. I suggest now that the repair work be at once put in hands and that I bring forward a proposal for the extension at the November Meeting.

The repair work to the side slips on the Road No. 11W between Ardcandrisk and Larkin's Cross is now nearly completed. Sometime ago I was ordered to carry out the job by the County Council but no allowance of money was made and I now ask to have £150 allocated for the work.

On a recent inspection of New Ross Bridge I was informed that there were possibly defects in the under structure but at the time I was not able to make an inspection, the tide not serving

I directed Mr. O'Neill to examine the Bridge and he reports to me that there is nothing seriously wrong though the water appears to be coming through in a couple of places. I shall myself make a further thorough examination at an early date.

On the 1st inst. I visited St. Helen's Harbour with Mr. Birthistle and met Col. Gibbon by appointment. We inquired into the local conditions and took measurements regarding the proposed improvement. The local representative of the fishermen, Mr. O'Leary, was present and informed us that the local people will do the carting of sand, gravel and cement from Kilrane Station which will be a saving on the work and I estimate that it will cost more than has been suggested, namely £500. I am satisfied that if £750 is put at my disposal I can make a satisfactory job.

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor be received and considered.

Road between Ballymackessy and Ballybreman.

Mr. Hall mentioned that he had been requested by some people interested to bring before the Roads Committee the condition of this road. It was in a very bad state and the ganger or the Assistant Surveyor was asked on several occasions to fill up the pot holes with large stones, but this had never been done.

The County Surveyor stated that the practice of putting down large stones to fill pot holes had been carried out during the whole summer, but the road was in such a bad condition that new holes were constantly appearing and had to be dealt with.

Corner At Verona Bridge.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the County Council be recommended to make an offer of £10 to Mr. Gallagher as compensation for land taken in order to ease corner at Verona Bridge, this being recommended by the County Surveyor."

Road 81R (Poulmounty-Ballywilliam).

On the recommendation of the County Surveyor, a resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, agreeing to provide from the Contingencies Fund, a sum of £25 to put this road into repair.

Road 125E (Between Ballycarney and Strahart).

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That a sum of £44 be taken from Contingencies Fund to repair retaining wall on this road, as the wall was a source of danger to the public."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded. Passed.

Road 11W (Ardcandrisk and Larkin's Cross).

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

"That a sum of £150 be taken from Contingencies Fund to make good the repair work necessary/owing to side slips on Road 11W." Stt. Helen's Harbour.

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

"That consideration of the reference in County Surveyor's report to St. Helen's Harbour be adjourned to next meeting or until such time as official application is received from those concerned for the County Council to deal with the matter."

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

"That the report of the County Surveyor, as submitted to this meeting, be and is hereby approved."

Attendance of Assistant Surveyors at Roads Committee Meeting.

Colonel Quin called attention to the fact that two of the Assistant Surveyors were not in attendance to answer questions arising out of the County Surveyor's report.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the

Chairman, seonded by Colonel Quin:-

"The Roads Committee desire to point out to the Assistant Surveyors the necessity for their attendance ~~in~~ due time at the meetings of the Roads Committee etc".

Subsequently the two Surveyors concerned (Messrs. Ennis and Cullen) attended and explained their delay in attending the meeting arose owing to the fact that they had some urgent work to ~~be~~ attend to on the morning of the meeting.

Flood at Carriganeagh, Gorey.

In connection with this matter a letter was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, under date 1st. September, 1928, that the road at Carriganeagh had been under water on ~~at~~ least two occasions within ten days, due to Millowner's neglect in not having gates kept open. Mr. Treanor recommended Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to proceed against William Cousins, Ballycale to compel him to have "Spillway" made in dam wall to obviate any future flooding.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin, seonded by Mr, Hall:-

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against William Cousins, Ballycale, in conformity with the report made to this meeting by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor".

Flooding at Ballymore, Killinick.

Colonel Gibbon called attention to the flooding of the road between ~~the~~ Ballymore and Mountfield.

It was decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to see ~~what~~ can be done ~~to remedy~~ the matter.

Obstruction by Road Material at Inch Creamery.

The following was ~~received~~ from Mr. G.W. Kinlay, Manager of Inch Co-operative Dairy Society, under date 31st ~~Agust~~^{Aug}, 1928:-

We beg to inform you that the following resolution was ~~a~~passed

at the last meeting of our Committee:-

"Proposed by Mr. B. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. ^T~~T~~. D'Arcy and passed:-

"That we the Committee of the Inch Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd., call on the County Council to remove the piles of stones outside the creamery at Inch and to erect danger signs at both sides of the Railway Bridge. In the meantime we hold the County Council liable for any accident that may occur to the suppliers or their carts."

It would be advisable to remove the stones for a distance of 100 yards to either side of the Creamery Entrance, and to continue the water table on the South side of the Creamery gate.

We would also thank you to convey the surface water into the river which is at present flowing into the Creamery Residence.

A member of the Council, Mr. D'Arcy, very kindly came to inspect the road in question and doubtless will be able to advise you on the matter. The road measures approximately 17 feet from one pile of stones to the other.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that 175 carts used this Creamery every morning and the pile of stones was really blocking the traffic.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to hire a roller in order to utilise the stones which are at present causing inconvenience and obstruction at Inch Creamery; further, that he deal with the drainage so as to prevent flooding of the premises in the occupation of the Creamery Manager".

Employment of Men.

The following, passed at a meeting of Gorey Unemployed Organisation, held on 1st September, 1928, was submitted:-

"That each District Surveyor be made primarily responsible for the employment of all men, either by day's work, carting, Contract, or otherwise."

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The six Assistant Surveyors stated that men were employed by them but in consultation with the ganger. They thought it very necessary that they should have the opinion of the ganger in each case as to whether a proposed employee was likely to give satisfaction.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded:-

"That the Assistant Surveyors be made directly responsible for the employment of all men on roads and in quarries."

As an amendment, Mr. McCarthy proposed:-

"That the Secretary to the Gorey Unemployed Organisation be informed that the resolution which he had submitted, was already in the books of the Council. That the Assistant Surveyors be instructed to exercise all care in having provisions of this resolution strictly observed in the future."

Mr. Hall seconded.

After discussion Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion, and Mr. McCarthy's amendment was adopted.

Carrigbyrne Quarry.

James Murphy, James McGrath, ~~and~~ Patrick Murphy and James Miskella, wrote that they were prepared to undertake to work ^{at} Carrigbyrne Quarry on piece work the price to be fixed by the County Surveyor.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the present gang employed in this quarry would be able to provide the material necessary for the present season.

It was decided to take no action on the application.

Road at Rectory, Inch.

It was decided that the following sub-Committee should inspect road at the Rectory, Inch, and report to the next meeting of the Roads Committee:-

Messrs. D'Arcy, Smyth, O'Byrne, Keegan, Hall and Colonel Quin, with the Assistant Surveyor for the district.

Road at Carley's Bridge.

Under date 23rd August, 1928, Mr. G.J. Owens, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy, wrote asking that something be done with the road from Carley's Bridge to Enniscorthy. The breakage of the pottery which he manufactured and which was of a fragile description, was something terrible owing to the jolting on this rough road.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the road "ravelled" as fast as it was repaired. He was treating it with tar as well as the money set apart allowed.

It was decided to inform Mr. Owens that the Assistant Surveyor was endeavouring to keep the road in as good order as possible.

Courtown Harbour.

The following report was submitted:-

The Sub-Committee appointed by the County Council at their meeting on 1st August, 1928, for the purpose of reporting on the present condition of Courtown Harbour and of making suggestions as to its improvement, met on 3rd August, 1928, at the Harbour.

The following were in attendance:- Messrs. Sean ^{O'Byrne} ~~Quinn~~, T.F. D'Arcy, W.P. Keegan, and Colonel Quin.

The County Surveyor, the County Secretary, and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, were also in attendance.

