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The monthly meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th September, 1934.

Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman) presided: also present:- Messrs. James J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, Christopher Culleton, William Cullimore, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1262:10:4d for fixed items, Salaries, Superannuations etc. and for £132:13:10d for miscellaneous payments were examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. SEAN T. O'KELLY

The following reply to vote of condolence by the County Council with Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, in the death of his Sister, Mrs. Sean T. O'Kelly, was directed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sweetman to be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Dr. Ryan, has asked me to refer to your letter of the 7th August and to thank the Members of the Wexford Co. Council, Wexford Co. Committee of Agriculture and yourself for the expression of sympathy conveyed therein on the death of his Sister, Mrs. Sean T. O'Ceallaigh."

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

A vote of condolence to Mr. J.F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in the death of his mother was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Culleton.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded a vote of

condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. John Joyce,
Butlerstown Castle, a former Member of Wexford Board of
Guardians.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 24th AUGUST, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were
submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th August, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, County Council, (Presiding) also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, Michael Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6201:15:10d was examined and signed.

WORKMENS' COMPENSATION ACT 1934

POLICY No. 1108539

The following under date 11th August, 1934, was read from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, Insurance Brokers:-

"Further to our letter to you of the 24th ult., we have now gone fully into this matter with the "Ocean" Company who have now agreed to include the revised benefits under the New Act (excluding Medical and Surgical Fees) at a rate of 30/-% as against the present rate of 27/6%, the rate of 1/6% for Common Law Liability remaining as before. You will observe that these terms are a considerable concession on the general increase set out in the Company's circular letter which we sent to you.

"To include your liability for Medical and Surgical fees the above rating would be amended as follows:-

Common Law Liability.....	1/6% (as before)
All Others.....	37/6%.

"So far it has not been possible to obtain any concession

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"in the Insurance Companies' general increase of 25% for Medical and Surgical Fees Cover but we shall wire you on next Monday morning letting you know whether we have been able to do so or not."

Under date 13th August, 1934, Messrs. McDonagh and Boland wrote confirming wire quoting workmen's Compensation at 30/-% excluding Medical Fees and 37/6% including.

The Secretary stated that at the 30/-% Rate the Increase over accepted figures would be £52:10s and at the 37/6% Rate the increase would be £210.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That quotation of "Ocean" Insurance Company at 1/6% Common Law Liability and at 30/-% for all others, excluding Medical Benefits be recommended to the Co. Council for acceptance. The increase over quoted figures based on wage roll is 9% for 30/- rate and 36% for 37/6 rate which the Committee regard as exorbitant. Unfortunately they appear to have no option but to recommend the Co. Council to accept the rate at 30/-%."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., be recommended, in view of the manner in which public bodies are being mulcted by Insurance Companies, and particularly in connection with Workmen's Compensation Act 1934, to undertake business under Workmen's Compensation Insurance generally. By so doing they would save considerable sums for local bodies."

INSURANCE STEAM CRANE COURTOWN HARBOUR

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from New Ireland Assurance Company, Dublin, that insurance for steam crane at Courtown Harbour could not be regarded as coming within an extension of present policy for steam rollers etc. The steam crane Insurance should be covered by a motor policy for which

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they submitted the following quotations:-

Anyone Accident £500 and unlimited number for year £4.

" " £1000, unlimited for year.....£5;

" " £2000, " " "£6:10s.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to insure steam crane at Courtown Harbour with New Ireland Assurance at £5 covering liability of £1000 for any one accident and unlimited for any one year."

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

REFORMATORY & INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

Under date 22nd August, 1934, the Secretary, County Councils' General Council enclosed the terms of reference to above Commission and asked for suggestions relative to the various heads.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer to ask Mr. Corish to obtain all information possible in the matter at the meeting of the Executive Committee of General Council of County Councils on 30th August, 1934.

RATE ABATEMENT - AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That allowances as set out on foot of each claim Abatement Form in connection with Rates on Agricultural Land be and are hereby agreed to the total number of claims being 3927 and the number of employees concerned 7878 (2601 Male relatives and 5277 male employees). The total valuation on which abatement of rates will be made by reason of amount of employment afforded is £85,171."

RATE COLLECTION

By directions of a recent meeting of Finance Committee Mr. James Quirke (No.1 Collection District) came before the meeting in connection with the large amount of Rate carried forward in his district. The amount of Warrant was £8546 and the "carry forward" £2124.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Quirke said he had no explanation to make in the matter only that he did his best. The Chairman said that some explanation was due as to why Mr. Quirke could not collect over £2000.

Mr. Quirke said he had large amounts on decrees from the previous year. There was about £800 of a carry-over last year and there was double that for this year and there was £600 in decrees. Farms were not derelict but it was a grass district and there was nothing on them. He did not think there were people on the list able to pay if they had been proceeded against. He did not take out any decrees this year. Some of the persons against whom decrees had been obtained could have paid.

The Chairman asked the Collector if he had ever seized under his own warrant and Mr. Quirke said he had not money enough to do that as the Co. Registrar would hold him responsible for any expenses incurred in seizures. The reason he did not take out decrees this year/^{was}because those obtained last year had not been executed.

Mr. Keegan - Can a Rate Collector seize furniture or other property as well as cattle.

Mr. Elgee - Yes.

Mr. Keegan - Something should be seized besides cattle. Any Rate Collector can walk into a man's house and say "all here in mine until the rates are paid", so we should get away from cattle.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said that the Rate

Collector was empowered to seize motor cars or furniture.

Mr. Elgee said he had several decrees for Mr. Quirke but the difficulty in getting them executed was owing to the expense and for which the Collector would be liable.

Some names of outstanding ratepayers were mentioned to Mr. Quirke and who the Finance Committee considered should be able to pay but Mr. Quirke denied this.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Elgee said that any seized goods should be offered by public auction.

The Chairman said they should ascertain, if, in the event of seized goods not being sold at a public auction could they subsequently be disposed of privately.

After further discussion Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Quirke, Rate Collector, submit to next meeting of the Finance Committee two lists of outstanding ratepayers, one of ratepayers who could be made pay and the second of people who were actually unable to pay.

Collector M. Murphy (Collection District No.12) also came before the meeting in connection with the large amount of "carry forward" in his case, viz: £865 out of a warrant of £4060

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Murphy said he had never seized on his own warrant: he had approximately £500 in decrees for rates of 1933/34. Three of these decrees were executed. In one a "nulla bona" return was made. He proceeded by examination Order against the ratepayer, and the District Justice made an order for payment at the rate of £1 per month, but nothing had been paid. In the two other cases the examination Orders were dismissed. If he seized stock on his own warrant he could not make sale of them. He was afraid that the collection would be very poor this year as the corn crop in his district was a failure.

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Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Cullimore seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Rate Collector M. Murphy be directed to furnish for next meeting of the Finance Committee two lists of outstanding ratepayers (a) those who are able to pay and will not offer to do so and (b) those who are really unable to pay."

Collector Art Dunne (No.15 District) was also before the meeting as to the close of warrant for 1933/34, the amount of which was £8389 and the "carry forward" £1486.

Mr. Dunne was questioned closely as to the circumstances of several people on arrears' list who according to some members of the Committee were really in a position to pay. He had made one seizure on his own warrant but not in connection with the rate for last financial year.

Mr. Keegan said that in one case rent and rates had been paid over to a land-lord for a house, but this man had paid only portion of his rates to the Rate Collector.

In another case Mr. Dunne said he was informed by a Solicitor who was acting for him and for the ratepayer that nothing could be paid until a settlement of a law case had been arrived at.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That Mr. Dunne be directed to prepare two lists of outstanding ratepayers (a) those who are able to pay if pressed and (b) those who are really unable to pay.

The Secretary stated at the last Co. Council meeting Mr. O'Byrne handed him a letter from Leonard Carty, Glendoran, Gorey, stating he had paid Rate Collector Dunne, £10:1:2d rates and for which he had not been given official receipt. He (Secretary) communicated with Mr. Dunne in the matter and directed the Rates Inspector to make further enquiry.

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Under date 13th August, 1934, Mr. Dunne wrote that the amount in question was left at Mr. O'Byrne's on 31st July (not 21st of that month) as he Mr. Dunne was not in his office. As books had been closed he asked Mr. Carty to take the money back a few days later but Mr. Carty asked him to keep it as he would spend it if he got it back. On the 10th August, 1934, he again saw Mr. Carty and told him he was not in a position to give him a receipt and he said it did not matter for Mr. Dunne to keep the money and to give him a receipt when he (Mr. Dunne) was in a position to do so.

The Rates Inspector who had been instructed to investigate the matter produced the following letter from Mr. Carty under date 13th August, 1934:- "In connection with Rates due by me I left money at Mr. Dunne's office on the 31st July. Mr. Dunne was not then in the office and when I met him later he told me the Collection was closed. He requested me to take the money back and I asked him to hold money over for me until he got new books."

The Secretary stated the books were taken up on 23rd July, 1934.

The Committee considered it unnecessary to make any order in the matter.

ELECTORS' LISTS

Mr. Keegan produced a list of 29 Electors for Gorey Urban District who he said were not described as Local Government Electors on current Electors' Lists although entitled to the qualification.

Mr. Dunne, Rate Collector, admitted that some of the names should have been described as local Government Electors. Three were under age.

It was decided that Mr. Dunne be supplied with copy of the list and furnish his explanation for each case.

REFUND OF RATES

In connection with application by Messrs. M.J. O'Connor and Company, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Nicholas Furlong, Rosslare, for refund of £4:10:4d rates on a vacant house, Messrs. O'Connor & Co., wrote under date 1st August, 1934, that Mr. Furlong was unable to let the house as he could not find a tenant for such a large unfurnished place. In reply to query from Finance Committee that if the house was useless to him he should sell it, Mr. Furlong had recently assigned the house to his sister. There was no question but the refund was due to Mr. Furlong.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That in conformity with the advice of our Solicitor, refund of £4:10:4d rates on vacant house at Rosslare be made to Nicholas Furlong."

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE

The following letter under date 13th August, 1934, (G.102905-34 - Fa Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Cullimore, it was decided that copy should be furnished Rate Collectors:-

"In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to vary the decision conveyed in this Department's letter of the 8th June last regarding poundage on the first moieties of the 1933/34 warrants.