The Committee spent considerable time in their inspection and in considering their report, concentrating on the three following heads:-

1. - The Sluice Gates.
2. - Provision of grab dredger.
3. - Dredging the Inner Harbour.

and which are set out in the order in which they require attention.

Sluice Gates. These were erected over half a century ago, and, owing to wear and tear, require replacement. They are unable in

their present condition to hold the water for sluicing. One of the paddles on the village side is unworkable, the bottom timbers under water allow of considerable seepage, the north heel-post has gone completely, and the gate rollers, one of which became broken some time ago, have not been replaced, the condition of the structure preventing this. The new diving suit was used for the first time in an inspection of the portion of the sluice gates under water, the diver reporting that it is not possible to get the gates properly "home" when opened, owing either to the floor having worn or on account of detritus from the river depositing at this particular point.

The Sub-Committee were unanimous in recommending that new sluice gates with the necessary opening machinery should be provided as soon as possible. The County Surveyor estimates that this will cost about £500. The Sub-Committee further recommend that a skilled contractor should be obtained to carry out this work. Owing to the manner in which the "shocks" for damming timbers were constructed, peculiar difficulty is presented in drying out the site for new gates and, unless proper plant and necessary technical knowledge are employed, the work cannot be carried out in the most effective and economical manner. The Sub-Committee would be glad if it had been possible to recommend the Council to repair the gates but they feel that any money spent in further patching up these old timbers would accomplish very small result and would not be the means of providing the necessary flush to keep the harbour free of sand.

Grab Dredger. When the wind blows in a certain direction, a bar of sand is formed just outside the mouth of the harbour, and remains until the wind shifts to the opposite point of the compass when it disappears. Some of the local people believe that with new gates the increased flush would be sufficient to clear the bar. This, however, is problematical, and would certainly not hold if any development in the fishing industry at Courtown can be calculated on.

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A further suggestion as to arrangement to be made in the flush so that portion of the main current could be directed on to the sand bar was considered, but the Sub-Committee did not consider this would be successful in clearing the Bar at all stages. The only alternative is the grab dredger which can be worked at any time and at any stage of tide. Consideration must be given to the type of grab dredger to be obtained, and the County Surveyor promised to make enquiries as to the most effective and cheapest apparatus.

Dredging the Inner Harbour. This is necessary owing to the fact that its present silted condition is a source of danger and delay to the fishermen in moving their boats. If the work were carried out, it would not give any stronger flush through the sluice gates, but the flow of water would ^{be} for a longer period, and would in this way be more effective.

The ~~Sub~~-Committee, while recognising that this work is necessary, feel that, with all their present financial engagements, the County Council should not be asked to take it up until times improve.

However, the question of providing new gates is one which brooks no delay, and the ~~Sub~~-Committee feel that nothing can be gained by any further postponement in this matter. Putting it off will mean increased outlay later.

In the circumstances they recommended the Council to adopt a resolution to have this most pressing work carried out without delay, and suggest that the Council should approach the Minister for Fisheries with a view to obtaining a moiety of the expenditure, viz., £250.

The County Surveyor submitted the report of the diver, Patrick Hobbs as follows:-

I examined the Gates and floor under the Gates at Courtown Harbour on the 3rd of August, and again on the 9th August. I found the bottoms of Gates in a very bad way. They are completely decayed. There is a stone sill 1 foot 6 inches high, with a piece

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of wood bolted on top of it which the Gates fit against. The water bursts through the joints of these sills. Bottoms of styles are gone also; one paddle is gone altogether and the others are anything but water tight. The Gates are all fallen to hanging sides and the wheels that were under the adjusting rods are gone altogether. The flanges of the adjusting rods on which the wheels travelled have torn the floor which the gates worked on. The iron work is rusted as at some parts can be seen above the water. I would recommend a pair of new Gates and New floor for at present when the gates are closed there is more water going than is getting held. It is only when the tide is up against the back of them that they hold any water and that is no good as you want a low tide for flushing.

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

"That the report of the Sub-Committee in connection with Courtown Harbour be received and Considered."

In reply to Colonel Gibbon the County Surveyor stated it would not be possible to complete the work recommended by the Sub-Committee this year.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:-

"That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be carried out. That the Department of Fisheries be asked to contribute half the cost of the estimate of the County Surveyor, viz., £2130. That the moiety of the expenditure to be provided by the County Council viz., £1065 be raised by loan from the Treasurer".

Mr. D'Arcy seconded. Passed.

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

"That, prior to the meeting of the County Council, to be held on 10th September, 1928, the County Surveyor prepare technical estimate report as to the practicability of the carrying out of

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the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, and also have drawings, explanatory of the work to be done, made."

Piers and Harbours Generally.

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

"That, as occasion allows, Composite plan to cover all the Piers and Harbours under the control of the County Council be prepared by the County Surveyor and placed in the County Council Chamber, for the information of the Councillors, particularly ~~when~~ works in connection with these piers and harbours are under consideration."

Site of Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 17th August, 1928, the Town Clerk, Wexford, wrote, forwarding the following resolution adopted at the meeting of Wexford Corporation on that date, with one dissentient, and 21 members out of a possible 24 being present:-

"That the Wexford County Council and the Minister of Finance be requested to have the destroyed County Courthouse rebuilt on its original site, on Commercial Quay, as the compensation awarded for the damage done on the building is ample for the purpose."

Colonel Quin mentioned that the County Council should ask the Corporation if they were prepared to provide the £5000, over and above the compensation awarded, necessary to restore the Courthouse on the old site.

The Secretary stated the following were the ground rents payable in regard to the Old Courthouse premises at Commercial Quay, Wexford:-

St. Vincent De Paul Society	£13 - 16 - 8.
Barry Estate.	12 - 0 - 0.
Redmond Estate.	136 - 10 - 4.
Hatchell Estate.	18 - 9 - 0.
Total.	£180 - 16 - 0.

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

"That the plans and estimates prepared ~~to~~ in connection with the proposals to restore the old Courthouse on Wexford Quay site, and to provide Courthouse at the old Jail premises be submitted to the following Sub-Committee:-

Colonel Gibbon, Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Hayes and the Chairman.

"That the attention of this Sub-Committee be drawn to the fact that the Council had already made an offer for the purchase of the interest of the Redmond Estate- 20 years purchase of the profit rent plus £40 for costs, total £1298, and that the question of a similar offer ~~for the~~ for the profit rents of the other ground landlords of the premises had been under consideration."

It was also decided that the Sub-Committee would deal with the complaint as to the manner in which the caretaker of the Courthouse premises at the Old Jail had been carrying out her duties as regards cleaning, etc.

New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon Road.

The following letter, under date 9th August, 1928 (R/RG/32), from the Department of Local Government (Roads) to Mr. Corish, T.D., was submitted:-

With reference to your representations in the matter, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he cannot commit the Road Fund in respect of the Loans proposed to be raised by the Wexford County Council for the improvement of the roads from Gorey to Wexford and from New Ross through Camblin to Campile and Duncannon. The matter was explained to the County Council in this Department's letter of the 16th May last, a copy of which is enclosed. I am, at the same time, to state that the Minister is prepared to consider the question of sanctioning a loan if application is made in the ordinary way by the County Council and on being furnished with the usual particulars

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in such cases. The necessary forms are enclosed.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded:-

"That a sum of £4000 estimate of the County Surveyor for repair of New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon road, be raised by loan from the Council's Treasurer, period of repayment to be ten years, at the usual rate of ~~Interest~~ allowed to public bodies."

After a long discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-

For- Colonel Quin, Messrs. Corish, O'Byrne, D'Arcy, Hayes, Colfer, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Maylor and Shamon- 11.

Against- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs. Culleton, Hall, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman.- 6.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Gorey-Wexford Road.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hayes Seconded:-

"That the County Council be recommended to borrow a sum of £5,740, to carry out the necessary repairs to the Gorey-Wexford road, as per the County Surveyor's estimate, period for repayment to be ten years, Interest to be usual bank rate as allowed to public bodies."

After discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

For- Messrs. Corish, O'Byrne, Hayes, Colfer, McCarthy, and Shannon. - 6.

Against.- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs. D'Arcy, Culleton, Jordan, Keegan, Hall, Roche, Maylor, Smyth and the Chairman. - 11.

Kilnahue Lane, -96G.

Under date 13th August, 1928, Mr. T.E. Ireton, Greagh, Gorey, called attention to two very dangerous corners at above. At one of these he had a narrow escape in his motor car in avoiding a collision with a horse and cart. At this point the road is only twelve feet wide.

Under date 17th August, 1928, Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district wrote, stating he had inspected the road in company with the ganger and gave instructions to have bushes and

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other obstructions cleared away. Mr. Ireton informed the ganger he would communicate with the land agent as to the ownership of the land concerned and furnish what information he received to the ganger. Up to the present, information as to ownership was not forthcoming. The work in question would cost up to £15 but, as the road was subject to a small amount of traffic, he (Mr. Treanor) did not consider it advisable to recommend the work.

It was decided to make no order on the letter of Mr. Ireton.

Tottenhamgreen Bridge-Road 149R.

Letter was read from Mr. J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 13th August, 1928, stating that part of the wall at Tottenhamgreen Bridge had fallen and required rebuilding. As the foundation was uncertain he considered £25 should be set aside for the work. If the foundation was found to be good, there would not be more than 10 cubic yards of work necessary.

Drainage Matters.

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government, under date 3rd August, 1928, S. 55036/1928, Ilgh. (B.C.T.) relative to the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, was read for the meeting; also, petition from residents of Boira, Kilmuckridge; letter from Office of Public Works relative to Sow Drainage Scheme; letter from Ratepayers concerned in this scheme; and letter from Mr. Philip Kelly, Ashfield, Palace, relative to drainage of 27 acres of his land.

It was decided that the above should be dealt with by the special Drainage Committee, recently appointed by the County Council.

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

"That the Secretary purchase a copy of the Arterial Drainage (minor Schemes) Act, 1928, for the use of each of the members of the Drainage Committee."

Colonel Gibbon stated that he wished to have on record that no County Councillor accompanied the Chief Engineer of the Office of Public Works on his recent inspection of the Sow district although

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this statement appeared in the letter from the Office of Public Works, under date 16th August, 1928, (No. 16109/28.).

Erection of Overground Telegraphic Line.

Under date 2nd August, 1928, the Chief Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs applied for the consent of the County Council to the erection of an overground telegraphic line along the road from Cain to Borough Boundary, Enniscorthy.

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

"That the Roads Committee consent to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the road from Cain to the Borough Boundary, Enniscorthy, subject to the site of poles etc. being approved by the County Surveyor.

Carne Pier.

Under date 4th August, 1928, Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, wrote, confirming guarantee that the Committee of Carne Pier were prepared to provide any funds required for the repairs to this pier over and above the £350, allocated by the County Council for the purpose.

Electricity Supply-Shannon Scheme.

Under date 3rd August, 1928, letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, Dublin, stating that they proposed to supply electricity in the town of Wexford. The necessary extensions and alterations of the existing mains would be carried out on wood poles, the erection of which would necessitate the breaking up of roads and footpaths, but care had been taken in the drawing of the plans and contracts to cause the minimum amount of disturbance. Provision had been made in the conditions of contract to avoid as far as possible damage to persons using the roadway and to the property of the County Council and Wexford Corporation.

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

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"That the County Council be recommended to give the necessary permission to the Electricity Supply Board for the erection of Electric Light Standards, etc., subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor and also as regards Wexford Urban District to the satisfaction of Wexford Borough Engineer.

Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, and Company, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote on behalf of Mr. Terence Breen, Church Street, Gorey, objecting to the site in which it was proposed to erect an Electric Light pole, by the Electricity Supply Board opposite his house and premises in St. Michael's Place, Gorey.

The site selected was just outside his wall on the footpath. Mr. Breen was quite willing that an alternative site should be given at the edge of the footpath about four feet further out.

Messrs. O'Connor and Co. stated that the officials of the Shannon Scheme were satisfied with this site if the County Council agreed.

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

"That permission, asked by Mr. Terence Breen, for change of site of Electric lighting pole at St. Michael's Place, Gorey, be granted, provided the work is carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That, as regards erection of Electric lighting poles which require support, the County Surveyor communicate with the Electricity Supply Board and point out that struts should be used to strengthen these poles where erected in towns, and not stays."

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

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"That we protest against the practice of erecting poles in connection with the Shannon Scheme on the footpath instead of at the kerb. We also desire to call attention of the Electricity Supply Board to the manner in which their employees are restoring footpaths in towns. In Gorey, for instance, complaint has been made to the Council that no steps were taken to restore broken footpaths to their original condition."

Closing of Road, 166G.

Sealed Order under date 11th August, 1928, was received from the Department of Local Government (Roads) as to the closing of Road 166G, between Cullentra Bridge and turn at Knockadawke for the period from the date of the said order to and including 30th September, 1928.

Proposed Abandonment of Road.

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

"That we apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order for the abandonment of portion of road adjoining Rosslare Coastguard Station (No. 235W) as it had become dangerous owing to subsidence caused by coast erosion."

Enniscorthy Pound.

Under date 3rd August, 1928, a letter was received from Miss Katie O'Flaherty, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the Enniscorthy and District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, pointing out that, as the poundkeeper at Enniscorthy received no remuneration for the keep of stray animals, the latter suffered, and, in her capacity as joint Hon. Secretary of the Local Society she put the matter before the Council in the hope that some satisfactory arrangement would be arrived at. The Nominal poundkeeper would be satisfied with £2 for to cover any cost incurred in dealing with stray animals.

The Secretary stated that this letter had been submitted to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, who held, (as he had already advised) that the County Council had nothing to say to

pounds or the payment of the caretakers thereof.

Ordered:- That a copy of the letter of Mr. Elgee, in connection with Enniscorthy Pound be furnished Miss O'Flaherty for her information.

Erection of Cart House.

Under date 13th August, 1928, Mr. Martin Kelly, Castle Ellis, applied for permission to erect cart house beside the public road at Castle Ellis.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the road at this particular place was 20 feet wide. It was proposed to erect the new building within two feet of the roadside.

It was decided that Mr. Cullen interview Mr. Kelly and explain to him that the County Council cannot agree to the erection of any building which was within 30 feet of the centre of a public road.

Kilnew Lane - Laying of Pipes.

Mr. Peter, Dempsey, Enniscorthy, applied for permission to put down 180 yards of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " piping in Kilnew Lane, Blackwater, to bring water to cattle on his land. The piping would not cross the road at any point and would be sunk a safe distance.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, recommended that the application should be granted.

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

"That Mr. Peter Dempsey, Enniscorthy, be allowed to lay piping at Kilnew Lane, Blackwater in accordance with the terms of his letter of the 6th August, 1928, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Advertising Hoardings.

Messrs. David Allen and Sons Billposting Ltd., 40 Pearse Street, Dublin, applied, under date 19th August, 1928, for permission to erect two advertising hoardings at Esmonde Street and Arklow Road, Gorey, which, they understood, might encroach on the roadway or

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footpath to the extent of about 9 inches.

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

"That the application of Messrs. David Allen and Sons Billposting Ltd., 40 Pearse Street, Dublin, as to erection of advertising hoardings in Gorey town be refused."

House at Spawell Road.

Messrs. M. Furlong & Sons, tenants of house owned by the County Council at Spawell Road, Wexford, wrote under date 4th August, 1928, that they received the letter of the Council refusing to accept their offer to purchase their dwelling house at £100. They took it from this that the necessary repairs to the premises would be carried out as soon as possible.

Referred to the County Surveyor for detailed report as to repairs to be presented to next meeting of Roads Committee.

New Ross- Wexford Road.