"As regards poundage on the second moieties, it is noted from Form 61 for last month that the warrants have been disposed of in a most unsatisfactory manner. In all but seven cases the amount carried forward to the warrant for the current year exceeds 10% of the entire warrant. In this connection particular attention must be drawn to the unduly large percentages carried forward in the districts of J. Quirke (22.5%) W. Doyle, (27.7%) and W. Cummins (22.25%). These figures indicate clearly that the collection of the rates has not been prosecuted with the necessary diligence and before expressing sanction to the payment of poundage on the second moieties, I am to state that the Minister will expect the Council to take such steps in connection with the collection of the rate in the current year as will ensure reasonable progress on the part of the Collectors. The Council should keep constant and close

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"watch on the progress of the collection in each district and immediate disciplinary action should be taken in any case in which a Collector fails to apply himself diligently to his duties. In so far as the Minister is concerned, I am to make it quite clear that in future his sanction to interim and to final poundage will only be given when the prescribed conditions have been fully satisfied. Poundage on the second moieties of the 1933/34 warrants may be paid as follows:-

"(a) full normal poundage to Collectors

J. Deegan (7), J.J. O'Reilly (13),
D. Kenny (14), E.J. Murphy (17),
M. Kehoe (18), J. Curtis (19), and
P. Carty (20).

"(b) normal poundage less 15% to all other Collectors, save

"(c) Collectors J. Quirke, W. Doyle and W. Cummins, who may only be paid poundage less 20%."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"In view of the fact that in consequence of the trouble with Dublin daily Newspapers, advertisement for loan of £10,000 to Wexford County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, has been published locally only, and also as we have been informed another Co. Council having made exhaustive inquiries to secure loan of £15,000 in the open market have accepted an Insurance Company for loan repayable in 30 years at 5% we again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to consent to the issue of loan now applied for, viz. £10,000 from Local Loans Fund. By obtaining advance in this manner the Council will have five years longer for repayment and save $\frac{1}{4}\%$ Interest.

"The best period of the year for building is passing and numerous enquiries from persons anxious to secure advances under Small Dwellings Acts are being received weekly by the Council."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date 17th August, 1934, Mr. F.M. Mulrennan, 4, Charlotte Row, Gorey, wrote applying for use of Gorey Courthouse, for the night of 13th September, 1934, in connection with a dance which was being held for a charitable object.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "The Finance Committee regret they cannot see their way to allow the use of Gorey Courthouse for dance on 13th September, 1934, as Courthouse can only be used for such functions in connection with matters concerning the Co. Council or any of its Committees."

COMPLAINT BY HAULIERS

Complaint made by Wm. Hayes, Campile, on behalf of hauliers in his district as to distribution of work and reply of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, were referred to Co. Council meeting.

APPLICATIONS COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

The following applications for Compensation for Criminal Injury were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to defend:-

Edward Brennan, Ballyduff, £200. (burning of local Hall);
Trustees of Hall £200;
Patrick Fortune, Corah, Ballycarney, £20. (six cocks of Hay);
Eileen O'Kennedy, Tellerought, £12 for destruction of fence.

MOTOR DRIVING LICENCE HOLDERS

Mr. R.A. Small, York Street Livery Garage, Proud's Lane, York Street, Dublin, wrote offering to supply motor driving licence holders to the Co. Council free of charge.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That offer of Mr. R.A. Small to supply holders for motor driving licences free of charge, be accepted provided these are made and printed in Ireland.

"That we suggest the size of holder should be reduced to

"four inches by three inches to enable it to be kept in ordinary pocket wallet.

INTER-OFFICE TELEPHONE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to procure Chad Valley telephone installation between Co. Council Chamber and Co. Secretary's Office at cost not to exceed £3:10s."

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION:- Mr. Corish said that arising out of the Minutes of Finance Committee he wished to stress the point that as well as Councils being saddled with greater liability the Compensation had been reduced from 35/- to 30/- weekly. That was the greatest draw on the funds of Insurance Companies. They have received very considerable sums from local authorities and as it appeared the Companies are taking an unfair advantage as regards recent legislation the public authorities of the Country should press on the Irish Mutual Assurances to deal with this class of business.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th August, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING 7th SEPTEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th September, 1934.

Present, Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, Wm. Cullimore, Ml. Doyle, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly and Sean O'Byrne.

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

All the Rate Collectors were also present for portion of the proceedings.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £5156:5:0d were examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

THE NEW COLLECTION:- The Chairman said that as they were about to start a new Rate Collection he thought it would be well for the Members of the Finance Committee to have a talk with the Collectors and explain to them what was expected from them by the Council. They should fix some date by which the first moiety would be collected and he suggested the 30th November.

Mr. Colfer said that in the rural areas very little would be collected until after the Harvest.

The Chairman said the Harvest had finished but Mr. Colfer said this did not apply generally to the South of the County.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "The Finance Committee considers that a sum equal to the first moiety of Rates and arrears should be lodged by 31st December, 1934."

In connection with the issue of Credit Notes for rebate of rate on Supplementary Agricultural Grant, the Chairman considered it would be a great mistake to have the Credit Note in respect of First Moiety available up to 31st March, 1935, because this would act as a deterrent to the Collection of First Moiety.

Mr. Corish proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to allow the Wexford County Council to fix the 31st December, 1934, as the last day on which Credit Notes in respect of First Moiety of Rates will be honoured, any presented after that day for said Moiety to be regarded as invalid."

The Rate Collectors then attended.

The Chairman addressing them said that the Council expected the Collectors to get to work as soon as possible and to proceed as fast as possible. The Council he said had fixed the 31st December, 1934, as the latest date on which the first Moiety of Rate and arrears can be lodged and as regarded the issue of Credit Notes, provided the Minister agreed, the Credit Note in respect of first Moiety would not be available after the last day of the year but the Second Credit Note would run up to the 31st March, 1935. The Meeting would be glad to consider any matters which the Rate Collectors desired to lay before the meeting but he wished to again impress on them that the Council expected results immediately..Previously some of the Collectors were slow in starting with the result that for the whole year round the Collection was backward and dragged on in those particular districts. They were expected to get to work at once. If they could get most of the collection for First Moiety done in the early part of the year they would find it easier to get in a large proportion of the rate. Between this and the end of the year it would not be so difficult

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to get in the rates as during the Spring Period. They should lose no time whatever in starting and should bear in mind that the Land Commission would be collecting their Annuities in November and December and it was up to the Collectors to do their level best to get in all the money possible before then.

Collector Joseph Cummins, (No.8 District) who acted as spokesman for the Collectors, said they were dissatisfied with the present position. For the last two years they had a most difficult job - probably the most difficult in the County. They all did their honest best to collect the rates but the Law had almost broken down: ratepayers expressed dissatisfaction with them, they were abused and derided but they claimed to have done their very best. And having done this they did not expect to be "cut" in their poundage. They certainly did not expect to be paid on what they did not collect but in all fairness they should be paid on what they lodged and in this matter they felt they had a genuine grievance. They knew the Council were favourable and there should be some way out. The Department of Local Government were not unreasonable. As for seizures there would be no one found to purchase the Stock seized and the Rate Collectors were not in a position to guarantee the consequent expenses. He would ask the Chairman to put the case before the Minister for Local Government personally. It might be said they were not carrying out the terms of their appointment but at the present juncture anyone who expected that the Collectors could do this was living in a fool's paradise. As regards seizures, last week a seizure of 20 or 30 head of cattle did not realise the £6 expenses. In this case the Collector had utilized the law as far as it was possible but he got nowhere. In spite of incidents such as this the Collectors had been "cut" in their poundage and it was safe to say that some of them would not have £1 a week to live on. That was a poor

position in which to put a Collector. He would appeal to the Chairman to raise the matter of restoring the "cut" with the Minister for Local Government who he was sure would take a reasonable view of the matter.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, in reply to the Chairman said that if the Sheriff engaged men for a seizure and as a result the Sheriff might be out of pocket he would expect such expenses to be repaid by the Rate Collector.

Mr. Nolan, Rate Collector, (No.5 District) said that seven cows, a yearling and a horse which had been seized by him realised only £6:9s. while the expenses were £7 or £8, in addition to Solicitor's expenses. Last April or May he seized cattle and as they could not be sold they were returned.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Nolan said that in regard to the last mentioned seizure the Stock were not taken off the land.

The Chairman said that he understood any stock seized should be put into the public Pound and if that was not done it was doubtful if the Collector could be held responsible for the expenses.

Mr. Doyle said in the case referred to by Collector Nolan there was stock on the land for three or four years but the arrears were allowed to accumulate for a number of years up to £275 and no move was made to get the rate when it was much smaller. There was little possibility of recovering the full amount.

Mr. Nolan said the ratepayer had paid £50. He had seized 16 head of cattle and was able to dispose of eight only. The second eight were left on his hands for five or six weeks and he had to return them. There was about £200 due for rates on this particular holding previous to his appointment as Collector. In another case he obtained a decree for £70 but the Sheriff was unable to find anything to seize on the place. He tried for an Examination Order

but could not get it. The place was situate at Ballyknocken, Lady's Island.

The Chairman said that where a Rate Collector allowed arrears to accumulate he was inviting trouble. Regarding the lists of defaulting ratepayers which had been furnished County Councillors there was a large number, which to his knowledge could have paid. He would say to the Rate Collectors that if they had been more active they would have been able to obtain rates from a number of people whose names appeared on the outstanding list. These people had this year to pay the arrears and the current rate in addition so it could be seen if the Collectors are at all dilatory an arrear which will never be wiped off accumulates. If they had to bring the law into operation it would be much better to deal with cases of persons owing a small amount than to bring it into operation against people who owed £300 or £400 and who had nothing. That would be only throwing away good money and losing the rates also.

Mr. Doyle said if the Chairman's statement was correct it was the Rate Collectors who were to blame.

The Chairman said if the Rate Collectors acted a little oftener on their own it would have a great moral effect as regards the collection of rates over the whole County.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted: "That the attention of the Department for Local Government and Public Health be called to the request of the Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the "cut" in Rate Collectors' Poundage should be restored. That our Chairman be requested to interview the Minister, explain the many difficulties with which the Collectors had to contend, and endeavour to induce the Minister to take a favourable view of the request of the Council."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Colfer and seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approach the Department of Justice with a view to the adoption of an arrangement by which Rate Collectors will not be expected to guarantee the expenses of the Sheriff as regards seizures for Rates."

Mr. Doyle would not agree to the resolution. He would not advocate any more coercion on the unfortunate ratepayers. They had enough as it is.

The resolution was adopted, Mr. Doyle dissenting.

The Chairman said that some people who were able to pay took advantage of the fact that others were "hard set" to pay. These were the people the Rate Collector should be looking out for. The Rate Collector should know who was "hard set" and who were able to pay. Too many were now looking on rates as something which could be paid when they had paid everything else. They got this impression during these last couple of years owing to the disturbed state of the Country. If the Collectors set out right now and if the ratepayers are made to realise that so far as this Council is concerned they will see that ratepayers do their duty in the payment of their rates and will make no excuses in public or otherwise for Rate Collectors who fail to carry out their duty, the collection will be successfully carried out. It had been injured in the past by Councillors making excuses for ratepayers and Rate Collectors.

Mr. Dunne, Rate Collector, (No.15 District) submitted lists of outstanding ratepayers in his district setting out (a) the names of those able to pay and (b) those who in the opinion of the Collector were unable to pay.

It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Keegan should examine both lists and submit their observations to next Finance Committee Meeting.

Two similar lists were submitted by Collector Quirke (No.1 District) and referred for examination to Miss O'Ryan

and Mr. Kinsella who were asked to furnish report in the matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. M. Murphy (No.12 District) was asked to submit similar lists but as he had dealt with only certain ratepayers the lists were referred back to him with a direction to submit them in full detail.

POUNDAGE ON CREDIT NOTES:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:- "That poundage be paid collectors on amount of credit notes and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

Passed.