Under date 31st August, 1928, Dr. W.F. Hearn, Bellevue, Newtown, New Ross, wrote as a frequent and constant user of the above road calling the attention of the County Council to parts not steamrolled and on which the surface was very bad. While potholes had been fairly well filled they afforded no relief, since as soon as one was filled, another appeared. Traffic over the road had considerably increased and was still growing. It was urgently needed that steamrolling of the eleven miles still undone should be carried out.

It was decided to inform Dr. Hearn that the County Council were doing what they could to keep this road in order with the money available.

Petrol Pump Licence.

Messrs. Moran and O'Brien, South Street, New Ross, applied under date 31st August, 1928, for permission to erect Petrol Pump Standard at South Street, New Ross. The tank was on their own premises. The carriage way at the particular point at

which it was proposed to erect the petrol pump standard was 40 feet wide while the footpath was ten feet wide.

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

"That the application of Messrs. Moran and O'Brien, South Street, New Ross, for permission to erect petrol pump standard be acceded to."

Side filling-Enniscorthy Road.

Mr. Hall gave notice to the County Surveyor to have for the next meeting of the Roads Committee particulars of the cost of the sidefilling of the concrete road between Wexford and Enniscorthy, giving the cost of material and labour separately.

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Road at Inch Creamery. Col. Quin, on behalf of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with this road reported in detail as to defects of drainage, the blocking of the road by material for steam rolling and the neglect in removing margins.

The Chairman said all this was covered by the resolution of the Roads' Committee. He thought the Sub-Committee were making a mountain out of a molehill.

The County Surveyor said he would bring^{up}/at next meeting of Roads' Committee a recommendation to carry out some drainage as a tentative measure, and the report of the Sub-Committee could then be more carefully gone into.

This was agreed to.

Road at Rectory, Inch. The Sub-Committee appointed to visit the road at Inch Rectory reported several defects as regards its present condition.

It was decided that the matter be referred to next meeting of the Roads' Committee.

Courthown Harbour. The County Surveyor mentioned that he did not think it possible to change the design of the sluice gates, but he intended putting in three sluice openings in each gate. The work could be done locally.

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Wexford Courthouse.

Under date 6th September, 1928 the following was read from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street, Dublin:-

In reply to your letter of 5th inst. with reference to above, we beg to forward to you herewith 2 draft schemes, which have already received your consideration, Scheme "A" having been estimated at a cost of £13,000 and scheme "B" at £10,000. Both these estimates are approximations as no detailed estimate was got out pending the decision of your Council with regard to instructions to us to proceed in the matter.

With reference to first estimate, I beg to forward copy of letter to Mr. Barry, dated 23/12/25 which explains itself.

With regard to the second estimate, you will remember that Scheme "B" was got out after consultation with the Local Government Board and the reductions based on their suggestions.

The following is copy of letter from Messrs. Delap and Waller to County Surveyor under date 23rd December, 1925.

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd. I note that you will be able to see me on the 28th, and I shall call at your office with the plans about 10.30. I have been into them very carefully with Mr. Orpen, and I think we have got the accommodation that was decided upon as being necessary. We have made an approximate estimate, going into the thing, as far as possible at this stage, and we find that the cost of reconstructing the building as shown on these plans will amount to about £13,000.

When I met you last, our first draft plans were dicussed, modified and approved, your Committee gave me instructions to go ahead, and I am not quite certain whether they did not intend that we should, without further reference to them get

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out quantities and proceed to ask for tenders for the actual work. Mr. Orpen and I discussed this matter and we decided that we would not be justified in going further than we have done until we have your approval. If we ^{had} gone ahead and asked for contract prices and got out quantities, we would have made the County Council liable for a considerable sum in fees for plans and quantities for a job that might turn out much larger than they had anticipated. Now, having our approximate estimate of £13,000, the County Council, if they give us instructions to go on, will know pretty well what they are rendering themselves liable for, and we will feel much more comfortable.

There is one other point, to which I wish to refer, I rather think it would be more regular if we had instructions under the seal of the Council, as I believe there is some legal difficulty about paying fees for such a job as this unless the whole procedure is absolutely in accordance with the lines laid down by the Local Government Board.

Under date 7th September, 1928 the following was read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford:-

"I have been instructed by a number of influential ratepayers of Wexford Town to act for them in connection with this matter (Wexford Courthouse). My clients are interested to ensure that the Courthouse will be rebuilt on the site of the old courthouse. I understand the matter has now been referred to a committee of the County Council for consideration. I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know ^{if} ~~the~~ the committee would kindly allow me to appear at its meetings and to submit my clients' views about the matter and evidence in support of their case. I shall be glad if you would kindly ask the County Council to instruct the County Surveyor to let me have copies of the scheme for the building of the courthouse on the Old Jail site, and all plans and particulars and estimates in connection with this and any other alternative scheme for the rebuilding of the courthouse so

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that I ~~may~~ have them examined. I would also be glad to have a copy of the estimate for the reconstruction of the courthouse on the old site. In view of the importance of the matter and of the interest taken in it by the ratepayers and the public generally, I feel assured that the County Council will only be too anxious to supply all the information that my clients may require, so that the whole matter may be investigated before any final decision is made."

In reply to Mr. D'Arcy, the Chairman said the special committee had to go into the matter first and he did not think there was any necessity for the Council to go into it.

Ald. Corish - Might I ask that Messrs. Delap and Orpens's letter that the jail would not be an economic site be submitted to the Committee also?

Ald. Corish, with reference to Mr. O'Connor's application said he did not think there would be any harm to listen to a statement from Mr. O'Connor, even though they could not give him all he asked for.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. O'Connor could call and see the plans, etc.

Mr. Hall-Why should you have the presence of Mr. O'Connor at a special committee meeting?

Ald. Corish-Why not? Don't you hear deputations every day, and you often hear a solicitor on a deputation? I don't suggest that Mr. O'Connor should remain during the deliberations of the special committee, but I suggest that we should hear him.

Col. Quin proposed that all business with regard to the Courthouse be left to the special committee, including Mr. O'Connor's letter.

Miss O'Ryan seonded. Passed.

The Chairman explained that of course, the special committee would only have power to make recommendations to the Council.

Col. Quin proposed that the special committee be allowed to call on Mr. Delap if necessary.

Mr. Keegan seconded and the proposition was passed.

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Room at Old Courthouse for County Registrar.

The Secretary reported that Mr. O'Flanagan, of the Ministry of Justice had called with a view ~~of~~ to obtaining the permission of the Council to use the Judge's room at the old courthouse, Wexford, for the County Registrar for work formerly performed by the sheriff. The County Council were saving the salary of the Sheriff (£200 per annum) by the fact that ~~this~~ work was now performed in the offices of the County Registrar.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor., considered that the County Council were bound to provide premises for the County Registrar to carry out his duties.

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

"That judge's room in old courthouse, Wexford, be made available for County Registrar to enable him to carry out the duties performed formerly by the sheriff.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Ministry of Justice be requested to pay rent for the use of judge's room in old courthouse, Wexford, which is being placed at the disposal of the County Registrar by the County Council to enable him to perform the work formerly carried out by the sheriff.

It was arranged that the Sub-Committee relative to County Courthouse site meet in County Council Chamber, Wexford on 25th September, 1928, at 2.p.m.

New Ross-Camblin-Campile-Duncannon Road. After discussion as to the recommendations of the Roads' Committee in this matter, Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the confirmation of the minute of the Committee.

Mr. Culleton moved and Mr. Hall seconded the following proposal:-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads' Committee to borrow the sum of £4,000 for the improvement of New Ross-Duncannon Road.

A poll was taken on the above motion with the following result:-

To confirm the recommendation of the Roads Committee:-

Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan;- 18.

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman;- 8.

The Chairman declared the motion confirming the recommendation of the Committee carried.

Gorey-Wexford Road. Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution :-

"That we dissent from the recommendation of the Roads' Committee refusing to request the County Council to borrow £5740 for the improvement of Gorey-Wexford Road.

A poll was taken with the following result.

For the resolution:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon:- 10.

Against:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the Chairman:- 16.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Electricity Supply Poles. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

That the following Sub-Committee be appointed to inspect

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electricity supply poles in Gorey town and district, in consequence of complaints received by the County Council as to the unsuitability of the sites of said poles in some cases, and to report to the Roads Committee the result of their inspection:- Col. Quin, Messrs. Keegan, D'Arcy, Hall, O'Byrne, Smyth, Mr. James Kelly, Chairman of Gorey Town Commissioners, and Mr. William Walsh, Town Commissioner, in conjunction with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district. That we recommend the Roads' Committee to consider the advisability of appointing similar Sub-Committees for the three other districts in the County.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that Rev. Canon Willis, The Rector, Gorey, had called his attention to the position of a pole outside the Church and which would necessitate the cutting down of a tree. The Rector was anxious that the position of the pole be changed to the other side of the street.

The matter was referred to the Gorey Sub-Committee.

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

"That the Minutes of the Roads' Committee in respect of meeting held on the 3rd September, 1928, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting.

General Road Matters.

Col. Gibbon proposed:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to procure recent books on Road Making and Improvement cost not to exceed £3.

The proposition was not seconded.

Mr. Cooney called attention to portions of the New Ross-Wexford Road which were in a bad state.

Referred to County Surveyor.

Mr. Hayes asked if some arrangement could be made to employ the men recently engaged at hand-breaking on Forth Mountain as they were on the verge of starvation.

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The County Surveyor said he would look into the matter and see at next meeting of the Roads' Committee if anything could be done to meet the request of Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Gaul called attention to dangerous corner at Clonard Cross near Wexford.

The County Surveyor stated he had a note to deal with this matter as soon as practicable.

Gorey Hill Quarry.

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to put in force the resolution of the Council as to hand-breaking of material in Gorey Hill Quarry.

Clonhaston Quarry.

Mr. Shannon proposed and Mr. O'Eyrne seconded the following resolution:-

"That the suspension by the County Surveyor of the four men in Clonhaston Quarry who have refused to become members of a recognised trades union, be confirmed.

A show of hands was taken when it was found that six were in favour and six against. The other members had left at this stage.

The Chairman gave ~~xxx~~ his casting vote against and then declared the motion lost.

Mr. Shannon said that the Chairman was guilty of an illegal act in voting against this resolution until such time as the resolution of the Council, making it obligatory on workers to be members of a recognised trade union had been finally annulled.

The Chairman said that Mr. Shannon could take any action he desired as regards his (Chairman's) action in this matter.

Notices of Motion.

Tuberculosis Hospital.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice

was moved by Mr. Gaul, seconded by Col. Quin, and adopted:-

"That the Wexford County Council hereby consents to the borrowing by the County Wexford Board of Health of a sum of £3,052 for the purchase and equipment of Brownswood Buildings as a Tuberculosis Hospital for the County".

Col. Quin seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

Petrol Pump at Gorey.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Keegan, and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the resolution of the County Council refusing to grant Messrs. Bates and Sons, Gorey, licence for petrol pump (the tank of which is under footpath) be rescinded and that said licence issue. Messrs. Bates and Sons are selling a cheap grade of petrol from pump in question and which ~~is~~ a great convenience to a large section of the public".

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

For-Messrs. Clince, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Murphy, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh, and Miss O'Ryan..... 12.

Against-Messrs. Brennan, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Mayler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Roche and the Chairman;- 13.

Mr. Colfer declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr Hall :- That steps should be taken to authorise Inspectors under Weights and Measures Acts to test the accuracy of supplies of petrol from petrol pumps

Road and Quarry Workers as Trade Unionists.

Councillor Jordan moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the resolution of the County Council compelling workers to be members of ~~any~~ ~~trade~~ union be rescinded".

In moving his motion Mr. Jordan said he was influenced principally by the fact of the dismissal of men because they ~~did~~ not belong to a union. He maintained that they had no right to force men to join any organisation, and even if they had they should not force them to do it.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Shannon said it appeared very strange to him that Mr. Jordan or any member of his party should move such a resolution when they had stated from public platforms that every farmer in the County should be a member of the Farmers' Union. The resolution referred to had been passed when the farmers were in the majority and at a time when it was not fashionable to be a member of the County Council. Stranger still he saw in the papers a few days ago that the chairman, at a meeting of the Beet Growers' Association, proposed that the Beet Factory put into their next agreement with the Growers that they should be members of the Association. He held that the Association ~~and~~ the union were kindred associations, and, therefore, he was surprised at his friend and colleague moving that motion.

Mr. Hayes said he held that there was very little use in saying anything in defence of the resolution, for, to his mind, it was ~~an~~ ~~foregone~~ conclusion, that it would be removed. He had been closely connected with the union the resolution applied to, and it should be borne in mind that the resolution

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had served the best interests of the County Council, and that there had not been one moment of a hold-up from the inception of the direct labour scheme to the present day. They could contrast that state of affairs with other counties, where work was suspended. He knew well that the representatives of the farming community on the County Council had no love for the Transport union, but there was no use in anyone going to get into his mind that the rescinding of the resolution would be the death knell of trades unionism, in the county. Trades unionism would live on. It would be detrimental to the County Council to remove the resolution, and it was a very retrograde step to move that it be rescinded. He held that there was no hardship to any man that was employed, and that it was an honourable thing to be a member of a trades union and an honourable thing for a farmer to be a member of a farmers' union.

Miss O'Ryan said it was the old Sinn Fein County Council that put the resolution on the books, believing it was fair and right, and she still held that Labour should have the protection of such a resolution. As it was put on in good faith she would like to see it continued, but she wanted to say that the Labour Party abused the power given them, and turned it into a political ^{weapon} ~~power~~ to fight their campaign in elections. She had the case of one man she ^{knew} ~~was~~ ~~put on~~ to be a road worker, and because he was a Republican they said he could not continue on.

Chairman-We don't want to develop into politics.

Miss O'Ryan-We all have a right to our own politics.

Continuing, Miss Ryan said that another man in Tara Hill district applied for membership and was refused, being told that they had enough men on the roads. She held that the Labour Party had abused their power, but hoping that they would come back and use it in the right direction, she thought it would be only right that the resolution should remain on the books.

The Labour People should get protection, and should have their Union

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Mr. Keegan said he thought Mr. Jordan never moved his motion to injure the worker. He (Mr. Keegan) was going to take no part in the discussion owing to the fact that it was a quarrel between two trades union bodies, of neither of which he was a member. He could bear out Miss O'Ryan's statement with regard to the penalisation of people, but at the same time there was no reason why the resolution should be taken off the books. There was no doubt that it had been abused, but, perhaps the farmers' union abused each other too. He wanted to have unity between all parties, and he did not think the people who sent him there would want him to create dissension between employers and employed. There had been a certain amount of abuse, but he had to say that if men of the type of Alderman Corish and others knew what went on in outlying branches they would not tolerate it.

Alderman Corish said one wondered whether it was worth while to say anything as to whether the resolution should be left on the books or not. Certainly he would not hesitate to give a bit of his mind to any official of the Union who would abuse the resolution. He remembered well the day the resolution was passed, immediately subsequent to a County Council election. Even though on that Council were certain men belonging to both Labour and the Farmers' Party, they were all certainly Sinn Fein in outlook, and the resolution to have trades unionist workers in connection with the direct labour scheme was passed unanimously. The Council at that time recognised the value of organised labour. They recognised that organised labour did its part every time it was called upon to do so, and it should be recognised by farmers that it was organised labour with Sinn Fein that prevented their sons from being dragged out to fight for England, though there were men present who, perhaps, would be against organised labour, because they did that. He did not think that organised labour

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as a body abused any power. There might have been occasions when Union Secretaries did what they should not have done, and he had abused them for that. He did not think it would be any harm to ask Mr. Jordan to adjourn his motion for three months, and in the meantime there could be an inquiry into matters. They never insisted that a man should pay down money to the union before he was employed, but afterwards they asked that he should contribute to the association. He would ask Mr. Jordan in the interests of everybody concerned-in the interests of the Council and the workers and people at the moment not working with the Council- to let an independent investigation be made, and he thought it would be found that organised labour was anxious to co-operate with the Council in the best interests of the Council.