RATE COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 7:- The following under date 31st August, 1934, (G.108,988/34 - Loch Garman Fa) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 20th instant regarding the appointment of a Collector for District No.7 and to state that he is not prepared to alter the decision conveyed in this Department's letter of the 11th instant."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That as Rate Books have been issued to Collectors including Collector Deegan we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow the Council to continue in office for the present collection, Mr. John Deegan, Temporary Rate Collector for No.7 District: otherwise the collection will be held up."

RATE COLLECTOR O'REILLY:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That Collector Art Dunne (No.15 District) be continued as Temporary Rate Collector for No.13 District for current rate or for such period as Mr. O'Reilly holds the position of Temporary Rates Inspector, subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the approval of the Sureties of Messrs. Dunne and O'Reilly."

RATE COLLECTOR GANNON:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Collector Gannon be continued as temporary Rate Collector for District No.6 for Collection of rate and arrears in respect of financial year 1934/35."

PRINTING CREDIT NOTES:- The following tenders were received for printing Credit Notes:-

"The Echo", Enniscorthy.....£4:17:6d
Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.....£5:10:0d
Messrs. J. English & Co.....£7: 0:0d
The "People", Wexford.....£8:10:0d
The "Free Press", Wexford.....£10:0:0d.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the tender of "The Echo", Enniscorthy, at £4:17:6d for printing of credit Notes be accepted, provided the work is delivered as required by County Secretary."

ELECTORS' LISTS - PREPARATION OF

The Chairman said they had received complaints as to the preparation of Voters' lists which were not as complete as they should be. These complaints came from more than one District. They had a definite complaint from Gorey and Mr. Culleton at a recent meeting made a complaint as to portion of the list for Wexford District. The Council expected the collectors to be more careful in the preparation of these lists in the future. People resented very much being deprived of their votes on Election day and there was no reason why, if, Collectors, in the first instance, did their duty, that any citizen should not have the vote to which he was entitled. It certainly was very wrong to have him deprived of this vote through the negligence of a Rate Collector. No doubt some mistakes would be made but they could be brought down to the minimum and Rate Collectors should do this. Circulars had

been issued by the Department of Local Government that Rate Collectors would be suspended if the list was not in proper order. It was therefore up to the Collectors even for their own sakes to see that the name of every person entitled to vote appeared on the Electors' Lists.

Rate Collector Dunne supplied his observations to a list of 29 persons supplied by Mr. Keegan who, the latter contended, were deprived of Local Government Vote, The Collector held that of the 29, there were 20 who were not entitled to this Vote.

It was decided to refer Mr. Dunne's explanation to Mr. Keegan with a view to having the matter further discussed at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 22nd August, 1934, (Circular No. 24/16/34.A.) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote forwarding table showing the share of each County in the Agricultural Grant for the current year. The Grant was to be applied first to meeting the cost of the Primary and Secondary (Employment) Allowances, and the balance remaining by way of Supplementary Allowance at a flat rate in favour of that portion of the land valuation that received no relief out of the Primary and Secondary Allowances. The total amount of the Grant is £80,969.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the amount of rate for Primary and Secondary Grant was $6/0\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £. and for the Supplementary Grant $3/8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The following under date 31st August, 1934, (F. 34927) was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and subsequent letter and enclosure of 14th instant, relative to the proposal of your Council to award additional bursaries in connection with the above-mentioned scholarship Scheme. I am to send you the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, on the subject. I am to point out that it is not the function or province of the Minister for Education to

"decide legal difficulties arising out of the interpretation of the Scheme, and that his approval or opinion would not validate action taken by the Council, which a court of law might hold to be illegal.

"In the circumstances, therefore, I am to request you to refer the matter to the Council's legal adviser for his further consideration, and for submission to Counsel, if this is considered necessary.

"I am to add that the award of the five scholarships to the candidates who secured fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth and thirteenth places on the order of merit list, and of the three bursaries to the candidates who secured first, second and third places may be approved. The approval of the proposed additional bursaries is deferred pending further consideration, and reply to this communication."

In their letter to the Department of Education, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, contended that if the Council decided to make the award of the vacant scholarship they should award it as a Scholarship that was to say if they were going to make the award they should award six Scholarships and three bursaries and they had not the power, after the examination was over to award six bursaries and five scholarships.

The communication and enclosure from Department of Education were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, who reported as follows under date 3rd September, 1934:-

"I have read the letter from the Office of National Education and the copy letter from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, for Gerald William Fenelon, which accompanied same, and in my opinion, as I have already advised the County Council, they acted quite rightly in awarding (under the Provisions of Paragraph 2 of the Scheme) as Three Bursaries the amount available in consequence of a Girl's Scholarship being vacant, to the three boys who came fifth, sixth and seventh in the Examination Results, instead of awarding a Scholarship to a Boy who came eleventh on the list.

"The Scheme does not say that Six Scholarships shall be awarded, but that three Scholarships shall be awarded to Boys and Three to Girls which is not the same thing as Six Scholarships independent of the sex of the persons, and the Scheme sets out what is to be done if there is a vacancy for a boy's or girl's Scholarship as the case may be. The vacancy occurred in the present instance in the girl's section.

"To my mind, it would not be adhering to the provisions of the Scheme if the Council were to select the eleventh candidate on the list for an award, and pass over other candidates who had obtained higher places at the same Examination.

"The whole Principle of the Scheme is to secure Awards for the best qualified candidates, and the Council have carried this out."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the second opinion of Mr. Elgge, Co. Solicitor, as to awards under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme be furnished to the Office of National Education and that they be requested to confirm the action of the County Council in awarding three bursaries to Messrs. Kelly, Swords and Sheil."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The President, University College, Dublin, submitted the results of Leaving Certificate Examination in connection with the above Scheme as follows:-

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE</u>	<u>MARKS</u> <u>L. CERT.</u>
20th	Byrne James, Bayview, St. John's Rd., Wexford.	812
9th	Codd Anastatia, 27, William St., Wexford.	1109
1st	Cullimore Thomas, 15, Green St., Wexford.	1391
3rd	Delaney James J., 50, Parnell St., Wexford.	1238
15th	Doran James J., Palace East, New Ross.	934
16th	Ennis Susan Frances, 13, Grogan's Rd., Wexford.	927
13th	Forrestal Bridget, 10, South St., New Ross.	989
24th	Ffrench James, Ballyshane, Camolin. (Fail)	212
7th	Gantley William, 5, Quay, New Ross.	1172
21st	Hanlon James, 23, North St., New Ross.	704
6th	Kenny Patrick, Irish Street, Buncloody.	1195
14th	Lambert William Gerard, Sunnyside, Broadway.	962
19th	McCann Elizabeth, Motabower, Carnew.	851
22nd	McDonald Patrick Kevin, Kilmuckridge, Gorey (Fail)	628
11th	Murphy Laurence, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.	1072
23rd	Murphy Philip Ml., Knockreigh, Adamstown. (Fail)	517
17th	Murphy William A., Coolhull, Wellingtonbridge.	904
8th	O'Connor Margaret, Killeens, Wexford.	1115
4th	O'Sullivan Nora, Camolin.	1237
2nd	Power Patrick G.B., Chapel Railway Station.	1351
12th	Ronan Mary A., Drinagh, Broadway.	1023
10th	Sinnott Shane O'Neill, 7, Grattan Tce., Wexford.	1099
18th	Smyth Margaret Mary, 12, Wm. Street, Wexford.	884
5th	Tobin Philip, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.	1210

The President of University College, Dublin, wrote that the best ten candidates in order of merit represented a very good average and the first four were especially recommended for award in their order of marks. If any of the four were ineligible or unable to proceed those following were recommended in so far as scholarships were available. The other candidates obtaining marks over 1000 total are 11th and 12th. From 13th to 17th they are between 900 and 1000 in

total, fair pass candidates. Only three of the 24 candidates failed the Leaving Certificate examination. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That University Scholarships be awarded Thomas Cullimore, 15, Green Street, Wexford; Patrick G.B. Power, Chapel Railway Station, James J. Delaney, 50, Parnell Street, Wexford, who secured first, second and third places at the recent leaving certificate examination, and that fourth Scholarship be awarded William A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellington-bridge (although he secured only seventeenth place at Exam) in view of the provision of the Scheme that the Agricultural Scholarship offered by the Council is to be awarded to successful candidate in examination irrespective of place obtained by him in results, provided he be entitled to award of Scholarship on marks obtained.

Under date 6th September, 1934, Mr. Michael J. Tobin, University Scholar, applied for an extension of his Scholarship to take lectures for the degree of Higher Diploma in Education and to complete the course for the B.Comm. Degree.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con:- "That an extension of one year be agreed in the case of University Scholarship held by Michael J. Tobin."

Miss Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, wrote under date 6th September, 1934, applying for award of University Scholarship which was awarded to her in 1931 and reserved until she had completed her course as Teacher in the Training College. She had been unable to avail of the Scholarship last year as it was the Third year course of Lectures in the Training College,

It appeared that at the meeting of the Council on 14th September, 1931, four University Scholarships were awarded with the proviso that in the event of any of these

students failing to avail of award the vacancies should go to Joseph Flynn and Mary Kavanagh in the order named.

At the meeting of the Co. Council on 28th September, 1931, it was found that one of the successful candidates, Margaret O'Hanlon, had entered the Religious Life and the vacancy was offered Joseph Flynn at the meeting of the County Council on 12th October, 1931.

Mr. Flynn wrote that he was going to Rome to pursue his Ecclesiastical Studies and at the meeting of the Co. Council on 26th October, 1931, the following resolution was adopted:- "That vacant University Scholarship be offered to Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, who has been decided by the Academic Council of University College, Dublin, as eligible for the award of such Scholarship.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Co. Council on 14th December, 1931:- "That University Scholarship awarded Miss Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, be held over for her until she has completed her training for the position of National Teacher."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That in compliance with resolution of the Wexford Co. Council adopted at the meeting of the Council held on 14th December, 1931, the Council be recommended to approve of Mary Kavanagh, Hollyfort, Gorey, taking up her University Scholarship for present year."

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

The following letter under date 24th August, 1934, (L.3554-34) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th instant embodying resolution of the Wexford Co. Council in regard to the case of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to payment of salary to Mr. R. Malone as Local Authority Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Bovine Tuberculosis Order for the Wexford District for a maximum period of three months from the date on which he ceased to do duty in that capacity on account of illness. Please state the initial date of his absence on sick leave and also when it is expected that he will be able to resume duty."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cullimore:- "That a further month's sick leave as from 22nd August, 1934, be granted Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., on production of Medical Certificate, and that Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, continue to act as substitute for Mr. Malone during that period at rate of remuneration already agreed to.

"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal and that Mr. Malone be requested to state when approximately he will be able to resume duty."