Colonel Gibbon said he wished to state that when they had big agricultural troubles he was one of the parties that came to an agreement with the Transport Union, and that agreement was faithfully carried out. As a director of the Carlow Sugar Factory, he also had dealings with the union, and he had always found them carry out their side of the bargain. However, from the County Council point of view he was not quite certain that the arrangement with regard to labour was quite sound. They were compelling their workers to belong to an organisation which was represented on the County Council by the elected representatives of the Transport Union. Those representatives were in the County Council in a dual capacity- they were there primarily looking after the interests of members of their union, but they should be there primarily looking after the interests of the ratepayers.

Mr. Hayes-So we are.

Continuing, Col. Gibbon said that there was too much of a tendency for the Labour representatives to, rightly or wrongly vote for increases of money to be spent to keep the members of their union going, as opposed to the interests of ratepayers.

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He thought that was a false position for the Labour representatives to be putting themselves in, and he thought they should welcome a standing up in the Council and not being compelled to vote for what they might see, in the interests of the Council, was wrong.

Mr. O'Byrne, said that Col. Gibbon was there in a dual capacity in the same way as he mentioned that the members of the Transport Union were, as he was looking after the interests of the Farmers' Union. He challenged Col. Gibbon to show that the Transport Union advocated the spending of money without value for it. He held that they got value for the money spent, and he did not think that anyone would care more for value than the members of the Union. The biggest cause of the trouble with the union now was that the union stood for efficiency, and it was the inefficient man who was kicking up the row. They had always stood for a day's work for a day's wages. They ^{made} ~~was~~ not case for a man who was brought up for inefficiency, and they did not back up a man when it would be shown that he was not giving satisfaction. They hammered into the people who were working the necessity of giving value for money, and they held out that they got that. They held that they got better value for money in the County than in any other County in Ireland, and the man working on the road and the man who represented him on the Council were as anxious for success as any member could be. He believed if they took the resolution off the books they would not be glad for having done so.

Mr. Roche held there was no similarity between the Transport Union and the Beet Growers' Association.

Mr. Shannon-They are kindred associations.

Mr. Roche said that men were paid by the Beet Growers' Association to look after their produce in the factory. Ninety-two per cent of the growers were in the association, and eight per cent were not, and the eight per cent were having their work done for nothing. Did Mr. Shannon think it fair to have beet

handled and sampled without paying for that work? He could not see how that compared with the Transport Union at all.

Mr. Jordan said there was not much to say in reply to the references to his motion. Most of the remarks were irrelevant. They went back eight or nine years, but he did not see what that had to do with the matter at all. The impression would be taken from the speeches that he was against trades unionism.

Ald. Corish-I did not say that.

Mr. Jordan said he wanted to get freedom for the men to join or not join the union as they wished. He did not see how that was against trades unionism. He thought that some one made a statement that no one was asked to pay money before being taken on in employment, but he could mention cases where men were asked, and one case of a man who was out of employment for twelve months.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That consideration of Mr. Jordan's notice of motion be adjourned for three months; in the meantime that the Council make any investigations they may consider necessary to ascertain any hardships which it is alleged were inflicted on workers, and as to how the resolution to employ only trades unionists had affected road and quarry work generally in the County."

Mr. Gaul seconded.

A poll was taken on Mr. Corish's amendment with the following result:-

For-Miss O'Ryan, Ald Corish, Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Kedgan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon.....	12.
Against-Col. Quin, Col. Gibbon, Messrs Brennan, Collerton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Walsh, Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman.....	14.

The Amendment was declared lost.

A poll was then taken on Mr. Jordan's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall
Jordan, Mayler, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth, Walsh, and the
Chairman..... 14.

Against:- Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins,
Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Miss Ryan, and Shannon..... 11.

Mr. Keegan declined to vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. O'Byrne gave
notice of motion to rescind Mr. Jordan's resolution, and the
secretary mentioned that Mr. Jordan's proposition could not be
effective until Mr. O'Byrne's motion was disposed of, and no
steps could be taken to interfere with the resolution on the
books in the meantime.

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Membership of County Board of Health.

The following motion of which previous notice had been given stood in the name of Mr. Shannon:-

"That we, the County Council of Wexford County, consider the present constitution of Health Boards, as far as numbers are concerned, inadequate to properly deal with the work entrusted to them. A membership of ten spread over a large area cannot have that personal knowledge of many matters which is essential. We ~~there~~^{therefore} call on the Government to introduce legislation to have the membership increased to twenty so ~~that~~ all districts will have proper representation. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Local Government Minister, the five T.D.'s for the County and all County Councils in the Saorstát and the General Council of County Councils".

Under date 6th September, 1928, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

" I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 4th August, relative to the representation of Enniscorthy town on the County Board of Health, and in reply to state that my Council desire to protest in the strongest possible manner on the constitution of the Health Board on which Enniscorthy is not represented, and requesting one of the Wexford Representatives to resign to allow a representative from Enniscorthy to be elected. "

Mr. Shannon, in proposing the motion, said it was impossible for the present Health Board in the County to do all its work because of the large area which had no representation. There was a membership of twenty on the Mental Hospital Committee. In connection with the County Health Board they had the administration of the County Hospital, the County Home, and auxiliary hospitals and cottages. He believed his resolution would be favourably considered by the Government when it was dealt with by the other public bodies in the Saorstát.

Mr. W.P. Keegan, seconding, said that Gorey as well as Enniscorthy was without a representative on the Health Board.

In Gorey the nearest representative was Col. Quin, who lived three miles from the town, and Mr. Hall, who lived 12 miles away, and which consequently involved a certain amount of hardship on the people.

Mr. Jordan, Chairman of the Heath Board, said it was his opinion that the present membership of that body was quite sufficient, and it would be agreed that more efficiency was obtained by having small membership. The work of the Health Board was of a general character, and he could not see any advantage in increasing the membership.

Mr. P. Hayes supported the motion.

In reply to Mr. T.F. D'Arcy, the Secretary stated that the Mental Hospital Committee and the County Committee of Agriculture comprised twenty and twenty-five members respectively.

Mr. D'Arcy-Do you say those bodies have more to do than the Health Board.

The Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) said he had no desire to stop the increase of membership, but if they increased the number of members they would require four days a month instead of two, as at present, to do the work of the Board. He knew what the work of the Board was, and that it had been found difficult to do it with ten members in two days. If the membership increased it would probably take another day or two to do that work. At the present time they had an excellent staff of officials. The interests of the people were not being neglected, and he would not have it said that they had been neglected. At the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, when the matter of increasing the membership of the Health Board was discussed it was advocated that they be made smaller. He did not mind if they increased the membership, but in his opinion the work of the Board would not be as efficiently done.

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The following candidates failed at examination:-

Messrs. Patrick Tobin, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy;
 James French, Ballyshane, Camolin.
 Robert Moulds, Camolin.
 Mrs. Margaret Doyle, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy;
 Denis Kenny, Ballyconran, Craanford;
 Charles T. Smith, 63, Main Street, Gorey;
 Peter Connolly, 8 Pearse, Street, Gorey;
 Michael Breen Timashrule, Ferns;
 Morgan Murphy, Railway Cottage, Camolin;
 Peter Somers, Killowen, Gorey;
 Philip O'Neill, Ballyconran, Craanford and
 Michael Condren, Killybegs, Inch.

It was decided that a poll be taken between all eligible candidates.

This resulted as follows:-

For Forde-Nil.

For Doran-D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, and Walsh... 4.

For Kealy- Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Hayes and Shannon... 4.

For Dunne:-Messrs. Brennan, Clinee, Culleton, Doran, Gaul,
 Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy and Murphy.... 10.

For Smith-Messrs. Smyth and the Chairman.... 2.

For Funge- Miss O'Ryan... 1.

For Bolger-Messrs Colfer, Cummins, Hall and Roche... 4.

Forde and Funge having dropped out a poll was taken between Messrs. Doran, Kealy, Dunne, Smith and Bolger with the following result:-

For Doran- Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, Walsh, and Miss O'Ryan... 5.

For Kealy-Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Hayes and Shannon... 4.

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, ~~Smyth~~ Clinee, Culleton, Doran,
 Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy and Murphy 10.

For Smyth-Smyth and the Chairman... 2

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, Hall and Roche... 4.

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Smith now dropped out and a poll was taken between Doran, Kealy, Dunne and Bolger with the following result:-

For Doran-Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan.....6.

For Kealy-Messrs Cooney, Corish, Hayes and Shannon.....4.

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Culleton, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy and Murphy.....10.

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cummins, Hall, Roche and the Chairman.....5.

Kealy now dropped out and a poll was taken between Doran, Dunne, and Bolger with the following result:-

For Doran-Messrs. D'Arcy, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Walsh and Miss O'Ryan.....6

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Culleton, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy and Shannon.....11

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Roche, and the Chairman.....8

The final poll which was between Dunne and Bolger was then taken with the following result:-

For Dunne-Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Shannon and Walsh13.

For Bolger-Messrs. Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Roche, Smyth, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman.....12.

Col. Quin had left before any vote was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. Dunne elected.

Mr. Dunne thanked the members for his election and promised to do all in his power to give satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

In reply to the Chairman he said he would reside in the District if necessary.

The following is a copy of Mr. Dunne's application for the

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position.

I beg to apply for the position of Rate Collector for No. 15 district (Gorey Urban, Rural etc.).

I possess a fairly good standard of education, and if appointed shall endeavour to fulfil my duties in a conscientious and efficient manner.

I enclose copy of reference from Rev. R. Gaul, C.C. Court-nacuddy.

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7.

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

"That Mr. James E. Walsh, M.C.C. be appointed to fill the vacancy existing on the No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

University Scholarships.

The Committee of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, wrote under date 5th September, 1928 recommending the award of University Scholarships to the following:-

Thomas B. Larrisey, Duncannon. 1073 marks.

Margaret Frayne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy. 1034 Marks

Patrick Hickey, 7 O'Neill's Terrace, Enniscorthy. 967mark

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That University Scholarships be awarded T.B. Larrisey, Margaret Frayne, and Patrick Hickey in accordance with recommendation of the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, and also in accordance with the application forms of these students."

"That the University Authorities be requested to consider the desirability of recommending the Council to award University Scholarship to Joseph, G. Cullen, 16 Monck Street, Wexford, (687 marks) the Council being of opinion that he would benefit by a University course.

St. Helen's Harbour.

The following signatures

was read:-

"We the undersigned would respectfully ask a few moments of your attention. We live in the district between Rosslare and Carnsore and the great majority of us derive or did derive a good portion of our living from fishing.

In our grandfathers' and even in our Fathers' time a brisk trade was done in fishing in this locality. The Harbour of St. Helen's was in good order, so that fishing boats might enter or leave at any state of the tide.

When it is stated with truth ~~that~~ years ago almost a hundred persons were engaged at fishing here: when Wexford town had a large fleet of boats which often had to run here for shelter: when all necessaries were supplied to The Tuskar after its being built over a hundred years ago, the importance of this fishing port can be imagined.

It is the nearest point of land to the Tuskar which is looked upon as one of Ireland's greatest fishing grounds,

For a variety of reasons St. Helen's for the past thirty years or more had been gradually going into disuse. The landing from the sea became every year more difficult-until at last the Harbour is completely blocked up.

The Minister of Fisheries visited the place recently in company with Mr. Michael Doyle, M.C.C. and was much impressed with what he saw. We have both his oral and written promise that if the County Council would be willing to put up a certain amount he also would be willing to put an amount in proportion.

We therefore appeal to the Wexford County Council to look upon the project with favour. We do not wish to be in the position of lookers ^{on} whilst the work would be in progress. We would do all in our power to facilitate the work such as carting of material etc.

As through want of landing facilities the fishing declined it would be but natural to expect that, were the Harbour improved

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the fishing would improve in proportion, thereby finding remunerative employment for a great number of persons.

A deputation from our body will wait upon the County Council and will be prepared to give all the information in their power.

(Signed). James D'Arcy, C.C. Kilrane, (Chairman).
Patrick O'Enien, Ballywell, (Secretary).
James Stafford, St. Helen's, Kilrane.
Patrick Furlong, Churchtown, Kilrane.
Patrick Hagan, Ballygillane Little.
Michael Ferguson, Ballygillane.
John Pierce, Boher.
John Wickham, Waddingsland.
William McCormack, Bing.
Richard McCormack, Bing.
John Pitt, Bing.
Joseph Pitt, Bing.
William Codd, Bing.
John Cleary, Ballyknockan.
James Hagan, Ballygillane.
William Doyle, Ballygillane.
Nicholas Pierce, Kilrane.
William Tobin, Churchtown, Kilrane.
Mathew Hayes, Harristown, Kilrane.
John Hayes, Harristown, Kilrane.
Walter McCormack, Bing, Kilrane.
John Hore, Boker, Kilrane.
William Ferguson, Tenacre, Kilrane.
William Leary, Killalane, Kilrane.
John Lambert, Killalane, Kilrane.
Thomas Furlong, St. Helen's, Kilrane.
John Carr, St. Helen's, Kilrane.
Richard Leary, Killane, Kilrane.
James Wickham, Rosslare Harbour.

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Thomas Purcell, Waddingsland.

Gerald Hore, Boker, Kilrane.

Thomas Codd, St. Helen's Kilrane.

Richard Fenlon, Kilrane.

The following ^{attended} deputation/to support the memorial:-

P. O'Brien, Secretary to Fishermen's Association, Mr. Wickham, Coxwain of Rosslare Life Boat, and Mr. O'Leary, a local fisherman.

The Chairman explained that some years ago there was a flourishing industry in connection with the harbour but fishing lapsed during the war as work on the land was more remunerative. Now things had altered and work on the land not being so profitable the fishermen had returned to their own avocation. There were 15 families dependant on the industry and the Minister for Fisheries had promised ~~this~~ that his Department would provide £300 towards the repair of the Harbour if the County Council would put up £200, as it was calculated that the repairs would cost £500.

Mr. O'Leary stated that some years ago 40 families derived a living from fishing in connection with the Harbour.

Col. Gibbon said that the pier was originally maintained by the Landlord who gave a certain amount of assistance himself with free labour from all the fishermen living in the locality. That method of keeping the pier in repair lapsed a good many years ago, and now, of course, as the land had been purchased out there was no landlord to help. One man who lived near the place promised to put the pier in order with the help of the fishermen, but, unfortunately he died a week after he made the promise. He (Col. Gibbon) agreed with the estimate of the County Surveyor that it would cost £750 to put the place into a proper condition. With all the goodwill in the world the Minister for Fisheries could not do anything until the money had been provided in the new National budget.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said that the pier was not scheduled under the Act of Parliament and the County Council could not

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spend money on any pier which was not scheduled by statute.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr Culleton seconded a resolution referring the matter to the Roads ' Committee.

Mr Keegan proposed the following which was seconded by Mr Gaul:-

"That this Council are prepared to contribute 40 per cent of the cost of repairs to St Helen's Harbour on a total expenditure not exceeding £750, and provided any legal difficulty in the matter can be overcome."

After discussion, Col. Quin withdrew his motion, and that of Mr Keegan was agreed to without dissent.

County Library Service.