LOAN - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

A long correspondence between Thomas Whittaker, Carrick Chambers, 51, Fountain Street, Manchester, and the County Secretary, was read. The former wrote that he had Clients with substantial funds who were prepared to invest with Local Authorities for periods of up to 40 years and asked to be allowed to submit an offer. The Co. Secretary wrote that the Co. Council were anxious to obtain a loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for 35 years. Replying to this Mr. Whittaker wrote that offers amounting to £250,000 had been made by his clients to Local Authorities in Ireland but other clients of his would be prepared to make loans to local Authorities subject to a "mutual" break every seventh year. Following this the Co. Secretary asked to be referred to any of the Local Authorities in Ireland to whom Mr. Whittaker's clients had advanced £250,000. In reply Mr. Whittaker wrote that his clients would not permit him to supply the names of the Local Authorities to whom loans had been advanced as these transactions were of a confidential nature.

The Finance Committee were of opinion that no advantage would be gained by continuing the correspondence with Mr. Whittaker.

Under date 30th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (H.108078-34 Loch Garman)

that loan of £80 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Wexford County Council to Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin, had been sanctioned.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to advance loan of £80 to Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin."

Report was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, that the house proposed to be erected by Andrew Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killenagh, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was value for £160.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That in view of report of Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, the Co. Council be recommended to advance, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, loan of £100 to Andrew Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killenagh, for erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

GOREY HILL QUARRY
CLAIM BY MISS PALMER.

Under date 4th September, 1934, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, wrote that in consequence of a "terrific" blast at Gorey Hill Quarry on the 30th August, 1934, considerable damage was done to the land and crops of their client, Miss Harriet E. Palmer, and she was put to considerable trouble in housing her cattle and endeavouring to have her lands cleared of stones. The damage was estimated at £12:15s. More serious than this, however, was the effect this blasting was having on Miss Palmer's dwelling house and out-offices, which received a very bad shaking on the occasion of the blast, referred to. Unless the damages were paid with £1:1:0d costs and the Council gave an undertaking to discontinue blasting in the Quarry the Solicitors would take such proceedings for the protection of their client's property as they may be advised.

The Co. Surveyor said he had asked Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, to get Mr. G.W. Warren, Auctioneer, Gorey, to see the place before and after the blast and Mr. Warren reported that £1:10s. would be reasonable compensation. He (Co. Surveyor) had reported the claim to the Insurance Brokers on 6th September. On a previous occasion when Miss Palmer claimed for damage to her house and lands, Mr. Treanor had inspected the place and when the claim came before the Court the portion claiming for damage to the house was thrown out. She did get some compensation for the damage done by the stones to the surface of the land.

The Committee decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, to leave the matter in the hands of the Insurance Brokers."

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS

Requisition for supply of various articles required by the Ex-officio Inspectors under above Acts from Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, was submitted.

In reply to query the Secretary said that the articles requisitioned would cost about £17 or £18. Some of them would be supplied from County Council Offices.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That articles requisitioned by Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, under Food & Drugs Acts be approved."

REMOVAL OF DRUM OF TAR FROM ROAD No. 11

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported under date 3rd September, 1934, that on 1st September, 1934, Michael Boyle, Road Ganger, had reported to him that a drum containing about 30 gallons of tar was removed from a depot on the road at Whitemoor on the night of 30th or morning of 31st August. He (Mr. O'Neill) went to the road and with the Ganger had a look round but did not find any trace of the drum. Sometime later he secured some information and got in touch with the Garda

Siochana and on the 1st September, he was shown a drum containing some tar at the Garda Station, New Ross, and made a statement in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor said that he understood the Garda Siochana were proceeding against the person who (it was alleged) had taken away the tar drum.

GOREY UNION BUILDINGS

Under date 4th September, 1934, Patrick Dwyer, Gorey, applied for the use of a ward in Gorey Union Buildings for the drying of his tobacco crop for the month of October.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the application of Patrick Dwyer for accommodation in Gorey Old Union Buildings for the drying of his tobacco crop be referred to the County Board of Health."

APPLICATION CRIMINAL INJURY.

The following application for compensation for criminal injury was referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to oppose:- Margaret Dempsey, South Main Street, Wexford, £2:2s. damage to shop window.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Under date 4th September, 1934, the District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made to New Ross District Court for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School of Margaret Patricia Carroll, aged about 6½ years, illegitimate child of Rose Carroll at present employed as maid in the Auxiliary Hospital, New Ross.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be directed to oppose the application for the committal of Margaret Patricia Carroll to Industrial School."

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

Under date 7th September, 1934, Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., wrote apologising for the delay in replying to query as to sick leave which occurred as his doctor was away for summer holiday. The latter had now recommended that he (Mr. Malone) apply for a further three months' leave.

The following Medical Certificate under date 3rd September, 1934, was read from Dr. D.F. Walker, Springfield, Portlaw, Co. Waterford:-

"I certify that Richard Malone, Esq., V.S., who has been ill for the past three months and unable to work is still under medical treatment. He has made some improvement but is not yet able to carry out his duties and in view of the advent of Winter and probably bad weather I recommend that he be granted an additional three months' sick leave."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a further three months' sick leave as from 22nd August, 1934, be granted to Mr. Malone, Veterinary Inspector, to this Co. Council, in accordance with Medical Certificate and that Mr. F. Staples, V.S., act as substitute during the period, remuneration for his services to be at the rate already agreed to, and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th September, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed."

LOAN FOR CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Lawlor moved the following of which he had given previous notice, and which was circulated to the Co. Councillors on 8th August, 1934:-

"That permission of the Council be granted to Co. Wexford Board of Health to borrow a sum of £12,000 (Twelve Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of erection of Labourers' Cottages."

Mr. Ronan seconded.

Mr. Doyle asked what was the £12,000 for. Was it in

connection with plots which were in the possession of the Board of Health but which had not been built on.

The Secretary stated the Board of Health had in July, adopted a resolution directing that the 57 to 60 fenced Labourers' Cottage Plots in Enniscorthy area be built on, and the estimate of their Engineer for the work was £12,000, amount of proposed loan.

Col. Quin objected to the motion. They had decided to build cottages up to £100,000 and calculating on that the Board should have £20,000 or £25,000 left, from the old scheme. In those circumstances he could not understand why a new loan was necessary.

Mr. Doyle suggested that the following addition should be made to Mr. Lawlor's motion:- "That the £12,000 to be borrowed is to be taken into consideration at the time the new scheme for cottages is under consideration when Enniscorthy area shall be granted only their proportion of the number of houses less the number that would be represented by the £12,000 now sought for. But this proviso is not to be taken as applying to any scheme for the erection of houses in villages contemplated by the Government."

Col. Gibbon seconded Mr. Doyle's motion which was adopted on a show of hands 16 being for and 6 against.

Mr. Lawlor's motion was then agreed to with the addition suggested by Mr. Doyle, Col. Quin dissenting.

PROPOSED WEEKLY PAYMENTS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Culleton:- "That the Road and Quarry workers be paid weekly in future."

In moving his motion Mr. Culleton said he would include in it all employees of the Council who were paid by the hour. The County Council workers were a satisfactory body which deserved consideration but the system of paying them fortnightly could not be said to be satisfactory. From personal

experience he could prove that Council workers who on their first employment might have to wait for three weeks for their pay suffered great hardship though it was stated by some Councillors they did not. It was said it would be difficult to alter the present system but he could not see that this was insurmountable as a subsidiary or petty cash account could be established to meet weekly payments.

Mr. Kelly, in seconding the motion, said that he would like to point out that in the north of the County, even when a man got his cheque under the present system, it was about four o'clock in the evening, and in the winter months that meant an extreme hardship, because it would be night and his wife could not go five or six miles to a town for supplies. In the neighbouring County of Carlow, the cheques were all sent out to the ganger in one envelope, and the men maintained it was a much quicker and more economical system.

The Secretary said that the system mentioned by Mr. Kelly had obtained in Wexford for a considerable time but the Auditor of the Department of Local Government and Public Health objected to it and in consequence a Pay Order was now sent to each employee of the Council after Finance Meetings.

Mr. Culleton complained that a receipt stamp had to be affixed to a Pay Order and the Council should make the men an allowance for this as their wages were supposed to be paid in full.

The Co. Surveyor admitted that the workers had a grievance. If a man started on Monday of last week he would have to wait three weeks for pay, but if he started this week he would only have to wait a fortnight. In regard to the first instance, after the first three weeks a man would get his pay regularly fortnight after fortnight, and if some provision could be made for advancing a man his pay for the first week he came into employment he thought that was all that would be necessary. If they were going to have weekly

payments they would have weekly meetings of the finance Committee and of course that would mean an extra day every week taken off the Assistant Surveyors' work, when they would otherwise be better employed.

Col. Gibbon said he thought the simplest way out would be to adopt the Co. Surveyor's proposal. He (Col. Gibbon) thought it was rather hard to keep a man out of his money for three weeks. He proposed that an Imprest Fund be created with the sanction of the Local Government Department and that the Co. Surveyor be authorised to draw on that fund to pay people in cases where hardships would be created.

Mr. Doyle did not think anyone was opposed to weekly payments, provided the cost was not exorbitant, but he thought the cost would be exceedingly great, considering the utility of the weekly payments. He would support the scheme if he knew the difference they would have in the cost of their clerical staffs - if not exorbitant, by all means let the men have weekly payments. However, he did not see that there would be very great hardship entailed if what the Co. Surveyor said were carried out, because he knew several employees on farms were affected by a similar system. No man engaged on his farm, for instance, got anything but a fortnightly payment. He seconded Col. Gibbon's motion.

In reply to the Chairman as to the extra work in the office consequent on weekly payments, the Secretary said he would certainly want one clerk to start with. The present staff were working up to full capacity.

The Chairman said he interviewed a number of road workers and the one grievance - in the case of coming in to work in the middle of a fortnight - was the only grievance they seemed to have. They would like to get weekly payments if they could but they said the objection in that connection was not a big one at all. The real trouble in the matter was they they would have to have finance meetings every week and he doubted

if Members would be prepared to attend weekly, and if they did, in addition to the clerk there would be extra travelling expenses for the finance Committee, and the day's work lost by the assistant surveyors.

Mr. Corish said his opinion was that there was a great deal of inconvenience caused to workers who were only paid each fortnight, and he suggested that some means should be devised by which men could be paid weekly, the same as in any other job. He did not see any reason why there should not be a special fund created. With regard to the question of the finance committee meeting every week, would it not be possible to have a sub-committee of the finance committee appointed from members who resided at convenient distances?

Mr. Cummins said there was not a road worker in his district but would like to get paid every week and the fortnightly system was not only a great inconvenience to himself but to the people with whom he was dealing.

The Chairman said that under the Public Bodies Order a sub-committee of the finance committee could not sign Treasurer's Advice Notes.

Mr. Corish - I do not believe they mean it to apply in that way at all - to keep a man from getting what he earns at the end of the week. I believe it is an inconvenience to everyone concerned.

The Chairman suggested that a sub-committee of the Council be appointed to go into the matter of the weekly payments and report to the Council.

Col. Gibbon said that ever since he became a member of the Council the subject had been brought up on at least two occasions. The Council went into the matter and referred it to the Secretary and the Co. Surveyor for report, and on each occasion found it impracticable.

Mr. Culleton said that even if a change of system meant the employment of an extra clerk he thought they should welcome

the increased employment. He admitted, as the Chairman had pointed out in reference to his interviewing workers concerned, that their principal grievance was in regard to what they called the "hanging" week, but they urged that the Council would, if possible, introduce a scheme to give weekly payments. With regard to a sub-committee not having authority to sign paying orders, as Mr. Cummins had said they were trying to do their best for the working people, and they had a sympathetic Government at present, and they should ask Mr. Corish to request sanction for such a procedure.

Chairman - They would have to pass legislation.

In reply to Mr. Doyle as to the cost that would be involved, the Secretary said there would be the double postage, two extra clerks and travelling expenses for the members of the Committee. The cost would be a lot more than £100.

Mr. Keegan - Would there be any possibility of holding the finance committee meetings only fortnightly, and having the committee make provision for the forthcoming week?

Secretary - The Department decided that every worker get a pay order and that must be backed by a treasurer's advice note which must be signed at a finance meeting.

Mr. Keegan - Would it be possible for the Committee to meet fortnightly and still make weekly payments?

Secretary - you can pay no road worker except through a finance committee.

The Co. Surveyor said that from time to time when there was a special hardship he had advanced the money out of his own pocket and got it back at the next finance meeting, but that could not be done wholesale.

Mr. Colfer - If you appointed a sub-committee of local members there would be no expense.

Secretary - But a sub-committee is not legal.

Mr. Colfer - I think we should try to make it legal.

Secretary - I recognise the hardship to the workers but

at the same time we have laws to keep inside.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be postponed pending the Department's decision on Col. Gibbon's amendment that an Imprest fund be created.

Mr. Culleton said that everyone seemed to agree that there was a hardship, and he would agree to an adjournment. He proposed that the Department be requested to state if it would be possible for a sub-committee of the finance committee to deal with treasurer's advice notes for the purpose of paying County Council employees on a weekly basis.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the proposition was passed.

Mr. Doyle said that in view of the adjournment he would ask the Secretary to ascertain the probable cost. There was no use in talking about it going to cost £100, it would cost £300 at least.

Chairman - £500 I think.

Mr. Culleton agreed to the postponement of further consideration of his motion as regards weekly payments and Col. Gibbon's motion as to the establishment of an Imprest A/c was also postponed.

CO.COUNCIL WORKERS & TRADE UNIONS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Kelly:- "That on and from September 1st 1934, all regular road and quarry employees employed by the Co.Council be required to join an Irish Trade Union. That any worker who is over eight weeks in arrears in his union be dismissed unless he clears up his card. That no new worker be taken on the regular staff until he produces his trades Union Card to the ganger for inspection."

In moving the motion, Mr. Kelly said that in 1925, a similar one was passed by the Co.Council and enforced, and when the new council came into office in 1928 the resolution was rescinded. There were a number of road workers in the County who wished to be in a trades union and a number who did

not want to be. The argument put up by the people wanting to come into a trades union was that the men remaining out got the same concessions and for that reason they wanted to enforce it all round. A similar order, in accordance with his motion, was adopted by a number of public bodies, including the Dublin Corporation.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion.

Col. Quin objected to the proposal most strongly because it attempted to turn the Council into a trades union. After all while the workers had their sympathy he thought it was not fair to force people to join a union. If a man, he continued, does not want to join a union, why should he be forced and why should we be forced to help that? We have nothing to do with a trades union and why should we be made into a trades union? I think it is most unfair and most abominable tyranny to force a man into a union.

Mr. Doyle - I also oppose the motion because I think the Co.Council should not be turned into a recruiting ground for any purpose such as is proposed by Mr. Kelly. We might as well turn around any say we will not employ anybody but a farmer for haulage work and we might as well put that forward as Mr.Kelly is doing with his motion. I say we have just as good a right to do that, and to turn the Co.Council into a recruiting shop for any union in the country is monstrous, and the resolution is one that should not have been brought forward.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said his opinion was that there was no power to dictate to any man as to whether he should belong to a union or not.

Mr. Sweetman said that in view of Mr. Elgee's opinion the resolution was out of order.

The Chairman said he considered the Council were bound to accept the opinion of Mr. Elgee in the matter but Mr. Corish questioned this.

Chairman - My belief is that the Co.Council as a Council would be stultifying itself in passing that resolution. We have no right to force workers to join a trades union, though, personally, I believe every worker in his own interest should belong to a trades union. The Council have no objection whatever to anyone belonging to a trades union, but I think the Council would be wrong to pass the resolution, even if we had the power to compel workers to join a particular union or otherwise. Proceeding, the Chairman said he would put the motion to the meeting.

Mr. Doyle - I must disagree with the people who are asking to put that resolution to the meeting. When you have it on the opinion of your solicitor, and if you think it is illegal, why should you put it? Proceeding, Mr. Doyle thought it was an extraordinary thing, having been guided by their lawyer's opinion and having adhered to his opinion in many things, to put such a resolution when it was illegal.

Chairman - Such a resolution was put before and carried here. It was rescinded by another resolution of the Council and I am taking that as a precedent for putting it now.

Mr. Keegan objected to the latter part of the resolution that a man should produce his insurance Cards to the Ganger. The latter should have nothing whatever to do with the employment of road workers or carters. The Council had adopted that rule and he hoped it would continue to hold.

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

FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore and Kelly.(5)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Cummins, Day, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Lawlor, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. (19).

Mr. Ronan (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF WAGES

ROAD AND QUARRY WORKERS

The following motion of which he had given pervious notice stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:- "That the wages of all road and quarry workers on the regular staff be increased to 35/- per week, and that the working time be 47 hours."

Mr. Kelly said he would withdraw this motion and move it when the Road Works Scheme for next financial year was under consideration.

TWO MEETINGS ON ONE DAY

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:- "That in future, no two meetings of any Boards or Committees be held on the same day."

Mr. Kelly withdrew the motion as he said there was now no necessity for it as there were no two meetings of the Council or its Committees held on the same day.

CONTRIBUTION -
TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNCILLORS.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Kelly:- "That we ask the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation at once whereby members attending any Boards or Committees will get paid travelling expenses when they attend 75% of the possible meetings within six months. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government and to all the Co. Wexford T.Ds. That payments be made retrospective to members of Public Bodies elected or co-opted since January 1st, 1928."

Mr. Kelly said that it was grossly unfair that men who were elected to the Council for the first time in June last could not be made a contribution towards their travelling expenses because they could not perform an impossibility to comply with the law, viz. to attend 75% of the meetings held

during the half year. Although they attended every single meeting from the date of their election to the end of the half year they could not be paid a penny.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR FARMERS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Lawlor:- "That we, the Wexford County Council, respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Executive Council, to introduce legislation whereby small farmers, holding up to 40 statute acres, would be entitled to have dwelling houses erected under the same conditions as applies under the present Labourers' (Housing) Acts. A certificate from the sanitary officer condemning their present dwellings and a statement of their inability to erect suitable dwellings themselves, are to accompany each application form. Copy of this resolution to be furnished to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to each County Council in the Saorstát."

Mr. Lawlor said his reason for putting forward the motion was to call attention to the insanitary dwellings occupied by a number of small farmers who were unable to erect houses for themselves. None of the Acts at present in force applied to them, and these poor people had no money to start building. There were no funds made available to meet their case and some of them were living in very bad houses. He called the attention of the Council to the matter in the hope that the Government may do something for this class of person later on. In the parish he (Mr. Lawlor) lived in there were some wretched houses occupied by poor farmers with five and ten acres of land. He thought they should adopt the resolution, and it would probably create public opinion in the matter, and result in something being done by the Government for them. If some scale could be worked out as was worked in

connection with the dwellings for labourers it would be a great thing, and at a rental of 2/- or 2/6d per week, otherwise he was afraid these people would have to live in their wretched dwellings during their lifetime.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded the motion and said there was hardly anyone in the community at present as *badly* affected in the way of housing as was the small farmer.

Mr. Kelly - Cannot these people build houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act?

Secretary - Your loans are confined to houses subject to Government grants, and the reason for that was to ensure that a man applying for a loan was erecting a suitable house, and in addition you have the Government dealing with the plans and specifications. You have no concern with it, and I think it would be rather unwise for the moment to depart from that.

Mr. Kelly asked if the object of the motion was to give a man with forty acres of land a house and put him on the same plane as an agricultural labourer.

Chairman - If you pass the resolution it would do no harm, but I do not think it is feasible. A farmer with any size of a holding could get a loan under the Small Dwellings Act.

Mr. Lawlor - The loan is not all. He would not have the capital to start with and he will not get the loan until the house is up.

Chairman - He could apply to the Board of Works and have the house built on a charge on his holding.

Mr. Cummins - The charge would be too high.

After further discussion the motion was withdrawn.

PENSIONS FOR THE BLIND

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Lawlor:- "That we earnestly request the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the fact that several claims for Blind Pensions have

"been provisionally passed by Enniscorthy and Killealy Old Age Pension Sub Committee (No.5) during the past two or three years and those persons are still awaiting medical examination by the Department's Officers. This constitutes a serious grievance as many of those people are destitute and the Department of Local Government and Public Health will not accept the Dispensary Doctors' Certificates. We earnestly request that the matter be attended to as soon as possible."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Passed.

SLIPPERY ROADS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Connors:- "That the Main Road leading into Ferns be treated to the extent of four feet wide on each side with light spraying of tar and chippings, to make it safe for horse traffic."

In moving his motion Mr. Connors said that every Councillor was aware of the very dangerous state of this trunk road between Ferns and Enniscorthy. Several complaints had been made in regard to it but nothing had been done. The farmers in the district could not do their business on account of its condition as they could not get their horses to keep their feet on it. Some men were obliged to go five miles of a round to get into town as horses were falling, cars injured and life and limb endangered. The road was impassible for horse traffic at the moment. Mr. Ennis had informed him he was not prepared to do anything to the road at present as he had no steam roller and no tar sprayer. He asked Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, for the sake of all the many farmers in the area to have something done. One could hardly walk on the portion of the road from the street of Ferns to the Rectory Gate.

Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

Mr. Smyth supporting, said the Ballycanew road was being

repaired at present and he asked that some precautions should be taken to prevent the same state of things as existed at Ferns. He brought this up before but did not receive a definite answer.

The Co. Surveyor said that they were dealing with the sides of the road between Wexford and Rosslare so that horse traffic could use it with safety. They intended to continue that as far as they could leaving the sides rough.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Connors as to the Ferns Road and pointed out that a big section of the road from Gorey to Enniscorthy was impassible for horse traffic and farmers attending Enniscorthy Fair from Gorey District had to go a back road the whole way and could not use the main road for drawing corn, coal or other supplies. Something should be done with that road to make it suitable for horse traffic. If the margin even at one side was treated it would be a help, but as he said something should be done and done speedily.

Mr. Keegan complained of the road from Gorey to Arklow but the Co. Surveyor said the complaints referred to roads on which there were hills while the Gorey-Arklow road was generally level.