The County Librarian forwarded copy of the following letter from the Local Government Department, under date 4th August, 1928, (No G 52211/1928, Loch Garman P.F.):-

Adverting to your letter of the 20th ultimo, transmitting copy of report on the manner in which Miss E.M.Doyle, Assistant Librarian, discharged her duties since appointment, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he assents to the appointment of Miss Doyle on a permanent basis as Assistant Librarian.

In connection with the new library premises, the Local Government Department forwarded copy of the following letter (G.60012/1928, Loch Garman P.F.), which had been forwarded to the Library Committee:-

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to draw your attention to Sections 9 and 13 of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1855, as adapted to County Councils by Section 65 of the Local Government Act, 1925. The acquisition of new library premises is a matter for the County Council in the first instance, and will require the prior sanction of this Department. Particulars of the specific proposal should be submitted through the County Council for the Minister's consideration.

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

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"That we hereby confirm the following resolution adopted by this Council on the 11th June, 1928:-

"That the County Council agree to the Library Committee renting the premises on the Quay, Wexford~~ark~~ recently occupied by Messrs. Thompson Brothers, rent to be £65 per annum, premises to be held free of all ^{rates} ~~rent~~ and taxes, tenancy to be determinable at any time by six months' notice in writing on either side.

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

"That, as recommended by Library Committee, the names of Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C. and Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, be added to the Library Committee".

Superannuation, Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor
to late Gorey Rural District Council.

Under date 22nd August, 1928, the Local Government Department wrote (G.58020/1928 Loch Garman Sa) that the Minister had consented to the superannuation allowance of £15-;6-6 to Mr. B.J. O'Flaherty in respect of his services as Solicitor to the late Gorey Rural District Council.

Auditor's Report.

Under date 1st August, 1928 the Department of Local Government wrote (A.S. 53377/28 Loch Garman F.b.) forwarding the following copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Council:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council for the two half-years ended 30-9-27 and 31-3-28. Certified copies of the abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following table will permit a comparison of the rate struck for the service of the year 1927-28 with the rate struck for the year 1923-14.

	<u>Enniscorthy</u>		<u>Gorey</u>		<u>New Ross</u>		<u>Wexford.</u>	
	1913-14	1927-28	1913-14	1927-28	1913-14	1927-28	1913-14	1927-28
Rate in the £. (General)	s.d. 4/6	s.d. 8/8	s.d. 4/4	s.d. 8/8	s.d. 5/2	s.d. 8/8	s.d. 4/2	s.d. 8/8
Rate in the £. (Separate Charges Leviable off the entire rural district)	3	1/0 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Total.	4/9	9/8 $\frac{3}{4}$	4/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	9/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9/5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	9/2 $\frac{3}{4}$

In so far as the occupiers of Agricultural land are concerned the above rate was reduced by an average amount of 1/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the £. in respect of each of the four districts in 1913-14; and in the year 1927-28 by the sum of 2/4 in the £. the said reductions representing the division of the Agricultural Grant applicable to the respective years. The Agricultural Grant in 1927-28 would have permitted a rebate of 3/3 in the £. but provision for the repayment of the loan raised under the Rates on Agricultural Land Act which would have entailed a levy of 11d. in the £. on agricultural land was made by deduction from the rebate allowable. The Council's records for 1913-14 and some previous and subsequent years were destroyed in 1922 and as a consequence a comparison of the items making up the rates for the years given in the table is not possible.

The Rate Collector for Number 15 district failed to account for the sum of £832.12.6. collected by him and I have charged this sum against him in accordance with the provisions of ~~the~~ section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902. The Collector was however covered by a fidelity Bond, and the issuing Company has now admitted liability and will, it is expected, reimburse the Council in the course of a week or two to the full extent of the amount embezzled.

All insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date. The accounts were well kept and presented for audit in satisfactory manner.

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Road Grants.

The Secretary reported that since last meeting of the Council Road Grants amounting to £15,030 -12-8d had been received from the Local Government Department.

Food and Drugs Act.

Under date 11th August, 1928 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L. 2653-28) stating that an officer of the Department had obtained twenty samples of butter for analyses at the following places:-

New Ross 4: Enniscorthy 4: Ferns:4: Buncloody 4:
and Gorey 4. The Public Analyst certified that all samples taken proved to be genuine.

County Insurance Committee.

Under date 14th August, 1928, the National Health Insurance Commission wrote (9847/28) that Mr. Sean O'Byrne, M.C.C. was already a member of the County Insurance Committee and the Council were accordingly requested to appoint a representative in his place.

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

"That Mr. James Gaul, M.C.C., Carrigeen Street, Wexford, be appointed a representative of the Wexford County Council on the County Insurance Committee.

Poisons and Pharmacy Act Licences.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to James Hennessy, South Street, New Ross and renewals of licences under said Act issue to Laurence Codd, 25 and 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy; Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns, and Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

Motor Taxation.

The following resolution was received from Westmeath County Council:-

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"That this Council call on the Government to abolish the present system of Road taxation as the present system is very unfair and that we ask our T.D.'s to support us in the matter.

It was decided that the ~~resolution~~ be marked read as it suggested no alternative to the present method of taxation.

Land Commission Annuities.

The following resolution was received from Kerry County Council:-

"That the County Councils of the Free State be asked to co-operate in forwarding a requisition to the Dail with the view to see the annuities are kept and spent in this Country."

"RESOLVED:- That the Kerry County Council ask the Land Commission to accept not less than 10% yearly of arrears from defaulting land annuitants together with current rent with a view to allowing them let their land for grazing or meadowing or for obtaining a loan from the local co-operative Society, as such Societies, it is understood will be asked in the near future to lend some of the funds of the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Those defaulters have no hope of any relief at present until the arrears question is arranged. The individual, the ratepayers, and the State are losing at the present time. That copies be forwarded to the other Councils of the Free State."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. McCarthy proposed as an amendment the adoption of the resolution with the omission of the first paragraph.
Mr Culleton seconded.

On a show of hands this was carried by nine to five.

The other members had left at this state of the proceedings.

Republican Prisoners.

The following resolution from Galway County Council was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Council demand of the Free State Government

the immediate release of all Republican Prisoners in Irish Jails. That copy of resolution be sent to each County Council in Ireland."

The Chairman declined to accept the resolution~~as~~ he stated it was political.

Women Prisoners' Defence League.

Miss O'Ryan proposed:-

"That the leaflet forwarded this Council by the Women Prisoners' Defence League be forwarded to the Press through the County Council.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. McCarthy ~~proposed~~:-

"That the Council proceed to the next business.

Mr. Hall seconded.

The Chairman declined to accept the proposal of Miss O'Ryan and said he would rule the matter out of order..

Meetings of Committees.

It was decided that Drainage Sub-Committee should meet at 10.30 on the 25th September, 1928., Courthouse Sub-Committee on the same day at 2.0'clock and the Scholarships Sub-Committee on the 29th September, at 10.30.a.m. all at County Council Chamber, Wexford.

Campaign for Renunciation of War etc.

Letter from Dublin Committee re above was laid before the meeting, but no action was taken.

Mr. McCarthy
Oct. 8th 1928

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING.

HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER, 1928.

The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 8th October, 1928.

Present: Messrs. J. Brennan, J. Clince, P. Colfer, T. Cooney, R. Corish, J. Culleton, J. Cummins, T.F. D'Arcy, J. Doran, J. Gaul, Colonel Gibbon, J. Hall, P. Hayes, M. Jordan, W.P. Keegan, T. Mayler, T. McCarthy, J. Murphy, Sean-O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Colonel Quin, M.M. Roche, M. Smyth and J.E. Walsh.

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

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

Subsequently Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended (after the minutes had been read and signed) and presided for the remainder of the business.

Mr. Shannon (Vice-Chairman) also attended at the same time and was present for the rest of the business.

Confirmation of Minutes of Committees.

Finance Committee. The minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 13th September, 1928 were submitted:-