Col. Gibbon said the problem applied all over the County and was not confined to an isolated case. They were tarring those roads under compulsion on the advice, and he used the word "advice" advisedly, given by the Inspector of the Local Government Department. They told the Council that unless they tarred these main roads the grants would be "cut". They should ask the Department to make an investigation into the matter. At one time they were going to experiment to see what could be done to make these roads safe for horse traffic, but he did not know what had been done. They should ask the Local Government Department for a definite report in the matter.

Col. Quin contended that the Gorey-Arklow Road would be

much better if the margins were removed. He had received several complaints from his workmen as to its slippery condition.

Mr. Walsh pointed out that more than one complaint in this matter had been made from Ross District. The hill at Knockmullen was almost impassible and the same could be said of the road from Mountgarrett Bridge. This caused a serious disadvantage to the town and to the surrounding districts, as people have to make long detours to carry on their business. Something should be done by the Government or by the Co. Council to relieve the situation.

The Chairman said it appeared to him there was entirely too much tar used on the roads. It boiled up through the surface giving one the impression that the road was really constructed with tar and not with stones.

The Co. Surveyor said that the road from Enniscorthy to Gorey was now beginning to become smooth. For a good while it had been the practice particularly on hills to have the sides finished with coarse material. If they did not use tar on these roads they would become pot-holed, after a very short time, and the surface deteriorated.

The Chairman asked if any funds were available to do the most dangerous places.

Mr. Redmond complained that going into the town of New Ross through the Maudlins the road was covered with loose stones which were dangerous to traffic.

Mr. Ronan supported the motion of Mr. Connors and also referred to the road from Ballycarney to Enniscorthy which was very slippery at Scarawalsh Hill.

The Co. Surveyor said the only thing could be done was to put on an extra dose of fine screenings. There were no funds to carry out a wholesale treatment of all the roads. They would put the "chips" on the sides of the road and leave it there.

Mr. Connors said this would be money thrown away, when they put the screenings on the road they were scattered in an hour's time.

Mr. Sweetman contended that if horses were properly shod they could use the roads with safety. Something might be done with the steep hills but it would be holding up progress if they went back to rough roads.

The Chairman said as the Co. Surveyor had no money to do what was proposed in Mr. Connors' motion there was no use in passing it.

After further discussion the Chairman put the motion which, on a show of hands, was adopted by 11 votes to 6.

The Chairman said they would give the Co. Surveyor instructions to do the bad parts of the road out of the Contingency Fund. He proposed the following resolution:-
"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked if they have any report on the investigation they made some time ago as to slippery roads and could it be furnished the Council."

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which was adopted nem.con.

EMPLOYMENT OF CO. COUNCIL WORKERS

Mr. Ronan said that with regard to the regular road and quarry workers, a certain number all over the county had been dismissed recently, and usually they were the men with the least number of stamps. He believed that that had been happening every year, and he did not think it was fair to the men. Some single men were kept on, while married men with very few stamps were being dismissed. He thought that if there was not sufficient money to keep the men on the whole crowd should work on until all were dismissed, or, if not, let them all work four or five days a week and give them all the same money.

The Co. Surveyor said it certainly would not be feasible to go ahead and work out all the job at once. As a rule the

men retained were the best men, and usually - he would not say always - they were men with dependents.

Mr. Corish - Married men were to get first preference always, weren't they?

Co. Surveyor - After all if we have men working with us twelve or fifteen years and doing good work it would not be good business to dismiss them.

Mr. Ronan - Why not employ all the men, say, for five days a week, instead of dismissing a couple of men, say, out of ten? Why not keep them on four or five days a week for the whole season?

Mr. Lawlor - This thing of dismissing men causes discontent.

The Chairman said he had had complaints about the same thing. He supposed it was compulsory on the Co. Surveyor, owing to funds, but he thought it would be better if he could devise some system - put them on a short week if there was no objection.

Mr. Sweetman thought that system would be very bad. A man working on short time could not get a job for the remainder of the time. He thought the Labour people would object to that. If a man lost a job he might be able to get a job somewhere else, but working five days a week he had a day to throw away. They would lower the standard of living among the workers.

Mr. Ronan said that, unfortunately, a man who was dismissed had nothing if he had no stamps.

Mr. Sweetman - He has a possibility of getting a job. I think you would have a much bigger outcry if you put them on a five-day week and reduced their wages accordingly.

Mr. Connors - Is it true you have men on direct labour that never drew any of this dole?

The Co. Surveyor said there were some men who got as much time as they could give them, though not the whole time

Mr. Connors - Are you aware that there are men that have no stamps?

Co. Surveyor - There are two ways of looking at the matter, and that is really the difficulty. One thing is the question of giving employment, and the other is a question of getting the work done. We have been trying to get the work done in the most efficient manner.

Mr. Corish said he had always been, and always would be, against the policy advocated by Mr. Connors. It was a vicious principle. He wondered how would Mr. Connors like to walk out of his employment and let some other one into it. He was against the principle of putting men out because they had insurance stamps on their cards. If that principle were started they would not know where it was going to end. No man was going to be sure of any job. There was something to be said for the point raised by Mr. Ronan, especially where single men were kept on, and he thought there should be an inquiry into the matter. He did not think the question of shortening the week would solve the question.

Mr. Keegan said there was a lot of discontent in the matter. Men had ten or twelve years' stamps. There was always work provided for a certain section of men. There was a certain amount of discontent in that way. Another thing he would like to know - there was a couple of thousand pounds being laid out at the moment on a road from Gorey railway bridge, and at present there was no hand-breaking. The people generally were of opinion, when £2,000 was mentioned for a short bit of road like that, that it was going to relieve a lot of unemployment. He thought it had relieved very little unemployment. It was what they called their own staff in the majority of cases, that were doing all the work. A number of men who expected hand-breaking on that work had been with him.

The Co. Surveyor said he would not consider hand-

breaking suitable for the work at all.

The Chairman said that two or three years ago the Council adopted a scheme of hand-breaking all over and it gave a huge amount of employment. It seemed that the Council had reversed that policy and had gone back to machine-broken stones. He thought they should advocate a system of, as far as possible, having stones broken by hand.

The Co.Surveyor said they broke a lot of stones by hand.

The Chairman proposed that a small committee go into the whole matter of short time, etc. with the Co.Surveyor and also with regard to the hand-breaking of stones, and see if more employment could be given through the money available.

Mr. Sweetman seconded, and the proposition was passed.

Mr. Meyler proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the question of employment of men, short time and hand-breaking of road material be referred to the Finance Committee."

HAULAGE WORK AT CAMPILE

The following relative to above was read:-

"I beg to bring before your notice the complaint of four or five hauliers in this district. Their complaint is that the haulage is not equally divided. One man, who is single, gets all the special haulage, as the records of Mr. O'Neill's books will show, and there is the continued employment of a man named James Grace, at 9/- per day, while we, as married men, only get about 30/- for the year all round. We say that employment should not be left to the local ganger who employs his favourites. We are small ratepayers, with three or four acres, and we beg of your council to make some arrangement so as the work will be equally divided, and each get a share. We also complain that one hauler is employed at the crusher every time it is at work in Campile quarry - a man by the name of Whelan, who is a blacksmith, with twelve acres. We complained of this case before, and there was no alteration for some time, but the crusher has been here now three times and the one man is employed with two horses."

The communication was signed "Yours fraternally" by William Hayes, on behalf of James McGrath, James O'Brien, Wm. Shannon and John McFarlane.

The Secretary said he acknowledged Mr. Wm. Hayes's letter but it was returned with "address not known".

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Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, replied: Grace has been employed occasionally for a number of years as a labourer and a carter. He is at present employed in hauling tarred stones from the depots for spreading. He is, in my opinion, as much in need of some work as any of the memorialists, and he is far more efficient. Nicholas Whelan has been employed at the crusher in Campile quarry, and occasionally twice a year for the last eleven years, and he has given every satisfaction. Whenever there was need of a second carter, Wm. Shannon was employed. Shannon's son has the haulage of four roads, and James McGrath has the haulage for four roads. James O'Brien John McFarlane and Wm. Hayes have one road each. McFarlane was offered some haulage a short time ago, but refused it, as he said he was better paid by the local Co-operative Society. He is also contractor for a road, and his money is always deferred for want of work. The same remark applies to McGrath. All the carters get their share of any work under relief grants, or otherwise, in the district."

Col. Quin proposed that they accept Mr. O'Neill's report as satisfactory.

Mr. Redmond (Thomas) seconded the proposition, which was unanimously adopted.

OLD AGE PENSION SUB COMMITTEE No.4.

Under date 9th August, 1934, Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, P.P. Gorey, wrote that he was much obliged to the Co. Council for wishing him to continue membership of the local Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.4, but he would regard it as a favour if the Council would kindly consider the matter as settled by his previous letter.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That we accept with regret the resignation of Very Rev. Dean Rossiter as member of Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.4 and that Rev. Owen Kavanagh, P.P.

"Ballygarrett, Gorey, be appointed to the vacancy."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. James Connors, Gorey, be appointed a member of Old Age Pension Sub Committee No.4 vice Very Rev. Dean Rossiter, resigned."

On a show of hands 13 voted for the appointment of Fr. Kavanagh and 4 for Mr. Connors.

The Chairman declared Fr. Kavanagh elected.

TEMPORARY RATES INSPECTOR

Under date 31st August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.109989/34 - Loch Garman) that the Minister raised no objection to the temporary arrangements proposed by the Council for having the duties of Rates Inspector carried out pending a permanent appointment.

MEN EXECUTED IN 1923

Under date 27th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (G.108077/34 Loch Garman)

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant transmitting a resolution of the Council directing the railing of a plot at the County Hall and the erection of a slab containing the names of the men executed on this spot in, 1923, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that this matter appears to be one for the County Council. The Minister was pleased to learn that the Council have decided to take this action."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by the Chairman:- "That the County Surveyor prepare the necessary plans etc. for railing round plot in which lie the bodies of the men executed in 1923 and also the slab for same."

Col. Quin said it appeared in the *P*ress that the resolution of the Council on this matter was passed unanimously. He, for one, did not want to say anything upon it at the time, as the people concerned were dead, but at the same time he would look upon himself as a coward for not having referred to it at that time. He thought the decision of the Council was casting a slur on the late

Government, for whom he had very great respect.

Mr. Keegan - It is rather an unusual motion that Col. Quin will not dissent from.

Mr. Cummins - It is a pity that you are not with us.

TURF DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Under date 20th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Combined Purchasing Section) wrote calling attention to the establishment of the Turf Development Board Ltd., whose function would be to encourage the production and consumption of turf throughout An Saorstát. The Board aimed at co-ordinating the production and distribution of turf and towards this end had set up in Turf producing districts Co-operative Turf Societies which the Minister for Industry and Commerce desired to be fostered to the greatest possible extent. Local Bodies could very materially assist this object by making arrangements to order their supplies of Turf through the Development Board which, in turn, would arrange for delivery from the local co-operative Societies. Before placing an order for turf the Local Bodies should communicate with the Secretary of the Development Board, 10, Hume Street, Dublin.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES

Under date 31st August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (IR/45) that explosives required for quarrying road material could no longer be arranged for in Military Barracks and local authorities would have to make their own arrangements in the matter. The County Surveyor should report to the Council and make suitable recommendations having regard to the provisions of the Explosives Act 1875. Provision had been made in some Counties for the storage and distribution of explosives and Surveyors of adjoining Counties might make temporary arrangements for the joint use of an existing building

licensed for the purpose in any of such Counties until permanent arrangements could be made. The Co. Surveyor should report direct in this matter to the Department and if accommodation existed he should furnish particulars as to the control and distribution of the explosives.

Where buildings were proposed to be erected specifications and drawings for an explosive store and Detonator Annexe for the storage of one ton of explosives would be made available for Surveyors so far as was possible.

The Co. Surveyor said he had the plans in question from the time it was in contemplation to erect a store in the grounds of the County Hall. The Store was bound to be, by Law, a certain distance from any building and this was possible for a small Magazine until the Corporation erected a small "town of houses" outside the boundary wall of County Hall. It was now out of the question to secure a site on the premises. The only place available would be Kerlogue Quarry or possibly in Ballyboggan on the other side of the town. It would not be possible to join in with any other County as Wexford would be too far away from them and besides Wexford County probably used more explosives in the year than any three other Counties. He would submit a report in the matter to the next meeting of the Finance Committee. The explosives were stored at present in a very indifferent place in the old Military barracks and into which rats had broken. The Council were bound to put the Magazine away from any building and the only place available is Kerlogue Quarry. They should also see that the Magazine will be far enough away to prevent any injury taking place by an explosion in the quarry.

Adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee for report of Co. Surveyor.

STOPPAGE OF SALARIES OF OFFICIALS

The following under date 18th August, 1934, (G.102900-34) was read from Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to advert to your letter of the 6th instant regarding the payment of withheld remuneration to certain officers of the County Council. I have to state that the Minister intends to bring forward proposals for amending the Local Government Act, 1933, Section 7, by extending the period within which payment may be made to officers whose cases come within that section."

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

1934/35

Under date 17th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (S.G.M./32) wrote that the Minister had approved of the Scheme of road improvement proposed to be carried out by Wexford Co. Council under the terms of the Minister's letter (S.G.M./201) of 24th July last. The following Works Numbers had been assigned to the various sections of the Scheme:-

	<u>Grant.</u>
	<u>£</u>
M.851 (a).....	2400
M.851 (b).....	1600
M.851 (c).....	2600
M.852.....	2393
M.853.....	1000
M.854.....	1100
M.855.....	2400
	<u>£13493</u>

The arrangements regarding employment of labour were as set out in Circular letter S.G.A./202 - 5th June, 1934.

The Secretary reported that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had paid £4,650 on foot of this Grant.

AUTHORISED COMMITTEES

The following under date 6th September, 1934, (G.102907-34 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 6th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he assents to the recognition of the

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"Tenders Committee as an "Authorised Committee" for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

"The Minister's approval to the recognition of the Finance and Library Committees was signified in this Department's letters of the 24th September, 1928 (Reference G.51635/28) and 10th October 1928 (Ref.G.68004/28) respectively."

FOOD & DRUGS ACTS

Under date 13th August, 1934, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.3434-34) that the following samples of butter taken up by an Officer of the Department at the end of July, 1934, had been certified by the County Analyst to be genuine:- Enniscorthy 4 samples; New Ross 4; Bunclody 3; Gorey 3. Total 14.

RATE INSPECTORSHIP

Under date 24th August, 1934, (L.A.22/7/34) the Local Appointments Commissioners wrote that every effort would be made by them to recommend a suitable person for appointment in time for the meeting of the Co.Council on 10th September 1934. Owing to pressure of work this may not be found possible in which event, the Commissioners will issue their recommendation at the earliest possible date after 10th September, 1934.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That this Council will expect the Local Appointments Commission to be in a position to make recommendation for appointment of permanent Rates Inspector by next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 8th October, 1934."

LOCAL LOANS FUND.

Under date 25th August, 1934, the Department of Finance acknowledged (F.60/9/33) the resolution of the County Council asking that the Rate of repayment of loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should be made retrospective at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

The Irish Land Commission wrote (A.&R.42206/34 - Record No.E.C.4198-Co.Wexford) that in connection with the resolution of the County Council they were prepared to contribute £500 towards the reconstruction of the road through Camolin Park provided it is constructed and maintained by the County Council and that a sum of not less than £1000 is spent on its reconstruction. They could not alter the terms under which they proposed to grant this amount.

Referred to meeting of County Council at which Roads Works Scheme for next financial year will be considered.

CENTRAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE

Under date 4th September, 1934, the Secretary, Central Savings Committee wrote directing attention to the good work which they had accomplished and stated they intended sending to the Council each month a brief statement showing the sales and repayments of certificates etc. in Wexford County. If the Council agreed such statement be noted on the Minutes of their meetings it would appear in the local Press and in this way would help to focus public attention on the movement which had the unequalled approval of all classes irrespective of creed or politics.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond:- "This Co.Council will be happy to have inserted on the Minutes of their meetings, particulars of the sales of saving Certificates and their repayment, as furnished by the Central Savings Committee."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNION

POUNDAGE OF RATE COLLECTORS.

The following extract from letter of Local Government Officials' Union under date 14th May, 1934, which had been referred to the new Co.Council, but consideration of which was adjourned from the two last meetings, was read:-

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"Poundage Rate:- It has been intimated to my Union that the rate of poundage payable to some Collectors is on the basis of 5d in the £. while others are remunerated at the rate of 7d. On behalf of those on the lower scale I am to appeal to your Council that, apart from the unnecessary distinction created this rate is unduly low and incommensurate with the difficult and responsible work which is discharged by these officials. I am, therefore, to request that your Council will earnestly consider this representation on behalf of these lower paid Collectors with a view to instituting an uniform scale of 7d in the £."

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:- "That the Poundage Rate for all Rate Collectors in the service of Wexford Co. Council be fixed at 7d in the £."

HOLIDAYS OF CO.MEDICAL OFFICER

Under date 24th August, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.10898-34 Loch Garman Ae) that the Minister had approved of the temporary appointment of Dr. M.J. Bastible, D.P.H. as a substitute for a period of two weeks for Dr. C. Bastible, Co.Medical Officer of Health during the latter's absence on annual leave. The Minister would be glad to be informed of the remuneration to be paid Dr. M. Bastible for the discharge of the duties.

The Secretary, Co. Board of Health wrote under date 28th August, 1934, that the Board did not make any recommendation as to the amount of remuneration to be paid substitute for Dr. Bastible, Co.Medical Officer of Health, but the remuneration which had been paid at all times to substitutes had been at the rate of £10:10s. per week with vouched travelling expenses.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Col. Quin:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Dr. Ml. J. Bastible, substitute for Dr.C. Bastible, Co.Medical Officer of Health, be paid a sum of £27:18s. for salary at £10:10s per week with £6:18s. vouched travelling expenses, during the balance of annual leave of Co.Medical Officer of Health."

Under date 27th August, 1934, letter was read from Secretary, Co. Wexford Board of Health, that the Board had granted Dr. C. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., four weeks' special leave beginning on 24th September and ending on 22nd October, 1934, Dr. M.J. Bastible, M.D., D.P.H., was approved as substitute with remuneration at the rate of £10 per week subject to the ratification and approval of the County Council.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following motion "That we hereby confirm the recommendation of the County Board of Health as regards leave etc. of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health."

As an amendment Mr. Bowe proposed and Mr. Meyler seconded the following:- "That Dr. C. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., be granted special leave from 24th September to 22nd October, 1934, but that he provide a substitute at his own expense."

This latter proposal was agreed to without dissent.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL GUIDE TO COUNTY.

Under date 18th August, 1934, letter was read from above Association for the authority of the Co. Council to issue the sole official Tourist Guide to the County under its auspices for 1935 and if the Council were agreeable for years 1935/36. Compliance with this request would not involve any financial responsibility on the part of the Council as the cost of production would be recouped from advertising Revenue. The material published in the Guide would be subject to the approval of the Co. Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That the application of Irish Tourist Association for authority to issue the sole Official Tourist Guide to the County for 1934, 1935 and 1936 be agreed to provided the subject matter receives the approval of the Chairman of the County Council and that the guide be printed in Co. Wexford on Irish made paper."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

Renewal Licence: John Mythen, Blackwater.

New Licences:- Anastatia Somers; Coolgreaney; Buttle Bros. & Company, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy (D.W. Besanson).

Messrs. Armstrong, 20, Cathedral St., Enniscorthy, (Christopher Smithson).

HEALTH BOARD OFFICES

In connection with the proposal to provide new County Health Board offices in the County Hall, the Co. Surveyor reported that, as directed by the Co. Council, in company with Mr. Flood, Engineer for Co. Board of Health, he made an inspection of the old Marshalsea prison building at the back of the Co. Hall with a view to its conversion into offices for Health Board. He was satisfied that the work could be done and satisfactory office accommodation obtained. He estimated the cost at £3,000. He was informed that the matter was before the Health Board on a recent date, and he had a communication from the acting Secretary of the Board to whom he replied that without the direct authority of the Co. Council he could not proceed with the preparation of the plans. He now awaited instructions from the Co. Council.

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor be asked to prepare the plans. The office accommodation for the Co. Board of Health was disgraceful, and he thought it very desirable to have the offices in the Co. Hall."

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 4th September, 1934, recommendation was received from the meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee asking the Co. Surveyor to name a date to receive a deputation with a view to having the necessary repairs effected to the Harbour Master's House and Store, and also to having the grounds outside the Harbour Master's house levelled and cleaned up for parking of buses and cars so as to relieve congestion in street and Square on Sundays.

Referred to Co. Surveyor to arrange for reception of deputation.

The following recommendation was received from the meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee held on 4th September, 1934:-

"That the Co. Council be asked to fix a charge of Sixpence per horse load for the gravel which has been banked by the grab. Also to agree to a charge of twopence per horse load for gravel drawn off the South Beach. These recommendations are made with a view to raising revenue towards the cost of maintaining the grab."

The Co. Surveyor said that it was right enough to sell the gravel taken out of the channel by the crane and grab but the gravel on the foreshore was under the control of the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Co. Council had no authority to interfere with it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That gravel at Courtown Harbour taken up by working of grab be sold, as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee, to local people at 6d per horse load."

The following report in connection with the working of Crane and Grab at Courtown Harbour was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report for the information of the County

"Council that the crane and grab has arrived in Courtown, and has been erected by our Machinery Overseer and helper. The machine appears to be very satisfactory, and I wish to commend the work of our Machinery Overseer in its erection, and also in starting the work of grabbing. I have now provisionally arranged with the harbour master and watchman at Courtown Harbour to take charge of the crane and run grab, and provision must be made for their remuneration. I believe that these men will be capable of carrying out the work, and I suggest that a small addition to their wages should be made so as to have them at all times available for running the crane when required. This arrangement should, in the first instance, be probationary for a period of three or six months, and if they continue satisfactory it would then be open to the Co. Council to permanently appoint them in charge. It will be necessary also to authorise me to deal with the running expenses, and in the next estimate provision must be made to cover same.

"I am now in communication with the Office of Public Works with a view to having the Fag-na-Bealach available to enter basin and complete the dredging of it as previously arranged. The entrance channel is now of a fair depth throughout, and will be sufficient for the entrance of the dredger in a week or so."

Col. Quin said that from an inspection of the working the crane and grab were not properly run. The jaws of the grab never came together and half the stuff fell out on the lift, in fact, only one bucket in five had a fair load. There was no system in the working and everyone was laughing at it.

Mr. Keegan praised the manner in which the crane and grab had been erected by the Machinery Overseer.

The Co. Surveyor said that as regards Col. Quin's remarks that the jaws of the grab were not closing and the stuff falling out, this was bound to happen where they were dredging stuff which was not uniform. Where they had to deal

with gravel of different sizes a stone very often got in between the teeth of the jaws and some of the stuff would drop out. This would happen with the most expert of operators. The Harbour Master and Watchman at Courtown would be able to operate the machinery with a little practice. They now had a channel of five to six feet minimum right through, and up to seven feet in places and all boats at the harbour were able to get in and out.

The Chairman agreed with the Co. Surveyor. The men were doing their work in a satisfactory manner and had dredged a large heap of gravel from the channel already. If they adopted the report of the County Surveyor they could allow the men three months in which to acquire a thorough knowledge of the working of the crane and grab.

The Co. Surveyor said that the sluices were now able to do effective work in scouring the channel while a ten foot rod failed to get bottom outside the Bar.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Co. Surveyor should get regular monthly reports of depths in outer harbour and in the channel to see if they were getting value for the crane and grab.

Mr. Corish agreed with the remarks of Mr. Keegan as regards the work of Machinery Overseer and said it was a great pity the Local Government Department would not agree he should be placed on the permanent staff.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that the Harbour Master who had 15/- per week and a free house should receive 30/- per week and the Watchman, who was in receipt of £12 per month, receive 7/6d per week extra for working crane and grab and for working the sluices when occasion required.

Mr. Sweetman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:- "That the Harbour Master at Courtown (D. Murphy) and the Watchman (Andrew Byrne) receive as extra remuneration for the working of crane and grab and sluices at Courtown Harbour 15/-

"and 7/6d respectively per week over their present remuneration on the terms of letter of Co.Surveyor as regards probationary period of three months for work of crane and grab."

Mr. Corish proposed:- "That the Watchman at Courtown Harbour (Andrew Byrne) be paid 10/- extra for his work at crane and grab and sluices at this Harbour."

On a show of hands 13 voted for 7/6d per week and 8 for 10/- per week.

The Chairman declared Mr. Sweetman's motion carried.

In connection with the dredging of basin at Courtown Harbour the Co.Surveyor said the Board of Works dredger would not be available for four weeks; she drew about 8 ft. of water. The contract for the dredging of basin was £900 and he had spent about £440. The Government were making a 50% contribution to the work. The period for completion of contract had been already extended to the 30th September, but as they would not be able to get the dredger for a further four weeks another extension of time for completion was necessary.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Office of Public Works be asked to extend the time for completion of contract for dredging basin at Courtown Harbour to the 30th November, 1934. That the Co.Surveyor make the necessary arrangements for securing the services of the dredger of Office of Public Works for said dredging."

BARNTOWN ROADS.

A communication was read from Barntown Fianna Fail Club stating that a deputation comprising E.Woods, P.Whelan and J. Cooney would attend to put before the Council their views on the state of two roads in Barntown area (No.771 and No.71).

The first two named members of the deputation attended.

Mr. Woods said the deputation attended on behalf of the people of Barntown. The foundation of the road from

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Shilmalier Commons to Barntown Castle turn was, he explained, in a bad condition and was flooded in rainy weather and the Winter. It was about one mile in length, and the big number of people who used it were complaining of its condition. To try and meet the situation extra tonnage had been provided but it was not sufficient. Rocks were protruding through the surface from $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches and some places the traffic could only use from 10 feet to 11 feet in width. There was only one drain on the lower side and that was neglected with the result that in Winter when the floods came down from the mountain the road was badly torn up. The road was only 300 yards from Carrigfoyle quarry so that if the Council would put the road into repair it could not cost much for material. The tonnage was only about 30 yards and did not meet the situation. The link road (No.71) from the Cross of Barntown into Wexford had been in very bad condition for the past twelve months. The drainage was poor and the rocks protruding through the surface - in fact there was general complaint in the district, about it.

Mr. Whelan endorsed what Mr. Woods said as to the condition of both roads. He asked the Council to make a ruling about employing local labour. In Windy Gap Quarry men had been brought five miles away from Kilmannon to work and the local men allowed to remain idle.

Another point he referred to was that on the road from Kingsford to Barntown Castle the water was flooding Mr. Cullen's out-offices.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the first road referred to was the old coach road to Taghmon, but now the road running by Knockeen was the one generally used. The old coach road was in bad condition but it was in as good a condition as they could keep it for the money. Though it was bad it was sound but very uneven - there could be no question about that. He was not aware of the flooding of Mr. Cullen's out-offices

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until that day. As regards road No.71 which was a main road it could not be done at once. Portion of it from the urban boundary was attended to and a quantity of material was in course of preparation to improve it further.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, referring to employment on the roads in Barntown, stated that Barntown was being well treated in that matter, and as Kilmannon was one of the poorest sections in his area, when there was a rush of work in Barntown area he employed men from Kilmannon section, who normally got work for about three months annually, and when a rush of work was on they were employed for five or six months of the year.

In order that the haulers who were now engaged on farm work in the Barntown area would be facilitated in this matter he was waiting for them for the past two months to get the material out on the roads. At the present time Barntown and district were better served than any other. Decent drainage work was done on the roads referred to. There were 300 tons of material ready to be put on the roads if the haulers were ready.

Mr. Ronan did not think it was fair that deputations should be heard when members of the council who could refer to general complaints made to them about the roads would not be attended to. People who had complaints should make them to the Council through their representatives.

Mr. Sweetman - The complaints should be put in writing.

After further discussion a motion was passed on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Col. Gibbon, that in future matters of complaint as to roads and kindred matters be submitted in writing and referred to the Co. Surveyor for his report, which will be submitted to the Finance Committee in the first instance.

The Chairman said that the Barntown people seemed to have little grievance. The Co. Surveyor might put a little

more tonnage on the mountain road.

The Co. Surveyor said he would consider the advisability of increasing the tonnage when he was preparing his Road Works' Scheme.

Mr. Woods thanked the Council for the patient and extended hearing which they gave the deputation.

OUNAVARRA RIVER

Mr. Thomas Middleton, Secretary, Boira Drainage Committee wrote that at a meeting of Tenants adjoining the Ounavarra River it was decided to request the Co. Council to have made available a grant to finish the work on the river begun some time ago. Although a good deal had been done as regards cleaning up the sides and timber, the amount of the Grant did not allow of much work being carried out on the bed of the river which at present was in a bad state owing to accumulation of mud and weeds. If a Grant could be obtained to finish the work the money would be well spent as it would keep a large tract of land from being flooded to any great extent and would help to relieve the present unemployment in the district.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly the following resolution was adopted:- "That application for completion of work at Ounavarra River be scheduled for consideration when the Minor Relief Scheme Vote is available."

POULDARRIG LANE.

Oylegate Fianna Fail Cumann forwarded memorial asking the Co. Council to consider the question of putting the lane known as Pouldarrig Lane in proper repair. It was in bad condition at present for want of material. A river crossed it at two points and in times of heavy rain it was dangerous owing to floods. This also could possibly be remedied. Some years ago the lane was inspected with a view to repair but it was afterwards understood the work could not, owing to lack

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of funds, be undertaken. If the Council would undertake to do the proposed work it would be of great benefit to the many families living on, or utilising the lane, and also to a number of local unemployed. The lane led to a quarry where material could be obtained free.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that application for repair of Pouldarrig Lane be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote becomes available."

ROADS IN BROADWAY DISTRICT

The following resolution was read from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann:- "That we the Committee and members of this Cumann, again remind the members of the County Council of the bad state of two byways leading from Aughmore Road to the public thoroughfare at Broadway. We ask that the necessary repairs should be carried out on these byways as soon as possible and that local labour be employed at the work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish that the letter from Broadway and Tacumshane Fianna Fail Cumann be referred to Co. Surveyor for report.

KNOCKBRANDON LANE

Under date 25th August, 1934, Mr. Patrick Morris, Knockbrandon, Craanford, Gorey, wrote on behalf of the residents on above lane asking the Co. Council for a further grant towards repair of the land. The £100 spent under Relief Grant had not been sufficient to finish the work as part of the lane was continually under water in Winter so that drainage was badly needed. The residents thanked the Council for the money already spent.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish that application for further grant in connection with Knockbrandon Lane be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available.

KILLISK LANE

A memorial signed by 43 local ratepayers and users of Killisk lane - from main road in Tinraheen, The Ballagh, to the bogs in Killisk known as Sandy Lane was submitted asking the Co. Council to have the lane repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided that application for repair of Killisk Lane be dealt with when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote is available.

BREAKING ROAD MATERIAL BY HAND

The following resolution was read from Castlebridge Fianna Fail Cumann:- "That we respectfully request the County Council to have stones broken - if at all possible - by hand for road making in this district in order to relieve unemployment which runs to the number of 30 or 40 persons."

It was decided that the request from Castlebridge Fianna Fail Cumann be considered at next meeting of the Council.

OLD COACH ROAD BALLYBOY

A memorial was received from 31 ratepayers asking the Co. Council to put in repair either by contract or under a relief Scheme the Old coach Road through Ballyboy from Gaby's Cross to the turn at Lower Oulart.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly that this application be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote becomes available.

SCREEN BALL ALLEY

The County Surveyor reported verbally that the original site for this ball-alley would have obstructed the view of traffic and he could not approve of it. There was no objection to the alternative site selected by the ball-alley Committee.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That in view of the report of Co.Surveyor the Council will offer no objection to the erection of ball-alley at Screen on the alternative site selected by the Ball-Alley Committee."

MILL OF RAGS TURN

Mr. M. Redmond said that the turn at Mill of Rags near Duncormack railway station was certainly very dangerous. About fourteen wagons of beet would be loading there now daily. He suggested that the corner be remedied.

The Co.Surveyor said they brought that matter forward some years ago, and were not able to attend to the corner as they could not come to terms with a person concerned. He understood that now they could make arrangements. It would cost about £25 and he did not know if they had £25 to spare out of that section. If he could he would do it now and if not he would bring it forward as a special proposal.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:- "That the work in connection with easement of corner at Mill of Rags, Duncormack be carried out immediately."

ABATEMENT RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND

The following resolution from Kerry Co.Council was read:

"That the Kerry County Council ask the Minister to amend the Act to read that any Farmer who gave employment for nine months of the year 1933 get the benefit of the Act; also where a Farmer employs labour in seasonal employment that he get benefit in relief of rates for such employment, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to every County Council in the Free State."

On a show of hands three voted for the resolution and three against.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution which he declared carried.

Denis Allen

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